

# **In-Depth Characterization of *N*-Linked Oligosaccharides Using Fluoride-Mediated Negative Ion Microfluidic Chip LC-MS**

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

## **Experimental Details:**

### ***Chemicals and reagents***

1,3- $\beta$ -Laminarihexaose and 1,4- $\beta$ -D-cellohexaose were purchased from Megazyme (Bray, Ireland). Galactosylated triantennary (NA3) was purchased from Prozyme (Hayward, CA). The dextran ladder and malto-oligosaccharides, Dp3-7, and all other reagents, including the murine polyclonal antibody, were from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO). Standard *N*-glycans were purchased from Prozyme (Hayward, CA), and peptide-*N*-glycosidase F (PNGase F) was from New England Biolabs (Ipswich, MA). LC-MS grade water was obtained from JT Baker (Phillipsburg, NJ) and LC-MS grade acetonitrile from Thermo Fisher Scientific (Fairlawn, NJ). Phytips, packed with 5  $\mu$ L PGC, were a generous gift from PhyNexus (San Jose, CA). Microfluidic chips packed with PGC or for direct infusion were purchased from Agilent Technologies (Waldbronn, Germany).

### ***Reduction of oligasaccharides***

Maltoheptaose (Dp6) or galactosylated triantennary (NA3) was dissolved in 0.1 M sodium borohydride and incubated at 65°C for 1 hour, followed by quenching of the reaction *via* gradual addition of acetic acid. The sample was then purified using PGC packed microextraction Phytips, washed extensively with water, and subsequently eluted with 40% v/v aqueous acetonitrile containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid.

### ***Purification of polyclonal human and mouse IgG and N-glycan release***

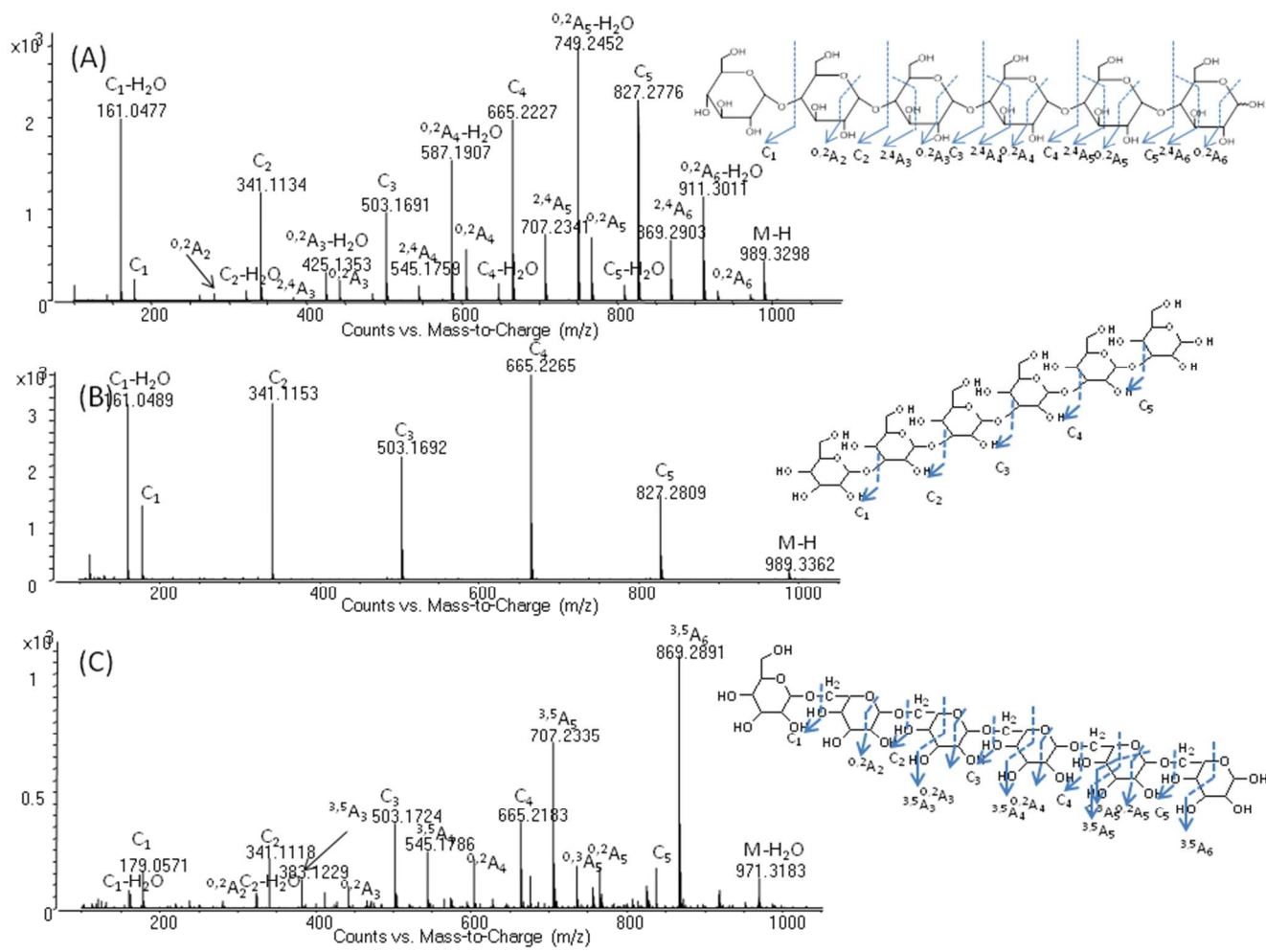
Polyclonal IgG from human and murine serum (Sigma) were purified by Protein G enrichment in a microplate format (Pierce, Rockford, IL). Following elution and buffer exchange into sodium bicarbonate, pH 7.0, the glycans were enzymatically liberated by PNGase F, using an enzyme to

