

**Supplementary Table S1 O-polysaccharide structures of 31 *S. flexneri* strains tested**

Strain (serotype)	O-polysaccharide structure	Reference
51571 (1a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3/4 OAc $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	24
G1661 (1a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3/4 $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	22
51572 (1b)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3/4 OAc   2 $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	24
G1662 (1b)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3/4   2 $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	22
X6 (1c)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$ $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	24
HN153 (1d)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$ ↑ 3 $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	33
51250 (2a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3/4   4   6 OAc $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$ ~65% OAc	24
G1663 (2a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3/4   4   6 ~65% OAc $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$ ~60% OAc	22
51251 (2b)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$ ↑ 3 $\uparrow 4$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$ $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	this work
51575 (3a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$ ↑ 3   2   6 OAc $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$ ~70% OAc	24
G1665 (3a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$ ↑ 3   2   6 OAc $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$ ~40% OAc	2
G1666 (3b)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   2 OAc $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	2
NCTC 9725 (4a)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$ ↑ 6 $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	17
G1668 (4av)	$\rightarrow 2\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{III}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{II}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-L-Rhap}^{\text{I}}\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-D-GlcpNAc}\text{-}(1\rightarrow$   3 $\uparrow 6$ PEtN $\alpha\text{-D-Glcp}$	19

