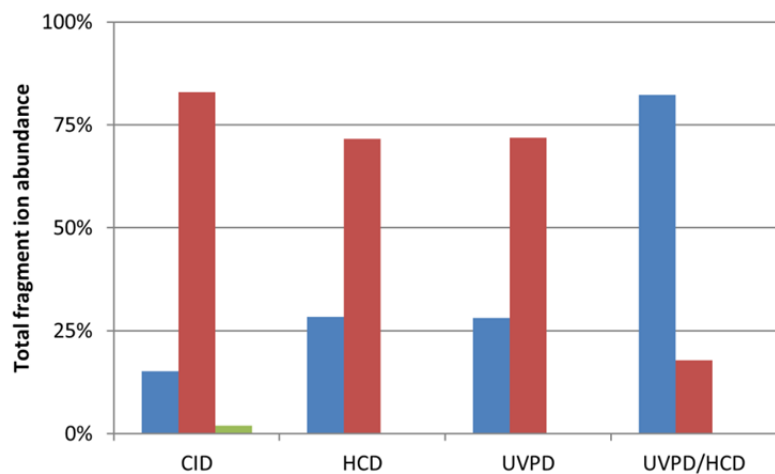
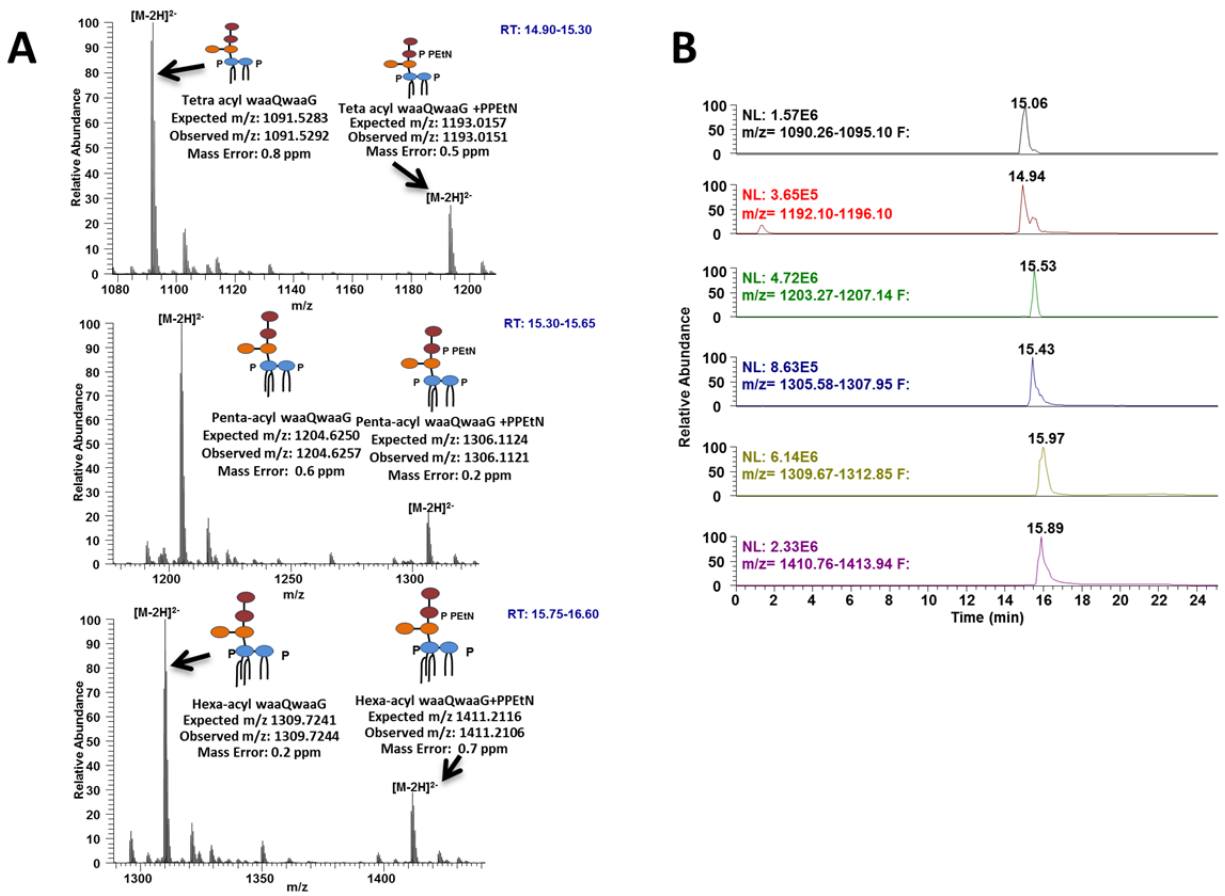


