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Reversed Immunoglycomics Identifies α -Galactosyl-Bearing Glycotopes specific for *Leishmania major* infection

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GENERAL INFORMATION

All chemicals were purchased as reagent grade from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Sigma-Aldrich, or Acros Organic, and used without further purification. The ACS grade solvents used for reactions were obtained from Thermo Fisher Scientific and they were distilled from the appropriate drying agents. Molecular sieves (3 Å and 4 Å) were purchased from Alfa Aesar and Thermo Fisher Scientific, respectively, and activated under high vacuum and heat prior to use. Reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere, strictly anhydrous conditions and monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 plates from EMD Millipore or Dynamic Adsorbents, Inc. Spots were detected under UV light (254 nm) and/or by charring with 4% sulfuric acid in ethanol. The purification of the compounds was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel (40-60 µm) from Thermo Fisher Scientific, and the ratio between silica and crude product ranged from 50:1 to 120:1 (dry w/w). FPLC purifications were performed with an AKTA Purifier 100 FPLC system from Cytiva (former GE Healthcare) using a Resource RPC column with a stationary phase of 15 µm polystyrene/divinylbenzene beads, solvent A: 2% CH3CN/H₂O; solvent B: 85% CH3CN/H₂O. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 MHz NMR spectrometer at 400 and 101 MHz or on a JEOL 600 MHz NMR spectrometer at 600 and 150 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were determined relative to tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00 ppm) as an internal standard in CDCl₃ and CD₃OD, or relative to the CDCl₃ signal (δ 77.0 ppm) in ¹³C NMR spectra. In case of spectra measured in D₂O, a solution of tetramethylsilane in CDCl₃ in a sealed capillarv was used as an external standard for calibration. Coupling constant(s) [Hz] were measured from one-dimensional ¹H-NMR spectra. Full or partial assignments were made by 1D spectra as well as standard COSY, HSQC, and TOCSY experiments. In disaccharides and trisaccharides, protons of galactopyranose are labeled with an italized "p", protons of galactofuranose with an italized "f", and protons of mannopyranose with an italized "m". Protons in the allyl group are labeled as "a" for the sp³-hybridized CH₂, "b" for the sp²-hybridized CH, and "c" for the terminal sp²-hybridized CH₂. MS analyses of the carbohydrate derivatives were performed on a highresolution JEOL AccuTOF mass spectrometer using an electrospray ionization (ESI) source. The thiol-ene reactions were performed in a Rayonet RPR200 photochemical reactor (Southern New England Ultraviolet Company, Branford, CT) equipped with 16 UV lamps (350 nm). Bovine serum albumin (BSA) and BSA derivatives (neoglycoproteins (NGPs) and 2-mercaptoethanol-BSA) were measured by matrix-assisted laser/desorption/ionization mass spectrometer (MALDI)-TOF-MS (MALDI-8020, Shimadzu) using 10 mg/mL sinapinic acid, 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid, in 50% acetonitrile as a matrix. Polystyrene Nunc MaxiSorp 96-well ELISA plates, and chemiluminescent ELISA reagents were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific or Jackson ImmunoResearch, and chemiluminescence was recorded on a Luminoskan Ascent, Thermo Fisher Scientific. Optical rotations were measured on an ATAGO AP-300 Automatic Polarimeter.

Safety Statement: No unexpected or unusually high safety hazards were encountered.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

Å	angstrom
Abs	antibodies
Ac	acetyl
Ac ₂ O	acetic anhydride
AcSH	thiolacetic acid
AgOTf	silver trifluoromethanesulfonate
AIBN	azobisisobutyronitrile
All	allyl
AllOH	allyl alcohol

Ar	argon		
BF ₃ ·Et ₂ O	boron trifluoride etherate		
BMKs	biomarkers		
BSA	bovine serum albumin		
Bz	benzoyl		
BzCl	benzoyl chloride		
CCI₃CN	trichloroacetonitrile		
ChD	Chagas disease		
CL	cutaneous leishmaniasis		
Cu(OTf) ₂	cupric trifluoromethanesulfonate		
Cys	cysteine		
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene		
DCM	methylene dichloride		
DMP	2,2-dimethoxypropane		
DPAP	2,2-dimethoxy-2-phenylacetophenone		
DTBS	di-tert-butylsilylene (protecting group)		
DTBS(OTf) ₂	di-tert-butylsilyl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate)		
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay		
equiv.	equivalent		
ESI-TOF HRMS	Electrospray ionization Time-of-Flight high resolution mass spectra		
Et ₃ N	triethylamine		
EtOAc	ethylacetate		
EtSH	ethanethiol		
FPLC	Fast protein liquid chromatography		
GIPL	glycoinositolphospholipid		
h	hour(s)		
L. maior	Leishmania maior		
L. tropica	Leishmania tropica		
MALDI-TOF	matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight		
2-ME	2-mercaptoethanol		
MeOH	methanol		
min	minute(s)		
MS	molecular sieves		
m/z	mass-to-charge ratio		
NBS	<i>N</i> -bromosuccinimide		
NGP	neoglycoprotein		
NHS	normal human serum		
NIS	<i>N</i> -iodosuccinimide		
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance		
PTLC	preparative thin-layer chromatography		
PTSA	para-toluenesulfonic acid		
quant.	quantitative		
RLU	relative luminescence unit(s)		
rt	room temperature		
<i>t</i> Bu	<i>tert</i> -butyl		
TCEP	tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride		
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid		
TLC	thin-layer chromatography		
ToISH	para-thiocresol		
THF	, tetrahydrofuran		
TMS-OTf	trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate		

SYNTHETIC SCHEMES, PROCEDURES, AND CHARACTERIATIONS

Synthesis of the acceptor 1



Scheme S1. Synthesis of allyl 2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactofuranoside (Gal*f* β) acceptor **1**.

Allyl β-D-galactofuranoside (S3). Dithioacetal galactose S1¹ (1.0 g, 3.50 mmol) was dissolved in 1.5% I₂ in anhydrous AllOH (w/v, 75 mL) under Ar and stirred overnight at rt. Excess of I₂ was auenched by the incremental addition of solid Na₂S₂O₃ until the solution turned colorless or slightly yellow. The reaction mixture was then neutralized by the addition of NaHCO₃. Filtration followed by evaporation of the solvent gave the crude product ally β -D-galactofuranoside as an amorphous light-yellow solid S3. Without further purification, anhydrous pyridine (60 mL) was added to the crude mixture followed by the addition of BzCl (2.5 mL, 21.45 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred under Ar overnight, poured into an ice-water mixture, and extracted with DCM (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 1.0 M HCl (50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:3) to furnish the allyl 2,3,5,6-O-benzoyl β -D-galactofuranoside **S2** as a white powder (β -configured compound; 1.4 g, 63% over two steps). R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:3). ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₇H₃₂NaO₁₀ 659.1893, found 659.1892. Finally, the benzoylated compound S2 (1.2 g, 1.89 mmol), was dissolved in 60 mL of 0.25 M NaOMe in MeOH under Ar and stirred at rt overnight. Amberlyst-15 ion-exchange resin was added and stirred until pH 7 was reached, followed by filtration through Celite and concentration to give **S3** as a white solid (415 mg, quant.). $R_f 0.37$ (DCM/MeOH = 6:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 0.75-1.65 (m, 3H, 3 × OH); 2.50-2.79 (m, 1H, OH); 3.56-3.76 (m, 4H, H-4, H-5, H-6a,b); 3.87-4.04 (m, 3H, Ha, H-2, H-3); 4.20 (dd, J = 13.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, Ha'); 4.90 (s, 1H, H-1); 5.15 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H, H-c); 5.29 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H, H-c'); 5.94 (m, 1H, H-b) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 64.6 (C-6); 69.5 (C-a); 72.5; 78.9; 83.5; 84.4; 108.7 (C-1); 117.2 (C-c); 135.9 (C-b) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₉H₁₆NaO₆ 243.0845, found 243.1199.

Allyl 5,6-O-isopropylidene-\beta-D-galactofuranoside (S4). To a solution of allyl β -D-galactofuranoside **S3** (333 mg, 1.51 mmol) in 24 mL of non-anhydrous acetone, DMP (1.7 mL, 13.8 mmol) and PTSA (50 mg, 0.30 mmol) were added and stirred 14 h at rt. Then, the solution

was neutralized with Et₃N, concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 15:1) to yield **S4** as a colorless oil (180 mg, 45%). R_f 0.31 (DCM/MeOH = 15:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 1.40 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.43 (s, 3H, CH₃); 3.00 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H, OH); 3.95-4.16 (m, 7H, OH, H-a, H-6a,b); 4.24 (m, 1H, H-a'); 4.36 (m, 1H); 5.08 (s, 1H, H-1); 5.21 (m, 1H, H-c); 5.28 (m, 1H, H-c'); 5.89 (m, 1H, H-b) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 25.5 (CH₃); 25.6 (CH₃); 65.7 (C-6); 68.2 (C-a); 75.7; 78.2; 78.6; 85.6; 107.8 (C-1); 110.2 (Cq*-isop.*); 117.7 (C-c); 133.6 (C-b) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₀NaO₆ 283.1158, found 283.1130.