protein ratio of 1:10 (v/v) at 37°C overnight. Following incubation, the *N*-glycans were collected *via* centrifugation through a 10 kDa molecular weight cut-off filter, reduced to dryness *via* vacuum centrifugation and treated with 1% v/v formic acid to promote conversion of the reducing terminal glycosylamine to the corresponding reducing sugar.

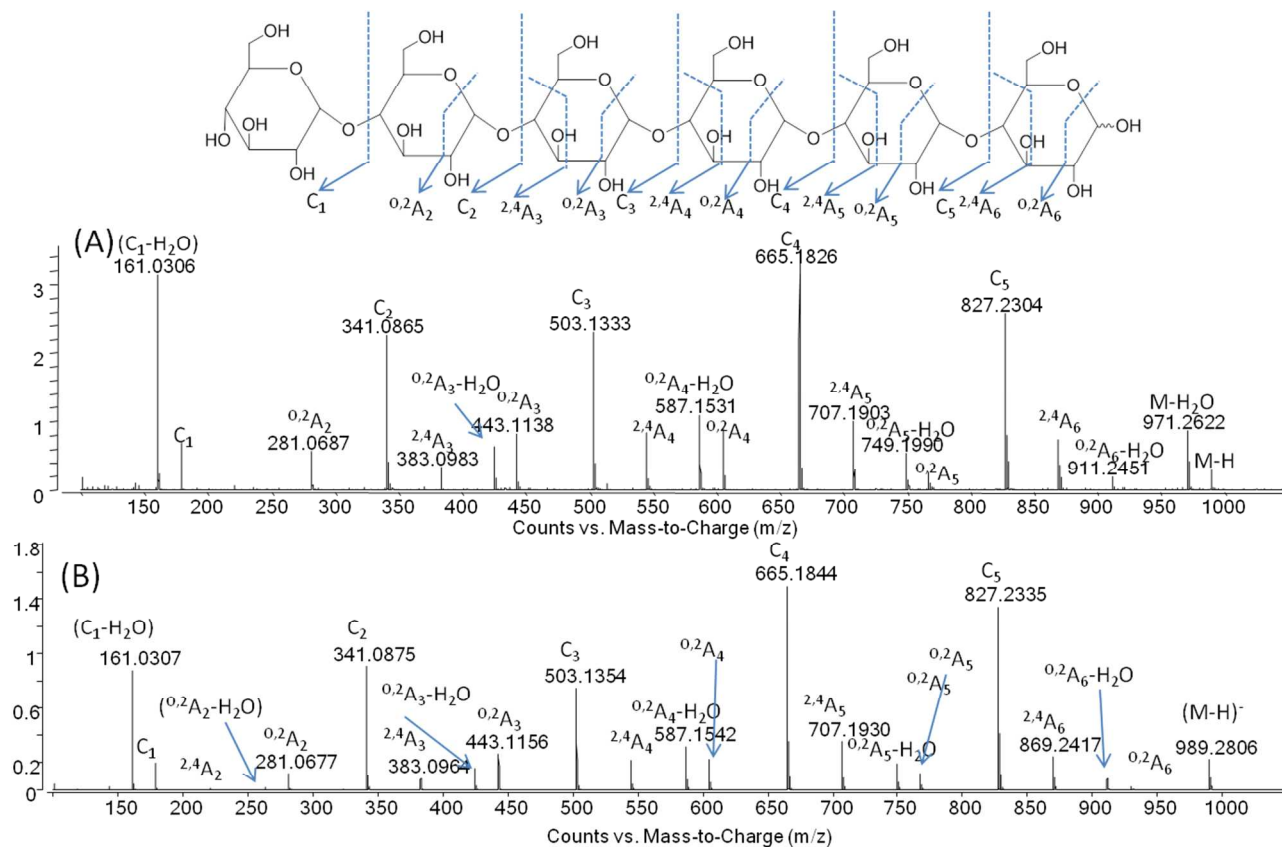
### ***Data analysis and spectral interpretation***