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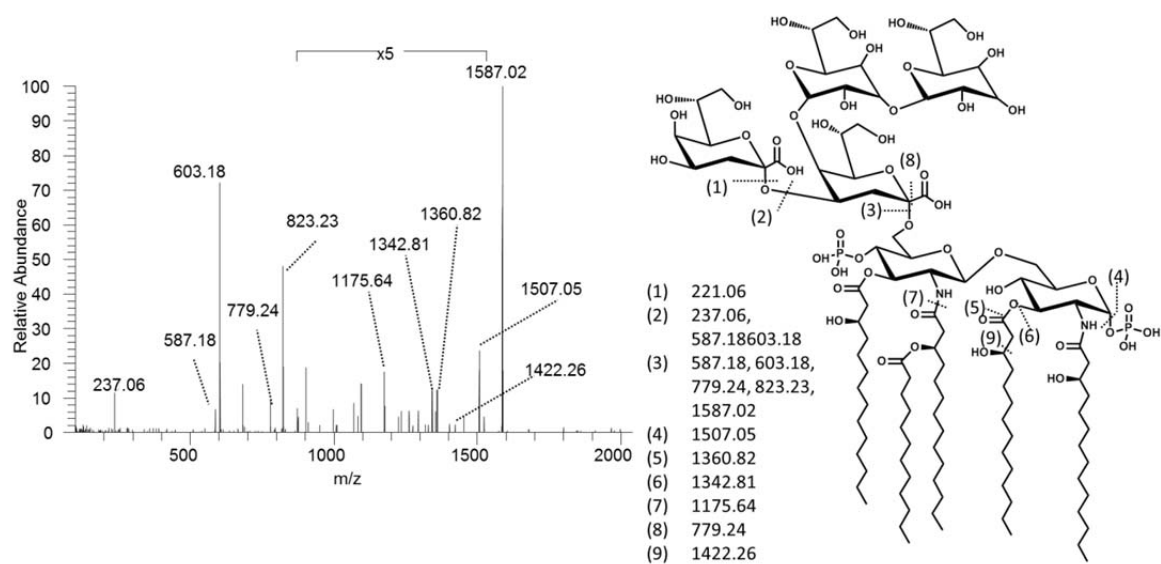
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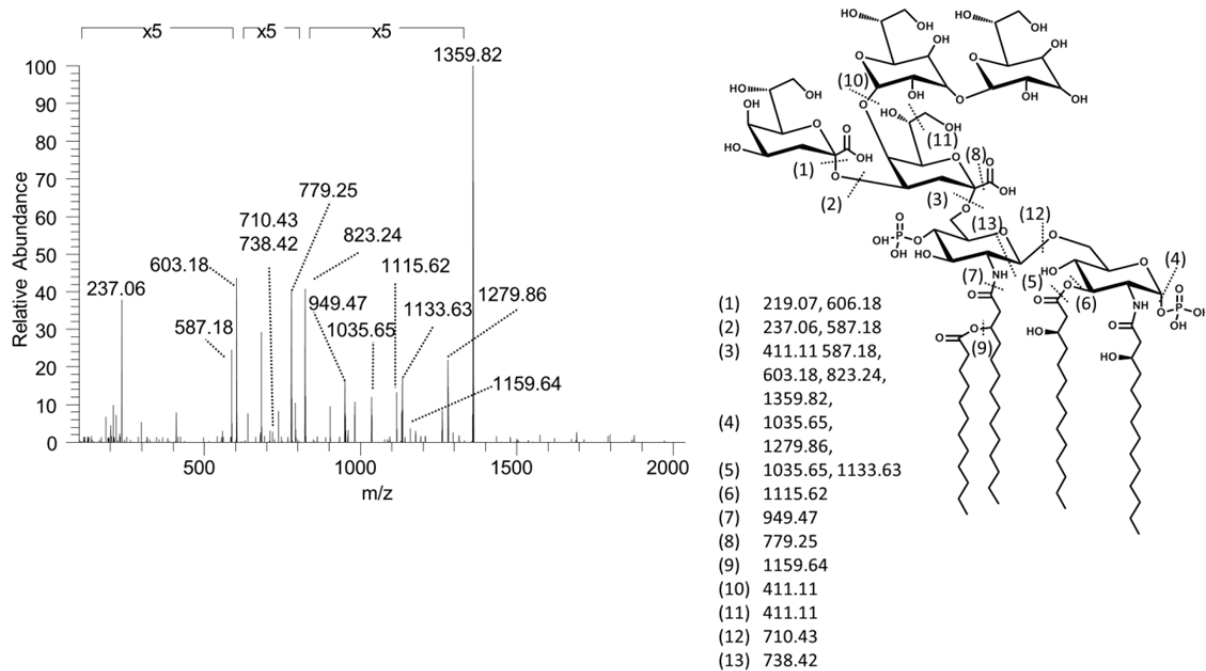
**Figure S1.** Histograms showing the distribution of multiply charged *E. coli* Kdo<sub>2</sub>-Lipid A fragment ions and singly charged fragment ions. Singly charged fragments are shown as blue bars, doubly charged fragments as red bars and triply charged fragments are shown as green bars.