Allyl 2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene-β-D-galactofuranoside (1). To a solution of allyl 5,6-O-isopropylidene-β-D-galactofuranoside S4 (180 mg, 0.69 mmol) in pyridine/DCM (0.7 mL/7.0 mL) was added BzCl (105 µL, 0.90 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature gradually. The reaction was stirred for 3 h at rt, until completion as indicated by TLC. The reaction was guenched with MeOH followed by evaporation of the solvents. The remainder was diluted with DCM (50 mL), and then the mixture was washed with water (25 mL) and brine (25 mL). The organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:3) to afford the Galf β acceptor **1** (108 mg, 43%) as a colorless syrup. Rf 0.33 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:3). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 1.39 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.46 (s, 3H, CH₃); 3.25 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH); 3.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H, H-6a or b); 4.03 (m, 1H, H-3); 4.06-4.15 (m, 3H, H-6a or b, H-a, H-5); 4.24-4.36 (m, 2H, H-a', H-4); 5.10 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{2,3} = 2.7$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-2); 5.23 (m, 1H, H-c); 5.30-5.37 (m, 2H, H-1, H-c); 5.94 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.43-7.50 (m, 2H, arom.); 7.61 (m, 1H, arom.); 8.00-8.06 (m, 2H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 25.4 (CH₃); 26.5 (CH₃); 65.5 (C-6); 68.5 (C-a); 76.1 (C-4); 77.7 (C-3); 84.1 (C-5); 86.2 (C-2); 104.5 (C-1); 109.9 (Cq-isop.); 117.7 (C-c); 128.6 (2 × C-arom.); 129.0 (Cq, arom.); 129.8 (2 × C-arom.); 133.6 (C-b); 133.7 (C-arom.); 166.8 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₄NaO₇ 387.1420, found 387.1346.

Synthesis of the acceptor 9



Scheme S2. The Man α acceptor **9** (allyl 4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-mannopyranoside) was synthesized following a known procedure.^{2,3}

Synthesis of the donor 2



Scheme S3. The Gal*f* β donor **2** (allyl 2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactofuranoside) was synthesized following known procedures.⁴⁻⁶

Synthesis of the Kiso donor 3



Scheme S4. Synthesis of 2,3-Di-O-benzoyl-4,6-O-di-*tert*-butylsilylene- α -D-galactopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (Gal $p\alpha$) donor **3** following known procedures.^{7,8}

Synthesis of G27_{SH}



Scheme S5. Synthesis of the 3-thiopropyl disaccharide G27_{SH}.

Allyl 2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-*O*-di-*tert*-butylsilylene-α-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-5,6-*O*-isopropylidene-β-D-galactofuranoside (4). To a solution of Gal*f* acceptor 1 (150 mg, 0.41 mmol) and Gal*p* donor $3^{7,8}$ (373 mg, 0.56 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (54 mL), freshly activated MS 4Å was added and stirred under Ar for 1 h at rt. Then, the solution was cooled down to 0°C and TMS-OTf (22 µL, 0.12 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was gradually brought to rt and after 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of Et₃N, filtered, and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:4) to give disaccharide **4** (234 mg, 65%), as a light-yellow solid. R_f 0.37 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:4). [α]_D²³ = +83.4° (c = 0.06, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 0.95 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); 1.08 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); 1.22 (s, 3H, *CH*₃); 1.35 (s, 3H, *CH*₃); 3.70-3.87 (m, 2H, H*f*-6a,b); 4.04 (m, 1H, H-a), 4.11-4.34 (m, 7H, H-a', H*p*-5, H*p*-6a,b, H*f*-3, H*f*-4, H*f*-5); 4.90 (d, ³*J*_{3,4} = 2.9 Hz, 1H, H*p*-4); 5.15-5.23 (m, 2H, H*f*-1, H-c); 5.32 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-c'); 5.45 (d, ³*J*_{1,2} = 1.0 Hz, 1H, H*f*-2); 5.48 (d, ³*J*_{1,2} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H*p*-1); 5.61 (dd, ³*J*_{2,3} = 10.6 Hz, ³*J*_{3,4} = 2.9 Hz, 1H, H*p*-3); 5.77 (dd, ³*J*_{1,2} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H*p*-2); 5.89 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.35-7.64 (m, 9H, arom.); 7.99-8.05 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 20.7 (Cq-*t*Bu); 23.2 (Cq-*t*Bu); 24.8 (CH₃); 26.0 (CH₃); 27.2 (*t*Bu); 27.5 (*t*Bu); 65.3 (C*f*-6); 66.9 (C*p*-6); 67.6; 67.9 (C-a); 68.4 (*Cp*-2); 71.0 (*Cp*-3); 71.1 (*Cp*-4); 74.4; 81.9 (*Cf*-2); 82.5; 83.3; 97.0 (*Cp*-1); 104.9 (*Cf*-1); 109.8 (*Cq*-*isop*.); 117.4 (C-c); 128.3 (*C*-arom.); 128.4 (*C*-arom.); 128.5 (*C*-arom.); 129.2 (*Cq*, arom.); 129.4 (*Cq*, arom.); 129.7 (*C*-arom.); 129.8 ($2 \times C$ -arom.); 129.9 (*Cq*, arom.); 133.1 (*C*-arom.); 133.3 (*C*-arom.); 133.5 (*C*-arom.); 133.8 (*C*-b); 165.3 (*C*=O); 166.0 (*C*=O); 166.2 (*C*=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₇H₅₈NaO₁₄Si 897.3494, found 897.3494.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene- β -Dgalactofuranoside (6). Fully protected disaccharide 4 (160 mg, 0.18 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of HF-Pyr (70%)/dry THF (320 µL/32 mL) in a plastic conical tube and stirred for 30 min at 0°C and then 30 min at rt under Ar. The reaction mixture was cooled down again to 0°C and guenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. Then, the mixture was diluted and extracted with EtOAc, washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the partially protected disaccharide 6 (87 mg, 65%) as a white powder. $R_f 0.37$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 1.20 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.32 (s, 3H, CH₃); 2.84 (br. s, 1H, OH-6); 3.07 (br. s, 1H, OH-4); 3.75 (dd, 1H, Hf-6a); 3.82 (dd, 1H, Hf-6b); 3.93 (dd, 1H, Hp-6a); 4.00 (dd, 1H, Hp-6b); 4.06 (m, 1H, H-a); 4.09 - 4.20 (m, 3H, Hf-3, Hf-5, Hf-4); 4.25 (m, 1H, H-a'); 4.38 (t, ${}^{3}J_{3,4}$ = 4.6, 1H, Hp-5); 4.49 (s, 1H, Hp-4); 5.19-5.25 (m, 2H, Hf-1, H-c); 5.35 (m, 1H, H-c'); 5.54 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 2.6 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.62 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, Hf-2); 5.71 (m, 2H, Hp-2, Hp-3); 5.92 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.34-7.40 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.41-7.47 (m, 2H, arom.); 7.49-7.54 (m, 2H, arom.); 7.60 (m, 1H, arom.); 7.96-8.05 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 25.0 (CH₃); 26.1 (CH₃); 63.3 (Cp-6); 65.3 (Cf-6); 67.9 (C-a); 68.7 (Cp-2); 69.6 (Cp-4); 70.3 (Cf-3); 71.0 (Cp-3); 74.9; 81.5 (Cf-2); 83.4; 84.2; 97.7 (Cp-1); 104.9 (Cf-1); 109.8 (Cq-isop.); 117.5 (C-c); 128.4 (2 × C-arom.); 128.5 (C-arom.); 129.0 (Cq, arom.); 129.2 (Cq, arom.); 129.3 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 133.4 (C-arom.); 133.6 (Carom.); 133.7 (C-b); 165.6 (C=O); 165.8 (C=O); 165.9 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₉H₄₂NaO₁₄ 757.2472, found 757.2470.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl- β -D-galactofuranoside (7). To a solution of desilylated disaccharide 6 (110 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 15 mL DCM, water and TFA (1.5 mL each) were consecutively added and stirred vigorously at rt for 15 min. After consumption of the starting material, the resulting solution was co-evaporated with 10 mL ethanol twice under reduced pressure at <40 °C. The residue was then dried under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20:1) to afford disaccharide 7 (94 mg, 90%) as a vellow solid. $R_f 0.27$ (DCM/MeOH = 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃, 300K) δ 3.40-3.58 (m, 2H, Hf-6a,b); 3.64 (m, 1H, Hf-5); 3.88 (dd, 1H, Hp-6a); 3.94 (dd, 1H, Hp-6b); 4.02 (m, 1H, H-a); 4.09-4.20 (m, 2H, H-a', Hp-5); 4.33 (t, ³J_{3,4} = 4.6, 1H, Hf-3); 4.39 (d, 1H, Hf-4); 4.47 (s, 1H, Hp-4); 5.13-5.21 (m, 2H, Hf-1, H-c); 5.31 (m, 1H, H-c'); 5.51 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 1.3 Hz, 1H, Hf-2); 5.58 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.65-5.74 (m, 2H, Hp-2, Hp-3); 5.86 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.32-7.44 (m, 6H, arom.); 7.46-7.58 (m, 3H, arom.); 7.91-8.05 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 63.1 (Cp-6); 63.9 (Cf-6); 68.0 (C-a); 69.0; 69.5 (Cp-4); 70.4 (Cf-3); 70.6 (Cf-5); 70.9; 81.9 (Cf-2); 83.0 (Cf-4); 83.6 (Cp-5); 97.2 (Cp-1); 104.9 (Cf-1); 117.6 (C-c); 128.3 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.5 (C-arom.); 129.0 (Cq, arom.); 129.1 (Cq, arom.); 129.4 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (2 × Carom.); 133.3 (C-arom.); 133.5 (C-arom.); 133.6 (C-b, C-arom.); 165.8 (C=O); 165.9 (C=O); 166.2 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₆H₃₈NaO₁₄ 717.2159, found 717.2158.

