

**Table S1. Bacterial strains used in this study.**

species	strain	relevant genotype	source
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	14028s	Wild-type	ATCC
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM31	$\Delta gfrR::kan$	(27)
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM67	$\Delta gfrR$	(27)
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM32	$\Delta gfrAB::kan$	(27)
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM42	$\Delta gfrAB$	(27)
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS01	$\Delta gfrE::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS03	$\Delta gfrE$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS02	$\Delta gfrF::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS04	$\Delta gfrF$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM91	$\Delta ptsH::kan$	(27)
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM95	$\Delta ptsH$	(27)
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS05	$\Delta ldcC::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM129	$\Delta ldcC$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	DM2591	$\Delta cadA::mudJ$	D. Downs
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM136	$\Delta cadA::mudJ \Delta ldcC$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS06	$\Delta patA::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM130	$\Delta patA$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS07	$\Delta patD::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM131	$\Delta patD$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	GLS08	$\Delta gabT::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	KAM133	$\Delta gabT$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	PBK01	$\Delta hisC::kan$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	PBK02	$\Delta hisC$	this study
<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	ACB01	$\Delta rpoN$	A. Bono
<i>E. coli</i>	BL21 (DE3)	F <sup>-</sup> <i>ompT gal dcm lon hsdSB(rB-mB-) λ</i> (DE3 [ <i>lacI lacUV5-T7 gene 1 ind1 sam7 nin5</i> ])	(18)
<i>E. coli</i>	KAM216	BL21/DE3 $\lambda$ /pACYC184+ <i>plyE</i> /pET21a+ <i>gfrE</i>	this study
<i>E. coli</i>	KAM217	BL21/DE3 $\lambda$ /pACYC184+ <i>plyE</i> /pET21a+ <i>gfrF</i>	this study

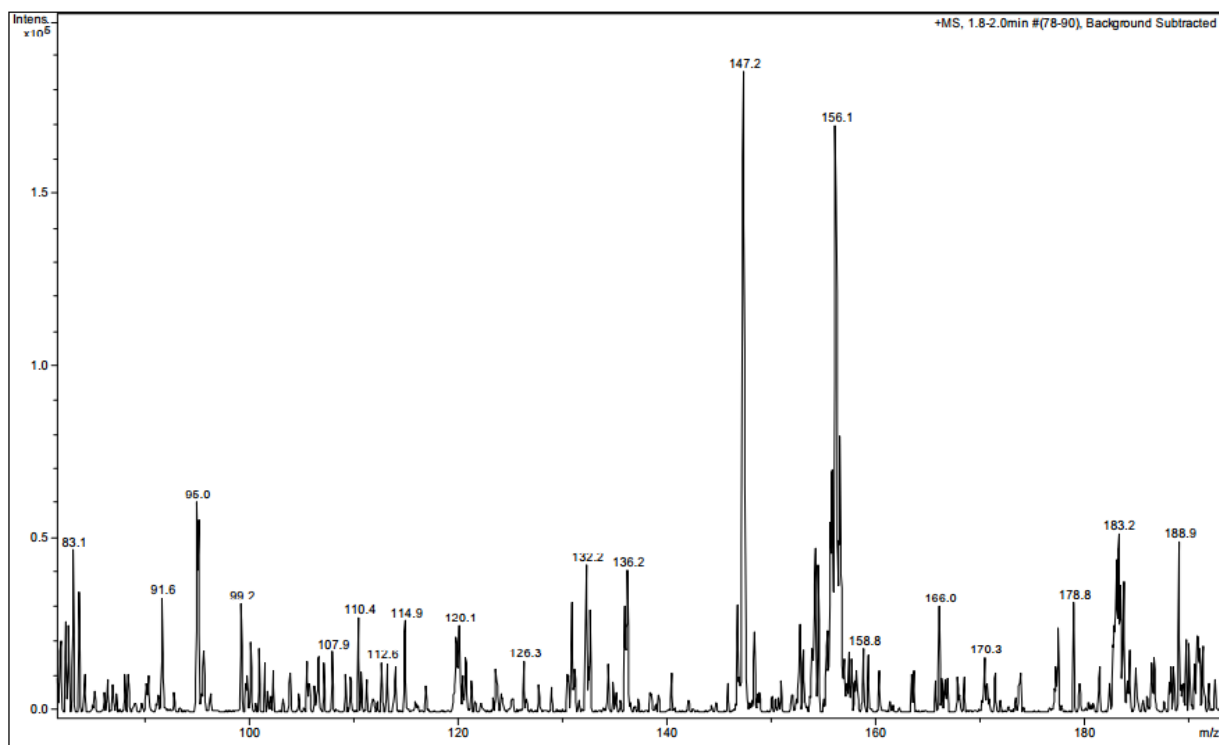
**Table S2. Plasmids used in this study.**