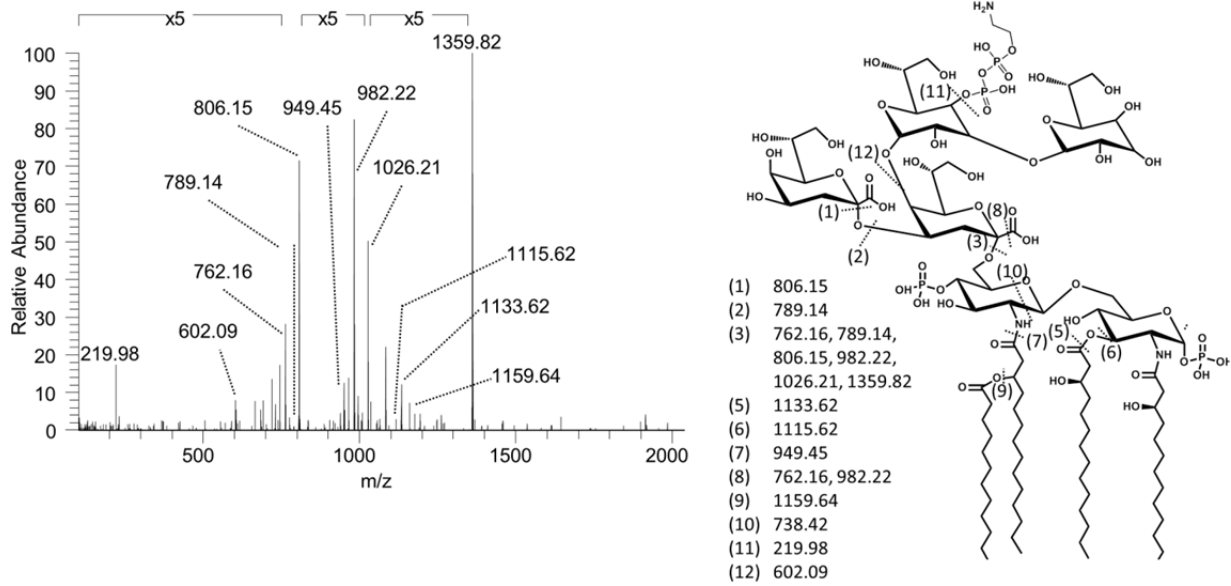
**Figure S2.** A) ESI-mass spectra of LOS separated within the BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG sample and B) the extracted ion chromatograms of the key LOS identified.



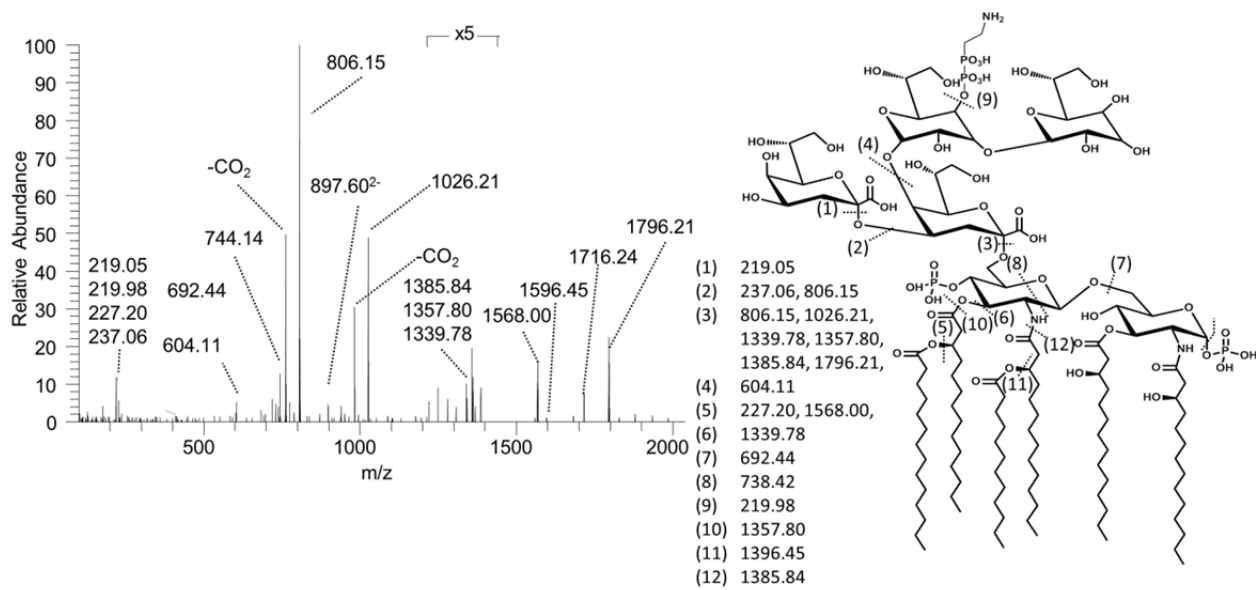
**Figure S3.** UVPD/HCD mass spectrum of penta-acyl waaQwaaG (z = 3-) [Mr = 2411.27] from BN1 ΔwaaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