S-acetyl-3-thiopropyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-α-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-O-benzoyl-β-D-galactofuranoside (8). To a solution of disaccharide **7** (37 mg, 0.053 mmol) and AIBN (9 mg, 0.055 mmol) in 8.5 mL dry THF, thioacetic acid (26 µL, 0.36 mmol) was added and stirred under Ar at rt for 6 h in a Rayonet UV reactor (350 nm). The reaction mixture was co-evaporated with toluene and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (DCM/MeOH

= 15:1) to give the thioester **8** (35 mg, 85%) as a white solid. $R_f 0.37$ (DCM/MeOH = 15:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 1.84 (m, 2H, OCH₂C<u>H₂</u>CH₂S); 2.02 (br. s, 1H, OH); 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃); 2.83 (br. s, 1H, OH); 2.94 (t, ³J_{b,c} = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 3.26 (br. s, 1H, OH); 3.40-3.76 (m, 6H, OH, OC<u>H₂</u>CH₂CH₂S, Hf-5, Hf-6a,b); 3.89 (dd, 1H, Hp-6a); 3.96 dd, 1H, Hp-6b); 4.13 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H, Hp-5); 4.29-4.40 (m, 2H, Hf-3, Hf-4); 4.49 (s, 1H, Hp-4); 5.12 (s, 1H, Hf-1); 5.48 (d, ³J_{1,2} = 1.1 Hz, 1H, Hf-2); 5.58 (d, ³J_{1,2} = 3.06 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.63-5.75 (m, 2H, Hp-2, Hp-3); 7.31-7.45 (m, 6H, arom.); 7.46-7.60 (m, 3H, arom.); 7.91-8.06 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 25.9 (C-c); 29.4 (C-b); 30.6 (CH₃); 63.0 (Cp-6); 63.9 (Cf-6); 65.9 (C-a); 69.0; 69.4 (Cp-4); 70.4 (Cf-3); 70.6 (Cf-5); 70.9; 81.8 (Cf-2); 83.3 (Cf-4); 83.5 (Cp-5); 97.5 (Cp-1); 105.9 (Cf-1); 128.3 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.5 (C-arom.); 129.0 (Cq, arom.); 129.1 (Cq, arom.); 129.4 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 133.3 (C-arom.); 133.5 (C-arom.); 133.6 (C-arom.); 165.7 (C=O); 165.8 (C=O); 166.1 (C=O); 196.1 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₈H₄₂NaO₁₅S 793.2142, found 793.2147.

3-Thiopropyl α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-galactofuranoside (G27_{SH}). The acvlprotected disaccharide 8 (35 mg, 0.045 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL of 0.25 M NaOMe in anhydrous MeOH, and stirred for 2 h under Ar. The removal of benzoyl and acetyl groups was monitored by mass spectrometry. The solution was then neutralized with Amberlyst-15, filtered through Celite, concentrated and dissolved in water and lyophilized. Initially, the unprotected 3thiopropyl trisaccharide G27_{SH} is produced, which oxidizes by handling on air within hours to the disulfide $(G27_s)_2$ (19 mg, quant.) as an off-white solid. $R_f 0.37 [iPrOH/H_2O = 5:1 \text{ w/ } 3 \text{ drops AcOH}$ (27 μL per 12 mL of eluent)]. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O, 300K) δ 1.82 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 2.65 $(t, {}^{3}J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, \text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}); 3.46-3.50 \text{ (m, 3H, OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{S}, \text{Hf}-6_a); 3.53 \text{ (dd, 1H, Hf}-6_a); 3.53 \text{ (dd, 1H, Hf}-6_a); 3.53 \text{ (dd, 1H, Hf}-6_a); 3.53 \text{ (dd, 2H, Hf}-6_a); 3.53 \text$ 6_b); 3.55- 3.58 (m, 2H, Hp-6_{a.b}); 3.61-3.69 (m, 3H, Hp-5, Hp-2, Hp-3); 3.81 (m, 1H, Hp-4); 3.85 (dd, 1H, H*f*-3); 3.87 (m, 1H, H*p*-5); 3.98 (dd, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H*f*-4); 4.09 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{2,3}$ = 2.9 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H*f*-2); 4.84 (d, 1H, H*f*-1); 4.86 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H*p*-1) ppm. ${}^{13}C$ NMR (150 MHz, D₂O, 300K) δ 28.4 (OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 34.9 (OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 61.2 (Cp-6); 62.9 (Cf-6); 66.3 (C-OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 68.3 (Cp-2); 69.3 (Cp-3, Cp-4); 71.0 (Cf-5); 71.5 (Cp-5); 79.3 (Cf-2); 82.1 (Cf-4); 85.1 (Cf-3); 100.0 (Cp-1); 107.6 (Cf-1) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₈NaO₁₁S 439.1250, found 439.1198; for C₃₀H₅₄NaO₂₂S₂ 853.2446, found 853.2331.

Conjugation of G27_{SH} to maleimide-derivatized BSA to produce NGP27b and MALDI-TOF MS analysis

The kit for the conjugation of the thiol-containing glycan G27_{SH} to BSA (Imject[™] Maleimide-Activated BSA, 77116 cat. number), was purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific, and the conjugation procedure followed was similar to the one described by the manufacturer and previously published.⁹ Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride (TCEP·HCl. 0.8 mg. 2.8 µmol) was dissolved in 250 µL of conjugation buffer provided in the kit (83 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.1 M EDTA, 0.9 M sodium chloride, 0.02% sodium azide, pH 7.2). The TCEP·HCl solution was added to a 1.5 mL micro-centrifuge tube that contained sugar-disulfide (G27s)₂ (2.5 mg, 3.0 µmol), and the mixture was agitated in a shaker for 30 min to furnish sugar-thiol G27_{SH}. An aliguot of 10 µL was set aside for the colorimetric determination of the thiol concentration. The maleimideactivated BSA (2 mg, 15-25 moles of maleimide/mole BSA) was reconstituted with 200 µL of ultrapure water to produce a 10 mg/mL solution. The disaccharide solution was added to the reconstituted BSA and incubated at rt for 2-3 h in a shaker. Then, 18 µL were removed from the conjugation mixture to determined the concentration of unreacted thiol. This aliquot was diluted to 2.75 mL with reaction buffer (0.1 M sodium phosphate, pH 8.0, containing 1 mM EDTA), combined with 50 µL of Ellman's reagent [5,5'dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) = DTNB] solution (4 mg DTNB in 1 mL of reaction buffer), and reacted for 15 min at rt. With a UV Vis

spectrophotometer, the absorbance at 412 nm was measured. The thiol concentration was determined using the molar extinction coefficient of 2-nitro-5-thiobenzoic acid (TNB, $\varepsilon = 14,150$ M^{-1} cm⁻¹), and the amount of sugar conjugated, typically 2.0 µmol, was calculated. The conjugation mixture was diluted with ultrapure water to a volume of 1 mL and desalted using an Amicon Ultra 3K centrifugal filter and was centrifuged for 20 min at 4,000 × g, rt. The mixture was washed with 1 mL of ultrapure water three times following the same procedure. The tube with the filtrate was then removed, and 500 µL of ultrapure water was added to the NGP27b solution remaining in the filter. Since, a small amount of aggregation can occur, the solution/suspension was transferred onto a 2 mL ZebaTM spin desalting column (7K MWCO), provided in the kit, that was previously washed with 1 mL of ultrapure pure water 4 times and centrifuged at 1,000 × g for 2 min at rt. This procedure removed all salts and aggregated protein. The filtrate was lyophilized and can be stored at -50 °C for at least 6 months. In our hands, this combination of filtration and size exclusion chromatography avoids or minimizes aggregation of the NGP. To determine the NGP27b quantity, a solution of 1-2 mg of it in 1-3 mL of ultrapure water was prepared, and the concentration was determined with a Pierce BCA Protein Assay Reagent kit using a spectrophotometer at a detection wavelength of 562 nm. To determine the mass of BSA and NGP27b, in a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, 1 μ L of a solution of ~ 0.1 mg BSA /100 μ L H₂O, was combined with 1 μ L of a solution of ~ 0.1 mg NGP27b/100 μ L H₂O and 2 μ L of matrix (10 mg/mL sinapinic acid, 50%) acetonitrile, 0.1% TFA). Two µL of the combined sample:matrix was spotted onto a 48-well steel MALDI plate and allowed to crystallize at rt for approximately 20 minutes. The mass spectra were acquired using a SHIMADZU MALDI-8020 mass spectrometer set to linear mode with dithering at a scan range of 10,000 to 100,000 m/z. Data acquisition included a laser power of 110, laser rep. rate (Hz) 50, accumulated shots 5, blast shots 2, profiles at 200, pulse extraction set to 66,431, and a blanking mass of 15,000. Spectra were processed by Threshold Apex set at constant Threshold, Gaussian smoothing, smoothing filter width 200 and peak width 2. BSA standard was used for calibration and internal references set at [BSA+H]⁺ = 66.120 with a 5ppm mass tolerance.