<b>Plasmid</b>	<b>Relevant characteristics</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
pKD46	expresses $\lambda$ phage recombinase genes $\gamma$ , $\beta$ and <i>exo</i> from arabinose-inducible <i>ParaB</i> promoter; temperature-sensitive replicon	(21)
pKD4	template plasmid used to generate amplicons for inactivation of target genes in the $\lambda$ Red system	(21)
pCP20	expresses FLP enzyme for removal of kan gene flanked by FRT sites; temperature-sensitive replicon	(35)
pET21a	vectors carries an N-terminal T7 Tag sequence and T7 promoter	Novagen
pET21a+ <i>gfrE</i>	carries <i>S. Typhimurium gfrE</i> under control of T7 promoter in pET21a	this study
pET21a+ <i>gfrF</i>	carries <i>S. Typhimurium gfrF</i> under control of T7 promoter in pET21a	this study

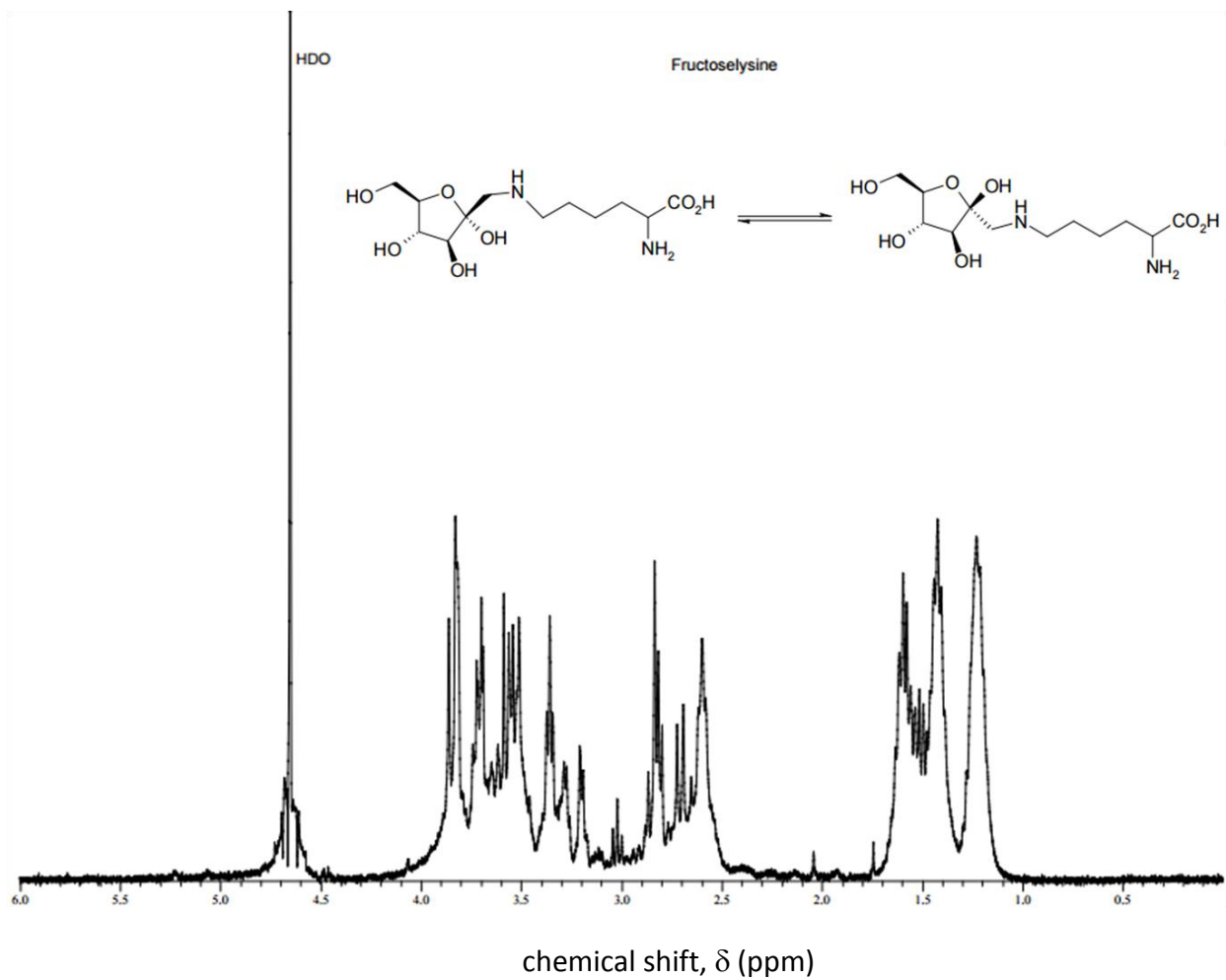
**Table S3. Primers used in this study.**