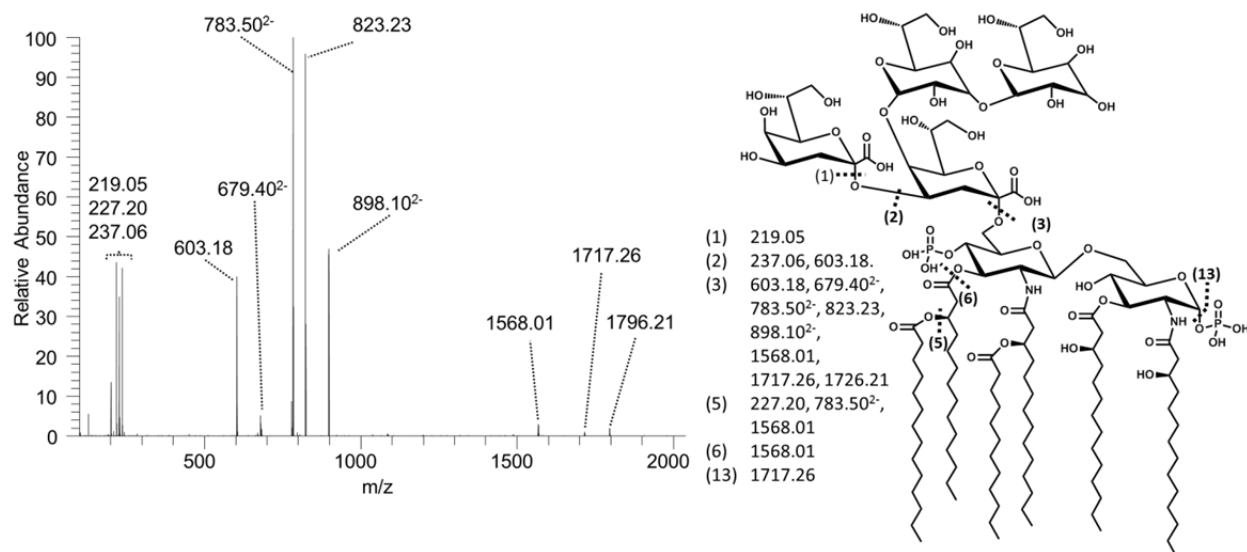
**Figure S4.** UVPD/HCD mass spectrum of tetra-acyl waaQwaaG ( $z = 3-$ ) [ $M_r = 2185.07$ ] BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



**Figure S5.** UVPD/HCD mass spectrum of tetra-acyl waaQwaaG + PPEtN ( $z = 3^-$ ) [ $M_r = 2388.06$ ] BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.

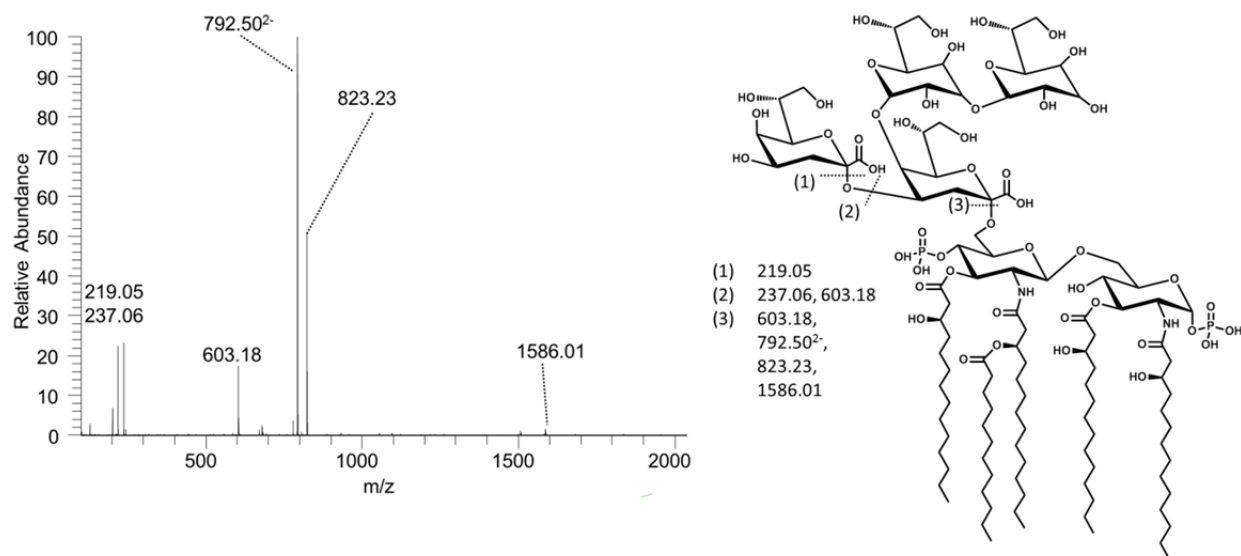


**Figure S6.** UVPD/HCD mass spectrum of waaQwaaG + PPEtN ( $z = 3^-$ ) [ $M_r = 2824.44$ ] BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.

