

Supplementary Table 1. Variation in amide HN chemical shifts with pH for selected oligosaccharides.

Chemical shifts of high- and low-field components of each couplet are given, with their mean in bold  
 These data were fit to generate the  $pK_a$  values shown in Table 1.

A. Titration of  $HA_3^{NN}$

pH	6.03	5.48	4.94	4.56	4.15	3.79	3.35	2.84	2.46	2.06	1.77	1.43
$\beta$ HN	8.278	8.279	8.278	8.278	8.278	8.277	8.274	8.268	8.265	8.261	8.261	8.263
	8.265	8.265	8.265	8.264	8.265	8.263	8.261	8.255	8.251	8.248	8.247	8.250
ppm	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.271</b>	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.270</b>	<b>8.268</b>	<b>8.262</b>	<b>8.258</b>	<b>8.255</b>	<b>8.254</b>	<b>8.257</b>
$\alpha$ HN	8.194	8.195	8.194	8.194	8.194	8.193	8.191	8.187	8.184	8.182	8.182	8.184
	8.182	8.182	8.181	8.181	8.181	8.180	8.179	8.174	8.172	8.169	8.169	8.171
ppm	<b>8.188</b>	<b>8.189</b>	<b>8.188</b>	<b>8.188</b>	<b>8.188</b>	<b>8.187</b>	<b>8.185</b>	<b>8.181</b>	<b>8.178</b>	<b>8.176</b>	<b>8.176</b>	<b>8.178</b>
$\omega$ HN	7.955	7.956	7.957	7.958	7.963	7.970	7.989	8.026	8.050	8.076	8.087	8.095
	7.942	7.943	7.943	7.945	7.949	7.957	7.976	8.013	8.037	8.063	8.074	8.082
ppm	<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.950</b>	<b>7.950</b>	<b>7.952</b>	<b>7.956</b>	<b>7.964</b>	<b>7.983</b>	<b>8.020</b>	<b>8.044</b>	<b>8.070</b>	<b>8.081</b>	<b>8.089</b>

B. Titration of  $\Delta 4,5-HA_4$

pH	6.03	4.98	4.46	4.08	3.78	3.43	3.04	2.64	2.19	1.82	1.43
$\beta$ HN	8.279	8.279	8.278	8.277	8.276	8.273	8.27	8.265	8.261	8.262	8.262
	8.265	8.265	8.265	8.264	8.262	8.26	8.256	8.252	8.248	8.248	8.248
ppm	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.2715</b>	<b>8.2705</b>	<b>8.269</b>	<b>8.2665</b>	<b>8.263</b>	<b>8.2585</b>	<b>8.2545</b>	<b>8.255</b>	<b>8.255</b>
$\alpha$ HN	8.199	8.199	8.198	8.197	8.195	8.193	8.19	8.186	8.183	8.182	8.182
	8.186	8.186	8.185	8.184	8.182	8.18	8.177	8.173	8.17	8.169	8.169
ppm	<b>8.1925</b>	<b>8.1925</b>	<b>8.1915</b>	<b>8.1905</b>	<b>8.1885</b>	<b>8.1865</b>	<b>8.1835</b>	<b>8.1795</b>	<b>8.1765</b>	<b>8.1755</b>	<b>8.1755</b>
$\omega$ HN	8.147	8.148	8.151	8.156	8.164	8.179	8.199	8.227	8.252	8.266	8.272
	8.134	8.135	8.138	8.143	8.15	8.166	8.186	8.213	8.239	8.252	8.259
ppm	<b>8.1405</b>	<b>8.1415</b>	<b>8.1445</b>	<b>8.1495</b>	<b>8.157</b>	<b>8.1725</b>	<b>8.1925</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>8.2455</b>	<b>8.259</b>	<b>8.2655</b>
vinyllic $^1H$	5.849	5.854	5.867	5.89	5.922	5.98	6.049	6.125	6.183	6.212	6.224

