

# *N*-Glycoproteomic Characterization of Mannosidase and Xylosyltransferase Mutant Strains of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*<sup>1</sup>[OPEN]

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At present, only little is known about the enzymatic machinery required for *N*-glycosylation in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*, leading to the formation of *N*-glycans harboring Xyl and methylated Man. This machinery possesses new enzymatic features, as *C. reinhardtii* *N*-glycans are independent of  $\beta$ 1,2-*N*-acetylglucosaminyltransferase I. Here we have performed comparative *N*-glycoproteomic analyses of insertional mutants of mannosidase 1A (IM<sub>Man1A</sub>) and xylosyltransferase 1A (IM<sub>XylT1A</sub>). The disruption of *man1A* affected methylation of Man and the addition of terminal Xyl. The absence of XylT1A led to shorter *N*-glycans compared to the wild type. The use of a IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub> double mutant revealed that the absence of Man1A suppressed the IM<sub>XylT1A</sub> phenotype, indicating that the increased *N*-glycan trimming is regulated by core  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl and is dependent on Man1A activity. These data point toward an enzymatic cascade in the *N*-glycosylation pathway of *C. reinhardtii* with interlinked roles of Man1A and XylT1A. The results described herein represent the first step toward a functional characterization of the enzymatic *N*-glycosylation machinery in *C. reinhardtii*.

The diverse roles of *N*-glycosylation, a major and essential posttranslational protein modification, are closely linked to the respective *N*-glycan structures as well as to the protein the modification is attached to. While the initial steps of the *N*-glycosylation pathway in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), such as the

synthesis and transfer of the lipid-linked oligosaccharide Glc<sub>3</sub>Man<sub>9</sub>GlcNAc<sub>2</sub> to a nascent polypeptide, are conserved in most eukaryotes, trimming and maturation of the *N*-glycan in the Golgi apparatus can be highly variable. After removal of all Glc residues and one Man residue in the ER, the *N*-glycan is further trimmed by class I  $\alpha$ -mannosidases in the Golgi apparatus. In plants, the addition of  $\beta$ 1,2-GlcNAc (GlcNAc) by  $\beta$ 1,2-*N*-acetylglucosaminyltransferase I (GnTI) is required for the formation of complex *N*-glycans that can be further modified by  $\alpha$ -mannosidase II and GnTII. Typically, complex plant *N*-glycans harbor a core  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl and/or  $\alpha$ 1,3-Fuc and can be terminally capped by  $\beta$ 1,3-Gal and  $\alpha$ 1,4-Fuc residues, resulting in Lewis<sup>a</sup> epitopes. The biological importance and diverse functions of *N*-glycosylation have been reviewed and can be illustrated by various phenotypes of knockout mutants in the *N*-glycosylation pathway (Strasser 2016). In *Arabidopsis* (*Arabidopsis thaliana*), mutants lacking Lewis<sup>a</sup> structures were not affected in their growth or development (Strasser et al., 2007, 2008). In contrast, strains lacking core Fuc and/or Xyl were hypersensitive toward salt stress (Kang et al., 2008). While the knockout of GnTI in *Arabidopsis* merely resulted in reduced growth under salt stress (Kang et al., 2008), a lack of GnTI in rice (*Oryza sativa*) severely affected its growth under normal conditions and led to early lethality (Fanata et al., 2013). Regarding class I  $\alpha$ -mannosidases in *Arabidopsis*

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(MNS1-3), MNS3 catalyzes the removal of one Man from Man<sub>9</sub>GlcNAc<sub>2</sub> and MNS1/2 cleave off three Man from Man<sub>8</sub>GlcNAc<sub>2</sub>. Single knockout mutants did not exhibit apparent phenotypes, but a triple *mns* mutant showed a root growth phenotype and altered cell wall (Liebminger et al., 2009).

The N-glycosylation pathway of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* has been revealed only recently (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013, Vanier et al., 2017). Thereby, novel types of N-glycans were identified as well as uncommon linear lipid-linked oligosaccharides. Additionally, and in contrast to vascular plants, no GnTI homolog was found in the genome of *C. reinhardtii* and N-glycans were lacking GlcNAc on both branches. Nevertheless, they still harbored  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl and Fuc at the N-glycan core. Additionally, a second, terminal Xyl could be attached and N-glycans were modified with 6-O-methylated Man residues, which had been reported previously for *Porphyridium* sp. (Levy-Ontman et al., 2011). In silico analysis of the *C. reinhardtii* genome revealed candidates for all major enzymes of the N-glycosylation pathway (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013). However, the activity and specificity of these candidates has not been shown so far.

*C. reinhardtii* is a model organism, for example for flagellar biogenesis, photosynthesis, and acclimation to nutrient deficiency (Harris et al., 2009; Merchant et al., 2007). Understanding the role and biosynthetic pathway of its N-glycosylation is important for the analysis of these processes. This is emphasized by the identification of N-glycoproteins involved in for example iron assimilation, iron assimilating protein 1/2 and ferroxidase 1, or homologs to human proteins associated with polycystic kidney disease, polycystic kidney disease 2 (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013).

Here, we performed a comparative N-glycoproteomic analysis of various N-glycosylation pathway mutants in *C. reinhardtii*. This study includes the identification and characterization of insertional mutants for (1)  $\alpha$ -mannosidase 1A (IM<sub>Man1A</sub>), which has been proposed to function as the only class I  $\alpha$ -mannosidase in the trimming of N-glycans in the ER of *C. reinhardtii*, and (2) xylosyltransferase 1A (IM<sub>XylT1A</sub>), which has been predicted to be the only  $\beta$ 1,2-xylosyltransferase (XylT) in *C. reinhardtii* (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013), as well as (3) a double mutant that was generated by genetic crossing of the two insertional mutant strains. Each of these mutant strains exhibited a distinct, altered N-glycan composition, indicating different roles for Man1A and XylT1A in the regulation of N-glycan trimming and maturation.

## RESULTS

### Insertional Mutant Library Screening and Comparative N-Glycoproteomics

To modify N-glycan structures in *C. reinhardtii*, an insertional mutant library was screened for mutants in the N-glycosylation pathway and insertions in genes encoding for Man1A and XylT1A were identified (Cheng et al.,

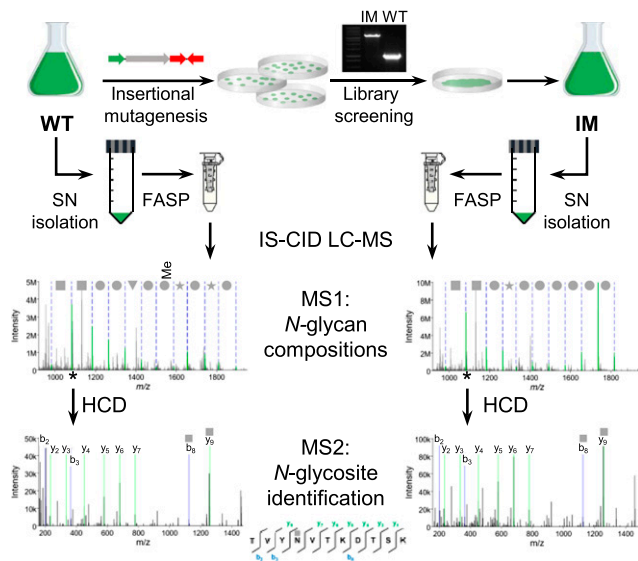
2017). These mutants were genetically crossed and glycopeptides from single and double mutants were analyzed by mass spectrometry (MS).

