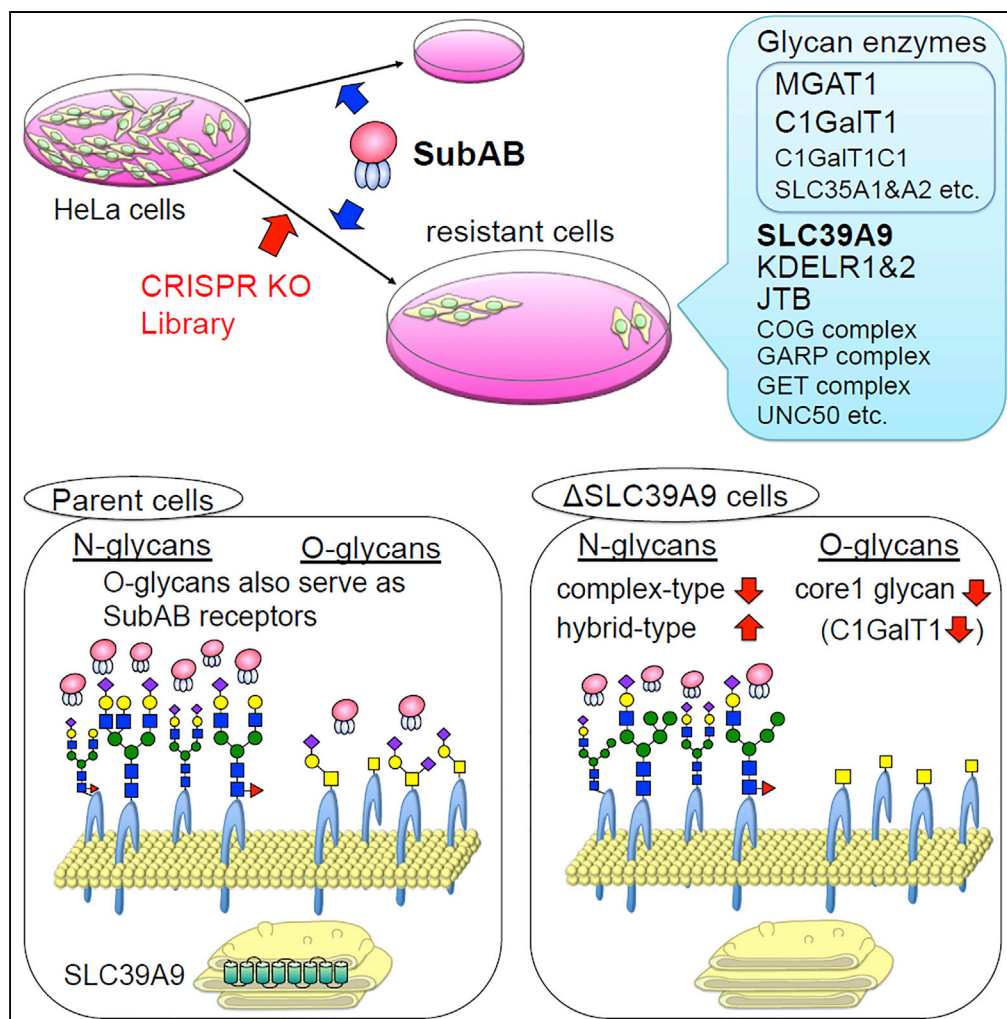


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HIGHLIGHTS

CRISPR knockout
 screening identified host
 factors for SubAB-induced
 cell death

O-glycans as well as N-
 glycans serve as SubAB
 receptors

Loss of SLC39A9 as well as
 loss of KDELR2 and JTB
 reduces sensitivity to
 SubAB

SLC39A9 is required for
 biosynthesis of complex-
 type N-glycans and core 1
 O-glycans

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SUMMARY

Subtilase cytotoxin (SubAB) is a virulence factor produced by locus of enterocyte effacement-negative Shiga-toxigenic *Escherichia coli* strains. The toxin recognizes sialoglycans for entry and cleaves an endoplasmic reticulum chaperon, binding immunoglobulin protein, to cause cell death. However, no systematic screening has yet been performed to identify critical host factors. Here, we performed a genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screen for SubAB-induced cell death and identified various sialoglycan-related and membrane-trafficking genes. Analysis of glycan-deficient cells demonstrated that not only N-glycans but also O-glycans serve as SubAB receptors. In addition, SLC39A9, which is a predicted zinc transporter, as well as KDELs and JTB, were required for SubAB to induce maximal cell death. Disruption of the SLC39A9 gene markedly reduced both complex-type N-glycans and core 1 O-glycans, and the O-glycan reduction was attributed to the reduction of core 1 synthase (C1GalT1). These results provide insights into the post-transcriptional regulation of glycosyltransferases by SLC39A9, as well as sialoglycan species as SubAB receptors.

INTRODUCTION

Shiga-toxigenic *Escherichia coli* (STEC) causes various gastrointestinal symptoms in humans, including severe bloody diarrhea, hemorrhagic colitis, and life-threatening hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS) (Kaper et al., 2004). Shiga-like toxins (STx1 and 2) are major virulence factors of STEC, whereas some locus of enterocyte effacement (LEE)-negative STEC strains also produce another toxin, subtilase cytotoxin (SubAB), which was discovered in a highly virulent STEC O113:H21 strain, 98NK2 (Paton et al., 2004). SubAB is lethal to mice, causing microvascular damage and HUS-like symptoms (Wang et al., 2007, 2011; Furukawa et al., 2011), indicating that the toxin increases the virulence of STEC.

SubAB utilizes glycans that terminate in sialic acids (SAs) (sialoglycans) as receptors (Byres et al., 2008). After binding to the cell surface, the toxin is retrogradely transported to the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) through the Golgi apparatus; the transport is dependent on the conserved oligomeric Golgi (COG) complex (Zolov and Lupashin, 2005; Smith et al., 2009). Then SubAB cleaves the ER chaperon protein, binding immunoglobulin protein (BiP) (also known as GRP-78), via its subtilase-like serine protease activity (Paton et al., 2004). The cleavage of BiP causes ER stress, which results in cell death (Paton et al., 2006). There have been several detailed reports about SubAB receptors. First, glycans terminating in non-human-derived SA N-glycolylneuraminic acid (Neu5Gc) are the preferred receptors for SubAB, compared with those terminating in N-acetylneuraminic acid (Neu5Ac), which is more commonly observed (Byres et al., 2008). Second, glycosphingolipids (GSLs) containing SA (gangliosides) do not act as receptors for SubAB, which has been demonstrated using ganglioside-deficient mice (Kondo et al., 2009). Third, SubAB binds to several glycoproteins, including integrin and L1 cell adhesion molecule (L1CAM) (Yahiro et al., 2006, 2011). However, it is still unclear which type of glycan is actually used by SubAB as a functional receptor in cells and which host factors, including glycan-regulating factors, are critical for SubAB to kill cells.

Clustered regulatory interspaced short palindromic repeat (CRISPR) libraries have been utilized to comprehensively investigate critical factors necessary for toxin action, as well as for virus infection (Shalem et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2014; Blondel et al., 2016; Savidis et al., 2016; Tao et al., 2016; Virreira Winter et al., 2016; Han et al., 2018; Pacheco et al., 2018; Tian et al., 2018). Recently, we performed a genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 knockout (KO) screen using STx-induced cytotoxicity and identified various

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genes required for STx receptor and membrane-trafficking functionality, including sphingolipid-related genes (Yamaji et al., 2019).

In this study, we performed a CRISPR KO screen to search for genes that inhibited SubAB-induced cell death when knocked out and identified a number of sialoglycan-related genes as well as membrane trafficking genes. We focused on genes that affected sialoglycan receptors and revealed that not only N-glycans but also O-glycans of glycoproteins serve as SubAB receptors. Furthermore, SLC39A9, a predicted zinc transporter protein, was required for the proper biosynthesis of both N- and O-glycans.

RESULTS

Identification of Genes Conferring Resistance to SubAB-Induced Cell Death

To identify crucial host factors required for SubAB-induced cell death in HeLa cells, we performed a genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 KO screen. We used a GeCKO v2 pooled library targeting a total of 19,050 human genes with six single-guide RNAs (sgRNAs) per gene (Sanjana et al., 2014). sgRNAs enriched by SubAB treatment in independent duplicate sets were selected as SubAB-resistant sgRNA candidates (Figure 1A; the full raw dataset is shown in Data S1, S2, and S3). The candidates included 155 sgRNAs for 68 genes, with 33 genes containing multiple sgRNAs; most candidates were sialoglycan-related genes, which are required for SubAB receptors, and membrane trafficking-related genes. To validate this screen, 11 identified sgRNAs were individually transduced into HeLa cells to observe any effects of these sgRNAs on SubAB-induced cytotoxicity (Figure 1B). All sgRNAs tested conferred resistance to SubAB, which indicated that this screening was functional.

Recently, we performed a genome-wide screen using STx-induced cytotoxicity (Yamaji et al., 2019). SubAB has similar characteristics to STx in that both toxins recognize glycans and are transported from the plasma membrane to the ER (although the receptor for STx is globotriaosylceramide [Gb3], a neutral GSL); therefore, the genes enriched in the SubAB screen were compared with those from the STx screen (Figure 1C). Glycan enzyme genes specifically enriched in the SubAB screen contained SA-related genes including *CMAS* (cytidine 5'-monophosphate [CMP]-SA synthase) and *SLC35A1* (CMP-SA transporter). Interestingly, as a backbone of sialoglycans, not only N-glycan genes including *MGAT1* (N-acetylglucosaminyl [GlcNAc] transferase I) but also O-glycan genes including *C1GalT1* (core 1 β 1,3-galactosyltransferase 1) and its chaperon *C1GalT1C1* (also known as *Cosmc*) were enriched in the SubAB screen. On the other hand, GSL genes, which were enriched in the STx screen, were not enriched in the SubAB screen. Uridine diphosphate (UDP)-galactose (Gal) transporter (*SLC35A2*) and transmembrane protein 165 (*TMEM165*), a Mn^{2+} transporter required for some glycosyltransferases (Pottelle et al., 2016), were commonly observed in both the SubAB and STx screens, reflecting that UDP-Gal and Mn^{2+} are required for the synthesis of both glycan receptors.

Besides the glycan enzyme genes, four genes were specifically enriched in the SubAB screen including KDEL receptors 1 and 2 (*KDEL1* and 2), jumping translocation breakpoint (*JTB*), and *SLC39A9*, which encodes a predicted zinc transporter protein. Conversely, *LAPTM4A* and *TM9SF2*, which were enriched in the STx screen and identified as factors involved in the regulation of GSL synthesis by three independent groups (Yamaji et al., 2019; Pacheco et al., 2018; Tian et al., 2018), were not enriched in the SubAB screen. In addition to these specific genes, many membrane trafficking genes were commonly enriched in both screens, including the COG complex (*COG1-8*), involved in intra-Golgi retrograde transport (Blackburn and Lupashin, 2016); the GARP complex (*VPS51-54*) and *UNC50*, involved in retrograde transport from endosomes to the trans-Golgi network (Bonifacino and Hierro, 2011; Selyunin et al., 2017); the GET complex (*GET4*, *CAMLG*), involved in ER translocation of tail-anchored membrane proteins (Stefanovic and Hegde, 2007); and other membrane trafficking genes (*PTAR1*, *GOSR1*, *ARL1*, and *NAPG*). These genes participate in general glycan synthesis or retrograde transport of both toxins.

Ricin is a plant toxin that binds to glycan ligands with terminal galactose for cell entry. A previous CRISPR screen using ricin-induced cytotoxicity identified various glycan-related genes and membrane trafficking genes (Tian et al., 2018); we therefore compared our SubAB screen with this ricin screen (Figure S1). Several N-glycan-related genes, including *MGAT1* and membrane trafficking genes such as the GARP complex, were commonly enriched in the two screens. *JTB* enrichment was also observed in both screens, whereas *KDELRs*, *SLC39A9*, and O-glycan-related genes were not enriched in the ricin screen. We hereafter focused