C. Titration of unlabelled  $HA_4$

pH	6.06	5.60	5.21	4.85	4.51	4.14	3.78	3.48	3.08	2.73	2.41	2.10	1.76	1.40
$\beta$ HN	8.279	8.279	8.279	8.279	8.278	8.278	8.275	8.274	8.270	8.265	8.262	8.260	8.260	8.261
	8.265	8.266	8.266	8.265	8.265	8.264	8.261	8.260	8.256	8.251	8.249	8.247	8.246	8.248
ppm	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.273</b>	<b>8.273</b>	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.272</b>	<b>8.271</b>	<b>8.268</b>	<b>8.267</b>	<b>8.263</b>	<b>8.258</b>	<b>8.256</b>	<b>8.254</b>	<b>8.253</b>	<b>8.255</b>
$\alpha$ HN	8.198	8.199	8.199	8.198	8.199	8.198	8.195	8.193	8.189	8.185	8.182	8.181	8.180	8.181
	8.185	8.186	8.186	8.185	8.186	8.185	8.182	8.180	8.176	8.172	8.170	8.168	8.168	8.168
ppm	<b>8.192</b>	<b>8.193</b>	<b>8.193</b>	<b>8.192</b>	<b>8.193</b>	<b>8.192</b>	<b>8.189</b>	<b>8.187</b>	<b>8.183</b>	<b>8.179</b>	<b>8.176</b>	<b>8.175</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.175</b>
$\omega$ HN	8.063	8.064	8.064	8.064	8.067	8.071	8.078	8.088	8.106	8.124	8.143	8.157	8.168	8.175
	8.049	8.050	8.050	8.051	8.053	8.058	8.064	8.074	8.093	8.111	8.129	8.144	8.154	8.161
ppm	<b>8.056</b>	<b>8.057</b>	<b>8.057</b>	<b>8.058</b>	<b>8.060</b>	<b>8.065</b>	<b>8.071</b>	<b>8.081</b>	<b>8.100</b>	<b>8.118</b>	<b>8.136</b>	<b>8.151</b>	<b>8.161</b>	<b>8.168</b>

