Synthesis of unnatural α -*N*-linked glycopeptides with potential antifreeze activity

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- Coupling reactions with Fmoc-Ala-OH (5 equivalents, 2h, 2 cycles) occurred quantitatively.
- Galactosyl amino acid 1 reacted slowly and in relative low yields (Table 1).

Table 1	Repeat (n)	Equivalents	Cycles	[M] in DMF	Reaction time (h)	Yield(%) ^a
	1	1.5	1	0.1	8	_b
	2	1.5	2	0.1	8 + 12	80
	3	2	2	0.15	8 + 12	83
	4	2	3	0.15	8 + 12 + 8	80
	5	3	3	0.15	8 + 12 + 8	90

^a Yield determined by UV spectroscopy after Fmoc-removal. ^b First amino acid loaded on the resin (loading = 0.5 mmol/g).

Microwave assisted Solid Phase Synthesis



- MW acceleration worked well for coupling of the first unit of 1, bringing the yields up to 95%.
- After the first repeat, the yields of the MW-assisted process were lower than those obtained at room temperature (Table 2).
- A remarkable benefit was observed in terms of reaction time (20 min versus 8-12h).

Table 2	Repeat (n)	Equivalents	Cycles	[M] in DMF	Reaction time	Yield(%) ^a
	1	3	3	0.37	20min/cycle	95
	2	3	3	0.37	20min/cycle	72
	3	3	3	0.2	20min/cycle	64
	4	3	3	0.2	20min/cycle	51

^a Yield determined by UV spectroscopy after Fmoc-removal.

Ice Recrystallization Inhibition (IRI) Assay



IRI activity of a-*N*-linked glycopeptides **2** and **3** assayed at the indicated concentrations. The % MGS (mean grain size) of ice crystals relative to PBS control is shown for each glycopeptide. PBS is used as a negative control for IRI activity and AFGP-8 is used as a positive control for IRI activity.

Unnatural α -*N*-linked glycopeptides 2 and 3 have no relevant IRI activity.