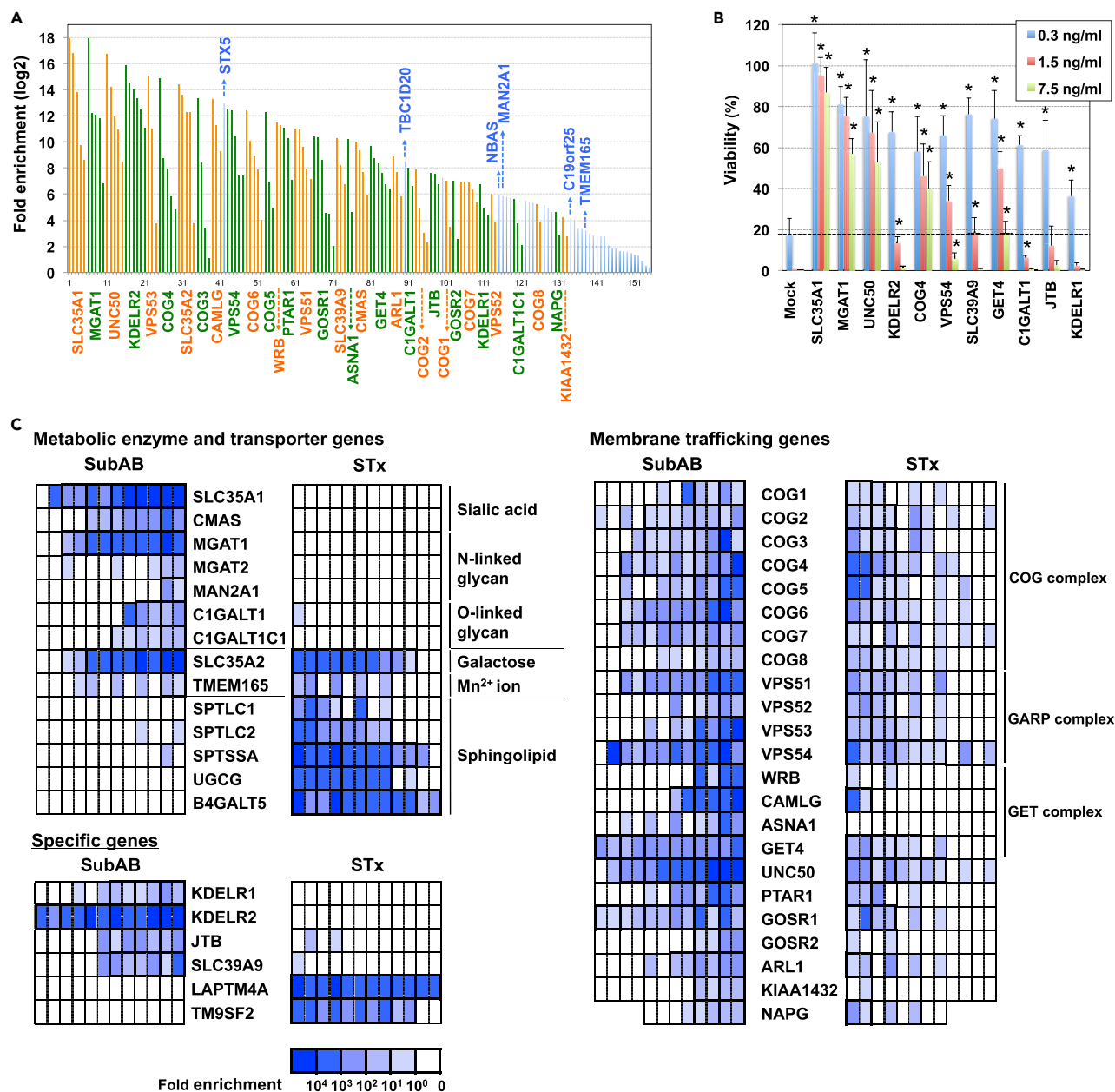


Figure 1. Identification of SubAB Resistance Genes in a Genome-wide CRISPR Screen

(A) Identification of sgRNAs enriched in the screen. Fold enrichment represents the average of two independent experiments. Genes, including at least one sgRNA enriched in duplicate, are aligned in descending order of fold enrichment. Orange and green bars indicate that multiple sgRNAs were enriched for a gene, whereas blue bars indicate that a single sgRNA was enriched for a gene. The full raw dataset is shown in [Data S1, S2, and S3](#).

(B) Reproducibility of SubAB resistance conferred by individual sgRNAs. Each sgRNA was transduced into HeLa cells. Untransfected cells were excluded using puromycin selection, and successfully transfected cells were then treated for 24 h with SubAB at the indicated concentration (boxes) and further cultured for 4 days in the absence of the toxin. Viability was estimated using a 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazoyl-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay, and is expressed as the percentage of the MTT value (OD570) in the absence of SubAB. The percentages shown are the mean percentages \pm SD obtained from four independent experiments. The dotted line indicates the viability of mock-transfected cells treated with 0.3 ng/mL SubAB. The Holm-Bonferroni corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. Asterisks denote statistical significance.

(C) Fold enrichment of six sgRNAs in glycan-related and membrane-trafficking genes enriched in the SubAB screen compared with that of an STx screen (Yamaji et al., 2019). The heatmap is representative of individual sgRNA enrichment (sg1–6) in two independent experiments (groups #1 and #2). See also [Figures S1 and S2](#), and [Data S1, S2, and S3](#).

on two questions. First, to what level do N- and O-glycans serve as receptors for SubAB? Second, how do KDELRs, JTB, and SLC39A9 affect SubAB-induced cell death?

Construction of *MGAT1* and *C1GalT1* and Their Double KO HeLa Cells

To address to what level N- and O-glycans function as SubAB receptors, *MGAT1* KO (Δ MGAT1), *C1GalT1* KO (Δ C1GalT1), and double KO (Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 DKO) cell clones were generated using the CRISPR/Cas9 system. Sequence analyses demonstrated that the coding regions of the respective genes were frame shifted in all alleles (Figure S2A). Quantitative N- and O-glycan analyses were performed using matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization-time of flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrometry to verify glycan alterations in these KO cells, according to previously described procedures: a glycoblotting method for N-glycan analysis and a microwave-assisted β -elimination in the presence of pyrazolone analogs method for O-glycan analysis (Furukawa et al., 2008, 2015). In Δ MGAT1 and Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 DKO cells, no complex-/hybrid-type N-glycans were detected. Instead, high-mannose-type N-glycans containing five mannose residues (HM5), which are precursors of complex-/hybrid-type N-glycans, had accumulated, confirming that these KO cells did not express N-linked sialoglycans (Figure S2B, raw quantitative data is shown in Data S4). On the other hand, O-glycan analysis demonstrated that T antigen, which is synthesized by *C1GalT1*, and the following sialylated and disialylated T antigens were not detected in Δ C1GalT1 and Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 cells, as we expected (Figure S2C, raw quantitative data are shown in Data S4). Notably, Neu5Gc-containing glycans were hardly detected in HeLa cells at all under our conditions.

Both Δ MGAT1 and Δ C1GalT1 Cells Are Resistant to SubAB

Toxin resistance in our established KO cells was tested by exposing the cells to various concentrations of SubAB, and then determining cell viability (Figure 2A). Δ MGAT1 cells were resistant to SubAB in a dose-dependent manner, which is consistent with previous results that suggested that N-glycans are important for SubAB binding to glycoproteins (Yahiro et al., 2006). The Δ C1GalT1 cells also showed resistance to SubAB, although they were less resistant than Δ MGAT1 cells. This difference was consistent with the effect of the early cleavage of BiP following SubAB treatment; BiP reduction was more marked in Δ MGAT1 cells compared with Δ C1GalT1 cells (Figure 2B). Notably, Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 DKO cells were completely resistant to SubAB even at about 200 ng/mL, a concentration that killed Δ MGAT1 cells (Figure 2A). BiP cleavage by SubAB was also completely inhibited in Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 cells (Figure 2B). These results suggest that not only N-glycans but also O-glycans affect SubAB-induced BiP cleavage and cell death.

Next, the binding of SubAB to cell surface receptors was examined by two distinct methods: flow cytometry and immunoprecipitation analysis. Flow cytometry demonstrated that binding of fluorescence-labeled SubAB to cell surfaces was reduced in Δ MGAT1 cells and Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 cells, but not in Δ C1GalT1 cells (Figure 2C). This result indicates that most SubAB binds to N-glycans on the cell surface. Then, to detect detailed interactions of SubAB with cell surface proteins, biotinylated cell surface proteins were pulled down with native (N) or heat-inactivated (HI) SubAB, and the binding proteins were visualized using streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase (Figure 2D). In parent cells, biotinylated p175 and p135 proteins were clearly detected as SubAB-binding proteins in this condition. The interaction between SubAB and p175 disappeared in Δ MGAT1 cells, whereas binding of SubAB to p135 was reduced in Δ C1GalT1 cells. In Δ C1GalT1/ Δ MGAT1 cells, fewer SubAB-binding proteins were detected. These results indicate that SubAB binds not only N-glycosylated proteins but also O-glycosylated proteins. Previous studies demonstrated that the 175-kDa band included an L1CAM, and the 135-kDa band included β 1 integrin subunit (β 1ITG) and hepatocyte growth factor receptor (MET) (Yahiro et al., 2011). The binding of L1CAM and β 1ITG to SubAB was N-glycan dependent, because neither L1CAM nor β 1ITG were co-immunoprecipitated with SubAB in Δ MGAT1 cells (Figures 2D, S2D, and S2E). The binding of MET to SubAB, however, was likely O-glycan dependent, because knockdown of MET reduced p135, suggesting that MET was the major protein in p135 (Figure S2F), and SubAB-binding biotinylated p135 was reduced in Δ C1GalT1 cells but not in Δ MGAT1 cells (Figures 2D and S2F). It is noteworthy that p135 included O-glycan-modified proteins other than MET, because SubAB-binding proteins were still observed at p135 in MET-knockdown Δ MGAT1 cells (Figure S2F). The reason why N-glycan-dependent but not O-glycan-dependent binding of SubAB was detected by flow cytometry is yet to be determined. It may have been due to lower expression on the cell surface. The results of the immunoprecipitation analysis together with the sensitivity to SubAB suggested that N-glycans of host cells play the predominant role as SubAB receptors, whereas O-glycans also play a minor but significant role as SubAB receptors.

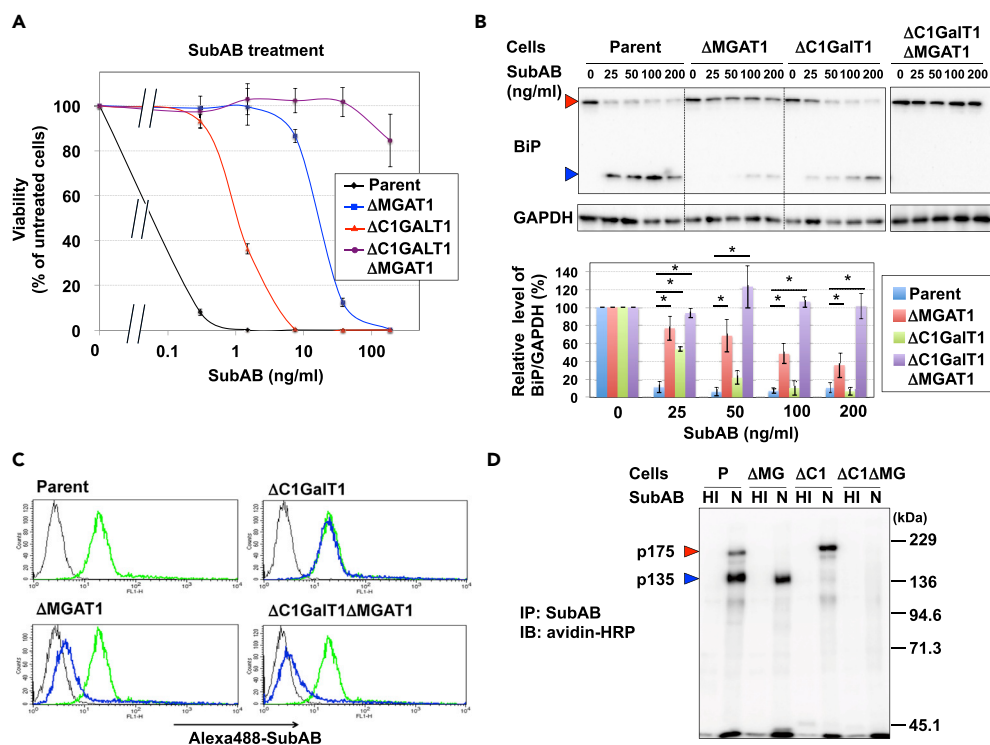


Figure 2. Both N- and O-glycans Serve as SubAB Receptors

(A) SubAB sensitivity in glycan-gene KO cells. Cells were treated with SubAB as described in Figure 1B at the indicated concentration. Viability was estimated as described for Figure 1B and is expressed as the mean percentage of the MTT value (OD570) in the absence of SubAB. The percentages shown are the mean percentages \pm SD obtained from three independent experiments.

(B) BiP cleavage in glycan-gene KO cells. Cells were incubated with SubAB at the indicated concentration of SubAB for 12 h. SubAB-induced BiP cleavage was determined by immunoblots using anti-BiP monoclonal antibodies. GAPDH served as a loading control. Quantification of BiP uncleaved (78 kDa) by SubAB was performed by densitometry. The percentages shown are the mean percentages \pm SD obtained from three independent experiments. The Bonferroni-corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. * $p < 0.017$.

(C) Surface binding of SubAB on glycan-gene KO cells. Cells were stained with (blue lines) or without (black lines) Alexa 488-labeled SubAB (Alexa 488-SubAB) and analyzed using FACS. Yellow-green lines in all panels indicate staining in parent cells.

(D) Detection of SubAB-binding proteins in glycan gene KO cells. Biotinylated cell surface proteins prepared from the indicated cells were immunoprecipitated with heat-inactivated (HI) or native (N) SubAB as described in the [Transparent Methods](#) section. SubAB-binding proteins were detected with streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase (HRP). Data are representative of at least three separate experiments.

See also [Figure S2](#) and [Data S4](#).

Disruption of *KDEL2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* Genes Reduces Sensitivity to SubAB

To investigate the role of the *KDEL2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* genes in SubAB-induced cell death, we next generated KO cell clones for each gene using the CRISPR/Cas9 system (Figure S3A). These KO cells were resistant to SubAB-induced cell death (Figure 3A) as well as BiP cleavage (Figure 3B). Flow cytometry demonstrated that cell surface binding of SubAB was reduced in Δ SLC39A9 cell, but not altered in Δ KDEL2 and Δ JTB cells (Figure 3C). The reduction of SubAB-binding in Δ SLC39A9 cells was restored by expression of wild-type (WT) SLC39A9, eliminating the possibility of off-target effects. As shown in Figure 2C, binding of SubAB to the cell surface, as detected by flow cytometry, was N-glycan dependent, suggesting that N-glycans at least were altered in Δ SLC39A9 cells. On the other hand, immunoprecipitation analysis of SubAB using biotinylated cell surface proteins showed that O-glycan-dependent (mainly p135) bands were markedly reduced in Δ SLC39A9 cells, as in Δ C1GalT1 cells, but not in other cells (Figures 3D and S3B). These results suggest that SLC39A9 plays a crucial role in N-glycan and O-glycan modifications to cell surface proteins that bind SubAB.