D. Titration of  $^{15}N-HA_4$

pH	6.11	5.05	4.42	4.06	3.66	3.26	2.97	2.65	2.32	1.92	1.67	1.4
$\beta$ HN	8.274	8.273	8.272	8.272	8.269	8.266	8.263	8.260	8.256	8.254	8.253	8.252
	8.261	8.260	8.259	8.259	8.256	8.253	8.250	8.247	8.243	8.241	8.240	8.239
ppm	<b>8.268</b>	<b>8.267</b>	<b>8.266</b>	<b>8.266</b>	<b>8.263</b>	<b>8.260</b>	<b>8.257</b>	<b>8.254</b>	<b>8.250</b>	<b>8.248</b>	<b>8.247</b>	<b>8.246</b>
$^{15}N$ ppm	<b>122.078</b>	<b>122.074</b>	<b>122.064</b>	<b>122.048</b>	<b>122.017</b>	<b>121.958</b>	<b>121.891</b>	<b>121.840</b>	<b>121.786</b>	<b>121.754</b>	<b>121.752</b>	<b>121.765</b>
$\alpha$ HN	8.194	8.193	8.192	8.192	8.189	8.186	8.183	8.180	8.176	8.174	8.174	8.172
	8.181	8.180	8.179	8.179	8.176	8.173	8.170	8.167	8.164	8.162	8.161	8.159
ppm	<b>8.188</b>	<b>8.187</b>	<b>8.186</b>	<b>8.186</b>	<b>8.183</b>	<b>8.180</b>	<b>8.177</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.170</b>	<b>8.168</b>	<b>8.168</b>	<b>8.166</b>
$^{15}N$ ppm	<b>122.945</b>	<b>122.941</b>	<b>122.934</b>	<b>122.922</b>	<b>122.899</b>	<b>122.858</b>	<b>122.815</b>	<b>122.781</b>	<b>122.749</b>	<b>122.730</b>	<b>122.728</b>	<b>122.738</b>
$\omega$ HN	8.059	8.059	8.062	8.067	8.076	8.093	8.114	8.130	8.146	8.159	8.164	8.166
	8.046	8.046	8.049	8.054	8.062	8.080	8.100	8.117	8.133	8.146	8.151	8.152
ppm	<b>8.053</b>	<b>8.053</b>	<b>8.056</b>	<b>8.061</b>	<b>8.069</b>	<b>8.087</b>	<b>8.107</b>	<b>8.124</b>	<b>8.140</b>	<b>8.153</b>	<b>8.158</b>	<b>8.159</b>
$^{15}N$ ppm	<b>122.145</b>	<b>122.136</b>	<b>122.112</b>	<b>122.072</b>	<b>122.001</b>	<b>121.867</b>	<b>121.718</b>	<b>121.604</b>	<b>121.486</b>	<b>121.403</b>	<b>121.379</b>	<b>121.377</b>
$\beta$ HN	8.059	8.059	8.062	8.066	8.073	8.088	8.108	8.125	8.142	8.157	8.163	8.164
	8.046	8.046	8.049	8.053	8.059	8.075	8.095	8.112	8.129	8.144	8.149	8.152
ppm	<b>8.053</b>	<b>8.053</b>	<b>8.056</b>	<b>8.060</b>	<b>8.066</b>	<b>8.082</b>	<b>8.102</b>	<b>8.119</b>	<b>8.136</b>	<b>8.151</b>	<b>8.156</b>	<b>8.158</b>
$^{15}N$ ppm	<b>122.145</b>	<b>122.136</b>	<b>122.112</b>	<b>122.08</b>	<b>122.013</b>	<b>121.885</b>	<b>121.742</b>	<b>121.63</b>	<b>121.511</b>	<b>121.422</b>	<b>121.397</b>	<b>121.393</b>