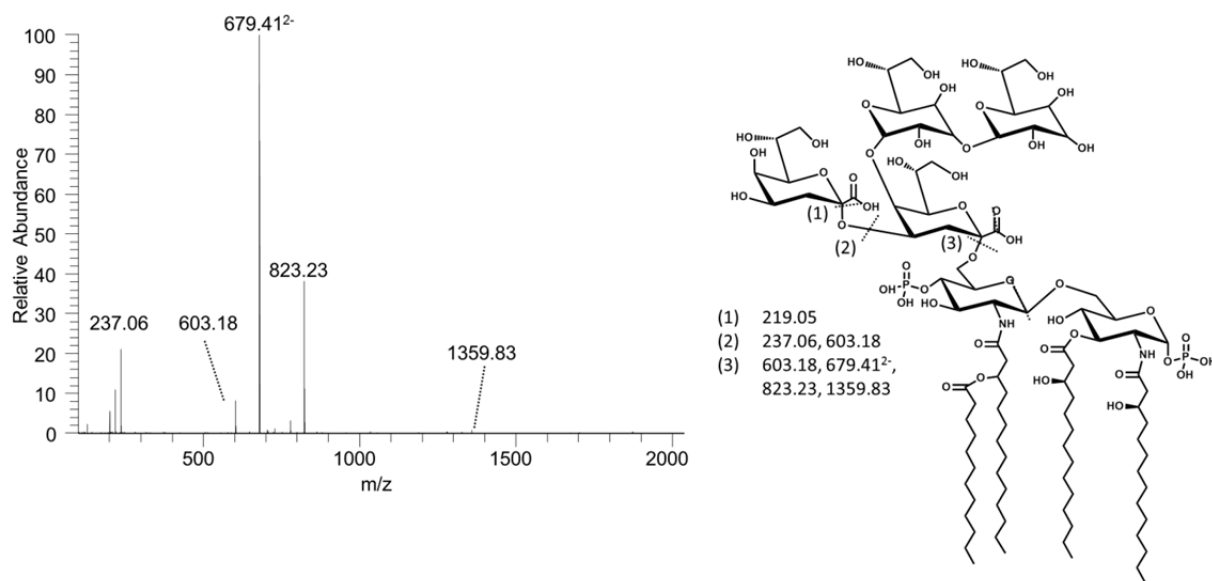


**Figure S7.** HCD mass spectrum of hexa-acylated waaQwaaG ( $z = 3^-$ ) [ $M_r = 2621.46$ ] from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.

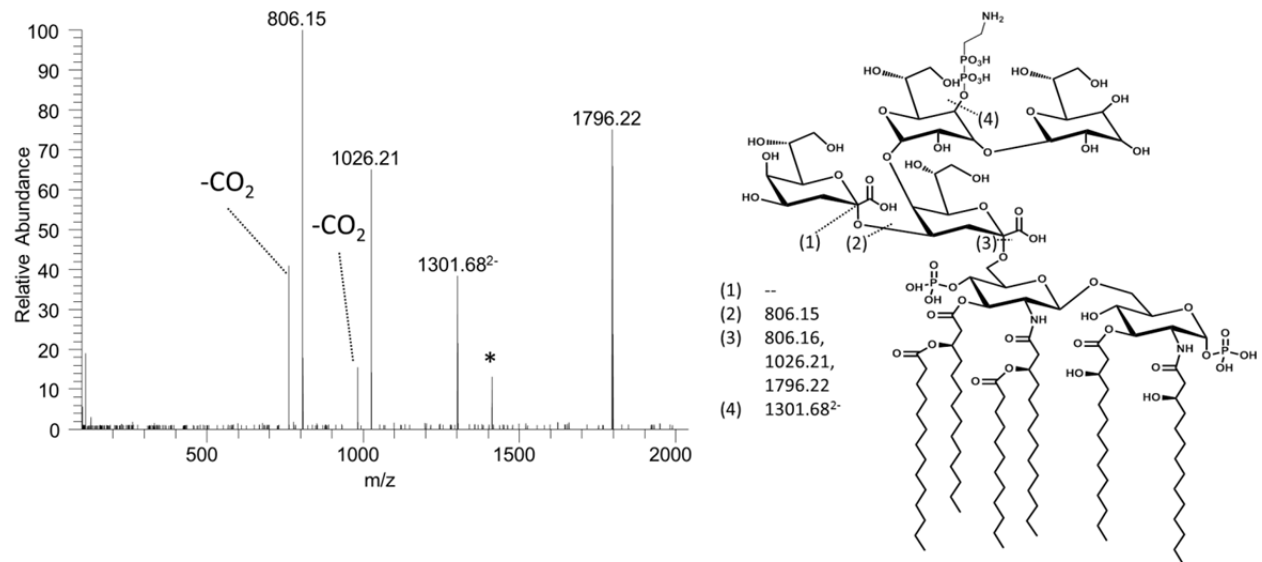




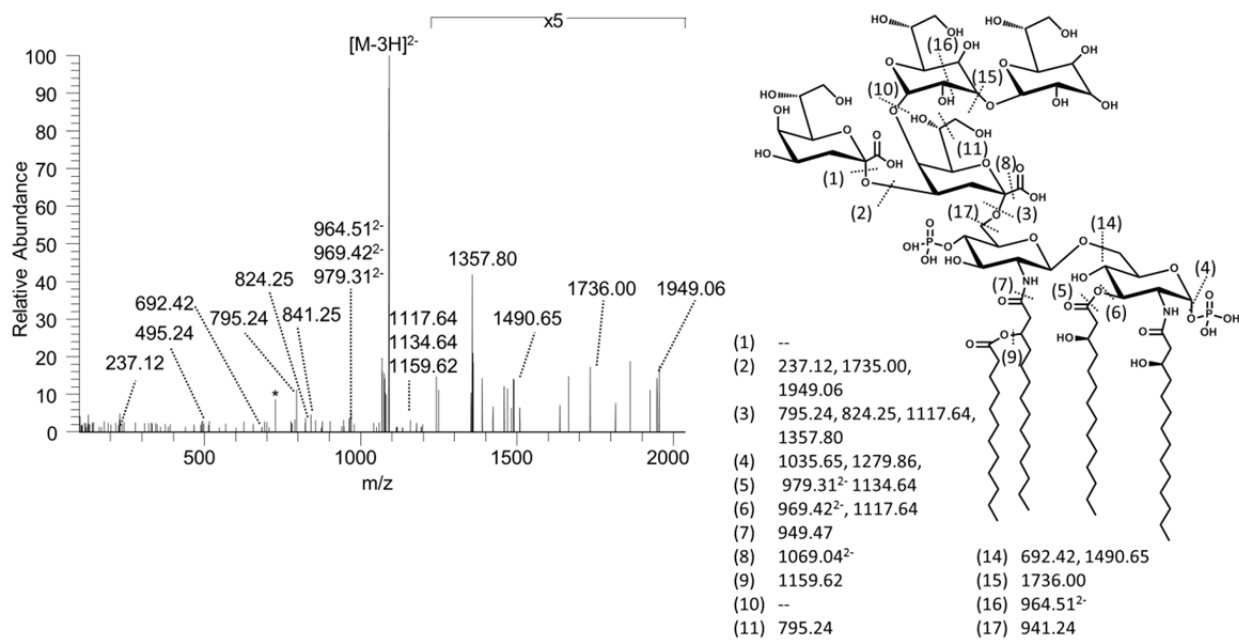
**Figure S8.** HCD mass spectrum of penta-acyl waaQwaaG ( $z = 3^-$ ) [Mr = 2411.27] from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