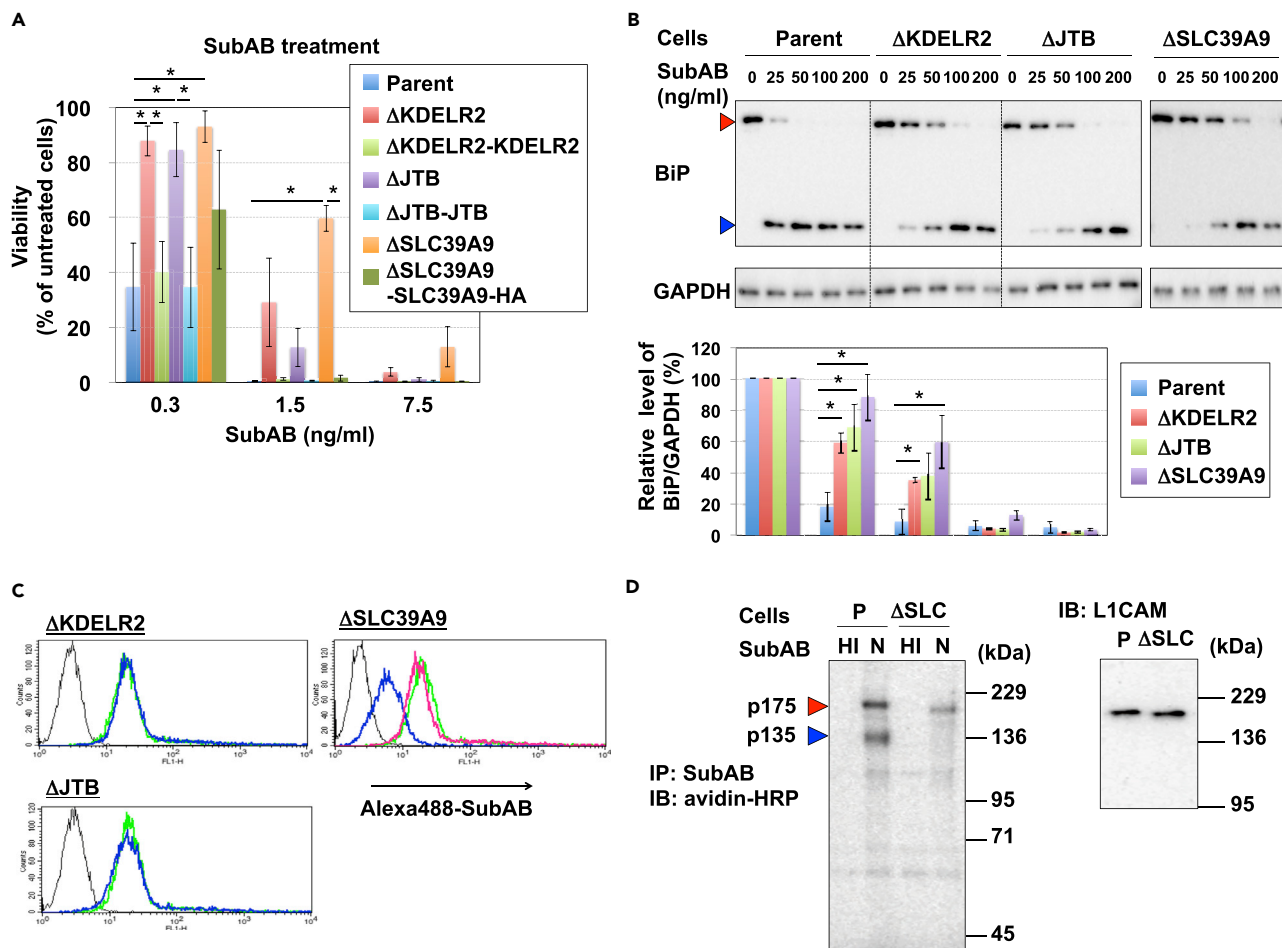


Figure 3. SLC39A9 Regulates the Receptor Expression

(A) SubAB sensitivity in *KDEL R2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells and their revertant cells. HA-tagged SLC39A9 was used in *SLC39A9* revertant cells. Cells were treated with SubAB at the indicated concentrations. Viability was estimated as described for Figure 1B and is expressed as mean percentages \pm SD obtained from three independent experiments. The Bonferroni corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. $*p < 0.0083$.

(B) BiP cleavage in *KDEL R2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells. Cells were incubated with the indicated concentration of SubAB for 12 h. SubAB-induced BiP cleavage was determined as described for Figure 2B. Experiments were repeated three times with similar results (upper panel). Data are the mean percentages \pm SD obtained from three independent experiments. The Bonferroni corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. $*p < 0.017$.

(C) Surface binding of SubAB on *KDEL R2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells. Cells were stained with (blue lines) or without (black lines) Alexa 488-labeled SubAB (Alexa 488-SubAB) and analyzed using FACS. Yellow-green lines in all panels indicate staining in parent cells. A magenta line indicates staining in cDNA-restored cells.

(D) Detection of SubAB-binding proteins in *KDEL R2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells. In the left image, biotinylated cell surface proteins prepared from the indicated cells were immunoprecipitated and detected as described for Figure 2D. Data are representative of at least three separate experiments. In the right image, L1CAM proteins in whole lysates were detected with anti-L1CAM antibodies.

See also Figure S3.

SLC39A9 KO Cells Are Defective in N-glycan Biosynthesis

First, N-glycans of glycoproteins expressed in Δ SLC39A9 cells were quantitatively analyzed using MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry. As shown in Figure 4, high-mannose N-glycans are processed by various glycosidases and glycosyltransferases at the ER and the Golgi apparatus to form hybrid- and complex-type N-glycans. The Golgi GlcNAc transferases, MGAT1–5, determine the number of GlcNAc branches, followed by galactosylations and sialylations. In this analysis, five high-mannose-type glycans, seven pauti-mannose-type glycans, 18 neutral complex-/hybrid-type glycans, and 24 acidic complex-/hybrid-type glycans were detected (Figures 4 and S3C–S3E, raw quantitative data are shown in Data S5). The total amount of each type of N-glycan was nearly equal among all tested cells (Figure S3C). However, the complex-/hybrid-type N-glycan pattern was markedly different in Δ SLC39A9 compared with parent cells and

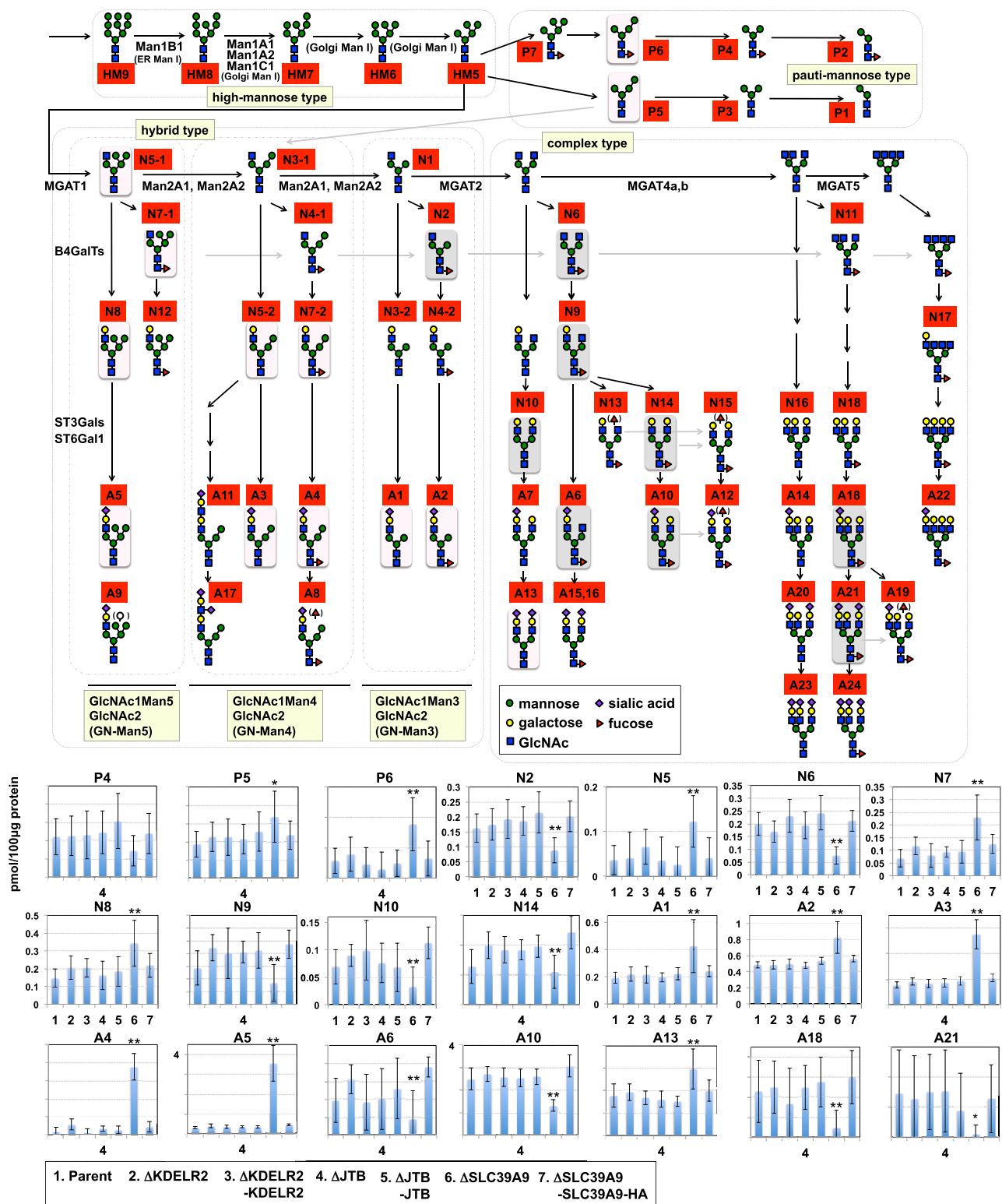


Figure 4. Alteration of N-glycans in SLC39A9 KO Cells

Quantitative analysis of N-glycan species shown in *KDEL2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells, and their revertant cells. A schematic of N-glycan biosynthesis is shown in the upper section. Red boxes indicate glycan structure numbers as shown in [Data S5](#). Pink boxes indicate statistically increased glycans, and gray boxes indicate statistically decreased glycans in *SLC39A9* KO cells as illustrated in the graphs below. Glycans N3, N4, N5, and N7 may take

Figure 4. Continued

one of two structures; therefore they are distinguished as N3-1, N3-2, N4-1, N4-2, etc. The graphs show the expression levels of respective N-glycan species compared among the indicated cells (#1–7): mean expression levels \pm SD obtained from eight independent experiments. The full raw data set is shown in [Data S5](#). The Bonferroni corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. * $p < 0.025$; ** $p < 0.0083$. See also [Figures S3 and S4](#), and [Data S5](#).

cDNA-restored cells, with an increased amount of acidic complex-/hybrid-type N-glycans ([Figures S3D and S3E](#)), whereas the N-glycan patterns were unchanged in Δ KDEL2 and Δ JTB cells.

The amounts of each N-glycan species were then compared between Δ SLC39A9 and parent cells or the SLC39A9 cDNA-restored cells ([Figure 4](#)). Hybrid-type GlcNAc1Man4GlcNAc2 (named GN-Man4) and GlcNAc1Man5GlcNAc2 (named GN-Man5) N-glycan groups, containing four or five mannose residues with one GlcNAc residue synthesized by MGAT1, increased in Δ SLC39A9 cells. Acidic glycans (A3–5) in particular were much more frequent than neutral glycans (N5, N7, and N8). Complex-type N-glycans (N6, N10, A10, A18, and A21) and a hybrid-type GlcNAc1Man3GlcNAc2 (named GN-Man3) N-glycan group (N2) were reduced, although some complex- and hybrid-type GN-Man3 sialoglycans (A1, A2, and A13) were a little upregulated. These results suggested two effects on N-glycan synthesis. (1) KO of SLC39A9 repressed the conversion of GN-Man5 glycans to GN-Man3 glycans, which is normally catalyzed by Golgi α -mannosidase II (MAN2A1 and MAN2A2). (2) KO of SLC39A9 accelerated sialylation, because increasing levels of acidic glycans (A2 and A13 in the GN-Man3 glycan group, and A3–5 in the GN-Man4 and GN-Man5 glycan groups) were higher than the upstream neutral glycans (N2 and N10 in GN-Man3 glycan groups, and N5, N7, and N8 in GN-Man4 and GN-Man5 glycan groups). As a result, hybrid-type mono-antennary sialoglycans increased to a greater extent and complex-type sialoglycans decreased. Together with [Figure 3C](#), our results suggest that the binding of SubAB to the cell surface of Δ SLC39A9 cells decreased due to N-glycan alterations. Treatment with swainsonine, a Golgi α -mannosidase II inhibitor, also reduced the binding of SubAB to the cell surface ([Figure S4](#)).