E. Titration of  $^{15}\text{N}$ -HA<sub>6</sub>

pH	<b>6.11</b>	<b>4.98</b>	<b>4.41</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>2.21</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>1.42</b>
$\beta$ HN	8.275	8.275	8.274	8.272	8.269	8.266	8.262	8.257	8.254	8.254	8.255
	8.262	8.262	8.261	8.259	8.256	8.253	8.248	8.244	8.242	8.241	8.242
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.269</b>	<b>8.269</b>	<b>8.268</b>	<b>8.266</b>	<b>8.263</b>	<b>8.260</b>	<b>8.255</b>	<b>8.251</b>	<b>8.248</b>	<b>8.248</b>	<b>8.249</b>
$^{15}\text{N}$ ppm	<b>122.093</b>	<b>122.093</b>	<b>122.074</b>	<b>122.046</b>	<b>121.994</b>	<b>121.951</b>	<b>121.887</b>	<b>121.820</b>	<b>121.772</b>	<b>121.750</b>	<b>121.762</b>
$\alpha$ HN	8.196	8.196	8.195	8.193	8.190	8.187	8.182	8.178	8.176	8.175	8.175
	8.184	8.184	8.183	8.180	8.177	8.174	8.170	8.165	8.163	8.162	8.162
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.190</b>	<b>8.190</b>	<b>8.189</b>	<b>8.187</b>	<b>8.184</b>	<b>8.181</b>	<b>8.176</b>	<b>8.172</b>	<b>8.170</b>	<b>8.169</b>	<b>8.169</b>
$^{15}\text{N}$ ppm	<b>122.956</b>	<b>122.950</b>	<b>122.941</b>	<b>122.920</b>	<b>122.884</b>	<b>122.855</b>	<b>122.811</b>	<b>122.769</b>	<b>122.741</b>	<b>122.728</b>	<b>122.740</b>
$\omega$ HN	8.048	8.050	8.055	8.063	8.078	8.090	8.108	8.127	8.145	8.159	8.167
	8.035	8.037	8.042	8.050	8.066	8.078	8.095	8.114	8.132	8.145	8.155
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.042</b>	<b>8.044</b>	<b>8.049</b>	<b>8.057</b>	<b>8.072</b>	<b>8.084</b>	<b>8.102</b>	<b>8.121</b>	<b>8.139</b>	<b>8.152</b>	<b>8.161</b>
$^{15}\text{N}$ ppm	<b>122.109</b>	<b>122.095</b>	<b>122.066</b>	<b>122.009</b>	<b>121.908</b>	<b>121.824</b>	<b>121.699</b>	<b>121.569</b>	<b>121.470</b>	<b>121.406</b>	<b>121.384</b>
$\gamma^{\text{H}}$ HN	8.057	8.058	8.062	8.068	8.080	8.092	8.109	8.128	8.144	8.155	8.162
	8.044	8.045	8.048	8.054	8.067	8.078	8.096	8.115	8.131	8.143	8.149
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.051</b>	<b>8.052</b>	<b>8.055</b>	<b>8.061</b>	<b>8.074</b>	<b>8.085</b>	<b>8.103</b>	<b>8.122</b>	<b>8.138</b>	<b>8.149</b>	<b>8.156</b>
$^{15}\text{N}$ ppm	<b>122.000</b>	<b>121.989</b>	<b>121.966</b>	<b>121.919</b>	<b>121.830</b>	<b>121.754</b>	<b>121.637</b>	<b>121.510</b>	<b>121.405</b>	<b>121.339</b>	<b>121.317</b>
$\gamma^{\text{B}}$ HN	8.057	8.058	8.062	8.065	8.076	8.086	8.103	8.124	8.141	8.153	8.162
	8.044	8.045	8.048	8.051	8.063	8.073	8.090	8.110	8.127	8.140	8.148
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.051</b>	<b>8.052</b>	<b>8.055</b>	<b>8.058</b>	<b>8.070</b>	<b>8.080</b>	<b>8.097</b>	<b>8.117</b>	<b>8.134</b>	<b>8.147</b>	<b>8.155</b>
$^{15}\text{N}$ ppm	<b>122.000</b>	<b>121.989</b>	<b>121.966</b>	<b>121.928</b>	<b>121.844</b>	<b>121.773</b>	<b>121.661</b>	<b>121.535</b>	<b>121.429</b>	<b>121.357</b>	<b>121.332</b>

F. Titration of GlcNAc

pH	<b>6.10</b>	<b>5.99</b>	<b>4.98</b>	<b>3.99</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>1.41</b>
$\beta$ HN	8.180	8.180	8.180	8.180	8.180	8.181	8.184
	8.167	8.167	8.167	8.167	8.167	8.168	8.172
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.174</b>	<b>8.175</b>	<b>8.178</b>
$\alpha$ HN	8.079	8.079	8.079	8.079	8.079	8.080	8.082
	8.067	8.067	8.067	8.067	8.067	8.068	8.071
<b>ppm</b>	<b>8.073</b>	<b>8.073</b>	<b>8.073</b>	<b>8.073</b>	<b>8.073</b>	<b>8.074</b>	<b>8.077</b>



*A (cont). Chemical shifts (ppm) and temperature coefficients at pH 6.0*

	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN
HA <sub>0.5-1.5M</sub>	9.98	4.916	-	-	8.139
	24.41	4.761	-	-	8.042
	35.04	4.650	-	-	7.970
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.6</b>			<b>-6.7</b>
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN
HA <sub>0.5-1.5M</sub> + NaCl	9.98	4.908	-	-	8.138
	24.41	4.757	-	-	8.035
	35.04	4.645	-	-	7.965
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.5</b>			<b>-6.9</b>