For the analysis of intact, nonenriched N-glycopeptides, in-source collision-induced dissociation (IS-CID) was employed as described previously (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013), which mainly leads to the fragmentation of glycosidic linkages on MS1-level. Thus, N-glycan compositions can be deduced by a series of neutral losses. Using mass tags for the selection of ions differing by the mass of one N-acetylhexosamine (HexNAc), peptides carrying one or two HexNAc can be designated for further fragmentation via higher-energy collisional dissociation to deduce the peptide sequence corresponding to the respective N-glycan. With this approach, N-glycan compositions for the same N-glycosites in different strains can be compared (Fig. 1).

In general, N-glycan compositions of the wild type and backcrossed strains lacking the insert (see below) were in accordance with what has been described previously (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013) including methylated hexose (MeHex) residues, deoxyhexose (dHex) as well as core and terminal pentose (Pent). While these results illustrate the validity of the approach, it should be noted that they do not yield information about the relative abundance of different N-glycans. Nevertheless, since intact N-glycopeptides have been analyzed, the number of N-glycosites harboring specific N-glycan compositions can be determined for each strain. However, it should be noted that the abundance of N-glycans released by peptide-N-glycosidase A/F, as described previously (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013, Vanier et al., 2017), is not correlated to the number of different peptides bearing these glycans. In addition, these former analyses were performed on total cell extracts, while secreted proteins have been analyzed here. This might also explain the high degree of N-glycopeptide modifications, including dHex, which we identified here.

### Insertional Mutagenesis of *man1A* Results in Widely Decreased N-Glycan Modification by MeHex and Terminal Pent

The mutant library screen resulted in the identification of IM<sub>Man1A</sub> carrying an insert in the *man1A* gene (Cre07.g336600, previously *man1*). Integration of the insertional cassette into the seventh exon of *man1A* was revealed by PCR using a gene-specific primer pair (Supplemental Fig. S1, A and B) and sequencing of the PCR product (Supplemental Data S1). PCR across the insertion site verified that no additional deletions occurred adjacent to the insertion site (Supplemental Fig. S1B). To confirm a disturbed expression of *man1A*, real time PCR as well as parallel reaction monitoring (PRM) measurements were performed. The results revealed a strong reduction of *man1A* mRNA beneath the detection limit, which was also confirmed on protein level (Supplemental Fig. S1, C and D).



**Figure 1.** Schematic representation of the workflow used for the comparative *N*-glycoproteomic analysis of the wild type (WT) and insertional mutant strains. After identification of IM strains for enzymes involved in the *N*-glycosylation pathway of *C. reinhardtii*, proteins from the culture SN of the wild type were digested using the FASP method. Subsequently, intact *N*-glycopeptides were analyzed by mass spectrometry employing IS-CID, allowing for the analysis of the *N*-glycan composition on MS1 level, while further fragmentation by higher-energy collisional dissociation led to the identification of the peptide sequence on MS2 level.

Interestingly, when comparing *N*-glycans attached to *N*-glycosites common to  $IM_{Man1A}$  and wild type, *N*-glycans that were methylated and harbored two Pent in the wild type were almost completely devoid of MeHex and only rarely exhibited terminal Pent residues in  $IM_{Man1A}$  (Fig. 2). This, to the largest extent, lack of methylation and second Pent was also observed when taking into account all identified *N*-glycosites, that is not filtering for their occurrence in both strains (Supplemental Fig. S2A; Supplemental Data S2). To confirm the interdependency of the disrupted *man1A* gene and the altered *N*-glycan composition,  $IM_{Man1A}$  was crossed with wild-type strain CC-124 to obtain the insertional cassette in a different genetic background. Progenies of the crossing were verified by the occurrence of the insert in the *man1A* gene in a strain encoding for the opposite mating type compared to  $IM_{Man1A}$  (CC-124x $IM_{Man1A}$  Ins<sup>+</sup>; Supplemental Fig. S2C). In line with the parental IM strain, *N*-glycans of CC-124x $IM_{Man1A}$  Ins<sup>+</sup> (mt<sup>-</sup>) showed less MeHex residues and a clear decrease in the modification by two Pent residues (Supplemental Fig. S2B).

### Insertional Mutagenesis of *xylT1A* Results in Decreased *N*-Glycan Length and Lack of Core Pent

With  $IM_{XylT1A}$  carrying the insertional cassette in the *xylT1A* gene (Cre09.g391282, previously *xylt*), a second *N*-glycosylation pathway mutant could be identified in

the mutant library screen. Genetic analyses were performed as for  $IM_{Man1A}$  and revealed the location of the insertional cassette in the intron region between exon six and seven (Supplemental Fig. S3, A and B). As shown for  $IM_{Man1A}$ , a strong reduction of gene expression was confirmed for  $IM_{XylT1A}$  by analysis of transcript and protein level (Supplemental Fig. S3, C and D). Notably, this is in accordance with a strong diminishment of target gene expression after insertion of the same cassette in an intron of the gene encoding for calredoxin (Hochmal et al., 2016).