<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Experiment</b>
5'- ATTTTCGGTTCCTGGATAGGGTTATTTTATGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTG CTTC-3'	<i>gfrE</i> knock out λ red
5'- CAGGTACTCGTCCTGATTA AAAACCCAACATCATATGAATATCCTCC TTA-3'	<i>gfrE</i> knock out λ red
5'- TAAAAGAGAATGTCATATATGCCGGGTCATATGAATATCCTCCTT A-3'	<i>gfrF</i> knock out λ red
5'- CGATTTTCGATCGCGTTTTAAAAAGTAAAATTGTGTAGGCTGGAGCT GCTTC-3'	<i>gfrF</i> knock out λ red
5'- GCCTGGGCCGATGCATGGAAGGCATTGTAATGTGTAGGCTGGAGC TGCTTC-3'	<i>ldcC</i> knock out λ red
5'- GATGTGATGAACCTGTTTTAATCCCAGCATCATATGAATATCCTCC TTA-3	<i>ldcC</i> knock out λ red
5'-GCCTGCCTACTATGAGCC-3'	<i>ldcC</i> flanking
5'-GATGTGATGAACCTGTTTTAATC-3'	<i>ldcC</i> flanking
5'-TTTCGGTTCCTGGATAGG-3'	<i>gfrEF</i> flanking
5'-TGGAGATCAAAGTGGTGAATG-3'	<i>gfrEF</i> flanking
5'- TGAAAACTACGCGCAATATGCTGGCGTAAATGTGTAGGCTGGAGC TGCTTC-3'	<i>hisC</i> knock out λ red
5'- GTTCTACGCAGGCGGTCTGTTGCAGGGCATCATATGAATATCCTCC TTA-3'	<i>hisC</i> knock out λ red
5'-CGCGTAAACGCCCTCAAG-3'	<i>hisC</i> flanking
5'-CCGGTCGATGAAAAGATACTTC-3'	<i>hisC</i> flanking
5'- ATCGAGAAGCGAACGCTAAACCATGAGGAATGTGTAGGCTGGAGC TGCTTC-3'	<i>patA</i> knock out λ red
5'- GGATAAGCACAGCGCCATCCGGCATCGTTTCATATGAATATCCTCC TTA-3'	<i>patA</i> knock out λ red
5'-ACGCACTGAATCTCATCG-3'	<i>patA</i> flanking
5'-TGGTGATTGTGATGGGATTC-3'	<i>patA</i> flanking
5'- AGCGGCGGCCCGTTCGCCGAAATCGATTATGTGTAGGCTGGAGC TGCTTC-3'	<i>patD</i> knock out λ red