SLC39A9 KO Cells Are Defective in O-glycan Biosynthesis

Next, O-glycans of glycoproteins expressed in Δ SLC39A9 cells were analyzed. The major O-glycans in parent cells included four structures: (1) Tn antigen (N-acetyl galactosamine (GalNAc)-Ser/Thr), (2) T antigen (Gal β 1,3 GalNAc-Ser/Thr), (3) sialyl T antigen (SA α 2,3 Gal β 1,3 GalNAc-Ser/Thr), and (4) di-sialyl T antigen (SA α 2,3 Gal β 1,3 (SA α 2,6) GalNAc-Ser/Thr) (the latter three structures are categorized as core 1 O-glycan structures) ([Figures 5 and S3F](#), and [Data S5](#)). Δ SLC39A9 cells showed dramatic reductions in the O-glycan T, sialyl T, and di-sialyl T antigens, whereas Tn antigens increased slightly (similar changes were not observed for Δ KDEL2 and Δ JTB cells). Most O-glycans in Δ SLC39A9 cells were therefore Tn antigens ([Figure S3F](#)), which is similar to the O-glycan pattern in Δ C1GalT1 cells shown in [Figure S2C](#). These results indicate that SLC39A9 is required for core 1 O-glycan biosynthesis, and the marked reduction of core-1 O-glycans in Δ SLC39A9 cells should contribute to reduced sensitivity to SubAB, because Δ C1GalT1 cells showed a similar reduced sensitivity.

The Expression Level of C1GalT1 Was Reduced in Δ SLC39A9 Cells

As described above, the loss of SLC39A9 reduced core 1 O-glycans (whose synthesis requires C1GalT1) as well as GN-Man3-hybrid- and the following complex-type N-glycans (whose synthesis requires MAN2A1). Transcriptional levels of C1GalT1 and MAN2A1 did not change ([Figure 6A](#)); therefore, we next investigated the protein levels of C1GalT1 and MAN2A1 ([Figure 6B](#)). KO of the SLC39A9 gene markedly reduced C1GalT1 expression, and this reduction was recovered by the expression of WT SLC39A9, suggesting that reduced C1GalT1 is the cause of decreased core 1 O-glycans in Δ SLC39A9 cells. C1GalT1C1, also enriched in this SubAB-resistant screen ([Figure 1A](#)), is an ER chaperon required for the expression and activity of C1GalT1 ([Ju and Cummings, 2002](#)); therefore there is a possibility that the reduction of C1GalT1 in Δ SLC39A9 cells was due to a reduction of this chaperon. However, the expression level of C1GalT1C1 was not altered in Δ SLC39A9 cells. MAN2A1 expression was slightly decreased in Δ SLC39A9 cells, although this was not statistically significant. The cause of the N-glycan deficiency in Δ SLC39A9 cells was unlikely to have been due to the small decrease in MAN2A1.

Histidine 155 of SLC39A9 Is Required for Glycan-Regulating Activity

SLC39A9 is one of 14 Zrt- and Irt-like protein (ZIP) family proteins in humans and is predicted to be a zinc transporter. From X-ray crystallography of a ZIP family member and three-dimensional modeling of rat

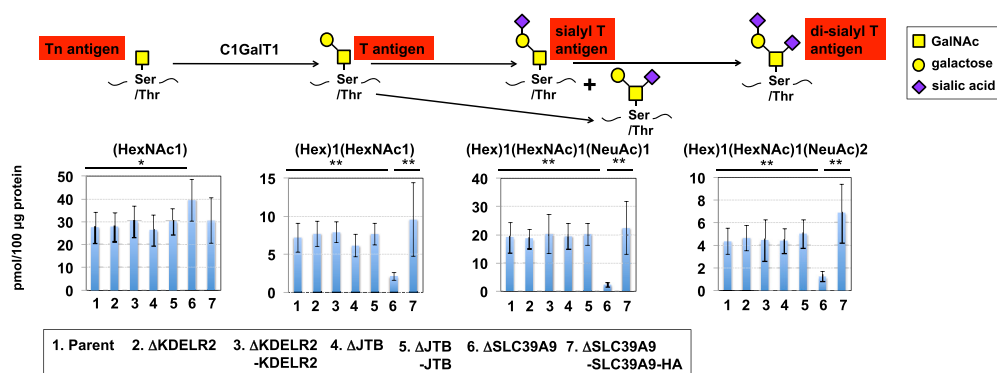


Figure 5. Alteration of O-glycans in SLC39A9 KO Cells

Quantitative analysis of O-glycan species in the indicated cells shown in Figure 4. A schematic of O-glycan biosynthesis is shown in the upper section. Expression levels of respective O-glycan species were compared among the indicated cells (#1–7); mean expression levels SD obtained from eight independent experiments. The full raw dataset is shown in Data S5. The Bonferroni corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. * $p < 0.025$; ** $p < 0.0083$. See also Figure S3 and Data S5.

SLC39A9 (Zhang et al., 2017; Bulldan et al., 2017), a highly conserved amino acid residue, His-155 (H155), was predicted to be an essential amino acid for Zn^{2+} binding in human SLC39A9. Furthermore, replacement of the conserved histidine with arginine abolished Zn^{2+} transport activity in human SLC39A4 (Zhang et al., 2017). To determine the indispensability of H155 for the glycan-regulating activity of human SLC39A9, we constructed an arginine replacement mutant, SLC39A9 (H155R) (Figure S5A). Hemagglutinin (HA)-tagged SLC39A9 WT and mutant SLC39A9 (H155R) were expressed in Δ SLC39A9 cells, and the expression of SLC39A9 WT and H155R was confirmed by western blot using anti-SLC39A9 or anti-HA antibodies (Figure S5B). SLC39A9 WT was co-localized with GM130, a Golgi marker protein (Figure S5C), which is consistent with a previous report (Matsuura et al., 2009). The H155R mutation did not affect the Golgi localization of SLC39A9 (Figure S5C). However, the H155R variant did not recover SubAB binding on the cell surface as well as the expression level of C1GalT1 and MAN2A1 in Δ SLC39A9 cells (Figures 6B and S5D). These results indicated that H155 is indispensable if SLC39A9 is to exhibit its glycan-regulating activity.

DISCUSSION

In this study, we performed a genome-wide CRISPR library screening for SubAB-induced cell death and found that various genes (e.g., sialoglycan-related genes and membrane trafficking-related genes) were comprehensively enriched in SubAB-resistant cells. Further analyses elucidated two insights. (1) Not only N-glycans but also O-glycans serve as receptors for SubAB and (2) SLC39A9 regulates both N- and O-glycan biosynthesis and loss of SLC39A9 decreased C1GalT1.

Sialoglycans are required for binding of SubAB to the cell surface, which is consistent with our screening result that CMAS and SLC35A1 were highly enriched in this screen. Neu5Gc-containing sialoglycans are believed to be a preferential receptor for SubAB compared with Neu5Ac-containing sialoglycans (Byres et al., 2008). However, Neu5Gc-containing glycans were barely detected in this study, therefore Neu5Gc-dependent enhancement of SubAB binding was not investigated. In this screen, N-glycan-related genes (e.g., MGAT1) and O-glycan-related genes (e.g., C1GalT1) were enriched (but no GSL-related genes, e.g., UGCG, were enriched), and cells with both MGAT1 and C1GalT1 genes knocked out conferred complete resistance to SubAB; these findings indicate that glycoproteins serve as SubAB receptors. The crystal structure of the SubB pentamer showed that the binding pockets for receptors are located on the side of SubB (Byres et al., 2008), although receptor recognition domains of other AB5 toxins (e.g., STx, cholera toxin) are located on the bottom of B subunits. These findings suggest that SubAB receptors require some extension of length from cell surface for glycan ligands to access the pocket. Ricin is another toxin that binds to glycoproteins as its receptors; however, in a genome-wide CRISPR screen of ricin-induced cytotoxicity (Tian et al., 2018), O-glycan-related genes were not enriched (Figure S1). Therefore this O-glycan dependence may be a specific feature of SubAB. SubAB binds to several glycoproteins including L1CAM (p170), β 1ITG (p135), and MET (p135); most of these interactions are N-glycan dependent

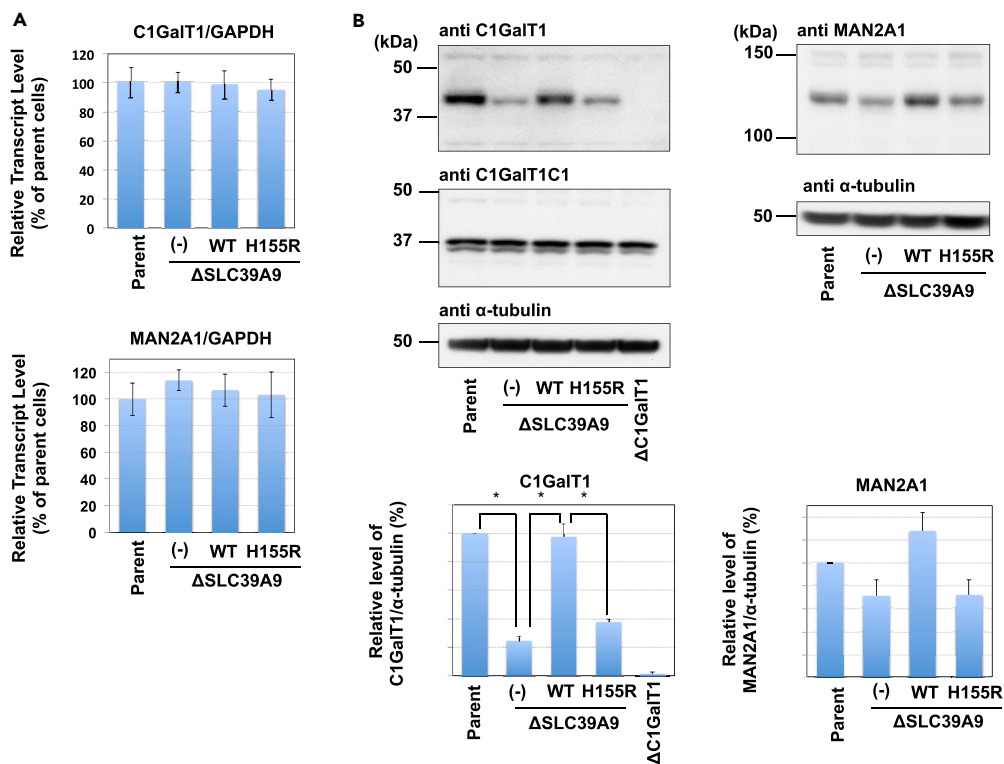


Figure 6. Loss of SLC39A9 Reduces C1GalT1 Proteins

(A) Quantitative real-time PCR of C1GalT1 and MAN2A1 mRNAs in parent cells, SLC39A9 KO cells, wild-type SLC39A9-expressing SLC39A9 KO cells, and H155R mutant-expressing SLC39A9 KO cells. Relative mRNA levels of C1GalT1 and MAN2A1 are expressed as the percentage of the value in parent cells and represent the mean percentages \pm SD obtained from three independent experiments.

(B) Western blot analysis for C1GalT1, C1GalT1C1, and MAN2A1 proteins in parent cells, SLC39A9 KO cells, wild-type SLC39A9-expressing SLC39A9 KO cells, and H155R mutant-expressing SLC39A9 KO cells. The amounts of proteins were expressed as a percentage of the intensity of bands in parent cells: mean percentages \pm SD, obtained from three independent experiments. The Bonferroni corrected t test was used for multiple comparisons. * $p < 0.017$.

See also Figure S5.

(Yahiro et al., 2011). We confirmed that N-glycans play a prominent role as SubAB receptors. O-glycans also serve as receptors, with MET likely to be an O-glycan-dependent receptor, a finding that has not been shown before. In this screen, no L1CAM, β 1ITG, or MET were enriched, suggesting that no specific glycoproteins are responsible for being SubAB receptors, but rather various proteins can act as receptors if they have sialoglycans.

In N-glycans of Δ SLC39A9 cells, hybrid-type mono-antennary sialoglycans were markedly increased and complex-type sialoglycans were reduced. Although the total amount of sialoglycans was somewhat increased in Δ SLC39A9 cells (Figure S3E), the binding of SubAB to N-glycans was reduced according to fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis, which specifically detected N-glycan-dependent binding of SubAB (Figures 2C and 3C). The relationship between the number of antennae in N-glycans and their SubAB binding affinity has not been investigated, but bi-antennary or multi-antennary sialoglycans may function as more effective SubAB receptors compared with mono-antennary sialoglycans. All hybrid-type GN-Man5 and GN-Man4 glycans increased, whereas neutral hybrid-type GN-Man3 glycans and complex-type glycans decreased in Δ SLC39A9 cells. MAN2A1 and its homolog, MAN2A2, catalyze the trimming of GN-Man5 to GN-Man3 glycans; a study using MAN2A1/MAN2A2 DKO mouse embryos showed a complete lack of complex-type glycans, with only hybrid-type GN-Man5 (but not GN-Man4) glycans accumulating (Hato et al., 2006). However, hybrid-type GN-Man4 glycans did accumulate in MAN2A1 single KO mouse embryos, which is similar to the glycan pattern seen in Δ SLC39A9 cells. Therefore we think that MAN2A1 was defective in the Δ SLC39A9 cells. The reduction

in SubAB binding to the cell surface following treatment with swainsonine, a Golgi mannosidase II inhibitor, supports the conclusion that the N-glycan changes in Δ SLC39A9 cells reduce SubAB binding to the cell surface.