Data analysis was performed on the Agilent MassHunter software B.02.00. Peaks were obtained using extracted ion chromatograms (EIC) generated with a 50 ppm mass accuracy window. The theoretical fragments from each oligosaccharide were automatically calculated by GlycoWorkBench Version 2.1 (Build 132) <sup>1</sup>. For automated annotation, MS/MS spectra were exported from MassHunter as Mascot generic format (.mgf). Mgf files were then loaded into Glycoworkbench as a peak list. Annotation of MS/MS spectra was performed using a combination of automatic searching with GlycoWorkBench in conjunction with manual verification. Annotation of fragment ions was as previously described by Domon and Costello <sup>2</sup>.

**Fig. SI-1:** Annotated ESI negative ion CID-MS/MS analysis of  $[M-H]^-$  ions of infused (A) cellohexasae (glucose- $\beta$ -1-4-glucose), (B) laminarihexasae (glucose- $\beta$ -1-3-glucose) and (C) glucose- $\alpha$ -1,6-glucose hexamer. The collision energy was set at 35 V. Additional details in the Experimental Section of the paper.



**Fig. SI-2:** Annotated ESI negative ion CID-MS/MS analysis of infused Dp6: (A)  $[2M-H+F]^{2-}$  ion, and (B)  $[M+F]$  ion. The collision energy was set at 35 V. Additional details in the Experimental Section of the paper.



**Table SI-1:** N-linked oligosaccharides identified by fluoride-mediated negative ion chip-LC-MS/MS in the human polyclonal IgG oligosaccharide pool.

Glycans	Theoretical m/z <sup>a</sup>	Observed m/z <sup>a</sup>	Retention time (min) <sup>b</sup>
FA2	730.2649	730.2677	17.6, 18.9
A2G[6]1	738.2624	738.2668	16.2, 16.6
FA2G[6]1 FA2G[3]1	811.2914	811.2956	18.3, 19.6, 19.0, 20.3
A2G2	819.2888	819.2951	17.2 <sup>c</sup>
FA2G2	892.3178	892.3225	19.0, 20.2
FA2BG2	993.8575	993.8601	16.4, 17.0
FA2G2S1	1037.8655	1037.8697	20.1, 21.2
FA2BG2S1	1139.4052	1139.4047	18.2, 18.4
FA2G1S1	956.8391	956.8428	19.6, 20.8
FA2BG1S1	1058.3787	1058.3720	17.8 <sup>c</sup>
FA2G2S2	1183.4132	1183.4143	20.8, 21.6
FA2BG2S2	1284.9529	1284.9534	18.8, 19.2

a: The charge in each case was -2.

b: The two retention times represent the anomers.

c: Anomer separation was not observed.

**Table SI-2:** N-linked oligosaccharides identified by fluoride-mediated negative ion chip-LC-MS/MS in the murine polyclonal IgG oligosaccharide pool.

Glycans	Theoretical m/z <sup>a</sup>	Observed m/z <sup>a</sup>	Retention time (min) <sup>b</sup>
FA2G[3]1S(Neu5Gc)1	964.8635	964.8633	19.1, 19.6
FA2G2Gal [6]1	973.3442	973.3735	20.7, 21.5
FA2G2S[6]1 (Neu5Gc)	1045.8629	1045.8921	20.1, 21.3
FA2G2S[3]1 (Neu5Gc)	1045.8629	1055.8898	23.8 <sup>c</sup>
FA1G[3]1S1 (Neu5Gc)	863.2968	863.3217	19.7, 21.1
FA2G2S1	1037.8655	1037.8898	20.1, 21.4
FA2G2S2 (Neu5Gc)	1199.4081	1199.4412	20.7, 22.0
FA2G2S2	1183.4132	1183.4475	21.1, 22.2
FA2	730.2649	730.2851	17.5, 18.8
FA2G[6]1, FA2G[3]1	811.2914	811.3140	18.1, 19.4
FA2G2	892.3178	892.3423	18.9, 20.2
FA2G2Gal2	1054.3706	1054.3965	22.8 <sup>c</sup>
FA2G2Gal[6]1S[3]1 (Neu5Gc)	1126.8893	1126.8860	21.3, 22.4

a: The charge in each case was -2.

b: The two retention times represent the anomers.

c: Anomer separation was not observed.

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