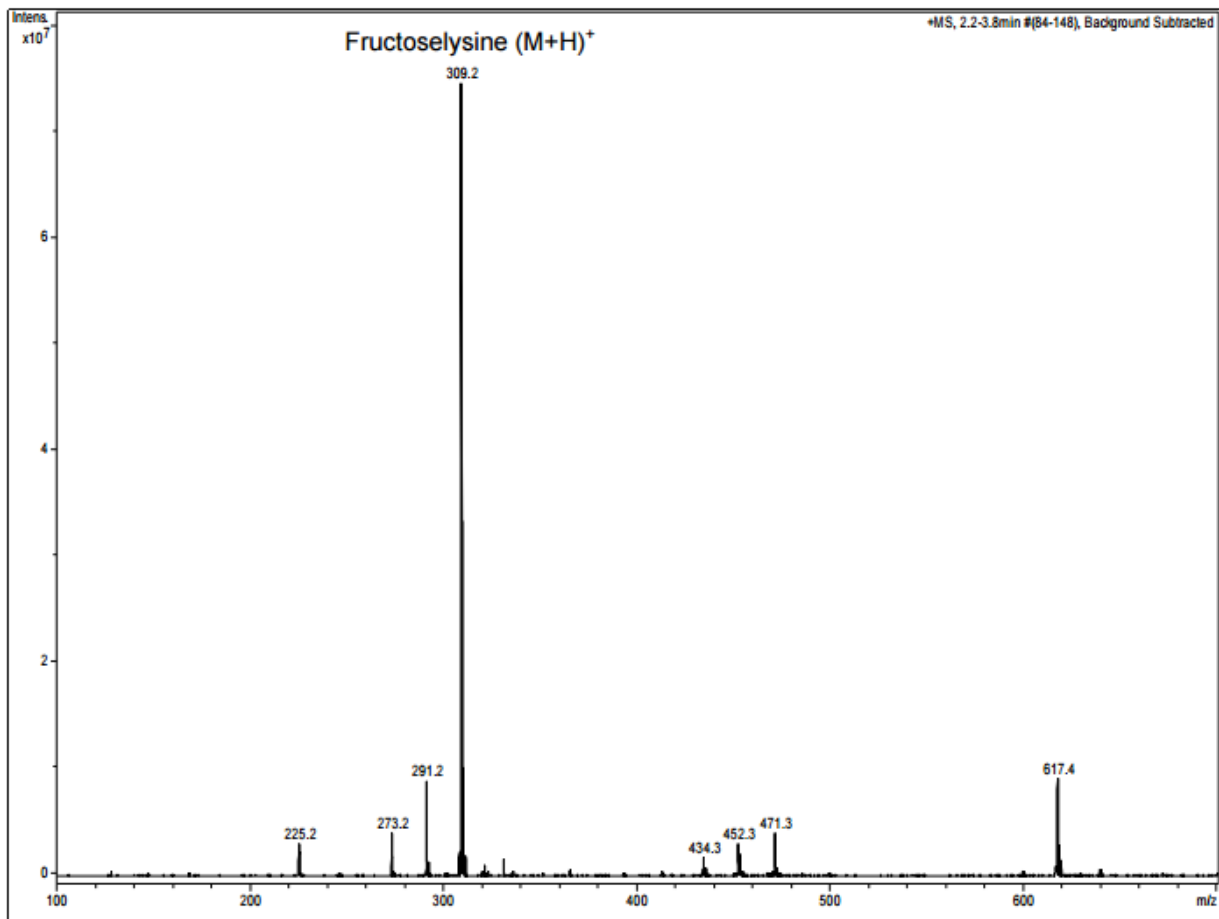
5'- GGATCATTTACTGTTTCAGAAAAATCGTGAACATATGAATATCCTCC TTA-3'	<i>patD</i> knock out λ red
5'-GTCAGCTCACAACCTGAC-3'	<i>patD</i> flanking
5'-CGCAGCAAGTACTCAAAGG-3'	<i>patD</i> flanking
5'- GAAATCAAATATATGTGCATCGGCCTTTAATGTGTAGGCTGGAGCT GCTTC-3'	<i>gabT</i> knock out λ red
5'- ACGTCGCCACCCGACGCTGCTTATTGGACACATATGAATATCCTCC TTA-3'	<i>gabT</i> knock out λ red
5'-GTTCAAATACGGCATCGAAG-3'	<i>gabT</i> flanking
5'-CCGATAAGACAGTTACGTCG-3'	<i>gabT</i> flanking
5'-CATATGATGTCACCAACCATGCTG-3'	GfrE purification
5'-AAGCTTGATTTTACTTTTTTAAAACGCGATCG-3'	GfrE purification
5'-CATATGATGTTGGGTTTTAATCAGGACG-3'	GfrF purification
5'-AAGCTTATAATCGAACTGACGGTAGTAACG-3'	GfrF purification



