Supplementary information

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Optimizing effector functions of monoclonal antibodies via tailored N-glycan engineering using a dual landing pad CHO targeted integration platform

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Supplementary table 1. List of primers for RT-PCR analysis.

Supplementary Figure S1. Samples are separated on two SDS-PAGE gels. Separated proteins in each gel were then transferred onto PVDF blotting membranes. Each membrane was then cut in two halves at 75kDa and 50kDa marker bands and immunoblotted with the respective antibodies. The upper halves were used to detected MANII and cGNTIII proteins, while the corresponding halves were used to detected loading control (GAPDH). (a) Uncropped image for figure 3C (ManII and cGNTIII panels). (b) Uncropped image for figure 3C (GAPDH panels). The dotted lines indicated where the images were cropped from the original blots and presented in the main figure 3C. The images' brightness and contrast were not adjusted, though the images were recoloured into grayscale and enlarged.

Confirmation of N-glycan structure identify

We utilized data from the $M_h + G_h$ sample as an illustrative example to demonstrate the process of determining the identity of each glycan structure. The same methodology was applied to the other samples. Hydrophilic interaction chromatography (HILIC)-Fluorescence-MS was employed for the separation of fluorescently labeled N-glycans, and parallel runs of external standards were conducted to facilitate retention time separation. The data obtained from HILIC-FLR was processed and analyzed using the UNIFI Biopharmaceutical software platform (version 1.8). The retention time of each chromatographic peak was converted into glucose units (GU) using a calibration curve established with an external standard of RapiFluor-MS labeled dextran glucose homopolymer ladder (Waters Corporation), utilizing a cubic spline fit¹. This approach ensured consistent GU values despite variations in retention time, enabling the matching of GU values with a database in UNIFI. The summarized table below presents the identified glycans in M_h + G_h , confirming that all GU values were within a range of $+/-0.3$ units.

Supplementary table 2. Summary table of each of the glycan structures found in M_h + G_h . * indicates isomer.

In our N-glycan identification, we enhanced sensitivity significantly by combining MS with HILIC-UPLC detection. This enabled us to determine both the mass of the glycans and the GU values in the HILIC layer. This UPLC-MS approach has previously demonstrated successful N-glycan detection in rituximab (2) and another approach where retention time and mass matching were utilized similar to this work (3). The observed mass of each glycan is presented in Table 2, with all glycan masses confirmed within 10 PPM.

Furthermore, the mass of glycan fragments can serve as confirmation of the structure. Hybrid structures were confirmed by a diagnostic ion with a mass of 1101.48, corresponding to a bisecting structure fragment (Supplementary Figure 2A), while a mass of 773.81 corresponding to an M5 fragment was identified (Supplementary Figure 2A). This information is indicated in Table 2, where we specify that the fragments were detected for these structures.

Finally, human serum IgG was run in the same batch as the samples. Supplementary Figure 2B displays stacked chromatograms of the Mh + Gh sample and Human serum IgG. It is noteworthy that the GU values and observed mass for two of the bisecting structures, $F(6)A2BG(4)1$ and $F(6)A2BG(4)1$, match in both the Mh + Gh sample and Human serum IgG (Supplementary Figure 2B). This confirmation allows us to establish the identity of these two structures.

F(6)A2B and F(6)A2BG(4)1 structures are also found in human serum IgG

Supplementary Figure S2. (A) Bisecting and Mannose fragments identified for further confirmation (B) Human serum IgG overlay of chromatograms to identify bisecting fucosylated N-glycans.

Supplementary Table 3. Structure of complex and hybrid N-glycans for the summarize Oxford notation text format in Supplementary Table 2. The corresponding Symbol Nomenclature for Glycans (SNFG) for each oxford text format is SNFG is described in detail in the previous study⁴.

Complex N-glycans Hybrid N-glycans

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