Figure S1. **a**) Conjugation of **G27**_{SH} to BSA. **b**) MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **NGP27b** overlaid with underivatized BSA and **2-MEb**. m/z, mass-to-charge ratio; **c**) Conjugation of 2-mercaptoethanol to BSA.

MALDI-TOF MS: m/z for BSA, $[M+H]^+ = 66,120$; for NGP27b, $[M+H]^+ = 84,536$; for 2-MEb, $[M+H]^+ = 73,468$. The average payload of **G27**_{SH} units per BSA molecule was 29, and the average payload of 2-mercaptoethanol units per BSA was 25.

Conjugation of 2-mercaptoethanol to maleimide-derivatized BSA to produce 2-MEb

2-MEb was used as a negative control antigen in the cross-titrations of NGP antigens and pooled sera by chemilumescent ELISA (see Figure S5). The conjugation of 2-mercaptoethanol to maleimide-derivatized BSA (2 mg) was performed following the same procedure as described for the conjugation of **G27**_{SH} to maleimide-derivatized BSA (p. S10), except for that 1.4 µmol of 2-mercaptoethanol was used (0.1 µL), and TCEP-HCI was omitted. A disulfide reduction was not necessary because pristine 2-mercaptoethanol from an ampoule was added to the reconstituted BSA immediately after opening the ampoule.

Synthesis of G28_{SH}



Scheme S6. Synthesis of the 3-thiopropyl trisaccharide G28_{SH}.

2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4-O-di-*tert*-butylfluorosilyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene-β-D-galactofuranoside (11). The fully protected disaccharide 4 (Scheme S5) (300 mg, 0.34 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL of anhydrous THF in a plastic conical tube and cooled 0°C. Next, 100 µL of HF-Pyr (70%) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0°C under Ar. Then, it was guenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with EtOAc 5x, washed with water, brine and dried over MgSO₄. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:4) to furnish the ring-opened silylated disaccharide **11** (180 mg, 60%) as a white powder. R_f 0.24 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:4). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ 300K) δ 1.00 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.02 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.21 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.30 (s, 3H, CH₃); 2.74 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H, OH); 3.68-3.87 (m, 3H, Hf-6a,b, Hp-6a or b); 3.96 (m, 1H, Hp-6a or b); 4.04-4.22 (m, 4H, H-a, Hf-3, Hf-4, Hf-5); 4.27 (m, 1H, H-a'); 4.41 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H, Hp-5); 4.89 (d, ${}^{3}J_{3,4}$ = 2.3 Hz, 1H, Hp-4); 5.19-5.28 (m, 2H, Hf-1, H-c); 5.37 (m, 1H, H-c'); 5.49 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 3.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.64-5.79 (m, 3H, Hf-2, Hp-2, Hp-3); 5.93 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.32-7.39 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.41-7.53 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.60 (m, 1H, arom.); 7.93-8.05 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 20.4 (Cq-tBu); 20.6 (Cq-tBu); 25.0 (CH₃); 26.1 (CH₃); 27.1 (tBu); 27.2 (tBu); 62.4 (Cp-6); 65.3 (Cf-6); 67.8 (C-a); 68.4 (Cp-2); 71.2 (Cp-3); 71.4 (Cp-4); 72.4 (Cp-5); 75.0; 81.4 (Cf-2); 83.8; 84.3; 97.9 (Cp-1); 104.9 (Cf-1); 109.8 (Cq-isop.); 117.6 (C-c); 128.2 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.5 (C-arom.); 129.1 (Cq, arom.); 129.3 (Cq, arom.); 129.5 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 129.9 (2 × C-arom.); 133.2 (C-arom.); 133.3 (C-arom.); 133.6 (Carom.); 133.7 (C-b); 165.7 (C=O), 165.9 (C=O), 166.5 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₇H₅₉FNaO₁₄Si 917.3556, found: 917.3560. The fact that the only OH of compound **11** appears as a dd in the ¹H-NMR spectrum shows that the opening of the silvlene ring was indeed regioselective and that the 6-OH group is unprotected.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4,6-O-di-*tert*-butylsilylene- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4-O-di-*tert*-butylfluorosilyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-

isopropylidene- β -D-galactofuranoside (12). To a solution of disaccharide acceptor 11 (180 mg, 4,6-di-O-*tert*butylsilylene-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-α-D-galactopyranosyl 0.20 mmol) and trichloroacetimidate donor 3^{7,8} (180 mg, 0.27 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (24 mL), crushed and freshly activated 4Å molecular sieves was added and stirred under Ar for 1 h at rt. Then, the solution was cooled down at 0°C. TMS-OTf (11 uL, 0.060 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was gradually brought to rt and stirred for 1.5 h. To guench the reaction. Et₃N was added. The solution was diluted with DCM, extracted with water and brine solution, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:4) to give trisaccharide **12** (132 mg, 50%), as a light-yellow solid. R_f 0.47 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:3). $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ = +126.1° (c = 0.05, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 0.83 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); 0.89 (s, 9H, tBu); 0.92 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.13 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.20 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.28 (s, 3H, CH₃); 3.61-3.86 (m, 3H, Hf-6a,b, Hp-6a or b); 3.98 (m, 1H, Hp-6a or b); 4.04 (m, 1H, Hf-4); 4.08-4.39 (m, 8H, H-a,a', Hp'-6a,b, Hf-3, Hf-5, Hp'-4, Hp'-5); 4.56 (m, 1H, Hp-5); 4.82 (m, 1H, Hp-4); 5.15 (m, 1H, H-c); 5.27 Hp-3, Hf-2); 5.71-5.86 (m, 3H, Hp-2, Hp'-2, Hp'-3); 5.94 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.28-7.41 (m, 10H, arom.); 7.42-7.56 (m, 5H, arom.); 7.90-8.03 (m, 10H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 20.3 (Cq-tBu); 20.5 (Cq-tBu); 20.7 (Cq-tBu); 23.2 (Cq-tBu); 25.1 (CH₃); 26.2 (CH₃); 26.8 (tBu); 27.0 (tBu); 27.3 (tBu); 27.5 (tBu); 65.4 (Cp-6); 65.5 (Cf-6); 67.1; 67.1 (CH₂, Cp'-6); 67.7 (C-a); 68.4 (Cp-2); 68.6; 70.2 (Cp-5); 71.0 (Cp-3); 71.2 (Cp-4); 71.5; 75.4; 77.2; 81.0 (Cf-2); 83.9; 85.0 (Cf-4); 96.5 (Cp'-1); 98.3 (Cp-1); 105.0 (Cf-1); 109.8 (Cq-isop.); 116.9 (C-c); 128.2 (2 × C-arom.); 128.3 (C-arom.); 128.4 (2 × C-arom.); 129.2 (Cq, arom.); 129.3 (Cq, arom.); 129.5 (Cq, arom.); 129.6 (C-arom.); 129.7 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 129.9 (2 × C-arom.); 130.0 (Cq. arom.); 132.8 (C-arom.); 133.0 (C-arom.); 133.1 (C-arom.); 133.2 (C-arom.); 133.4 (Carom.); 134.1 (C-b); 165.5 (C=O), 165.7 (C=O), 165.9 (C=O), 166.2 (C=O), 166.3 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₇₅H₉₃FNaO₂₁Si₂ 1427.5630, found: 1427.5625.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzoyl-5.6-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactofuranoside (13). The fully protected trisaccharide 12 (39 mg, 0.028 mmol) was dissolved in 8.0 mL of anhydrous THF in a plastic conical tube and cooled to 0°C. Then, 80 µL of HF-Pyr (70%) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. at 0°C and then 30 min. at rt under Ar. The reaction mixture was cooled again to 0°C and guenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. Then, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc 5x, washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by PTLC on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20:1) to furnish the desilvlated trisaccharide **13** (27 mg. 88%) as a white powder. $R_f 0.36$ (DCM/MeOH = 15:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ 300K) δ 1.18 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.29 (s, 3H, CH₃); 3.67-3.89 (m, 3H, Hf-6a,b, Hp-6a or b); 3.92-4.21 (m, 8H, H-a, Hp-6a or b, Hp'-6a.b, Hp-4, Hf-3, Hf-4, Hf-5,); 4.28 (m, 1H, H-a'); 4.34 (m, 1H, Hp'-4); 4.43 (m, 1H, Hp'-5); 4.53 (m, 1H, Hp-5); 5.19 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-c); 5.25 (s, 1H, Hf-1); 5.34 (m, 1H, H-c'); 5.40 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, Hp'-1); 5.43 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.49-5.56 (m, 2H, Hp-3, Hf-2); 5.60-5.73 (m, 3H, Hp-2, Hp'-2, Hp'-3); 5.92 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.17-7.25 (m, 3H, arom.); 7.32-7.61 (m, 12H, arom.); 7.87-8.07 (m, 10H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 25.0 (CH₃); 26.2 (CH₃); 63.1 (Cp'-6); 65.3 (Cf-6); 66.8 (Cp-6); 67.9 (C-a); 68.1; 68.7; 68.8 (Cp-5); 68.8; 69.5; 69.6; 70.6; 71.0; 74.9; 81.5 (Cf-2); 83.0; 84.4; 97.5 (Cp'-1); 97.9 (Cp-1); 105.0 (Cf-1); 109.8 (Cq-isop.); 117.3 (C-c); 128.3 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.6 (C-arom.); 129.1 (Cq, arom.); 129.2 (2 × Cq, arom.); 129.3 (Cq, arom.); 129.4 (Cq, arom.); 129.6 (C-arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 133.1 (C-arom.); 133.2 (C-arom.); 133.3 (C-arom.); 133.6 (C-arom.); 133.9 (C-b); 165.4 (C=O);