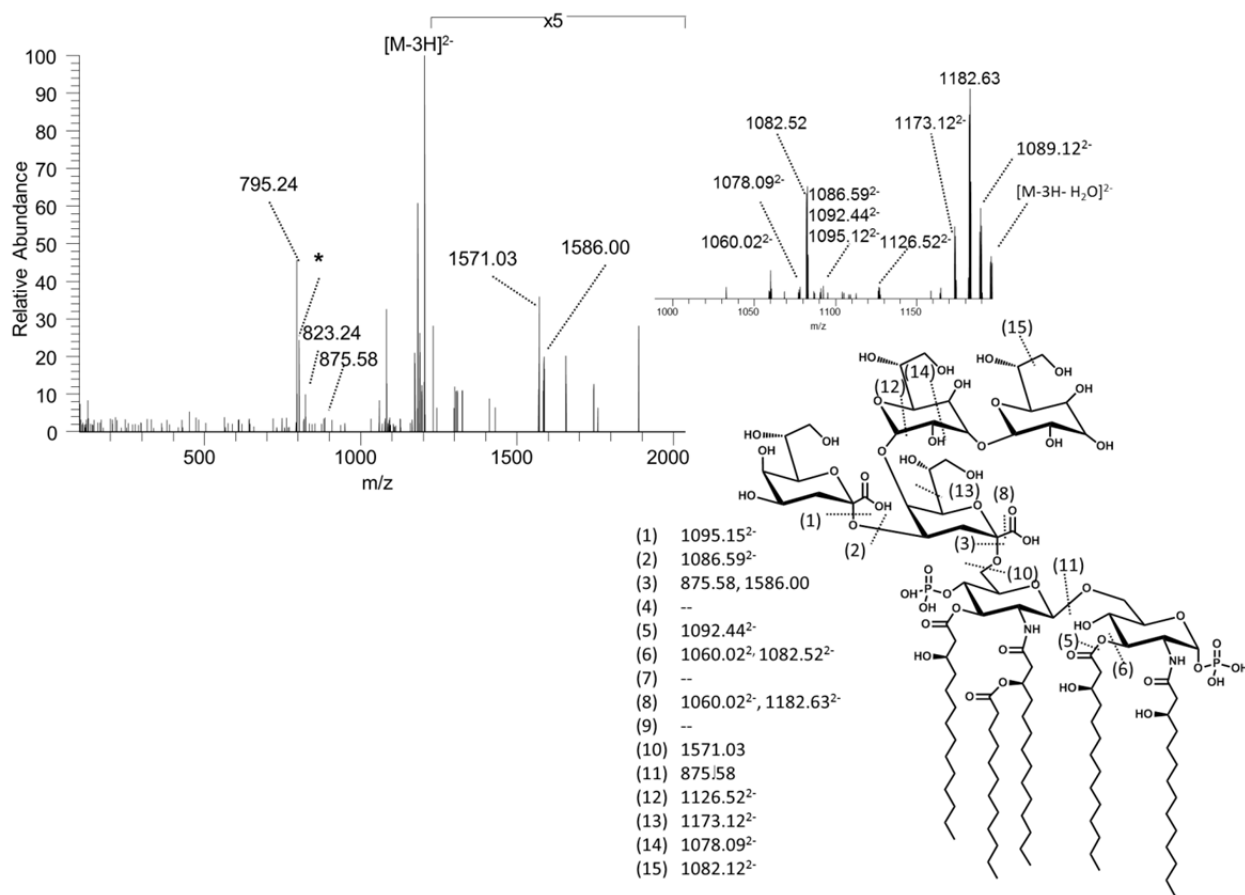
**Figure S9.** HCD mass spectrum of tetra-acyl waaQwaaG (z = 3-) [ $M_r = 2185.07$ ] from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