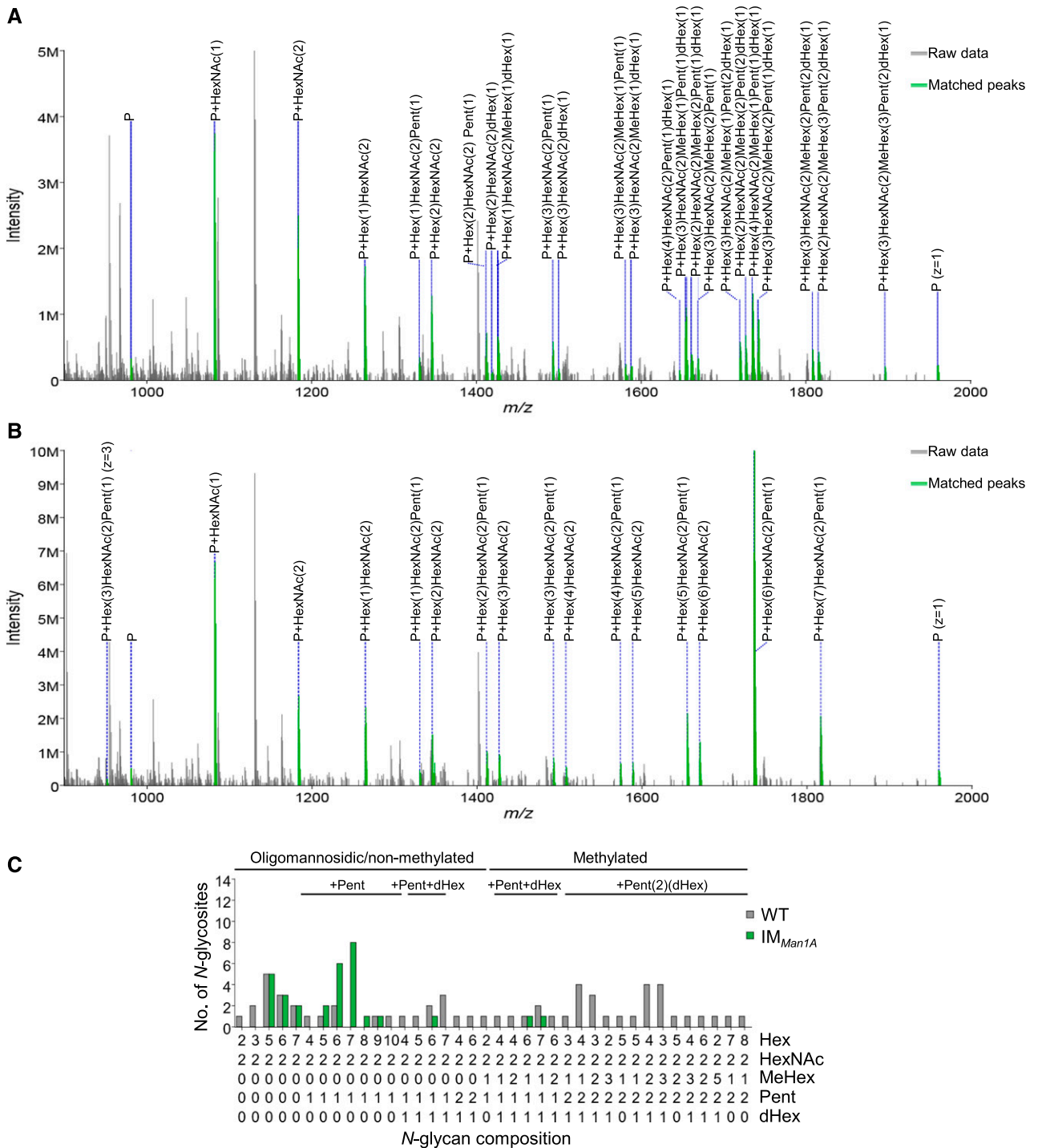
Surprisingly, comparing intact *N*-glycopeptides of  $IM_{XylT1A}$  and wild type revealed a striking decrease in *N*-glycan length for  $IM_{XylT1A}$  (Fig. 3). Indeed, the most common *N*-glycoform in  $IM_{XylT1A}$  comprised only four Hex, whereas the wild type exhibited *N*-glycans with mainly five to seven Hex. Furthermore, most *N*-glycans from  $IM_{XylT1A}$  carried only one Pent. The almost complete lack of core Pent was also observed when all identified *N*-glycosites were considered (Supplemental Fig. S4A). As for  $IM_{Man1A}$ , mating experiments were carried out using  $IM_{XylT1A}$  and CC-124. Progenies showed the same *N*-glycan composition patterns as the respective parental strains: CC-124x $IM_{XylT1A}$  Ins<sup>+</sup> (mt<sup>-</sup>) exhibited shorter *N*-glycans and less Pent whereas CC-124x $IM_{XylT1A}$  Ins<sup>-</sup> (mt<sup>+</sup>) mainly showed wild-type-like *N*-glycans (Supplemental Fig. S4, B and C).

### Genetical Crossing Leads to an $IM_{Man1A}$ x $IM_{XylT1A}$ Double Mutant Devoid of MeHex and Terminal Pent

To obtain a *Man1A*/*XylT1A* double mutant, the two strains were subjected to mating. After confirming the presence of insertional cassettes in both loci of interest by PCR with the respective insert- and gene-specific primers (Supplemental Fig. S5, C and D), *N*-glycan compositions of one progeny [ $IM_{Man1A}$ x $IM_{XylT1A}$  (mt<sup>+</sup>)] were analyzed. In line with the lack of *Man1A*,  $IM_{Man1A}$ x $IM_{XylT1A}$  exhibited *N*-glycan compositions comparable to  $IM_{Man1A}$  with a drastic decrease in methylation and the presence of mainly only one Pent residue when comparing *N*-glycosites common to the wild type and  $IM_{Man1A}$ x $IM_{XylT1A}$  (Fig. 4). However, intriguingly, short *N*-glycans comprised of four Hex, as observed in the majority of *N*-glycoforms for  $IM_{XylT1A}$ , were not detected in  $IM_{Man1A}$ x $IM_{XylT1A}$ . Furthermore, the modification of several  $IM_{Man1A}$ x $IM_{XylT1A}$  *N*-glycans with core Pent or even two Pent contrasts with the single mutants as well. These results were also obtained when taking into account all identified *N*-glycosites (Supplemental Fig. S5A).

### Comparison of *N*-Glycan Compositions in Wild Type and IM Strains

Taken together, the *N*-glycoproteomic characterization of the culture supernatant of all analyzed strains resulted in the identification of 181 different *N*-glycosites. For comparative purposes, results for progenies



**Figure 2.** Comparative analysis of intact N-glycopeptides from wild type and *IM<sub>Man1A</sub>*. Applying IS-CID for the analysis of intact N-glycopeptides revealed a decreased number of MeHex and Pent in *IM<sub>Man1A</sub>* in comparison to the wild type. Representative MS1 spectra for ITYATTA<sup>+</sup>AVTNANLSSYK are shown for wild type (A) and *IM<sub>Man1A</sub>* (B), respectively. If not indicated otherwise, ions of charge state two are annotated. For all identified N-glycan compositions, the number of N-glycosites harboring this glycan is shown for the wild type (gray) and *IM<sub>Man1A</sub>* (green; C). The N-glycan complexity is increasing from left (oligomannosidic, not methylated) to right (decorated, methylated) and N-glycan compositions have been grouped according to the presence of Pent and/or dHex (optional for sugars written in parenthesis). Only N-glycosites that have been identified in both strains were taken into account (n = 26). A comparison for all identified N-glycopeptides can be found in Supplemental Figure S2. Peptide sequences and their corresponding N-glycan compositions are listed in Supplemental Data S2.

after crossing with CC-124 have been combined with their corresponding parental strain, that is  $IM_{Man1A}$  and  $CC-124 \times IM_{Man1A}$ .  $Ins^+$ ,  $IM_{XylT1A}$  and  $CC-124 \times IM_{XylT1A}$ .  $Ins^+$  as well as the wild type and  $Ins^-$  strains, since their *N*-glycan phenotypes are identical. Of all identified *N*-glycosites, 27 have been found in all four strains (Fig. 5A). The *N*-glycan composition was assignable for a subset of 111 *N*-glycosites, whereby nine *N*-glycosites were common to all analyzed strains (Fig. 5B). Based on these common *N*-glycosites, different characteristics of *N*-glycans will be compared in the following.