165.6 (C=O); 165.7 (C=O); 165.8 (C=O); 165.9 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₅₉H₆₀NaO₂₁ 1127.3525, found: 1127.3524.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzoyl- β -D-galactofuranoside (S5). To a solution of trisaccharide 13 (27 mg, 0.024) mmol) in DCM (3.0 mL). H₂O (300 uL) and TFA (300 uL) were consecutively added, and the mixture was vigorously stirred at rt for 15 min. After disappearance of starting material based on TLC, the resulting solution was twice co-evaporated with EtOH (10 mL). The residue was then further dried under vacuum and purified by PTLC on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 15:1) to afford the partially deprotected trisaccharide S5 (20 mg, 77%) as a yellow syrup. Rf 0.30 (DCM/MeOH = 15:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD 300K) δ 3.46-3.61 (m, 2H, H*f*-6a,b); 3.66 (m, 1H); 3.72-3.90 (m. 3H. Hp-6a.b. Hp'-6a or b): 3.98-4.12 (m. 2H. H-a, Hp'-6a or b): 4.20-4.33 (m. 5H. H-a'): 4.39 (m, 1H); 4.62 (m, 1H); 5.11 (m, 1H, H-c); 5.26-5.38 (m, 3H, H-c', Hf-1, Hp'-1); 5.55 (br. s, 1H, Hp-1); 5.60-5.71 (m, 5H, Hf-2, Hp-2, Hp-3, Hp'-2, Hp'-3); 5.91 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.25-7.43 (m, 11H, arom.); 7.48-7.57 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.87-7.98 (m, 8H, arom.); 8.04-8.09 (m, 2H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 62.6 (Cp'-6); 64.4 (Cf-6); 67.7 (Cp-6); 68.8; 69.0 (C-a); 69.3; 70.5; 70.7; 71.1; 72.2; 72.7; 72.9; 73.0; 83.0; 85.0; 85.4; 98.5 (Cp'-1); 99.4 (Cp-1); 106.6 (Cf-1); 117.4 (C-c); 129.5 (CH, arom.); 129.6 (CH, arom.); 129.71 (2 × CH, arom.); 129.8 (CH, arom.); 130.8 x 2 (CH, arom.); 130.9 (2 × CH, arom.); 131.0 (Cq, arom.); 131.1 (Cq, arom.); 131.2 (Cq, arom.); 131.3 (Cq, arom.); 135.7 134.4 (C-arom.); 134.5 (C-arom.); 134.6 (C-arom.); 134.7 x 2 (C-arom.); (C-b); 167.3 (C=O); 167.4 (C=O); 167.5 x 2 (C=O); 167.6 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₅₆H₅₆NaO₂₁ 1087.3212, found: 1087.3202.

S-acetyl-3-thiopropyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -Dgalactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzoyl- β -D-galactofuranoside (S6). To a solution of allyl trisaccharide S5 (40 mg, 0.038 mmol) and DPAP (96 µL of a solution of 5 mg DPAP in 500 µL DCM, 0.0038 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (1.4 mL) under Ar, thioacetic acid (14 µL, 0.18 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred under water cooling (~ 25 °C) for 30 min in a Rayonet UV reactor equipped with 350 nm lamps. The solution was then co-evaporated with toluene and concentrated to near dryness. The crude product was purified by PTLC on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20:1) to afford the acyl-protected trisaccharide **S6** (42 mg, 97%) as a white solid. $R_{f} 0.30$ (DCM/MeOH = 10:1).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD 300K) δ 1.72-1.90 (m. 2H. OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 2.20 (s, 3H, CH₃); 2.89-2.98 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 3.46-3.60 (m, 3H, Hf-6a,b); 3.62-3.68 (m, 1H); 3.73-3.90 (m, 4H); 4.08 (dd, 1H); 4.25-4.35 (m, 4H); 4.36 (s, 1H); 4.69 (t, 1H); 5.31 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 2.7$ Hz, 1H, Hp²-1); 5.36 (s, 1H, Hf²-1); 5.57 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Hp²-1); 5.61-5.69 (m, 4H, Hf-2, Hp-2, Hp-3, Hp'-2); 5.72 (s, 1H, Hp'-3); 7.26-7.46 (m, 11H, arom.); 7.47-7.56 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.85-7.99 (m, 8H, arom.); 8.04-8.09 (m, 2H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 27.2 (C-c); 30.5 (CH₃); 31.9 (C-b); 62.5 (Cp'-6); 64.3 (Cf-6); 66.5 (Cp-6); 67.7(C-a); 68.9; 69.2; 70.4; 70.8; 71.1; 72.9; 72.5; 72.7; 73.0; 82.3; 85.2; 85.8; 98.1 (Cp'-1); 99.1 (Cp-1); 99.5; 106.9 (Cf-1); 129.5 (C-arom.); 129.6 (C-arom.); 129.7 (2 × C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 130.8 (C-arom.); 130.9 (C-arom.); 131.0 (Cq, arom.); 131.1 (Cq, arom.); 131.2 (Cq, arom.); 131.3 (2 × Cq, arom.); 134.4 (C-arom.); 134.5 (C-arom.); 134.6 (2 × C-arom.); 134.7 (Carom.); 167.1 (C=O); 167.2 (C=O); 167.3 (C=O); 167.4 (C=O); 167.5 (C=O); 197.4 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₅₈H₆₀NaO₂₂S 1163.3195, found: 1163.3194.

3-Thiopropyl α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-galactofuranoside (G28_{SH}). The acyl-protected trisaccharide S6 (20 mg, 0.018) was dissolved in 3.0 mL of anhydrous 0.25 M NaOMe, and stirred for 3 h under Ar. The removal of benzoyl and acetyl groups was monitored by mass spectrometry. The solution was then neutralized with Amberlyst-15, filtered through Celite, concentrated and finally dissolved in water and lyophilized.

Initially, the unprotected 3-thiopropyl trisaccharide **G28**_{SH} is produced, which oxidizes by handling on air within hours to the disulfide **(G28**_S)₂ (10 mg, quant.) as an off-white solid. The compound was purified by reversed phase FPLC on polystyrene/divinylbenzene beads using 2% CH₃CN/H₂O (solvent A) and 85% CH₃CN/H₂O (solvent B) in a gradient of 0-90. R_f 0.20 [*i*PrOH/H₂O = 5:1 w/ 3 drops AcOH (27 µL per 12 mL of eluent)]. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O, 300K) δ 1.83 (m, 2H, OCH₂C<u>H₂CH₂S</u>); 2.66 (t, ³J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 3.45-3.51 (m, 3H); 3.53-3.58 (m, 3H); 3.61-3.66 (m, 3H); 3.67-3.74 (m, 4H); 3.78-3.82 (m, 2H); 3.85 (dd, 1H, ³J = 7.7 Hz; 2.1 Hz); 3.87 (m, 1H); 3.99 (dd, 1H, ³J = 5.5 Hz; 4.5 Hz); 4.07 (dd, 1H, ³J = 6.9 Hz; 5.5 Hz); 4.17 (m, 1H); 4.80 (d, 1H, ³J = 3.7 Hz, anomeric); 4.87 (s, 1H, anomeric); 4.88. (d, 1H, ³J = 3.7 Hz, anomeric) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, D₂O, 300K) δ 28.4 (OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 35.0 (OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 61.2; 62.9; 65.9; 66.8; 68.3; 68.4; 3 × 69.3; 2 × 69.6; 71.1; 71.3; 79.0; 82.7; 85.5; 98.5 (anomeric); 100.0 (anomeric); 107.5 (anomeric) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₇₅O₃₂S₂ 1155.3683, found 1155.3538; *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₇₄NaO₃₂S₂ 1177.3502, found 1177.3554.