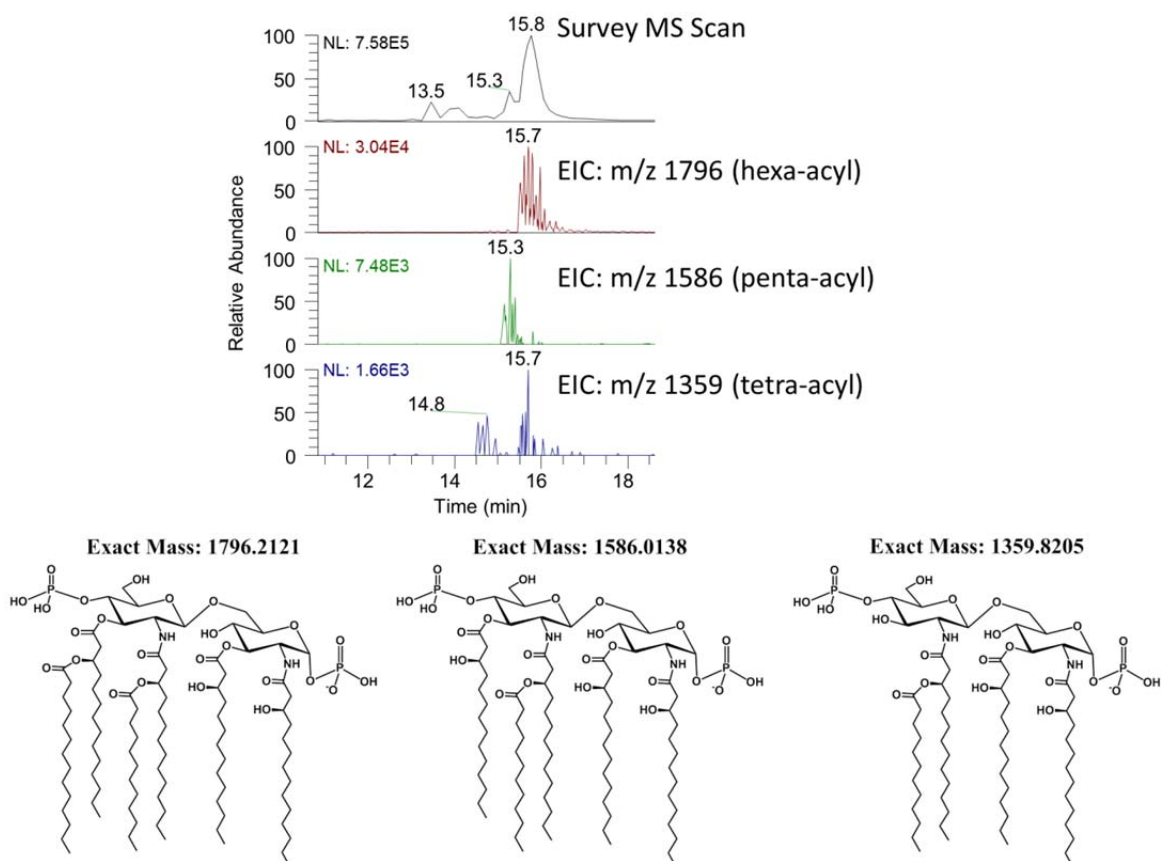
**Figure S10.** HCD mass spectrum of waaQwaaG + PPEtN ( $z = 2^-$ ) [ $M_r = 2824.44$ ] from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



**Figure S11.** UVPD mass spectrum of tetra-acyl waaQwaaG (z = 3-) [Mr = 2185.07] from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



**Figure S12.** UVPD mass spectrum of penta-acyl waaQwaaG ( $z=3$ -) [ $M_r = 2411.27$ ] from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG. The corresponding fragmentation map is shown on the right.



**Figure S13:** LC-MS trace and extracted ion chromatograms of the UVPD/HCD fragment ions associated with the identified BN1 LOS lipid A anchors . The structures of the different fragment ions are shown below.

Fragment Ion (m/z)	Cleavage Site(s)
219.05 (B <sub>1</sub> )	1
227.20	5
237.06 (C <sub>1</sub> )	2
395.12	4, 20
411.11	3, 20
439.11 (B <sub>2</sub> )	3
692.41 (Z <sub>1</sub> )	19
710.42 (Y <sub>1</sub> )	18
738.42 ( <sup>1,5</sup> X <sub>1</sub> )	17
890.46 <sup>2-</sup>	8
897.60 <sup>2-</sup> (Y <sub>2</sub> )	3
898.96 <sup>2-</sup>	7
913.48 <sup>2-</sup>	12
926.97 <sup>2-</sup>	11
934.48 <sup>2-</sup>	10
972.55 <sup>2-</sup>	14, 22
995.56 <sup>2-</sup>	14
982.06 <sup>2-</sup>	13, 22
999.63 <sup>2-</sup> (Z <sub>3</sub> )	2
1004.56 <sup>2-</sup>	5
1007.63 <sup>2-</sup> (Y <sub>3</sub> )	1
1018.07 <sup>2-</sup>	9
1026.07 <sup>2-</sup>	16
1040.07 <sup>2-</sup>	15
1043.14 <sup>2-</sup> ( <sup>0,2</sup> X <sub>3</sub> )	23
1056.15 <sup>2-</sup> ( <sup>0,3</sup> X <sub>3</sub> )	24
1066.14 <sup>2-</sup> ( <sup>4,5</sup> X <sub>3</sub> )	25
1086.66 <sup>2-</sup>	20
1095.66 <sup>2-</sup>	22
1105.15 <sup>2-</sup>	26
1243.82	3, 6, 8
1324.83	4, 8
1341.81	3, 8
1369.84	4, 12
1538.98	13, 21
1541.89 (C <sub>5</sub> )	19
1551.99	3, 14
1569.00	3, 5
1585.93 ( <sup>0,4</sup> A <sub>4</sub> )	27
1596.02	3, 9
1613.93 ( <sup>0,3</sup> A <sub>4</sub> )	28
1717.24	3, 6
1779.22	4
1780.91	8
1796.22	3
1825.95	12
1853.95	11
1867.19 ( <sup>1,5</sup> X <sub>2</sub> )	30
1946.11	14, 22
1954.27 ( <sup>2,4</sup> X <sub>2</sub> )	29
1964.13	13, 22
1991.12	14
1999.27 (Z <sub>5</sub> )	2