Direct comparison of *N*-glycan length, that is the number of Hex and methylated Hex residues attached to one *N*-glycosite, confirmed the presence of shorter *N*-glycans in  $IM_{XylT1A}$  compared to all other strains (Fig. 6, A and B). In contrast, for *N*-glycans synthesized by  $IM_{Man1A}$  and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$ , a slight increase in *N*-glycan length in comparison to the wild type was observed. The degree of methylation in the wild type was nearly equally distributed ranging from 0 to 80%, while it was slightly lower in  $IM_{XylT1A}$  (Fig. 6C). Strikingly, the broad majority of *N*-glycans from  $IM_{Man1A}$  and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$  was lacking MeHex and *N*-glycans that were still methylated showed only a low degree of methylation, which might be explained by residual Man1A activity. Considering *N*-glycosites that harbored *N*-glycans with two Pent in the wild type,  $IM_{Man1A}$  and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$  *N*-glycans were mostly lacking one Pent, whereas in  $IM_{XylT1A}$ , *N*-glycans showed a decrease by at least one, often two Pent (Fig. 6D). *N*-Glycans modified with dHex were identified for all strains. However, this modification was observed less often for *N*-glycopeptides from  $IM_{Man1A}$  when compared to *N*-glycosites harboring dHex in the wild type (Supplemental Fig. S6). This tendency for a lack of core dHex was less pronounced for  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$  and not observed for  $IM_{XylT1A}$  *N*-glycopeptides.

### Immunoblot Analysis of IM Strains

A lack of core Xyl was indicated for most *N*-glycans in  $IM_{XylT1A}$  by MS and was verified in an immunoblot analysis after SDS-PAGE separation of whole cell extracts using an anti-Horseradish-Peroxidase ( $\alpha$ -HRP) antibody, recognizing  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl and  $\alpha$ 1,3-Fuc residues (Fig. 7). Since the Coomassie-stained control gel confirmed equal loading of the supernatant (SN) samples, differences in signal intensity can be attributed to differential affinity of the  $\alpha$ -HRP antibody. The weak signal for  $IM_{XylT1A}$  in comparison to wild-type SN samples confirmed the lack of  $\beta$ 1,2-core Xyl, since the remaining signal can be explained by binding of the antibody to Fuc epitopes. No signal decrease was observed for samples from  $IM_{Man1A}$  and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$ , suggesting the presence of core Xyl in both strains. Since the majority of mass spectrometrically analyzed *N*-glycopeptides in these strains were found to carry only one Pent, it can be concluded that they are lacking the terminal Xyl, which is linked in a  $\beta$ 1,4-dependent

manner. When comparing wild type and  $IM_{Man1A}/IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$ , even an increase in signal intensity is visible. This might be explained by an altered accessibility of the core Xyl between *N*-glycans of the wild-type and mutant strains, possibly due to MeHex shielding the core Xyl or altering the *N*-glycan conformation, which has been shown to be important for detection by  $\alpha$ -HRP (Kaulfürst-Soboll et al., 2011).

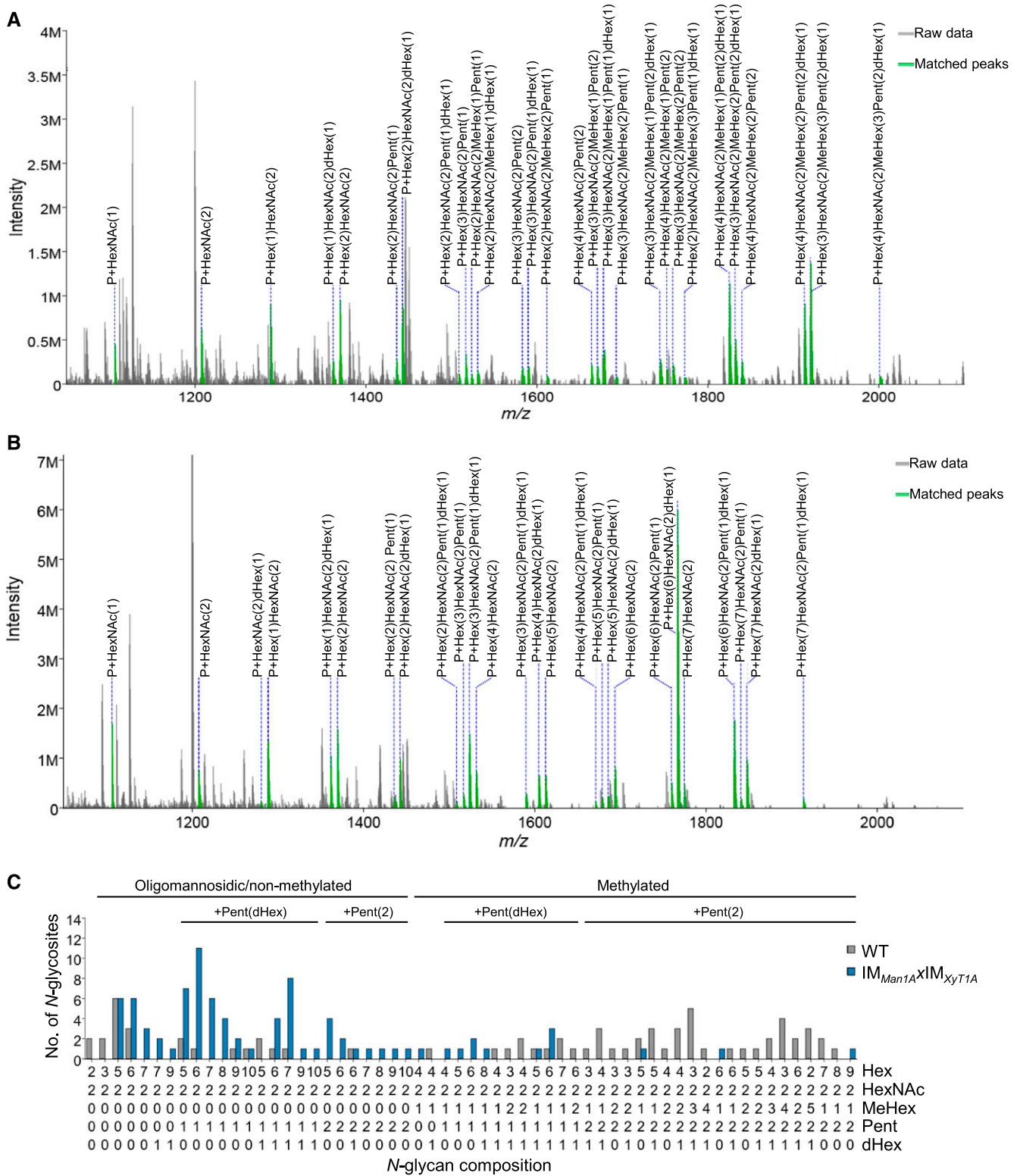
### DISCUSSION

In this work, three *C. reinhardtii* strains carrying inserts in genes proposed to be involved in *N*-glycosylation, namely, *man1A* and *xylT1A*, were identified. The disturbed expression of Man1A and/or XylT1A resulted in distinct *N*-glycan compositions, deviating from the wild-type composition (Fig. 8). This implies different roles as well as a functional interconnection of the two enzymes in the *N*-glycosylation pathway of *C. reinhardtii*.