Conjugation of G28_{SH} to maleimide-derivatized BSA to produce NGP28b and MALDI-TOF MS analysis

The conjugation of **G28**_{SH} to BSA and the analysis of **NGP28b** by MALDI-TOF MS were performed following the same procedures as described for the conjugation of **G27**_{SH} to BSA, and the MS analysis of **NGP27b**, see p. S10.



Figure S2. **a**) Conjugation of **G28_{SH}** to BSA. **b**) MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **NGP28b** overlaid with underivatized BSA and **2-MEb**. *m/z*, mass-to-charge ratio.

MALDI-TOF MS: m/z for BSA [M+H]⁺ 66,120; for NGP2B [M+H]⁺ 85,874. The average payload of **G28**_{SH} units per BSA molecule was 25.

Synthesis of the G30_{SH}



Scheme S7. Synthesis of the 3-thiopropyl trisaccharide G30_{SH}.

p-Tolyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4,6-O-di-*tert*-butylsilylene- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-Obenzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene-1-thio-β-D-galactofuranoside (5). To a solution of Galf acceptor 2^{4-6} (520 mg, 1.21 mmol) and Galp donor $3^{7,8}$ (1.11 g, 1.65 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (186 mL), freshly activated MS 4Å was added and the mixture was stirred under Ar for 1 h at rt. Then, the solution was cool down to 0°C and TMS-OTf (77.0 µL, 0.43 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was gradually brought to rt and after 1 h, the reaction mixture was guenched by addition of Et₃N, filtered, and washed with water and brine. The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:5) to give the disaccharide donor 5 as a yellow powder (756 mg, 67%). $R_f = 0.30$ (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:5). $[\alpha]_{D}^{23.5}$ = +65.5° (c = 0.11, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); 1.06 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.19 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.36 (s, 3H, CH₃); 2.32 (s, 3H, arom.CH₃); 3.81 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, Hf-6a,b); 4.12-4.23 (m, 3H, Hp-5, Hf-5, Hp-6a or b); 4.27-4.38 (m, 3H, Hf-3, Hf-4, Hp-6a or b); 4.93 (d, ${}^{3}J_{3,4}$ = 3.0 Hz, 1H, Hp-4); 5.49 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 3.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.53-5.59 (m, 2H, Hf-1, Hf-2); 5.63 $(dd, {}^{3}J_{2,3} = 10.6 Hz, 1H, Hp-3); 5.80 (dd, {}^{3}J_{1,2} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-2); 7.10 (d, J = 8.19 Hz, 2H, arom.);$ 7.31-7.64 (m, 11H, arom.); 7.99-8.14 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 20.7 (Cq-tBu); 21.1 (arom.CH₃); 23.2 (Cq-tBu); 24.7 (CH₃); 25.9 (CH₃); 27.2 (tBu); 27.5 (tBu); 65.2 (Cf-6); 66.8 (Cp-6); 67.8 (Cp-5); 68.3 (Cp-2); 71.0 (Cp-3); 71.1 (Cp-4); 73.7 (Cf-5); 81.5; 82.2 (Cf-2); 82.5; 91.0 (Cf-1); 96.6 (Cp-1); 109.8 (Cq-isop.); 128.3 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.6 (Carom.); 129.1 (Cq, arom.); 129.4 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (2 × C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 129.9 (2 × Cq, arom.); 130.0 (*C*-arom.); 132.8 (*C*-arom.); 133.1 (*C*-arom.); 133.3 (*C*-arom.); 133.6 (*C*-arom.); 137.9 (Cq); 165.3 (*C*=O); 166.0 (*C*=O); 166.2 (*C*=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₅₁H₆₀NaO₁₃SSi 963.3422, found 963.3489.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4,6-O-di-*tert*-butylsilylene- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl-5,6-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactofuranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-

mannopyranoside (10). To a solution of Manp acceptor 9³ (429 mg, 1.39 mmol) and disaccharide donor 5 (414 mg, 0.44 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (78 mL), NIS (248 mg, 1.10 mmol) and AgOTf (7.0 mg, 0.027 mmol) were added consecutively at 0 °C. After 45 min, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of Et₃N, filtered, and washed with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃ and brine. The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:3) to give the desired trisaccharide 10 (231 mg, 47%), as a lightyellow powder. $R_f 0.27$ (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:3). $[\alpha]_p^{24} = +103.1^\circ$ (c = 0.10, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ 300K) δ 0.94 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); 1.06 (s, 12H, *t*Bu, CH₃); 1.30 (s, 3H, CH₃); 3.21 (s, 1H); 3.36 (m, 1H, Hf-6a or b); 3.59 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H, Hf-6a or b); 3.71-3.90 (m, 3H, Hm-6a or b); 3.92-4.26 (m, 10H, Ha,a', Hp-6a,b, Hm-6a or b); 4.32 (dd, J = 7.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H, Hf-3); 4.84 (d, ${}^{3}J_{3,4}$ = 2.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-4); 4.97 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, Hm-1); 5.15-5.24 (m, 3H, Hf-1, H-c, Hf-2); 5.29 (m, 1H, H-c'); 5.38 (s, 1H, OC*H*Ph); 5.49 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 3.7 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.61 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{2,3}$ = 10.6 Hz, ³J_{3,4} = 2.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-3); 5.76 (dd, 1H, Hp-2); 5.88 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.23-7.30 (m, 3H, arom.); 7.32-7.64 (m, 11H, arom.); 7.95-8.07 (m, 6H, arom.) ppm. 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 20.7 (Ca-tBu): 23.2 (Ca-tBu): 24.8 (CH₃): 25.9 (CH₃): 27.2 (tBu): 27.4 (tBu): 63.7: 64.9 (Cf-6): 66.7 (Cp-6); 67.8; 68.2 (C-a); 68.5 (Cp-2); 68.7 (Cm-6); 69.0; 70.6 (Cp-3); 71.2 (Cp-4); 73.0; 73.6; 76.6; 79.8; 81.2 (Cf-3); 83.9 (Cf-2); 97.2 (Cp-1); 99.3 (Cm-1); 101.6 (OCHPh); 103.1 (Cf-1); 109.5 (Cqisop.); 117.9 (C-c); 126.1 (C-arom.); 128.1 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.6 (C-arom.); 128.7 (C-arom.); 128.8 (Cq, arom.); 129.3 (Cq, arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 129.9 (Carom.); 133.1 (C-arom.); 133.4 (C-arom.); 133.5 (C-b); 133.7 (C-arom.); 137.6 (Cq); 166.0 (C=O); 166.1 (C=O); 166.3 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₆₀H₇₂NaO₁₉Si 1147.4335, found 1147.4332.

2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl- β -D-galactofuranosyl-Allyl $(1\rightarrow 3)-\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (S7). The trisaccharide 10 (60 mg, 0.053 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of HF-Pyr (70%)/dry THF (120 µL/12 mL) in a plastic conical tube and stirred for 30 min at 0°C and 30 min at rt under Ar. The reaction mixture was cooled down again to 0°C and guenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. Then, the resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc 5×, washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated to yield the desilylated trisaccharide as a light-yellow oil. Rf 0.16 (EtOAc/Hexanes 1:1). Without further purification, to a solution of the resulting trisaccharide (60 mg, 0.06 mmol) in DCM (9.0 mL), H₂O (900 µL) and TFA (900 µL) were added consecutively, and the mixture was vigorously stirred at rt for 20 min. After disappearance of starting material based on TLC, the resulting solution was co-evaporated with EtOH (10 mL) twice. The residue was then further dried under vacuum and purified by PTLC on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 10:1) to afford the partially deprotected trisaccharide S7 (22 mg, 48%) as a light-vellow syrup. $R_f 0.33$ (DCM/MeOH = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD 300K) δ 3.49-3.70 (m, 5H); 3.71-3.97 (m, 6H); 3.99-4.10 (m, 2H, H-a); 4.23 (dd, J = 13.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, H-a'); 4.34-4.41 (m, 2H, Hp-4); 4.44-4.50 (m, 2H, Hp-5); 4.89 (1H, Hm-1, overlapped with MeOH signal, based on HSQC spectrum); 5.17 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H H-c); 5.26-5.38 (m, 2H, Hf-1, H-c'); 5.55 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 3.8 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.59-5.75 (m, 3H, Hp-2, Hp-3, Hf-2); 5.93 (m, 1H, H-b); 7.35-7.44 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.46- 7.58 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.63 (m, 1H, arom.); 7.98 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H, arom.); 8.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 62.2 (CH₂); 63.2 (CH₂); 64.5 (CH₂); 67.0; 68.9; 69.1; 69.0 (C-a); 70.5; 72.3; 72.7; 73.0; 75.1; 78.2; 83.8; 84.0 (Cf-2); 85.4

(Cp-5); 99.6 (Cp-1); 100.6 (Cm-1); 105.0 (Cf-1); 117.7 (C-c); 129.6 (C-arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 130.8 (Cq, arom.); 130.9 (C-arom.); 131.0 (Cq, arom.); 131.1 (C-arom.); 131.2 (Cq, arom.); 134.6 (C-arom.); 134.7 (C-arom.); 134.8 (C-arom.); 135.5 (C-b); 167.6 (C=O); 167.7 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₄₈NaO₁₉ 879.2687, found 879.2897.