Not only complex-type N-glycans but also core 1 O-glycans were markedly reduced in Δ SLC39A9 cells, due to a significant reduction in the corresponding enzyme, C1GalT1 (Figures 5, 6B, and S3F). The ability of SubAB to bind to p135 almost disappeared in Δ SLC39A9 cells, as in Δ C1GalT1 cells (Figures 2D and 3D), which is consistent with the defective O-glycans in Δ SLC39A9 cells. On the other hand, the binding of SubAB to p175 was not affected as much in Δ SLC39A9 cells as in Δ MGAT1 cells, although the binding of SubAB to the cell surface was reduced (Figures 3C and 3D). Together with the result that resistance to SubAB in Δ SLC39A9 cells is slightly greater than that in Δ C1GalT1 cells (Figures 2A and 3A), the reduced sensitivity to SubAB in Δ SLC39A9 cells seems to be due to O-glycan defects in addition to N-glycan defects. The importance of O-glycan defects in Δ SLC39A9 cells in relation to SubAB cytotoxicity is supported by the previous finding that SLC39A9 was not enriched in a ricin screen, in which O-glycan-related genes were not enriched (Tian et al., 2018).

How does SLC39A9 regulate N- and O-glycan biosynthesis? ZIP family proteins are believed to transport zinc as well as iron, manganese, and/or cadmium ions into the cytosol, either across the plasma membrane or from intracellular organelles (Guerinot, 2000; Kambe et al., 2017). We demonstrated that mutation of His-155, predicted to be critical for zinc transport, led to a loss of glycan-regulating activity, supporting the idea that zinc transport by SLC39A9 is involved in glycan regulation. Interestingly, the MAN2A1 and C1GalT1 proteins are known to be associated with Zn^{2+} . The MAN2A1 protein has a Zn^{2+} -binding site on the Golgi lumen side, and this binding is essential for its activity (Shah et al., 2008; van den Elsen et al., 2001). On the other hand, a direct requirement by C1GalT1 for Zn^{2+} activity has not yet been reported; its chaperon, C1GalT1C1, however, binds to Zn^{2+} at the C-terminal domain that is also required for its oligomerization (Hanes et al., 2017). Therefore zinc homeostasis, controlled by SLC39A9, may also be involved in the activities of MAN2A1 and C1GalT1C1 to regulate both N- and O-glycan biosyntheses. However, this hypothesis contains an apparent contradiction. Most Zip family proteins are generally believed to transport Zn^{2+} either from extracellular fluids or from the lumen of intracellular organelles to the cytoplasm (Eide, 2006; Taniguchi et al., 2013). If the direction of Zn^{2+} transport by SLC39A9 is true, loss of SLC39A9 should mean Zn^{2+} accumulating in the Golgi lumen. However, the Zn^{2+} -binding sites of MAN2A1 and C1GalT1C1 face the lumen of the Golgi; therefore it is unlikely that Zn^{2+} deficiency in the Golgi lumen inactivates MAN2A1 and C1GalT1C1 proteins in SLC39A9 KO cells. Elucidation of the molecular mechanism of SLC39A9, including the direction of movement of zinc or other divalent cation transport, is required to understand the involvement of these divalent cations in glycosylation, which is a subject for future investigations.

Most membrane trafficking genes enriched in the SubAB screen, including the COG complex, the GARP complex, *UNC50*, *GOSR1*, and *PTAR1*, were also observed in an STx screen (Yamaji et al., 2019), a cholera toxin screen (Gilbert et al., 2014), ricin screens (Tian et al., 2018; Bassik et al., 2013), and other screens related to glycoproteins and proteoglycans (Jae et al., 2013, 2014; Riblett et al., 2015; Tanaka et al., 2017). These factors are thought to affect glycosylation, likely through retrograde trafficking defects of glycosyltransferases, or by being required for retrograde trafficking of toxins. In fact, the COG complex affects both glycosylation and toxin transport of STx and SubAB (Zolov and Lupashin, 2005; Zeevaert et al., 2008; Smith et al., 2009). The *JTB* gene was enriched in both SubAB and ricin screens (Figure S1). KO of *JTB* did not affect glycosylation or SubAB binding to surface glycoproteins, but did suppress Bip cleavage (Figures 3B and 3C), suggesting that *JTB* affects the transport of toxin-binding glycoproteins into the ER. On the other hand, the *KDEL1* and *KDEL2* genes were specifically enriched in the SubAB screen. As with *JTB*, KO of *KDEL2* did not affect glycosylation but did suppress Bip cleavage. Bip has a retrieval motif that is recognized by KDEL receptors (Lewis and Pelham, 1992), and KO of the *KDEL2* gene suppressed Bip cleavage induced by SubAB (Figure 3B). Future research should aim to elucidate whether the interaction of KDELs with Bip is involved in SubAB-induced cell death.

In summary, we performed a genome-wide loss-of-function screen using a CRISPR library to identify genes that conferred resistance to SubAB and demonstrated that not only N-glycans but also O-glycans serve as receptors for SubAB. Furthermore, SLC39A9, a predicted zinc transporter, regulates both N- and O-glycan

biosynthesis at the Golgi complex. These results provide important insights into critical host factors, including receptors for SubAB and post-translational regulation of glycan synthesis.

Limitations of the Study

As shown in [Figure S2](#), the expression level of O-glycans was as high as N-glycans in HeLa cells. However, the loss of O-glycans did not affect the binding of SubAB to the cell surface according to the FACS analysis ([Figure 2C](#)). There are several possible explanations for this. First, N-glycans may have a more preferential glycan structure for SubAB binding compared with O-glycans. Second, it may be difficult for SubAB to access O-glycan-containing proteins depending on the position of the attached sugar chains. Third, if HeLa cells abundantly express mucins that contain many O-glycans, SubAB may be able to bind only to parts of the O-glycans because of limited space, and as a result, the amount of SubAB binding to O-glycans may not be equivalent to the amount of O-glycans. The cell-surface biotin labeling experiment demonstrated that SubAB bound to some proteins in an O-glycan-dependent manner; we therefore think that part of a SubAB molecule binds to an O-glycan on the cell surface. In the future it should be possible to demonstrate the direct binding of SubAB to O-glycosylated proteins on the cell surface.

METHODS

All methods can be found in the accompanying [Transparent Methods supplemental file](#).

DATA AND SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY

The sgRNA data reported in this study have been deposited to the NCBI GEO and are available under accession number GEO: GSE125650.

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A CRISPR Screen Using Subtilase

Cytotoxin Identifies SLC39A9

as a Glycan-Regulating Factor

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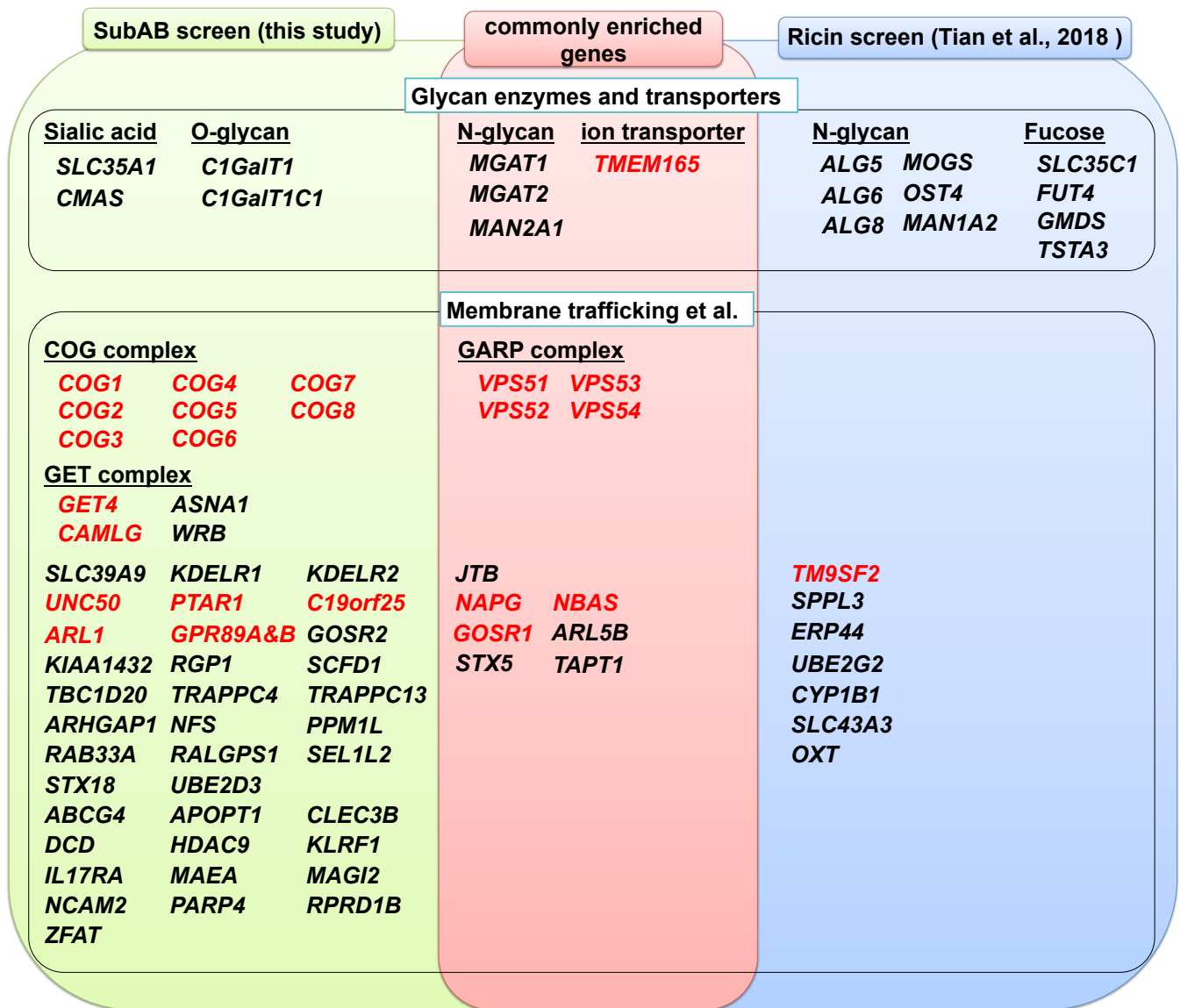


Figure S1. Comparison of Enriched Genes in the SubAB Screen with those in a Ricin Screen, Related to Figure 1. Enriched genes in the SubAB screen were compared with those in a previously reported ricin screen (Tian et al., 2018). Common genes enriched in the two screens are shown in the middle. Genes in red letters are indicative of those enriched in the STx screen (Yamaji et al., 2019). Note that the criteria for enrichment of genes were different between these two screens.

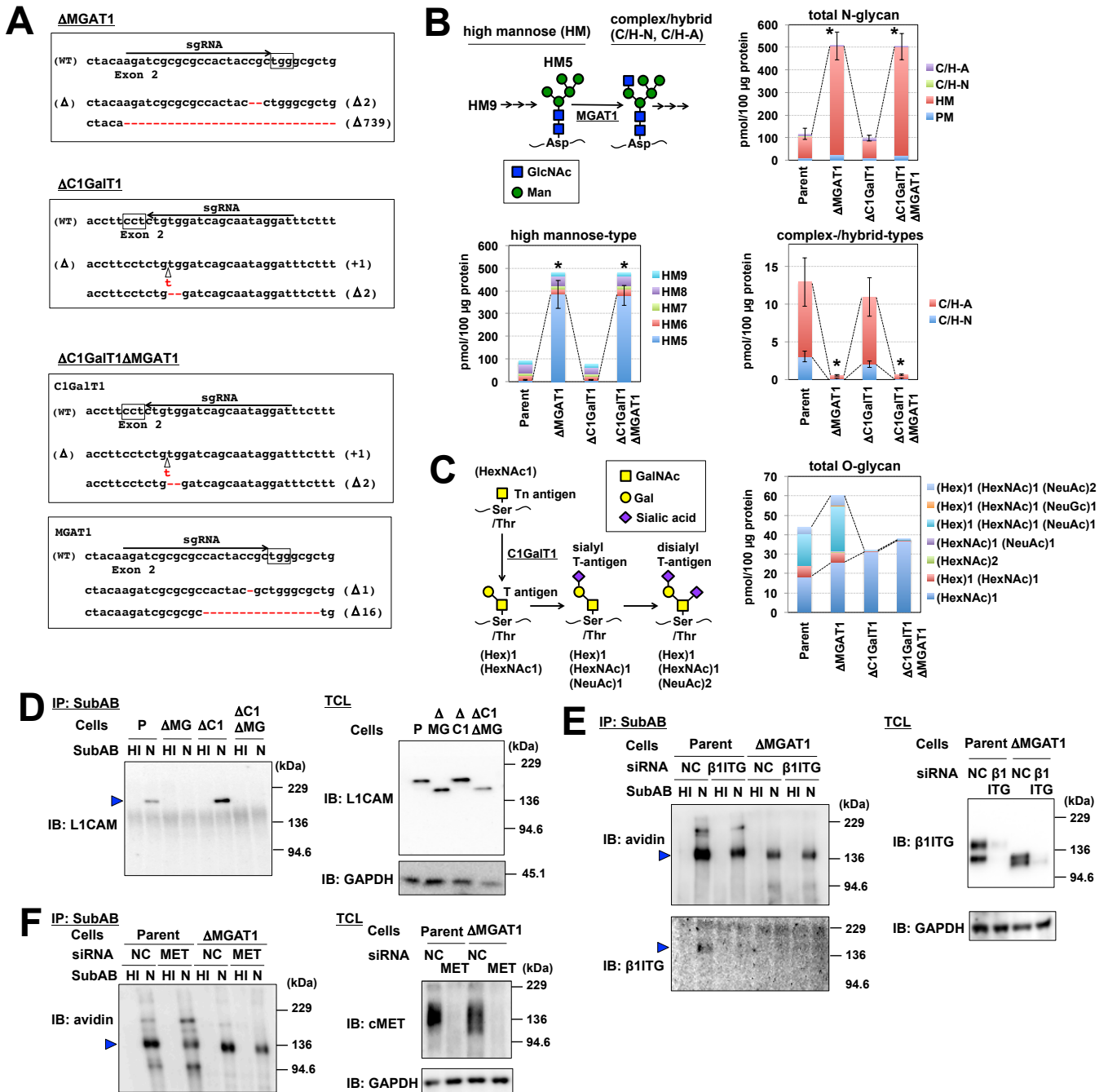


Figure S2. N- and O-glycans Serve as Receptors for SubAB, Related to Figures 1 and 2.