In contrast to the wild type,  $IM_{XylT1A}$  *N*-glycans were shown to be lacking core  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl by MS as well as immunoblot analyses. These results are in agreement with those obtained from single knockout mutants of XylT (AtXylT) in Arabidopsis, which also resulted in the absence of core Xyl attached to *N*-glycans (Strasser et al., 2004). Thus, it can be concluded that XylT1A functions as core  $\beta$ 1,2-XylT in *C. reinhardtii*. In addition to the lack of core Xyl as an expected consequence of disturbed *xylT1A* expression,  $IM_{XylT1A}$  *N*-glycans were mainly one to three Hex residues shorter than those found in the wild type. Since no *N*-glycans could be identified that were modified by two Xyl while, at the same time, being excessively trimmed, we propose a central role for the core Xyl in regulating *N*-glycan trimming in *C. reinhardtii*: After attachment of a core Xyl, no further trimming by mannosidases occurs. In addition to this inhibitory role in *N*-glycan trimming, CrXylT1A showed uncommon substrate specificity in comparison to XylTs of other organisms. For example, AtXylT activity is limited toward *N*-glycans harboring an additional  $\beta$ 1,2-linked GlcNAc attached to the  $\alpha$ 1,3-linked core Man (Kajiura et al., 2012). Since *C. reinhardtii* does not encode for any GnTs, a different substrate specificity for CrXylT1A is apparent and in line with a low sequence identity of 23% with AtXylT (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013).

To define the role of Man1A, data obtained for  $IM_{Man1A}$  as well as  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$  need to be taken into account. Based on the *N*-glycoproteomic analysis of  $IM_{Man1A}$ , which revealed, in comparison to the wild type, a lack of MeHex and terminal Pent for most *N*-glycan compositions, a dependence of *N*-glycan methylation on Man1A activity can be postulated. While methylation of *N*-glycans is a rather uncommon modification in eukaryotes, it has been found in several algae, viz. *Porphyridium* sp. (Levy-Ontman et al., 2011), *C. reinhardtii* (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013), and *Botryococcus braunii* (Schulze et al., 2017). Additionally, *N*-glycan

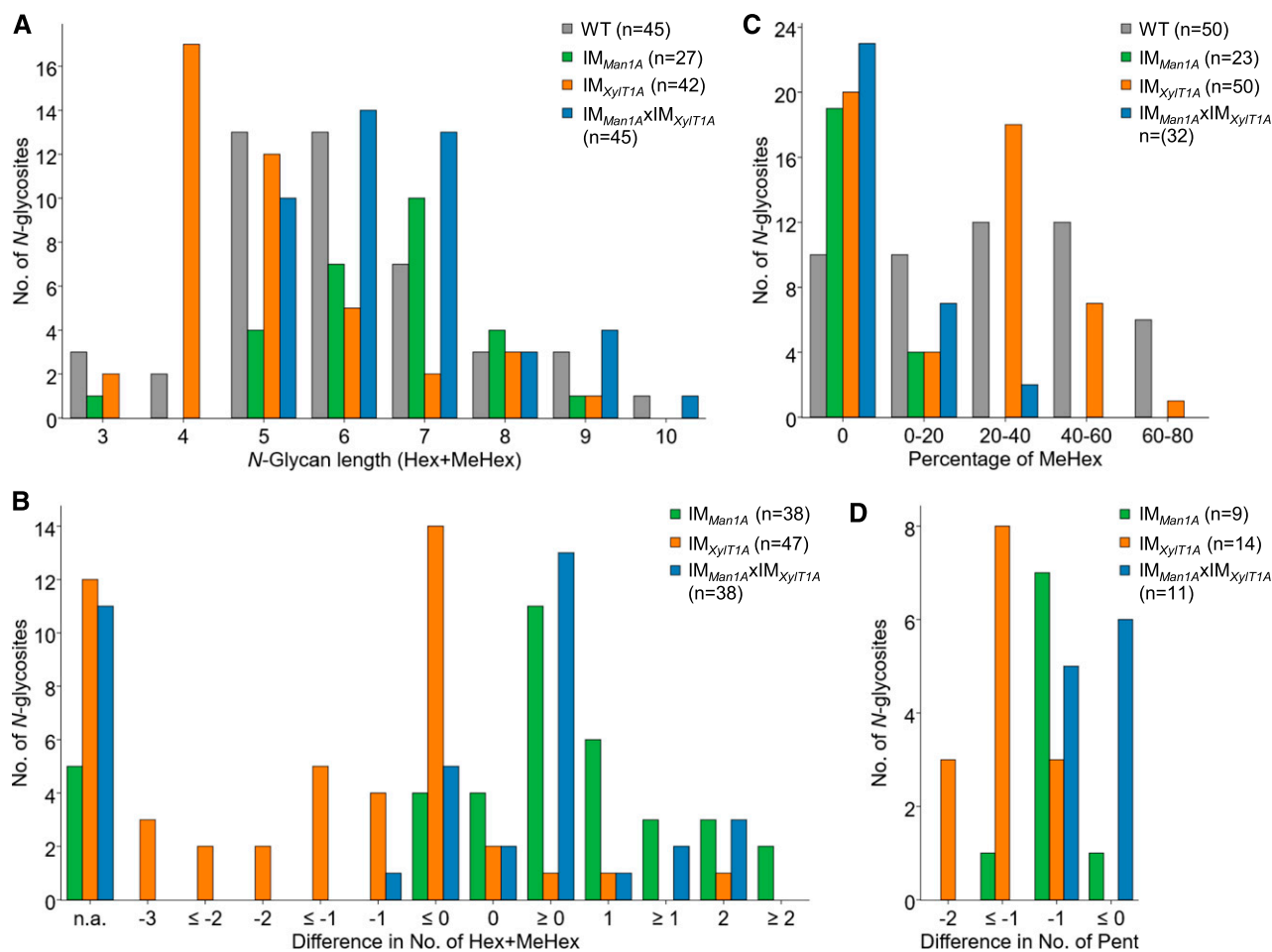




**Figure 4.** Comparative analysis of intact *N*-glycopeptides from wild type and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{Xylt1A}$ . Applying IS-CID for intact *N*-glycopeptide analysis, a decreased number of MeHex and Pent could be observed in  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{Xylt1A}$  in comparison to the wild type. Representative MS1 spectra for NQTAINSLVDDIQNTYAK are shown for the wild type (A) and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{Xylt1A}$  (B), respectively. Annotated ions have a charge state of two. For all identified *N*-glycan compositions, the number of *N*-glycosites harboring this glycan is shown for the wild type (gray) and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{Xylt1A}$  (blue; C). The *N*-glycan complexity is increasing from left (oligomannosidic, not methylated) to right (decorated, methylated) and *N*-glycan compositions have been grouped according





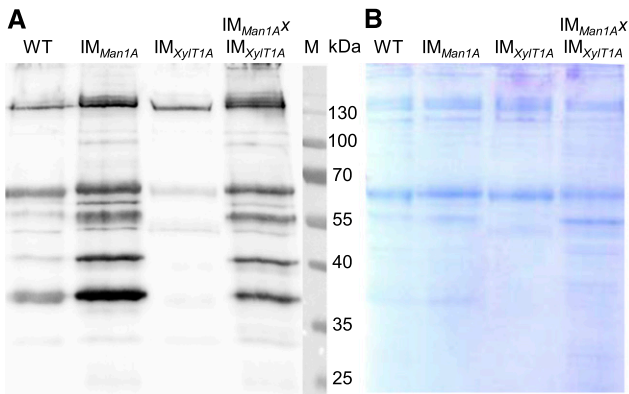


**Figure 6.** Comparison of *N*-glycan characteristics for wild type, IM<sub>Man1A</sub>, IM<sub>XylT1A</sub>, and IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub>. A, Comparison of *N*-glycan length, defined here as the sum of Hex and MeHex, (23 compared *N*-glycosites). B, Differences in *N*-glycan length (length<sub>IM</sub> – length<sub>WT</sub>) for *N*-glycosites identified in the wild type and respective IM strain. Some *N*-glycosites harboring multiple *N*-glycoforms could not be assigned to one of the categories (n.a.). C, Comparison of the percentage of MeHex in respect to *N*-glycan length (23 compared *N*-glycosites). D, Differences in the number of Pent (Pent<sub>IM</sub> – Pent<sub>WT</sub>) for *N*-glycosites that carried two Pent in the wild type. For each comparison, the legend indicates the total number of *N*-glycopeptides (A and C) and the total number of *N*-glycosites (B and D) for each strain, respectively. Results for progenies of genetic crossings with CC-124 have been included for the corresponding parental strain.