2,3-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-O-benzoyl- β -D-S-acetyl-3-thiopropyl galactofuranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -D-mannopyranoside (S8). To a solution of trisaccharide S7 (22 mg, 0.026 mmol) and AIBN (6.3 mg, 0.038 mmol) in anhydrous THF (6 mL), AcSH (18 μ L, 0.25 mmol) was added and stirred under argon for 5 min. The solution was then placed in a Rayonet UV reactor (350 nm) and stirred for 12 h under water cooling (~rt). The solution was concentrated by two co-evaporations with toluene, and purified by PTLC on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 10:1) to give the acyl-protected trisaccharide **S8** as a white powder (20.5 mg, 85%). $R_f = 0.32$ (DCM/MeOH = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 1.81-1.91 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃); 2.85-3.06 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂S); 3.43-3.96 (m, 12H); 4.07 (br. s, 1H, Hm-2); 4.34-4.41 (m, 2H, Hp-4); 4.44-4.50 (m, 2H, Hp-5); 4.59 (s, 1H); 4.81 (s, 1H, Hm-1); 5.36 (s, 1H, Hf-1); 5.49 (s, 2H); 5.55 (d, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ = 3.7 Hz, 1H, Hp-1); 5.59-5.75 (m, 3H, Hp-2, Hp-3, Hf-2); 7.35-7.45 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.46-7.58 (m, 4H, arom.); 7.64 (m, 1H, arom.); 7.97 (m, 4H, arom.); 8.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD, 300K) δ 27.0 (C-c); 30.6 (CH₃); 30.8 (C-b); 62.2 (CH₂); 63.2 (CH₂); 64.6 (CH₂); 67.0; 67.2 (C-a); 68.9; 69.1; 70.5; 72.3; 72.8; 73.0; 75.1; 78.4; 83.8; 84.0; 85.3; 99.6 (Cp-1); 101.5 (Cm-1); 105.1 (Cf-1); 129.6 (C-arom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (C-arom.); 130.8 (Cq, arom.); 130.9 (C-arom.); 131.0 (Cq, arom.); 131.1 (C-arom.); 131.2 (Cq, arom.); 134.6 (Carom.); 134.7 (C-arom.); 134.8 (C-arom.); 167.6 (C=O); 167.7 (C=O); 197.6 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₄H₅₂NaO₂₀S 955.2670, found 955.2994.

3-Thiopropyl α-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-β-D-galactofuranosyl-(1→3)-α-Dmannopyranoside (G30_{SH}). The acyl-protected trisaccharide S8 (20 mg, 0.021) was dissolved in 3.0 mL of 0.25 M NaOMe in anhydrous MeOH, and stirred for 2 h under Ar. The removal of benzoyl and acetyl groups was monitored by mass spectrometry. The solution was then neutralized with Amberlyst-15, filtered through Celite, concentrated and finally dissolved in water and lyophilized. Initially, the unprotected 3-thiopropyl trisaccharide G30_{SH} was produced, which oxidizes by handling on air within hours to the disulfide (G30_S)₂ (12 mg, quant.) as an off-white solid. R_f 0.25 [*i*PrOH/H₂O = 5:1 w/3 drops AcOH (27 µL per 12 mL of eluent)]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 300K) δ 1.81 (m, 2H, OCH₂C<u>H₂C</u>H₂S); 2.63 (t, 2H, OCH₂CH₂C<u>H₂S</u>); 3.50-3.69 (m, 13H); 3.77 (s, 1H); 3.82-3.92 (m, 4H); 4.04 (dd, 1H); 4.16 (s, 1H); 4.68 (s, 1H); 4.84 (d, ³J_{1,2} = 4.0 Hz, 1H); 4.93 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, D₂O, 300K) δ 28.1; 34.9; 61.0; 61.3; 62.9; 65.1; 66.1; 66.9; 68.3; 2 × 69.3; 70.8; 71.5; 72.9; 75.5; 79.6; 81.7; 84.8; 99.6; 99.7; 104.8. ESI-TOF HRMS: *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₇₄NaO₃₂S₂ 1177.3502, found 1177.3508.

Conjugation of G30_{SH} to maleimide-derivatized BSA to produce NGP30b and MALDI-TOF MS analysis

The conjugation of $G30_{sH}$ to BSA and the analysis of NGP30b by MALDI-TOF MS were performed following the same procedures as described for the conjugation of $G27_{sH}$ to BSA, and the MS analysis of NGP27b, see p. S10.



Figure S3. a) Conjugation of **G30**_{SH} to BSA. b) MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **NGP30b** overlaid with underivatized BSA and **2-MEb**. m/z, mass-to-charge ratio.

MALDI-TOF MS: m/z for BSA [M+H]⁺ 66,120; for NGP30B [M+H]⁺ 88,196. The average payload of **G30**_{SH} units per BSA molecule was 28.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS

As shown in Scheme **1** and described in detail in the experimental section above, the fully protected trisaccharide **12** was produced in only 50% yield. Therefore, we looked into the formation of any byproducts and identified the benzoylated disaccharide **S10**, most likely formed via orthoester **S9** (not identified or isolated), **Figure S4**.



Figure S4. Byproduct S10 formed in the synthesis of trisaccharide 12, presumably via orthoester S9.

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4-O-di-tert-butylfluorosilyl-6-O-benzoyl-α-D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzoyl-5.6-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactofuranoside (S10). The crude product obtained in the synthesis of compound **12** was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:4), which, besides the desired trisaccharide 12, also furnished the byproduct **S10** (30%) as a light-yellow powder. R_f 0.50 (EtOAc/hexanes = 1:3). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 300K) δ 1.00 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.01 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.22 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.32 (s, 3H, CH₃); 3.71-3.77 (m, 1H); 3.80-3.86 (m, 1H); 3.93 (dd, J = 12.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H, H-a); 4.10-4.23 (m, 4H, H-a); 4.44-4.53 (m, 1H); 4.67-4.72 (m, 2H); 5.00-5.11 (m, 3H, H-c, H*f*-1); 5.25 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H, H-c); 5.57-5.62 (m, 2H, Hp-1); 5.74-5.85 (m, 3H, H-b); 7.27-7.57 (m, 12H, arom.); 7.91-8.05 (m, 8H, arom.) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 300K) δ 20.4 (Cq-*t*Bu); 20.6 (Cq-*t*Bu); 25.0 (CH₃); 26.1 (CH₃); 27.1 (tBu); 27.2 (tBu); 63.0 (C-6); 65.4 (C-6); 68.0 (C-a); 68.2; 69.4; 71.0; 71.5; 75.0; 81.2; 83.1; 84.1; 96.9 (Cp-1); 104.8 (Cf-1); 109.9 (Cq-isop.); 117.5 (C-c); 128.2 (C-arom.); 128.3 (C-arom.); 128.4 (C-arom.); 128.5 (C-arom.); 129.2 (Cq, arom.); 129.3 (Cq, arom.); 129.4 (Cq, arom.); 129.6 (Carom.); 129.7 (C-arom.); 129.8 (Cq, arom.); 130.0 (C-arom.); 132.9 (C-arom.); 133.2 (C-arom.); 133.3 (C-arom.); 133.4 (C-arom.); 133.8 (C-b); 165.2 (C=O), 165.9 (C=O), 166.0 (C=O), 166.5 (C=O) ppm. ESI-TOF HRMS: m/z [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₅₄H₆₃FNaO₁₅Si 1021.3818, found: 1021.3804.

BIOLOGICAL DATA

Ethics Statement and Cohort Description

All human serum samples were collected chiefly by Dr. Waleed Al-Salem, Dr. Yasser Alraey, and the Saudi Ministry of Health, in collaboration with other colleagues at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM). All patient samples were obtained at either national

leishmaniasis reference clinics or at field sites (construction sites) with the assistance of the Ministry of Health Leishmaniasis Control Team. Each study subject provided a serum sample and lesion aspirate for parasite identification. All patients signed an informed consent form prior to the participation and collection of samples. Moreover, archived samples collected in 2013 from individuals residing in CL endemic regions throughout Saudi Arabia were used for this study.¹⁰ This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the LSTM (LSTM ethics application 12.06R).