*B. Chemical shifts (ppm) and temperature coefficients at pH 1.4*

	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN			
GlcNAc	9.98	4.948	8.293	8.207		123.307	124.072			
	24.41	4.792	8.181	8.078		123.047	123.772			
	35.04	4.680	8.100	7.987		122.846	123.550			
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-8.8</b>		<b>-18.4</b>	<b>-20.8</b>			
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN					
HA <sub>3</sub> <sup>NN</sup>	9.98	4.939	8.368	8.311	8.214					
	24.41	4.773	8.257	8.178	8.089					
	35.04	4.671	8.176	8.083	7.998					
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-8.6</b>					
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN		
HA <sub>4</sub>	9.98	4.929	8.360	8.301	8.281	122.007	123.035	121.724		
	24.41	4.772	8.250	8.170	8.163	121.769	122.742	121.381		
	35.04	4.666	8.169	8.075	8.077	121.585	122.530	121.131		
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>-20.2</b>	<b>-23.7</b>		
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN					
HA <sub>4</sub> + NaCl	9.98	4.920	8.363	8.301	8.282					
	24.41									
	35.04	4.659	8.177	8.081	8.081					
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>-8.0</b>					
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	vinyllic				
$\Delta 4,5$ -HA4	9.98	4.935	8.367	8.308	8.383	6.232				
	24.41	4.771	8.255	8.178	8.266	6.224				
	35.04	4.670	8.180	8.082	8.181	6.219				
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>-5.2</b>				
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\gamma^{\alpha}$ HN	$\gamma\beta$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\gamma^{\alpha}$ HN	$\gamma\beta$ HN	$\omega$ HN		
HA <sub>5</sub> <sup>AA</sup>	9.98	4.925	8.278	8.282	8.285	121.588	121.657	121.776		
	24.41	4.764	8.155	8.157	8.162	121.243	121.311	121.427		
	35.04	4.658	8.071	8.073	8.078	121.000	121.068	121.182		
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>-23.7</b>		
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\gamma$ HN	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\gamma$ HN
HA <sub>6</sub>	9.98	4.928	8.360	8.301	8.279	8.276	122.002	123.033	121.727	121.650
	24.41	4.763	8.248	8.170	8.162	8.156	121.765	122.741	121.384	121.319
	35.04	4.663	8.169	8.075	8.075	8.070	121.584	122.531	121.139	121.076
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>-22.9</b>
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\gamma$ HN/ $\psi$ HN	$\beta$ HN	$\alpha$ HN	$\omega$ HN	$\gamma$ HN/ $\psi$ HN
HA <sub>6</sub>	9.98	4.928	8.361	8.302	8.280	8.275	122.000	123.034	121.727	121.657
	24.41	4.770	8.249	8.169	8.161	8.155	121.763	122.741	121.386	121.327
	35.04	4.661	8.168	8.075	8.074	8.068	121.579	122.529	121.136	121.082
	$\Delta\delta/\Delta T$	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>-20.2</b>	<b>-23.6</b>	<b>-22.9</b>

*B (cont). Chemical shifts (ppm) and temperature coefficients at pH 1.4*

	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	βHN	αHN	ωHN						
HA <sub>40</sub>	9.98										
	24.41	4.777	8.254	8.181	8.159						
	35.04	4.666	8.175	8.086	8.073						
	Δδ/ΔT	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-8.1</b>						
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	βHN	αHN	ωHN						
HA <sub>40</sub> + NaCl	9.98										
	24.41	4.764	8.253	-	8.153						
	35.04	4.654	8.175	-	8.068						
	Δδ/ΔT	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-7.3</b>		<b>-8.0</b>						
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	βHN	αHN	ωHN						
HA <sub>0.5-1.5M</sub>	9.98		-	-							
	24.41	4.778	-	-	8.157						
	35.04	4.667	-	-	8.071						
	Δδ/ΔT	<b>-10.4</b>			<b>-8.1</b>						
	T/K	H <sub>2</sub> O	βHN	αHN	ωHN						
HA <sub>0.5-1.5M</sub> + NaCl	9.98	4.915	-	-	8.266						
	24.41	4.761	-	-	8.150						
	35.04	4.652	-	-	8.067						
	Δδ/ΔT	<b>-10.5</b>			<b>-7.9</b>						