to be affected in IM<sub>Man1A</sub> activity of the two putative fucosyltransferases (FucT, Cre18.g749697, Cre18.g749047) was not dependent on *N*-glycan methylation or Man1A activity. Surprisingly, the decrease in terminal xylosylation and core fucosylation was less prominent in IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub>. This could be explained by an accumulation or prolonged retention of immaturely *N*-glycosylated proteins in the Golgi apparatus due to the knockout of two *N*-glycosylation pathway enzymes. Thereby, even a low activity of XylT2 and FucT on Man1A-independent *N*-glycans might be sufficient to result in an increased addition of terminal Pent as well as core Fuc in IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub> in comparison to IM<sub>Man1A</sub>. Alternatively, an increased expression of XylT2 and FucT in the double mutant could have similar effects.

Altogether, our data indicate an enzymatic cascade in the *N*-glycosylation pathway of *C. reinhardtii* (Supplemental Fig. S7). In this process, XylT1A plays a key role in regulating *N*-glycan trimming, which, in turn, is accomplished in a Man1A-dependent manner and is favorable for methylation of Hex residues as well as the transfer of core Fuc and terminal Pent. However, the specificity of Man1A and additional mannosidases toward distinct *N*-glycan branches remains to be elucidated.

Although not all steps in the *N*-glycosylation pathway of *C. reinhardtii* are fully understood yet, the analyzed strains represent an important step toward the *N*-glycoengineering of *C. reinhardtii* for its potential use as an alternative platform for the production of biopharmaceuticals. Especially IM<sub>XylT1A</sub>, which shows only minor allergenic potential due to its lack of core Xyl,



**Figure 7.** Immunodetection of  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl residues in all analyzed strains. Proteins (9  $\mu$ g) from the culture SN of the wild type,  $IM_{Man1A}$ ,  $IM_{XylT1A}$ , and  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$  were separated by SDS-PAGE and either analyzed by western blot using  $\alpha$ -HRP antibodies directed against  $\beta$ 1,2-Xyl and  $\alpha$ 1,3-Fuc (A) or stained, as a loading control, using Coomassie Blue (B).

could be a basis for further development of strains useful for the production of biopharmaceuticals that require the presence of oligomannosidic *N*-glycans, like taliglucerase alpha (Brumshtein et al., 2010) or vascular endothelial growth factor (Claffey et al., 1995). However, further knockout of FucTs as well as the putative second core XylT might be required, particularly for  $IM_{Man1A} \times IM_{XylT1A}$  to achieve uniform *N*-glycosylation lacking nonhuman-like modifications.

Furthermore, *N*-glycoproteins identified here and previously (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013) comprise various flagellar proteins as well as secreted and cell surface proteins, several of them being involved in, for example, nutrient acquisition. Thus, it would be of high interest to assess the consequences of an altered *N*-glycan structure for the biology and in particular for acclimation responses of *C. reinhardtii*. However, since the functions of *N*-glycans can range from correct targeting to enzyme activity or recognition by receptors (Lannoo and van Damme, 2015; Varki, 2017), this is beyond the scope of this study. Nevertheless, the identified IM strains set the stage to analyze the physiological impact of altered and distinct *N*-glycan compositions in *C. reinhardtii*.

In this study, three *C. reinhardtii* strains differing in their *N*-glycan compositions were generated and analyzed. Taking those distinct changes in *N*-glycan compositions into account, the *N*-glycosylation pathway of this alga could be refined, especially in regard to the uncommon modification of *N*-glycans by MeHex and terminal Xyl as well as a novel regulatory mechanism of *N*-glycan trimming. Furthermore, the presented modifications of the *N*-glycosylation pathway in *C. reinhardtii* will shed new light on the functional importance of *N*-glycosylation for various *N*-glycoproteins in *C. reinhardtii*, including human homologs.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Growth Conditions

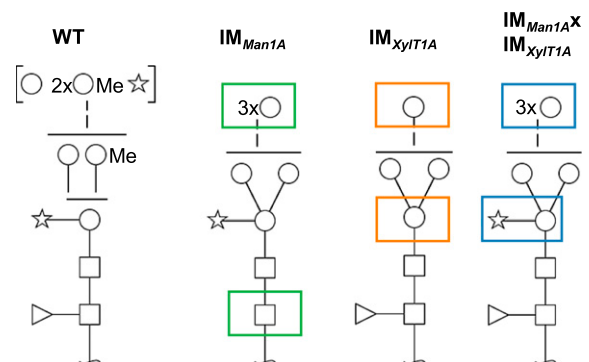
If not indicated otherwise, all *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* strains were grown photoheterotrophically in TAP medium at 25°C and 20  $\mu$ E  $m^{-2} s^{-1}$ , either as liquid cultures shaking at 120 rpm or on TAP plates containing 1.5% agar. For quantitative proteomics experiments, isotopic  $^{14}N$  and  $^{15}N$  labeling was performed using  $^{14}N$  and  $^{15}N$  ammonium chloride, respectively.

### Insertional Mutagenesis and Identification of IM Strains

An insertional mutant library was generated and screened by PCR as described by Cheng et al. (2017) using a rescued mutant of *ift46-1* (CC-4375) as the parental strain (wild type). Sequences for the insert specific primer LGR06-F as well as the gene specific primers used for screening are listed in Supplemental Table S2. The positive PCR products were sequenced using LGR06-F to identify the insertion site. After picking up single clones of  $IM_{Man1A}$  and  $IM_{XylT1A}$ , insertion of the AphVIII fragment was confirmed with a primer pair binding adjacently to the respective insertion site.

### Analysis of *man1A* and *xylT1A* Transcript Levels Using RT-qPCR

Total RNA of *Chlamydomonas* cells was isolated using TRIzol reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific). RNA concentration was determined by Quawell 5000 (Quawell Technology). Residual genomic DNA in total RNA was removed by DNase I (RNase-free) (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Reverse transcription of RNA was performed with oligo(dT) primers using First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Quantitative real-time PCR was performed using ABI 7900HT Fast Real-Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems) with SYBR Green Real-Time PCR Master Mix (TOYOBO) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The housekeeping gene  $\beta$ -subunit-like polypeptide (CBLP, Cre06.g278222) was used as an internal control (Schloss 1990). The expression of *Man1A* and *XylT1A* was quantified applying standard curve assay in SDS 2.4 software (Applied Biosystems) and normalized to CBLP. All primers used in real-time PCR are listed in Supplemental Table S2.