(A) Construction of *MGAT1*-, *C1GalT1*-, and both KO HeLa cells. Red letters in sequences indicate deletion or insertion mutations, which cause frameshifts shown at the right side of the sequences. Boxes are indicative of protospacer adjacent motif (PAM) sequences. (B) N-glycan analysis in KO cells shown in (A). Expression levels of N-glycan species were compared among the indicated cells. Data are the mean values \pm SD obtained from three independent experiments. C/H-A indicates acidic complex-/hybrid-type glycans. C/H-N indicates neutral complex-/hybrid-type glycans. HM indicates high mannose-type glycans. PM indicates pauci mannose-type glycans. The biosynthetic step by MGAT1 is shown at the upper left. The Bonferroni-corrected *t*-test was used for multiple comparisons of HM (in the “total N-glycan” graph), HM5 (in the “high mannose-type” graph), and C/H-A and C/H-N (in the “complex-/hybrid-types” graph). * $p < 0.017$. (C) O-glycan analysis in KO cells shown in (A). Expression levels of O-glycan species were compared among the indicated cells. Data are the mean values obtained from three independent experiments. Core 1 O-glycan biosynthesis is shown at the left. (D-F) Binding of SubAB to L1CAM (D), β 1 integrin (β 1ITG) (E), and MET (F) in glycan KO cells. Biotinylated cell-surface proteins prepared from the indicated cells were immunoprecipitated with heat-inactivated (HI) or wild-type SubAB (N) as described in the Supplemental Experimental Procedures section. SubAB-binding proteins were detected with streptavidin-HRP or the indicated antibodies. TCL indicates total cell lysates. In (E) and (F), knockdown of β 1ITG (E) and MET (F) by RNAi was performed. NC indicates the negative control. Triangles indicate the indicated proteins.

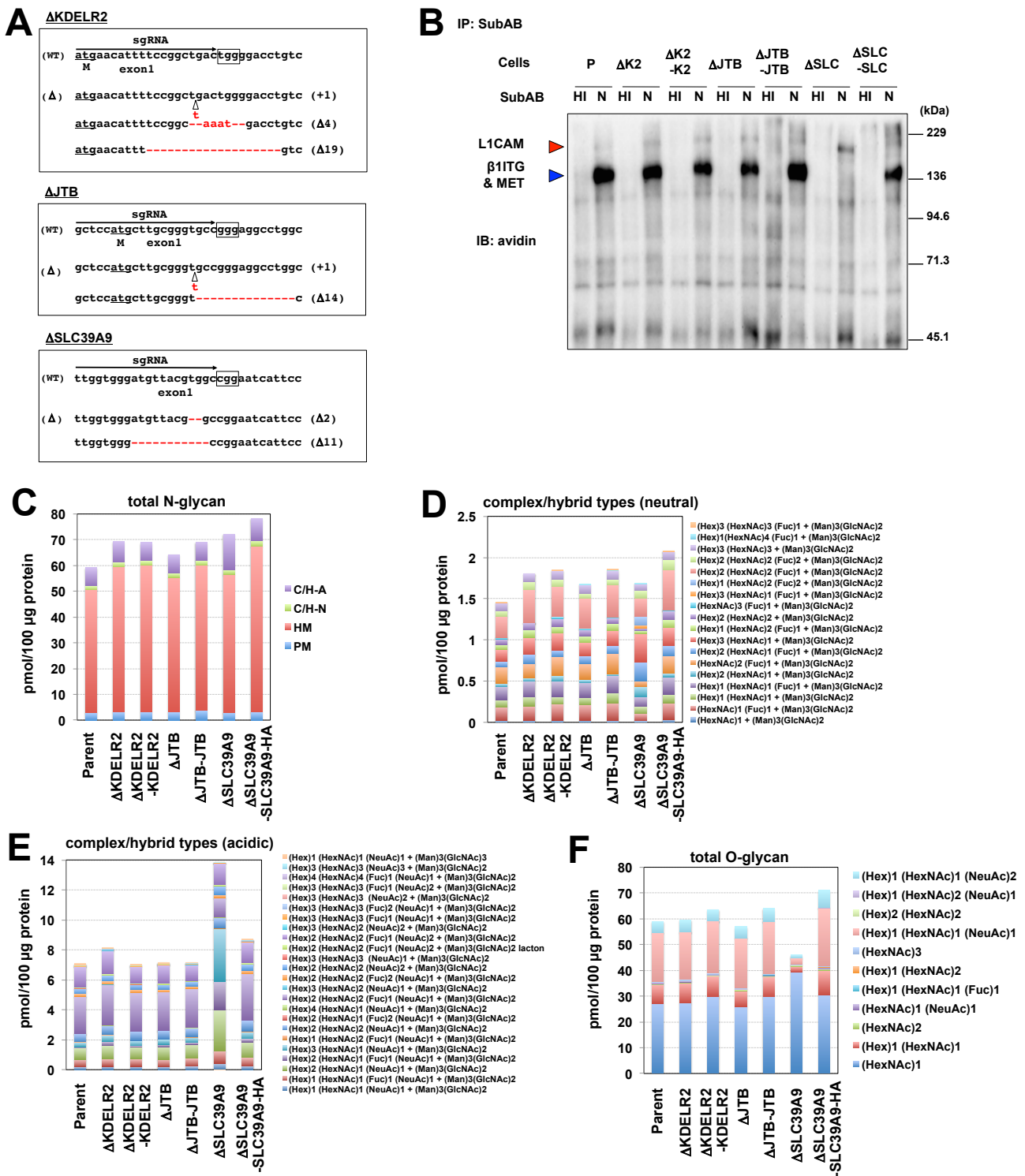


Figure S3. SLC39A9 is Required for N- and O-glycans, Related to Figures 3–5.

(A) Construction of *KDEL2*-, *JTB*-, and *SLC39A9*-KO HeLa cells. Red letters in sequences indicate deletion or insertion mutations, which cause frameshifts shown at the right side of the sequences. Boxes are indicative of protospacer adjacent motif (PAM) sequences. (B) Detection of SubAB-binding proteins. Biotinylated cell-surface proteins prepared from the indicated cells were immunoprecipitated with heat-inactivated (HI) or wild-type SubAB (N) as described in the Supplemental Experimental Procedures section. SubAB-binding proteins were detected with streptavidin-HRP. (C–F) Quantitative glycan analysis. Expression levels of total N-glycans (C), neutral complex-/hybrid-type N-glycans (D), acidic complex-/hybrid-type N-glycans (E), and total O-glycans (F) in the indicated cells were plotted on graphs. The full raw data set is shown in Data S5 and expression levels of respective glycan species were plotted on graphs in Figures 4 and 5. Data are the mean values obtained from eight independent experiments.

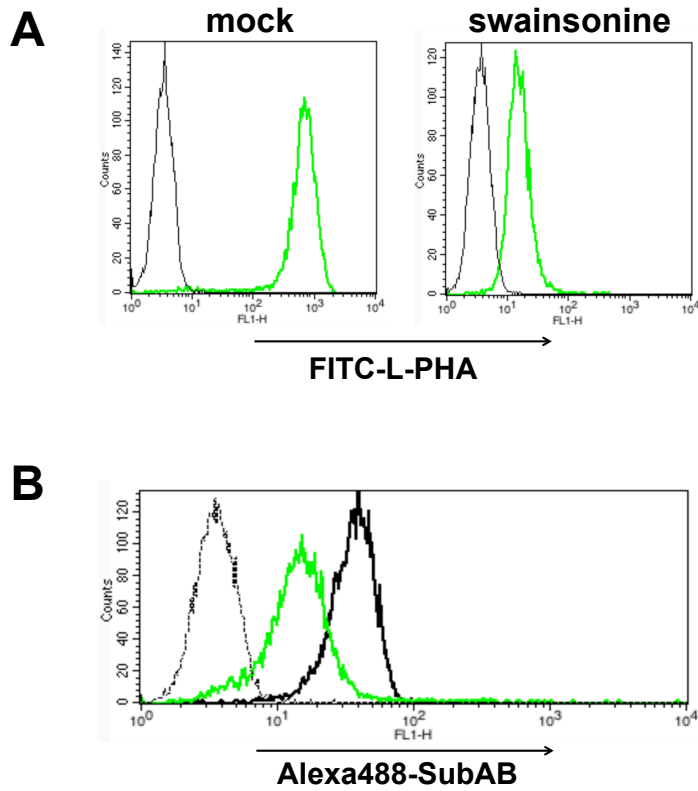


Figure S4. Effect of a Golgi Mannosidase Inhibitor on the Surface Binding of SubAB, Related to Figure 4.

HeLa cells were treated with 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ swainsonine or mock solution (DMSO) for 3 days. (A) Cells were stained with (yellow–green lines) or without (black lines) FITC-labeled L-PHA, which recognizes $\beta 1,6\text{GlcNAc}$ -branching N-glycans, and analyzed using FACS. (B) Mock-treated cells (black lines) and swainsonine-treated cells (yellow–green line) were stained with (bold lines) or without (dotted line) Alexa488-labeled SubAB, and analyzed using FACS.

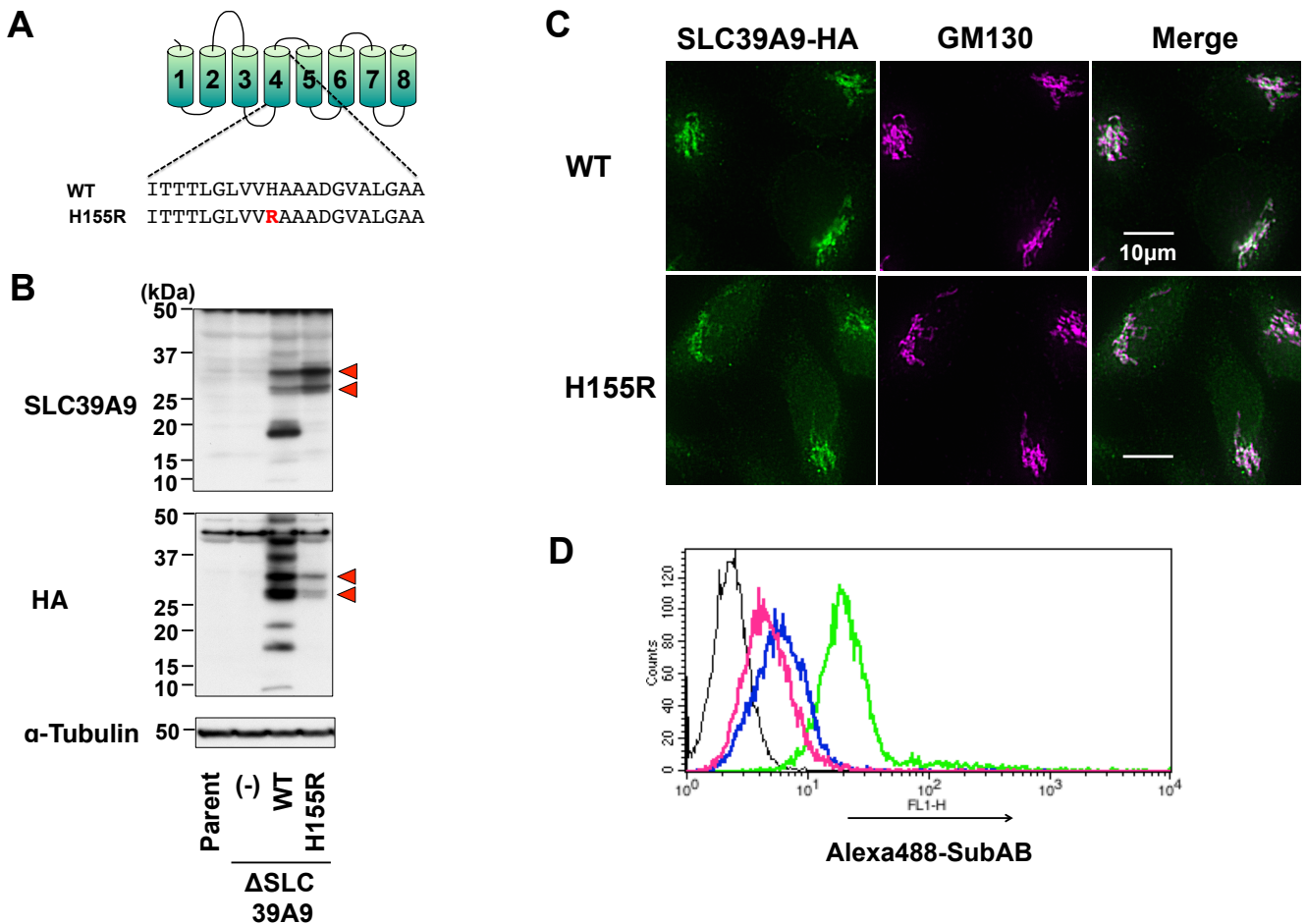


Figure S5. The 155th Histidine in SLC39A9 is Required for the Binding of SubAB to Cell Surfaces, Related to Figure 6.