Molecular analysis of the samples was performed by Dr. Waleed Al-Salem and Dr. Yasser Alraey. The collection of samples was conducted at two sites in Saudi Arabia: Al Ahsa (endemic for *L. major* CL) and Asir (endemic for *L. tropica* CL) (**Table S1**). Individuals with suspected CL were referred to the clinic and diagnosed first by dermatological examination and microscopy analysis, and then by PCR. Briefly, lesion aspirates were taken for culture and microscopy confirmation of parasites, as were swabs for restriction fragment length polymorphism (*ITS1*-PCR RFLP) for identification of *Leishmania* species.¹¹ Serum samples were also collected at the same time. Patient samples were collected before any treatment had commenced. When secondary (fungal or bacterial) infection was present, antibiotics or antifungals were prescribed first, before administration of either intralesional or intramuscular sodium stibogluconate (Pentostam®). When patients returned to the clinic for subsequent treatment, additional samples were collected. Blood type, gender, number of lesions, nationality, and age were recorded. Samples from patients with heterologous diseases, which included eczema, or bacterial or fungal skin infection, were mostly collected at the Al Ahsa site (**Table S1**).

Characteristics	<i>L. major</i> (n = 81)	<i>L. tropica</i> (n = 15)	Heterologous diseases (n = 24)
Gender	Male = 77	Male = 7	Male = 19
	Female = 2	Female = 8	Female = 2
	NA ^b = 2		NA = 3
Age ^a	34 (16-67)	20 (10-58)	36 (22-50)
Province	Al Ahsa = 76	Asir = 15	Al Ahsa = 21
	Asir = 1		NA = 3
	Central = 2		
	NA = 2		
Lesion Number	1-5 = 59 6-11 = 14 12+ = 6 NA = 2	1 = 13 2-5 = 2	Not relevant
Lesion Appearance	Nodular = 18	Nodular = 2	Not relevant
	Nodular/Ulcer = 23 Papular = 15 Scar = 3 Ulcerative = 14 NA = 5	Nodular/Ulcer = 5 Papular = 3 Scar = 4 Ulcerative =1	
	Mixed = 3^{d}		
Diagnosis	Cutaneous leishmaniasis	Cutaneous leishmaniasis	Eczema = 14 Bacterial Infection = 2 Fungal Infection = 2 NA = 6
Nationality	Bangladeshi = 5 Egyptian = 21 Filipino = 3 Indian = 17 Nepalese = 6 Pakistani = 8 Saudi = 12 Indian = 3 Other = 5 ^e NA = 1	Bangladeshi = 1 Saudi = 14	Saudi = 23 Bangladeshi = 1
Blood Type	A = 17 B = 14 AB = 4 O = 14 NA = 32	A = 7 AB = 1 O = 7	NA = 24

Table S1. Description of the cohort evaluated in this study.

^a NA, Not available
^b Median age with range in parenthesis
^c Three or more lesion types
^d Yemen/Lebanon/Bedouin-Saudi (n= 1), Sudan (n = 2)

Description of the chemiluminescent ELISA

Levels of *Leishmania*-specific anti- α -Gal IgG antibodies in human sera was determined by chemiluminescent ELISA essentially as previously described,^{10,12} with modifications. The serum dilutions and concentrations of NGPs (NGP27b, NGP28b, and NGP30b) and control antigen (2-MEb) varied between assays, but the overall immunoassay steps remained the same. Briefly, MaxiSorp white 96-well microplates (Nunc, Thermo Fisher Scientific) were coated with the appropriate NGP in 0.2 M carbonate-bicarbonate buffer, pH 9.6 (CBB), at 4°C, 16 h, at concentrations determined through antigen and serum cross-titration experiments. The free sites on the microplate wells were blocked with 200 µL/well PBS-1% BSA (PBS-B), and incubated with sera from patients with L. major or L. tropica CL infection, heterologous diseases, or from healthy individuals, diluted in PBS-B as indicated in each experiment. Anti-human IgG (H+L) biotin conjugate (1:10,000 dilution, Cat # 31770, Thermo Fisher Scientific) was added (50 µL/well). The biotin complex was recognized by adding 50 µL/well of Pierce High Sensitivity NeutrAvidin-HRP (1:5,000 dilution, Cat# 31030, Thermo Fisher Scientific). In all incubation steps, plates were incubated for 1 h at 37°C. Between incubation steps, plates were washed three times with 200 µL/well PBS-0.05% Tween 20 (PBS-T). Following addition of SuperSignal™ ELISA Pico Chemiluminescent Substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 37070), diluted 1:8 (v/v) in CBB, the luminescence was immediately measured, as relative luminescence units (RLUs), using a FLUOstar Omega multi-mode microplate reader (BMG LabTech, Ortenberg, Germany), Positive and negative controls for each microplate were included in triplicate or duplicate. The negative control consisted of a serum pool of ten randomly selected healthy individuals from Saudi Arabia. The positive control consisted of a serum pool of ten randomly selected *L. major* CL patients. In preliminary immunoassays, to determine the nonspecific background reactivities, we also included negative control wells lacking the antigen, primary antibody (serum), secondary conjugate (biotinylated anti-human IgG antibody), or NeutrAvidin-HRP. The average RLU was taken for the negative and positive controls and subtracted from the average of the experimental sample, tested in duplicate or triplicate, to control for nonspecific/background signal from the reagents.

The cutoff of each immunoassay microplate was determined using the method described by Frey et al.¹³ Briefly, we first defined the upper prediction limit, expressed as the standard deviation (SD) multiplied by a factor (*f*) (SD*f*), calculated based on the Student *t*-distribution, according to the number of negative control (NC) replicates in each plate and a confidence level $(1 - \alpha)$ of 95%. Therefore, the cutoff value in each was calculated as the NC RLU mean + SD*f*. Since the titer of each ELISA was defined as the ratio of the experimental sample's average RLU value to the cutoff value. A serum sample was considered positive when its titer was equal to or higher than 1.000 and negative when the titer was lower than 1.000.



Cross-titrations of NGP antigens and pooled sera by chemilumescent ELISA

Figure S5. Antigen and serum cross-titration by chemiluminescent ELISA of **NGP27b**, **NGP28b**, **NGP30b**, and **2-MEb**. The three NGPs and their negative control antigen (**2-MEb**) were titrated at different concentrations (3, 6, 13, 25, 50, 100, 200, or 400 ng/well) with pools of sera (diluted at 1:400, 1:800, 1:1600, or 1:3,200) from patients with active *L. major* or *L. tropica* infection (each pool consisting of sera from ten individuals), or pool of sera from ten healthy individuals from Saudi Arabia. The chemiluminescent ELISA was performed as described above.

<u>Chemiluminescent ELISA reactivity of NGPs, and 2-MEb with sera from OWCL patients,</u> <u>heterologous disease, or from healthy individuals</u>



Figure S6. Chemiluminescent ELISA reactivity of **NGP27b**, **NGP28b**, **NGP30b**, and **2-Meb** with sera from patients with *L. major* or *L. tropica* infection, heterologous disease, or from healthy individuals. **a**) Pooled sera (at 1:800 dilution) from patients (n = 10) with active *L. major* or *L. tropica* infection, or from healthy individuals (n = 10) from Saudi Arabia were evaluated by chemiluminescent ELISA against **NGP27b**, **NGP28b**, and **NGP30b**, each at 25 ng/well. Each point represents the mean of triplicate or duplicate of each pool, tested in separate microplate reactions (total = 8), performed at the same or different days. The immunoassay was performed as described in the Supporting Information (Chemiluminescent ELISA). **b**) Grouped scatter plot analysis of individual sera from patients with *L. major* infection, heterologous disease, or *L. tropica* infection, and control serum pools (as in a) tested with **2-MEb** (negative control antigen). The horizontal line indicates the initial cutoff value (*C_i*, titer = 1.000), calculated as described in the Supporting Information (Chemiluminescent ELISA).

Whitney test; significance level: p < 0.05; *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.001; ****, p < 0.0001; ns, non-significant.

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APPENDIX

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra, and Mass Spectra

¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃, compound 1









¹³C NMR, 100 MHz, CDCI₃, compound 1



ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 1



¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃, compound 4


¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCI₃, compound 4











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ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 4















ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 6







¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCI₃, compound 7



















ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 8



¹H NMR, 600 MHz, D₂O, compound (G27_s)₂



 $^{\rm 13}\text{C}$ NMR, 150 MHz, D₂O, compound (G27s)_2



ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound (G27s)₂











ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 11















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ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 12











ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 13















ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound S5



























ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound S6



¹H NMR, 600 MHz, D₂O, compound (G28_s)₂



 ^{13}C NMR, 150 MHz, D₂O, compound (G28s)_2



ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound (G28s)₂





¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCI₃, compound 5



 ^1H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃, compound 5





ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 5





¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCI₃, compound 10











ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound 10



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¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CD₃OD, compound S7











ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound S7





¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CD₃OD, compound S8



^1H NMR, 400 MHz, CD₃OD, compound S8



 $^{\rm 13}\text{C}$ NMR, 100 MHz, CD₃OD, compound S8



ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound S8



¹H NMR, 600 MHz, D₂O, compound (G30_s)₂



 ^{13}C NMR, 100 MHz, D₂O, compound (G30s)₂



ESI-TOF HR mass spectrum of compound (G30s)2



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