**Figure 8.** Schematic representation of most common *N*-glycans identified in the wild type and respective IM strains. Disturbed expression of *Man1A* affects the modification of *N*-glycans with MeHex, terminal Pent and Fuc (green boxes), while insertional mutagenesis of *XylT1A* leads to shortened *N*-glycans lacking core Pent (orange boxes). *N*-Glycans from the double mutant show restored core Pent but a decrease in MeHex and terminal Pent in comparison to the wild type. Monosaccharides depicted above the solid horizontal line can be bound to any subjacent residue, to monosaccharides connected by a dashed line or to monosaccharides within the same bracket. Monosaccharide symbols follow the Symbol Nomenclature for Glycans (Varki, 2009).

## Quantification of *Man1A* and *XylT1A* Expression Levels by Parallel Reaction Monitoring

Cells were grown under LL conditions in  $^{14}\text{N}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$  TAP media. The experiment was performed as label swap experiment. Cell amounts corresponding to 5  $\mu\text{g}$  chlorophyll were mixed (IM strain and wild type) and pelleted by centrifugation (5,000g, 5 min). Cells were lysed in 100 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.6, containing 2% SDS, 1 mM PMSF, and 1 mM benzamidine using a sonication bath for 5 min. After removal of cell debris, cells were subjected to a Filter Aided Sample Preparation (FASP) protocol as described below using 0.35  $\mu\text{g}$  trypsin.

The Q Exactive Plus was operated with the following PRM settings: resolution: 35,000 at  $m/z$  200, AGC target: 1e5, maximum injection time: 400 ms, isolation window: 2.2  $m/z$ . The gradient used for peptide elution with a flow rate of 300 nL  $\text{min}^{-1}$  is specified in Supplemental Table S3. Inclusion lists compiled with Skyline (MacLean et al., 2010; version 3.6) were used for scheduled fragmentation of target peptides.

The total peak areas of a minimum of three fragment ions per peptide were determined in Skyline with manual adjustment of peak borders. To correct for differences in total protein levels in the samples, peak areas were multiplied by a replicate-specific normalization factor derived from the mean abundance of three CF1 ATPase alpha subunit peptides. Peptide levels and standard deviations were calculated based on the peak areas of  $^{14}\text{N}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$  labeled samples of the respective strain within the label swap. The .raw files have been uploaded together with the quantification results (see "Data Availability").

## Protein Isolation from the Culture Supernatant

The culture supernatant was obtained by three consecutive centrifugation steps. First, cells were pelleted at 2,000g for 3 min. Then the SN was centrifuged at 7,800g for 10 min and afterward at 48,000g for 2 h at 4°C. The resulting SN was concentrated by a factor of 100 by centrifugation in filter units (Amicon ultra centrifugal filters, 15 mL, 30 kD MWCO; Millipore). Protein concentration was determined by bicinchoninic acid assay (BCA Protein Assay Kit by Thermo Scientific Pierce). Samples were frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  until use.

## Immunoblot Analysis of N-Glycoproteins

Proteins from the SN were separated by SDS-PAGE (13% acrylamide) and either transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane or stained with Coomassie Blue G. Samples were loaded based on same protein amounts (9  $\mu\text{g}$ ). Membranes were blocked with 2% low-fat milk powder in PBS-T (3.2 mM  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , 0.5 mM  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , 1.3 mM KCl, 135 mM NaCl, and 0.05% Tween, pH 7.4) for 16 h and then incubated with polyclonal rabbit antiserum raised against HRP diluted 1:20,000 in PBS-T ( $\alpha$ -HRP was kindly provided by Dr. Antje von Schaeuwen; Kaulfürst-Soboll et al., 2011) for 2 h. HRP-labeled anti-rabbit antibody (Bio-Rad) was used as secondary antibody 1:10,000 in PBS-T containing 2% low-fat milk powder for 1 h. Between each step, washing was performed three times with PBS-T. Western blots were developed by ECL and signals were digitally recorded with a Fusion-SL imaging system (Peqlab).

## Crossing of IM Strains with CC-124 and Generation of $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}\text{xIM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$ Double Mutants

*C. reinhardtii* CC-124 ( $\text{mt}^-$ ) was mated with  $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}$  or  $\text{IM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$  ( $\text{mt}^+$ ) to generate strains carrying the insert in a new genetic background as well as backcrossed  $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}$  or  $\text{IM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$  with wild-type *man1A* or *xylT1A*, respectively. Screening the progeny by colony PCR using the primer pair EX6-F-DNA, EX8-R-DNA as well as mating type specific primers resulted in the identification of CC-124x $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}$   $\text{Ins}^-$  ( $\text{mt}^+$ ) and CC-124x $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}$   $\text{Ins}^+$  ( $\text{mt}^-$ ). Screening the respective progenies with primer pairs EX6-F, EX8-R, and LGR06, IN7-R as well as mating type-specific primers resulted in the identification of CC-124x $\text{IM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$   $\text{Ins}^-$  ( $\text{mt}^+$ ) and CC-124x $\text{IM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$   $\text{Ins}^+$  ( $\text{mt}^-$ ).

*C. reinhardtii* strain  $\text{IM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$  was mated with CC-124x $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}$   $\text{Ins}^+$  ( $\text{mt}^-$ ) to gain a strain carrying insertional cassettes in both genes. Screening of progenies by PCR with primer pairs for both loci as well as mating type primers resulted in identification of two double mutants with opposite mating types. Both

strains had identical N-glycan patterns (data not shown). Only results for  $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}\text{xIM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$  ( $\text{mt}^+$ ) are presented in this work.

## FASP for N-Glycoproteomics

FASP was performed as previously described (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013; Wiśniewski et al., 2009) loading 30  $\mu\text{g}$  to 60  $\mu\text{g}$  protein from SN samples of wild-type and IM strains onto Amicon ultra centrifugal filters (0.5 mL, 30 kD MWCO; Millipore) and digesting with 0.3 to 0.6  $\mu\text{g}$  trypsin (sequencing-grade modified, Promega) for 16 h at 37°C. Peptides were dried in a vacuum centrifuge and stored at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . Samples from three biological replicates of each strain have been analyzed.

## LC-MS Analysis

Peptides obtained from FASP were reconstituted in 2% (v/v) acetonitrile/0.1% (v/v) formic acid in ultrapure water and separated with an Ultimate 3000 RSLCnano System (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The sample was loaded on a trap column (C18 PepMap 100, 300  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  5 mm, 5-mm particle size, 100 Å pore size; Thermo Fisher Scientific) and desalted for 5 min using 0.05% (v/v) TFA/2% (v/v) acetonitrile in ultrapure water with a flow rate of 10  $\mu\text{L min}^{-1}$ . Peptides were then separated on a separation column (Acclaim PepMap100 C18, 75 mm i.d., 2-mm particle size, 100-Å pore size; Thermo Fisher Scientific) with a length of 50 cm (for wild type,  $\text{IM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$  and  $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}\text{xIM}_{\text{XylT1A}}$ ) or 15 cm (wild type,  $\text{IM}_{\text{Man1A}}$ ). The mobile phases were composed of 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in ultrapure water (A) and 80% acetonitrile/0.08% formic acid in ultrapure water (B). The gradient used for peptide elution with a flow rate of 300 nL  $\text{min}^{-1}$  is specified in Supplemental Table S3.