**Table S1.** List of fragment ions from UVPD of triply deprotonated Kdo2-lipid A [Mr = 2237.34] and their corresponding cleavage sites. The fragmentation cleavage map is shown in Figure 3.

<b>LOS</b>	<b>Total (percentage)</b>
Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG	11 ± 1%
Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	4 ± 1%
Penta Acyl waaQwaaG	20 ± 1%
Penta Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	6 ± 1%
Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG	42 ± 2%
Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	17 ± 1%
<b>Lipid A Anchor</b>	<b>Total (percentage)</b>
Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG + Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	15 ± 1%
Penta Acyl waaQwaaG + Penta Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	27 ± 1%
Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG + Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	58 ± 2%
<b>LOS Glycoform</b>	<b>Total (percentage)</b>
waaQwaaG without PPeTn	73 ± 2%
waaQwaaG with PPeTn	27 ± 2%
<b>PPeTn Modified:Unmodified</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn:Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG	0.32:1
Penta Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn:Penta Acyl waaQwaaG	0.31:1
Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn:Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG	0.40:1

**Table S2.** Calculated acylation patterns and glycoforms observed for LOS identified within the BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG sample. Percentages were calculated using the extracted ion chromatogram areas listed in Supplemental Table 3, based on the LCMS data in Figure 4A.



	Injection 1		Injection 2		Injection 3		Mean	Coefficient of Variation (%)
	Area	RT	Area	RT	Area	RT		
Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG	64425241	14.91	68980738	14.94	72720858	14.95	68708946	6%
Tetra Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	23758295	14.8	21179094	14.83	21605118	14.85	22180836	6%
	Area	RT	Area	RT	Area	RT		
Penta Acyl waaQwaaG	118269085	15.50	130787353	15.46	121327502	15.44	123461313	5%
Penta Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	34726036	15.42	40327010	15.37	40387047	15.35	38480031	8%
		RT	Area	RT	Area	RT		
Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG	239684831	16.01	248163403	15.92	268538772	15.95	252129002	6%
Hexa Acyl waaQwaaG+PPeTn	97530633	15.76	104989335	15.83	98301572	15.78	100273847	4%

**Table S3.** Extracted ion chromatogram areas, retention times, mean peak areas and mean coefficient of variation for observed from BN1  $\Delta$ waaQwaaG LOS based on the LCMS data shown in Figure 4A.

LPS	Observed m/z	Calculated m/z	Mass Error (ppm)	Retention Time (minutes)	Percent
Tetra Acyl waaOwaaQ + P	1293.5631	1293.5638	-5.02	14.8 ± 0.1	2 ± 0%
Tetra Acyl waaOwaaQ + PPetN	1355.0669	1355.0680	-8.12	14.8 ± 0.1	2 ± 0%
Penta Acyl waaOwaaQ + P	1406.6606	1406.6604	1.42	15.0 ± 0.3	4 ± 0%
Penta Acyl waaOwaaQ + PPetN	1468.1648	1468.1647	1.02	15.4 ± 0.1	9 ± 1%
Hexa Acyl waaOwaaQ + P	1511.7593	1511.7596	-1.98	15.8 ± 0.1	32 ± 3%
Hexa Acyl waaOwaaQ+PPetN	1573.2643	1573.2639	2.86	15.8 ± 0.1	35 ± 5%
Hexa Acyl waaOwaaQ+PPetN+PEtN	1634.7681	1634.7681	0.00	15.7 ± 0.1	10 ± 1%
Hexa Acyl waaO+P	1709.2782	1709.2787	-2.93	15.6 ± 0.1	7 ± 1%

**Table S4.** List of identified LOS within the BN1 E. coli sample via LC-MS. Percentages were calculated using the extracted ion chromatogram areas listed in Supplemental Table 5 based on the LCMS data in Figure 5A.

LPS	Injection 1	Injection2	Injection3	Mean	Coefficient of Variation (%)
lpxR waaOwaaQ + P	851794	932533	896764	893697	5%
lpxR waaOwaaQ + PPtN	876229	1202284	1021826	1033446	16%
lpxM waaOwaaQ + P	2145795	2036369	1868549	2016904	7%
lpxM waaOwaaQ + PPtN	4501591	4889663	4476764	4622673	5%
waaOwaaQ + P	15487393	14771080	17766181	16008218	10%
waaOwaaQ+PPtN	14746187	18520179	19092010	17452792	14%
waaOwaaQ+PPtN+PtN	4157964	5093298	5353392	4868218	13%
waaO+ P	3233134	3764114	3894881	3630710	10%

**Table S5.** Extracted ion chromatogram areas, mean peak areas and mean coefficient of variation observed from BN1 based on the LCMS data shown in Figure 5A.