(A) Replacement of His155 with Arg (H155R) in the 4th transmembrane domain in SLC39A9. (B) Expression of C-terminal HA-tagged wild-type and H155R mutated SLC39A9 in *SLC39A9* KO cells. The proteins were detected by immunoblots using anti-SLC39A9 and anti-HA. Arrowheads are indicative of SLC39A9 proteins with the expected size. (C) Intracellular localization of wild-type SLC39A9-HA and SLC39A9 H155R-HA. Δ SLC39A9/SLC39A9-HA and Δ SLC39A9/SLC39A9 H155R-HA cells were stained with anti-HA antibodies and anti-GM130 (Golgi marker). Scale bars = 10 μ m. (D) Surface binding of SubAB. Parent cells (yellow-green line), Δ SLC39A9 cells (blue line), Δ SLC39A9/SLC39A9 H155R-HA cells (magenta line) were stained with Alexa488-labeled SubAB (Alexa488-SubAB) and analyzed using FACS. The black line indicates no staining in Δ SLC39A9/SLC39A9 H155R-HA cells.

TRANSPARENT METHODS

Cell Culture, Antibodies, and Reagents

The HeLa-mCAT#8 clone, which expresses mouse cationic amino acid transporter 1 (which serves as the mouse ecotropic retroviral receptor) (Yamaji et al., 2010), and its KO mutants and transfectants were maintained in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 4.5 g/L glucose at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂ incubator. 293FT cells (Thermo Fisher, Rockford, USA) used for lentivirus production were maintained in DMEM containing 10% FBS with non-essential amino acids and sodium pyruvate. Plat-E cells (Morita et al., 2000) for retrovirus production were maintained in DMEM containing 10% FBS with 1 µg/ml puromycin and 10 µg/ml blasticidin-S.

Purchased antibodies (Abs) were as follows: rabbit anti-SLC39A9 Abs (#ab137205) and mouse anti-alpha Tubulin IgG (#ab7291) (Abcam, Cambridge, UK), rat anti-HA IgG (#H6533) and horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-rat anti-hemagglutinin (HA) tag IgG (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO), mouse anti-GM130 IgG (#610823) and mouse anti-BiP IgG (#610978) (BD Transduction Laboratories, San Diego, USA), rabbit anti-GAPDH Abs (GTX100118) (GeneTex, Irvine, USA), rabbit anti-L1CAM Abs (#eBio5G3) (Thermo Fisher), mouse anti-β1 integrin Abs (P5D2) (Santa Cruz BioTechnology, Dallas, USA), mouse anti-MET Abs (#3127) (Cell Signaling, Danvers, USA). Streptavidin-HRP (RPN1231) was purchased from GE Healthcare (Buckinghamshire, UK). FITC-conjugated L-PHA was purchased from J-oil mills (Tokyo, Japan). Alexa-conjugated secondary antibodies were purchased from Thermo Fisher.

3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazoyl-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) and puromycin were purchased from Sigma. Blasticidin-S was purchased from Kaken Pharmaceutical (Tokyo, Japan). Lipofectamine LTX reagent was purchased from Thermo Fisher. Polyethylenimine Max (PEI-Max) was purchased from Polysciences Inc (Warrington, USA). Swainsonine was purchased from Wako (Tokyo, Japan). The human Genome-scale CRISPR Knock-Out (GeCKO) v2.0 library in the lentiGuide-Puro plasmid (65,386 single-guide RNAs (sgRNAs) in library A and 58,031 sgRNAs in library B) and the lentiCas9-Blast plasmid (two vector lentiviral GeCKO system) were obtained from Addgene (Sanjana et al., 2014). Primers used in this study are described at the end of the "Methods".

Preparation of SubAB and Fluorescence-labeled SubAB

Recombinant His-tagged SubAB and catalytically inactive mutant SubA_{S272A}B were synthesized in *E. coli* BL21

(DE3) and purified under native conditions using Ni-nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA) agarose (QIAGEN, Venlo, Netherlands) chromatography (Morinaga et al., 2007). Purified SubAB was labeled with Alexa488 (Thermo Fisher) according to the manufacturer's instruction manual.

CRISPR Screen for SubAB Treatment

Four sgRNA-expressing HeLa cell libraries (A-1, A-2, B-1, and B-2) using GeCKO v2.0 library (Libraries A and B) were prepared and stored (Yamaji et al., 2019). 3×10^7 sgRNA-expressing cells from each cell library were plated 24 h prior to treatment with SubAB. Then, cells were washed with DMEM (containing no FBS) and treated with 7.5 ng/ml SubAB in DMEM for 24 h. The next day, cells were washed with DMEM containing 10% FBS and cultured in conventional conditions for 11 days. Surviving cells were then re-plated and treated with 10 ng/ml SubAB again in DMEM for 24 h. Five days after treatment, cells were trypsinized and frozen as cell pellets. For untreated controls, 1.2×10^7 sgRNA-expressing cells in each cell library were cultured for the same period as SubAB-treated cells with several passages, such that a minimum of 1.2×10^7 cells was present in each passage.

Genomic DNA Sequencing

Analysis of genome-integrated sgRNAs was performed as follows (Yamaji et al., 2019): genomic DNA from frozen cells was purified using the conventional phenol-chloroform method. Amplification of the genome-integrated sgRNA sequences by PCR was performed as follows, based on a previous method (Shalem et al., 2014). For the first PCR, 100 µg genomic DNA from untreated cells or SubAB-treated cells was used as a PCR template. For each sample (A-1, A-2, B-1, and B-2), nine separate 100 µl reactions were performed using PrimeStar GXL DNA polymerase (Takara, Otsu, Japan) and the following primers (9 forward primers and 1 reverse primer):

(Fw) 1stY1R1s0-8: CTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT (0-8 bp random sequence for increasing library complexity) TCTTGTGGAAAGGACGAAACACCG

(Rv) 1stY2as: GCCACTTTTTCAAGTTGATAACGGACTAG

Amplification was carried out over 20 cycles; 1 µl from each of the nine separate first PCR products was used as a template for the second round of PCR. For each sample, nine separate 20 µl PCR reactions were performed using the following primers:

(Fw) 2nd P5R1s: AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTC
TTCCGATCT

(Rv) 2nd P7Y2as: CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGAT (CC (A-1), or TT (A-2), or AA (B-1), or GG (B-2) as

barcodes for multiplexing of different samples) GCCACTTTTTCAAGTTGATAACGGACTAG

Illumina adaptor sequences (P5 and P7 respectively) are underlined, while the sequence primer site for MiSeq sequence analysis is indicated by bold font. Amplification was carried out over 10 cycles. The resulting nine amplicons in each sample were mixed and gel was extracted using SYBR Gold (Thermo Fisher). The extracted DNA was then quantified using a Quantus fluorometer (Promega, Madison, USA), as well as running an agarose gel with 100 bp quantifiable DNA Ladder (NEB, Ipswich, USA), and equal amounts of each sample (A-1, A-2, B-1, and B-2) were mixed. The DNA concentration of the mixture was adjusted for sequencing analysis. PhiX Control Kit v3 (Illumina San Diego, USA) was added to the sample at approximately 20% concentration. MiSeq Reagent Kit v3 (Illumina) was used for MiSeq sequencing (Illumina).

Data Processing and Analysis

Data processing and analysis was performed as follows (Yamaji et al., 2019): to perform demultiplexing of fastq sequence data, total raw read sequences were divided into each sample with barcode sequences of “AA”, “CC”, “GG”, and “TT”, using an in-house program. The adapter sequences were removed using a skewer program (version 0.1.126) (Jiang et al., 2014) with the following parameters: minimum read length = 10 mer, maximum read length = 30 mer, lowest mean quality value = 19 sanger quality score. To extract high-quality sgRNA sequences, sequences with a Phread quality score less than 20 were excluded using the "split_libraries_fastq.py" (version 1.9.1) function of the QIIME program (Caporaso et al., 2010). The number of sgRNA sequences was calculated with "sort" and "uniq" of the unix command program, followed by normalization with the following formula; normalized reads per sgRNA = reads per sgRNA / total reads for all sgRNAs in sample $\times 10^7$ (Data S1). Fold enrichment was calculated using the following formula: Fold enrichment = normalized reads in SubAB-treated sample / normalized reads in untreated sample. When the normalized reads in the untreated sample equaled 0, fold enrichment was calculated by setting 0 to 1. First, essential genes closely related to SubAB interactions were identified using the MAGeCK program (version 0.5.7) (Li et al., 2014) to analyze normalized sgRNA count data (Data S3). Using this program, 735 genes contained at least one significantly different sgRNA. For stricter selection of hit sgRNAs, the sgRNAs representing more than 1-fold enrichment in both independent cell libraries (A-1 and A-2, or B-1 and B-2) were selected as SubAB resistance sgRNA candidates (Data S2), and fold enrichment of these candidates was plotted on graphs (Figure 1A). Note that the selected sgRNAs were all statistically significantly enriched, which was demonstrated using the MAGeCK program (Data S1 and S2).

Synthesis of CRISPR Plasmids and Construction of CRISPR KO Cell Lines

The pSELECT-CRISPR-Cas9 plasmid (Ogawa et al., 2018, Yamaji et al. 2019) was cleaved with BsmBI, and a 20 mer guide sequence was ligated into the site. The sgRNA sequences used in this study are described at the end of the Method section. A CRISPR plasmid was mixed with X-tremeGENE HP (Roche Diagnostics) (1 µg of plasmid and 2 µl X-tremeGENE HP were mixed in 100 µl Opti-MEM), and the mixture was then added to HeLa-mCAT8 cells (1.5×10^5 cells/well in 12-well plates one day before transfection). The next day, cells were transferred to 6-well plates and cultured at 37°C with puromycin at 5 µg/ml for 3 days to exclude the untransfected cells. After 3 days, the culture medium was changed to puromycin-free medium, and the cells were subcultured for 3 days. CRISPR-treated HeLa cells were used for SubAB treatment, and the cell viability assay was conducted as described below (Figure 1B), harvested for indel analysis, or diluted to isolate gene-disrupted clones.

Indel Analysis

Indel analysis was performed as follows (Yamaji and Hanada, 2014): trypsinized cells were heated in TE buffer followed by vortexing, to use as a template for genomic PCR. PCR was performed with PrimeSTAR GXL, and blunt-end PCR products were directly sequenced or cloned with a Zero Blunt TOPO PCR Cloning Kit (Invitrogen) to use as a template for sequence analysis. Clones in which all alleles of the target gene had frameshift-causing mutations were selected as KO cells. In this study, KO cell clones of *MGAT1*, *CIGalT1*, both *CIGalT1* and *MGAT1*, *KDELR2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* were isolated.

SubAB Treatment and Cell Viability Assay

For SubAB treatment, cells ($5-10 \times 10^3$ cells/ml in 12- or 24-well plates) were cultured overnight at 37°C, and then incubated for 24 h with the indicated concentrations of SubAB in DMEM (no FBS). After washing, the cells were cultured in DMEM with 10% FBS for an additional four days. To assess cell viability, an MTT assay was performed as follows (Yamaji et al., 2010): cells were incubated with 0.25 mg/ml MTT in the culture medium for 2 h at 37°C in a CO₂ incubator. After removal of the MTT-containing medium, cells were lysed with 200–300 µl of 0.4 N HCl in isopropanol. The absorbance at 570 nm was measured using an Opsi microplate reader (Dynex Technologies, Chantilly, USA). Cell viability was expressed as a percentage of the value (OD₅₇₀) in the absence of SubAB.

RNA isolation, Reverse Transcription (RT) PCR, and Real-time PCR

Total RNA was isolated using TRIzol Reagent as per the manufacturer's instructions (Thermo Fisher). RT-PCR was

performed using ReverTra Ace qPCR RT Master Mix with gDNA Remover (ReverTra Ace, Toyobo, Japan) and 0.75 µg total RNA in 15 µl reaction mixture. For real-time PCR, a LightCycler 96 system with LightCycler-FastStart DNA master SYBR Green I kit (Roche) was used according to the manufacturer's protocol (Yamaji et al., 2010). GAPDH mRNA was used as an internal control. After normalizing with GAPDH, relative mRNA levels of C1GalT1 and MAN2A1 were expressed as a percentage of the value in parent cells.

Retroviral Infection and Preparation of Stable Transfectants

Human *KDEL2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* cDNAs were amplified by PCR (template: HeLa mCAT#8 cDNA), then amplified DNAs were digested with restriction enzymes and inserted into a retroviral plasmid, pMXs-IB. An HA-tag sequence was attached just before the STOP codon of *SLC39A9* cDNA. Preparation of retroviruses and infection of HeLa-mCAT#8-based cells was performed using the Plat-E system as follows (Morita et al., 2000, Yamaji et al., 2010): plasmids were transfected into Plat-E cells using Fugene 6 (Promega, Fitchburg, USA). The next day, the culture medium was changed and the cells were cultured for a further 24 h. The medium containing retroviruses was filtered using a 0.45 µm filter (Millipore) and stored at -80°C until use. The viral supernatant, mixed with 5 µg/ml polybrene, was added to the HeLa-mCAT#8-based cells and incubated at 37°C for 4 h. After viruses were removed, the cells were cultured for a further 24–48 h. Then, blasticidin-S (7.5 µg/ml) was added for selection. Established cells were as follows: Δ KDEL2/KDEL2, Δ JTB/JTB, and Δ SLC39A9/SLC39A9-HA.