The LC system was coupled via a nanospray source to a Q Exactive Plus mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) operating in positive ion mode. MS data were acquired at a resolution of 70,000 for MS1. Fragmentation by higher-energy C-trap dissociation for MS2 (resolution of 17,500) was triggered in a data-dependent manner dynamically choosing the 12 most abundant precursor ions. Further details for the employed methods are listed in Supplemental Table S3. However, it should be noted that IS-CID was applied for the analysis of intact N-glycopeptides leading to the fragmentation of glycosidic bonds before MS1 (Mathieu-Rivet et al., 2013; Hsiao and Urlaub 2010). For these measurements, the 12 most abundant precursor ions were chosen by mass tags using masses of  $\pm 203.079373$  (corresponding to the neutral loss of one HexNAc) with charges from 1 to 4 and 5 ppm mass tolerance.

## Identification of Peptide Spectrum Matches and Statistical Postprocessing

Analysis of MS2 spectra was performed using the Python framework Ursgal (version 0.4.0; Kremer et al., 2016). Basically, the analysis pipeline consisted of a conversion of mzML to mgf files employing pymzML (Bald et al., 2012), search against a peptide database using X!Tandem (Craig and Beavis 2003), MS-GF+ (Kim et al., 2010), and OMSSA (Geer et al., 2004) and statistical postprocessing of unified results with qvality (Käll et al., 2009) for results obtained from total cell extracts and SN, respectively. The database contained protein sequences of the *Chlamydomonas* v5.5 gene models (Joint Genome Institute) merged with mitochondrial and chloroplast protein sequences from NCBI databases BK000554.2 and NC\_001638.1 as well as sequences from the Common Repository of Adventitious Proteins (<http://www.thegpm.org/crap/>) resulting in a database with 18,941 proteins. Additionally, decoy sequences generated by peptide shuffling were included for all target proteins. In general, the default profile 'QExactive+' was used including a precursor ion tolerance of 5 ppm and a fragment ion tolerance of 20 ppm. When applied during sample preparation, carbamidomethylation of Cys was set as a fixed modification. Additionally, Met oxidation and N-terminal acetylation were included as potential post-translational modifications for all samples. Furthermore, when IS-CID was applied, "HexNAc" and "HexNAc(2)" on Asn were added as optional modifications. Resulting peptide spectrum matches have been filtered by posterior error probability  $\leq 1\%$  and decoy hits were removed. For the identification of N-glycopeptides, peptide spectrum matches were filtered for peptides containing the N-glycosylation consensus sequence N-X-S/T. Further details on parameters can be gained from the Ursgal log JSONs that have been uploaded together with the mzML result files as well as the corresponding final Ursgal result files (see "Data Availability").

## Annotation of N-Glycan Compositions

The analysis of intact *N*-glycopeptides by IS-CID allows for the identification of the peptide sequence on MS2 level while the *N*-glycan composition can be deduced from a series of neutral losses in the corresponding MS1 spectra. This annotation of *N*-glycan compositions has been performed automatically using the in-house-developed Python tool SugarPy as described in Schulze et al. (2017). Briefly, SugarPy builds up all possible combinations for a list of defined monosaccharides and a maximal glycan length. Here, we have used the following monosaccharides: HexNAc (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>), Hex (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), MeHex (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), dHex (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), Pent (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), and a maximal glycan length of 15. These combinations are added to glycopeptides identified using Ursgal (Kremer et al., 2016) and the resulting library of theoretical glycan tree-peptide combinations was matched on all MS1 spectra employing pyQms (Leufken et al., 2017) for accurate calculation and matching of isotope patterns. After validation based on mScore (≥0.5) and sub tree coverage (at least 70%), SugarPy scores were plotted against the retention time to define elution profiles of glycopeptides. For each glycopeptide elution peak a peptide identification (retention time ±1 min) was required to accept the identified glycan composition. Finally, spectra annotated by SugarPy, employing Plotly (Plotly Technologies collaborative data science; <https://plot.ly>), were reviewed manually for each assigned glycan composition. Those annotated spectra can be found in Supplemental Data S3.

## Multiple Sequence Alignment for Potential MeTs

Since no eukaryotic *N*-glycan MeTs have been characterized so far, protein sequences from *H. volcanii* AgIP and *Halobacterium salinarum* VNG\_1065C have been used as queries against target protein databases from *C. reinhardtii* as well as *Botryococcus braunii* AC761 and CCALA778, for which *N*-glycans modified with MeHex have been observed as well (Schulze et al., 2017). Protein BLAST (Altschul et al., 2005) has been employed for the alignment and results were filtered for an E-value ≤ 1e-04. Identified sequences from *B. braunii* were used as queries in a second alignment step using the same target databases. Finally, all result sequences were subjected to a Conserved Domain Search (Marchler-Bauer and Bryant, 2014).

## Data Availability

Mass spectrometry data have been uploaded to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository (Vizcaino et al., 2013) with the data set identifier PXD005254 for the analysis of intact *N*-glycopeptides experiment and PXD005257 for PRM experiments. All annotated spectra for the analysis of the *N*-glycan composition can be found in Supplemental Data S3.

## Accession Numbers

Sequence data for genes/proteins studied in this article can be found in the Phytozome database (<https://phytozome.jgi.doe.gov>) under accession numbers Cre07.g336600 (*man1A*) and Cre09.g391282 (*xylT1A*).

## Supplemental Data

The following supplemental materials are available.

**Supplemental Figure S1.** Identification of a *man1A* insertional mutant.

**Supplemental Figure S2.** *N*-glycoproteomic and genetic characterization of CC124xIM<sub>Man1A</sub> progenies.

**Supplemental Figure S3.** Identification of a *xylT1A* insertional mutant.

**Supplemental Figure S4.** *N*-Glycoproteomic and genetic characterization of CC124xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub> progenies.

**Supplemental Figure S5.** *N*-glycoproteomic and genetic characterization of IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub> progenies.

**Supplemental Figure S6.** Comparison of dHex modification of *N*-glycans from wild type, IM<sub>Man1A</sub>, IM<sub>XylT1A</sub>, and IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub>.

**Supplemental Figure S7.** Proposed model for the *N*-glycosylation pathway in *C. reinhardtii*.

**Supplemental Table S1.** Potential *N*-glycan MeTs identified by multiple sequence alignment.

**Supplemental Table S2.** List of primer sequences used for the screening and confirmation of IM<sub>Man1A</sub>, IM<sub>XylT1A</sub>, and IM<sub>Man1A</sub>xIM<sub>XylT1A</sub>.

**Supplemental Table S3.** List of MS related parameters that have been used for the analysis intact *N*-glycopeptides using IS-CID.

**Supplemental Data S1.** Fasta file containing the insert sequence as well as the sequencing results for the determination of the insertion sites in the analyzed mutant strains.

**Supplemental Data S2.** Summary of identified *N*-glycan compositions for all strains analyzed.

**Supplemental Data S3.** Annotated spectra for all identified *N*-glycopeptides are sorted by the corresponding strain.

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