Immunofluorescence Microscopy

Immunostaining was performed as follows (Kawano et al., 2006): cells were grown on a glass coverslip in a 6-well plate for 72 h. The cells were fixed with Mildform 10N (Wako) for 20 min at room temperature. After washing twice with PBS, the cells were sequentially incubated at room temperature with 0.1 M NH₄Cl in PBS for 20 min and with 0.1% Triton X-100 for 15 min. After washing twice with PBS, the cells were incubated with 3% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in PBS for 30 min. The cells were then incubated with rat anti-HA IgG and mouse anti-GM130 IgG for 1 h. After washing three times with PBS, the cells were incubated with Alexa488-conjugated anti-rat IgG and Alexa594-conjugated anti-rat IgG for 1 h. After washing three times with PBS, the coverslips were mounted on Fluoromount (Diagnostic Biosystems, Pleasanton, USA). The specimens were visualized using a wide-field fluorescence microscope, BZ-X700 (Keyence, Osaka, Japan), equipped with a Plan Apo VC 60x1.20 WI (water immersion) objective. A haze reduction function (condition 2), which applies a no-neighbor deconvolution algorithm to the captured image, was used to eliminate fluorescence blurring caused by scattered light and capture clear images

with high contrast.

Western Blot Analysis

For SLC39A9 detection, cells were scraped and sonicated in sonication buffer (10 mM Hepes/NaOH (pH 7.4) 1 mM EDTA, 0.25 M sucrose, and protease inhibitor cocktail) and subsequently mixed with Laemmli sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) sample buffer. Protein concentrations were determined using the Pierce BCA protein assay kit using BSA as a standard. Proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE, transferred to Immobilon-P PVDF membranes (Millipore, Darmstadt, Germany) using the wet transfer method, and probed with specified antibodies. Antigen signals were detected using SuperSignal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate (Thermo Fisher) or Chemi-Lumi One L (Nacalai, Kyoto, Japan) and exposed to an X-ray film.

Detection of BiP Cleavage Induced by SubAB

Cells ($2-3 \times 10^5$ /well) in a 48-well plate (Thermo Fisher) were cultured overnight in 300 μ l of EMEM containing 10% FBS. Cells were incubated with the indicated concentration of wild-type SubAB (wt) or catalytically inactive mutant SubAB (mt) for 12 h at 37°C. Cells were mixed with 100 μ l of SDS-sample buffer, and heated to 100°C for 10 min. Following SDS-PAGE, proteins were transferred to PVDF membranes, and probed with anti-BiP monoclonal antibodies or anti-GAPDH antibodies. Antigen signals were detected using EzWestLumiOne (ATTO, Tokyo, Japan) and visualized by LAS-1000 (Fuji Film).

Immunoprecipitation Analysis

Immunoprecipitation of SubAB binding proteins from HeLa cell surfaces was performed as follows (Yahiro et al., 2011): cells were harvested using TNE buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.15 M NaCl, and 1 mM EDTA) and then washed twice with cold PBS. Cell surface proteins were biotinylated with biotinamidohexanoic acid N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (Sigma). The biotinylated cells were lysed with Sol buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 100 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 1% Triton X-100, and protease inhibitor cocktail [Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany]). The lysates (100 μ g/200 μ l) were incubated at 4°C for 1 h with 1 μ g native SubAB (N) or heat-inactivated SubAB (HI), followed by incubation at 4°C overnight with 1 μ l rabbit anti-SubAB antibodies (Yahiro et al., 2006). The immune complexes were collected after being incubated at 4°C for 1.5 h with 20 μ l Protein G agarose (Thermo Fisher) 50% (v/v) in Sol buffer. Afterwards the beads were washed three times with Sol buffer.

The bound proteins were solubilized using 1× SDS-PAGE sample buffer. Following SDS-PAGE and transfer to a PVDF membrane, proteins were probed with HRP-streptavidin or the indicated antibodies.

FACS Analysis

Non-confluent cells were dissociated using Cell Dissociation Buffer (Thermo Fisher). Cells were washed with wash buffer (1% BSA in PBS) and incubated with Alexa488-SubAB or FITC-L-PHA in wash buffer for 45 min on ice. After washing with wash buffer once, cells were analyzed using a FACSCalibur analyzer (BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes, USA).

N-Glycan Preparation

Approximately 4×10^6 cells were cultured overnight at 37°C. The next day, cells were washed 5 times with cold PBS, and collected using a scraper. The pelleted cells were frozen until analysis. Pelleted cells were suspended in 100 µL of H₂O and homogenized using an Ultrasonic Homogenizer (TAITEC, Saitama, Japan). Ethanol (400 µL) was added to homogenized cells which were then placed in a freezer at -30°C for 16 h. The cellular pellet and supernatant fractions were separated by centrifugation, then the cellular pellet was dissolved in 100 µL of water and the protein concentration was measured using a BCA protein assay kit (Thermo Fisher). The pellet fraction containing 50 µg proteins was treated with tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (Sigma) and 2-iodoacetamide (Sigma) in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate containing 0.1% triton-X (Sigma). After reductive alkylation, proteins were digested with trypsin (Sigma) at 37°C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was heated to 90°C for 10 min to inactivate the trypsin. Deglycosylation was carried out by the addition of 2 U of PNGase F (Sigma).

Glycoblotting of N-Glycans

Cellular N-glycan analysis was subjected to a glycoblotting procedure as previously described (Fujitani et al., 2011). In brief, the PNGase digested sample (25 µg protein) containing internal standards of Neu5Ac2Gal2GlcNAc2 + Man3GlcNAc1 (A2GN1, 10 pmol) was captured on 5 mg BlotGlyco® beads (Sumitomo Bakelite Company Ltd. Tokyo, Japan). Unreacted hydrazide groups on beads were capped by acetylation with 10% acetic anhydride in methanol. To modify carboxy groups of sialylated glycan, methyl esterification was performed with 100 mM 3-methyl-1-p-tolyltriazene (TCI, Tokyo, Japan) in dioxane. Next, these methyl-esterified glycans were released and labeled with aoWR via transamination. Excess aoWR reagent was removed using a HILIC µElution plate (Waters, Milford, USA). Finally, the purified N-glycans were eluted with 1% acetic acid and 5% acetonitrile in water,

followed by MALDI-TOF MS analysis.

O-Glycan Preparation

Proteins equivalent to 100 µg were purified using an Amicon Ultra Centrifugal Filter unit (molecular-weight cutoff, 3 kDa) (Millipore, Burlington, USA). The purified proteins were subjected to a microwave-assisted β-elimination in the presence of pyrazolone analogues (BEP) reaction at 120°C for 2 h using a Monowave 300 microwave reactor (Anton Paar Japan, Tokyo, Japan). After the reaction, 20 pmol bis-PMP-labeled N, N', N'', N'''-tetraacetyl chitotetraose (GN4) was added as an external standard, and the mixture was neutralized with 1.0 M HCl. Chloroform was added to the reaction mixture which was then vigorously stirred, and the aqueous layer was recovered for removal of excess reagent. The aqueous layer containing PMP-labeled glycans was purified by passage through a graphitized carbon column and an Iatrobeds silica gel column, as previously described (Furukawa et al., 2015a).

Tandem MALDI-TOF MS Analysis

MALDI-TOF MS analysis was performed as previously described (Furukawa et al., 2015b). Briefly, all measurements were performed using an Ultraflex II TOF/TOF mass spectrometer equipped with a reflector and controlled by the FlexControl 3.0 software package (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany), according to general protocols. All spectra were obtained in the reflectron mode with an acceleration voltage of 25 kV, a reflector voltage of 26.3 kV, and a pulsed ion extraction of 160 ns in positive-ion mode. Absolute quantification was performed by comparative analyses between the areas of the MS signals derived from each N- and O-glycan and a known amount of the internal standards (A2GN1 and GN4).

Statistical Analysis

For multiple comparisons, the Student's *t*-test with Bonferroni was used. A *p*-value of < 0.017 (0.05 divided by 3) was considered to be statistically significant in three comparisons (Figures 2B and S2B [*MGAT1*, *CIGalT1*, and *CIGalT1* / *MGAT1* KO cells to the parent cells], Figure 3B [*KDELR2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells to the parent cells], and Figure 6B [*SLC39A9* KO cells to the parent cells, wild-type *SLC39A9*-expressing *SLC39A9* KO cells to *SLC39A9* KO cells, and H155R mutant-expressing *SLC39A9* KO cells to wild-type *SLC39A9*-expressing *SLC39A9* KO cells]). A *p*-value of < 0.0083 (0.05 divided by 6) was considered to be statistically significant in six comparisons (Figure 3A [*KDELR2*, *JTB*, and *SLC39A9* KO cells to the parent and the corresponding revertant cells]). In Figures 4 and 5, when the *p*-value produced by the *t*-test between parent cells (#1) and *SLC39A9* KO cells (#6), or *SLC39A9*

KO cells (#6) and its revertant cells (#7) was < 0.0083 (0.05 divided by 6, which means 6 comparisons including #2 to #1, #4 to #1, #6 to #1, #2 to #3, #4 to #5, #6 to #7), the difference was considered to be statistically significant. When the p -value was < 0.025 (0.05 divided by 2, which means 2 comparisons including #6 to #1 and #6 to #7), the difference was considered to be statistically significant. In Figure 1B, the Holm-Bonferroni sequential correction (Holm, 1979) was used for 11 comparisons (11 genes to the mock), with $p_i < 0.05 / (11-i+1)$. p_1 (the smallest p) < 0.0045 (0.05 divided by 11) and p_{11} (the largest p) < 0.05 (0.05 divided by 1).

Primers Used in this Study

Primers for indel analysis

hMGAT1s: CATCATCGTTAGCCAGGACTGCG
hMGAT1as: GGATAGGTGGCCCGAAAGTACT
hC1GalT1s: CCAGAATTTTTACTCCGGTTATGTATACAGC
hC1GalT1as: ATCATCTGAATGCCTTGCATGAGGATC
hKDELR2 5UTRs: ATCTCGCCATCTTCGCCGCTTC
hKDELR2 Ex1as: GAGCGCGTCTTCCAGATCTTC
hJTB 5UTRs: TGCAGAGTAAGTGCCGCCTC
hJTB Ex1as: CAGAGCTTTAAGGTGAAAGCACAGAG
hSLC39A9s: GCCACTGGAAATTTGTTGTCTAGTGGTTG
hSLC39A9as: CTAGGGAAGCAGCTTCCCTTTGC

Primers for constructing expression vectors (Underlined sequences are indicative of restriction enzyme cutting sites)

hKDELR2 Bam-ATGs: ACCGGATCCGCCATGAACATTTTCCGGCTG
hKDELR2 Xho-STOPas: ACCCTCGAGTATGCTGGCAAAGTGGAGCTTCTTCC
hJTB Bam-ATGs: ACCGGATCCTCCATGCTTGCGGGTGCC
hJTB Xho-STOPas: ACCCTCGAGCTATATGGACTCGATTTGCTTCCGG
hSLC39A9 Bam-ATGs: ACCGGATCCCAGAATGGATGATTTTCATCTCCATTAGCCTGC
hSLC39A9 Xho-ENDas: ACCCTCGAGATGCTGGTGTCTACTGACAGGATG
hSLC39A9 H155Rs: GGGTCTGGTTGTCCGTGCTGCAGCTGATGG (bold: mutation site)
hSLC39A9 H155Ras: CCATCAGCTGCAGCACGGACAACCAGACCC (bold: mutation site)

Primers for real-time PCR

C1GalT1 s1: GCAAGGCATTCAGATGATAATGGAC
C1GalT1 as1: CCAAGTAGCTTTGACGTGTTTGG
MAN2A1 s1: GAGACTCAGTCATCAATTTGAGTGAG
MAN2A1 as1: CAAACTCCACCATCTGGATTGTC

sgRNA Target Sequences

Figure 1B and Figures S2 and S3

MGAT1: AGATCGCGCGCCACTACCGC

C1GalT1: ATCCTATTGCTGATCCACAG

KDEL1: CTTGACCTCATCGCCATTG

KDEL2: AAGCCAGCTTCTGTTTGCAC

JTB: CCAAGCAGAGGCTCCCGTGC

SLC39A9: CTGGCAGTCATCGTGCCTGA

SLC35A1: TATAACTTCTGTGATACACA

UNC50: AATCTATGAGTACAACCCAA

COG4: TCTAGGGATTGCCCGCATTG

VPS54: TACTTGCTCCAGATCTGTCC

GET4: ACGAGGCGCACCAGATGTAC

Plasmids Constructed in this Study

pMXs-IB-KDEL2: cDNA (BamHI-XhoI), plasmid (BamHI-XhoI)

pMXs-IB-JTB: cDNA (BamHI-XhoI), plasmid (BamHI-XhoI)

pMXs-IB-SLC39A9-HA: cDNA (BamHI-XhoI), HA (XhoI-NotI), plasmid (BamHI-NotI)

pMXs-IB-SLC39A9-H155R-HA: cDNA (BamHI-XhoI), HA (XhoI-NotI), plasmid (BamHI-NotI)

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