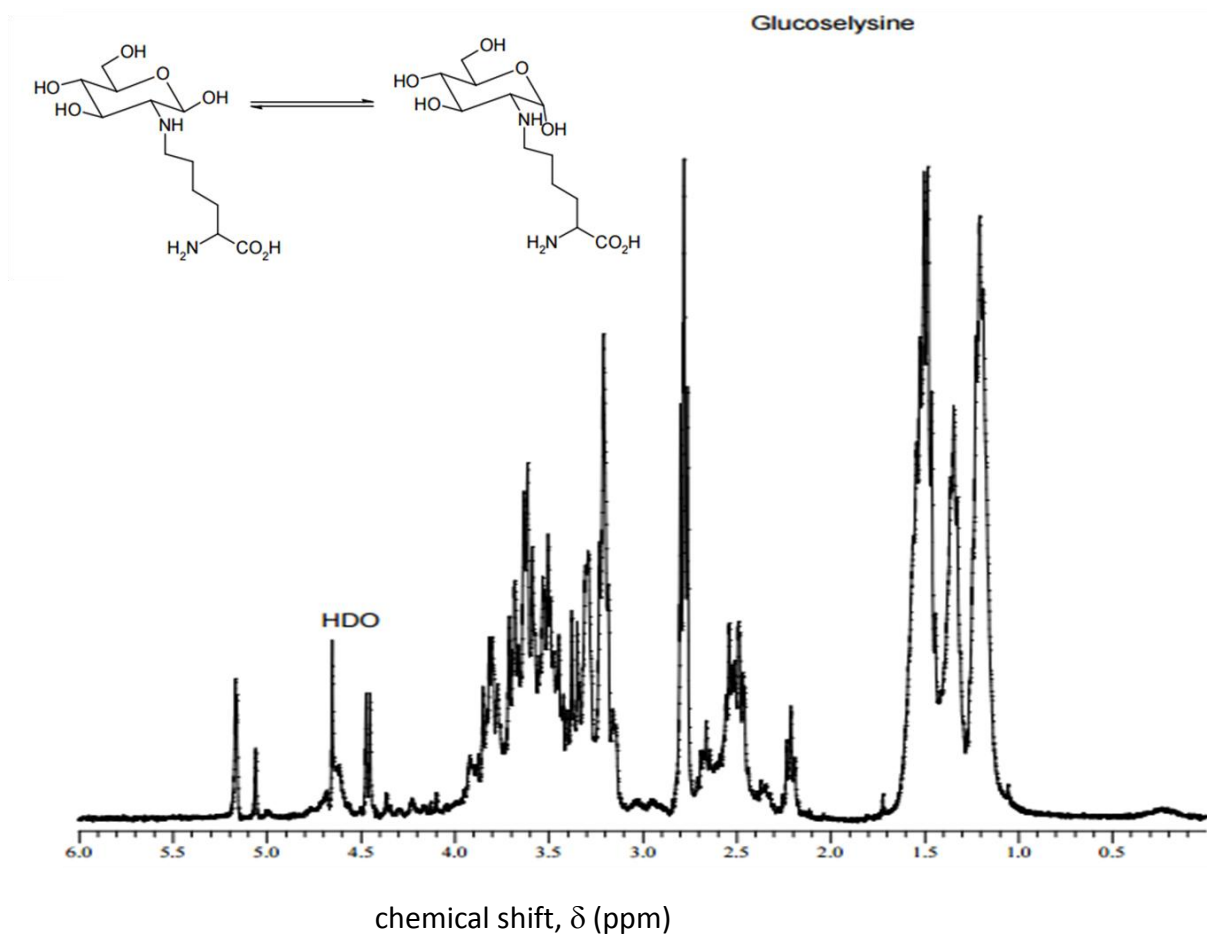
**Figure S1. Mass spectrum of combined extracellular and intracellular fractions of *S. Typhimurium* cells grown in minimal medium containing fructoselysine as the sole carbon and nitrogen source.** The mass spectrum revealed prominent peaks with the mass expected for lysine ( $m/z$  147.2,  $(M+1)^+$ ) and histidine ( $m/z$  156.1,  $(M+1)^+$ ). Both of these peaks were absent in the mass spectrum of extracts prepared from cells grown with arabinose and ammonium.



**Figure S2.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  of fructoselysine.** The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum was similar to that reported by Wiame *et al.* (8). The structures of fructoselysine with the sugar in the alpha (right) and beta (left) forms are shown.

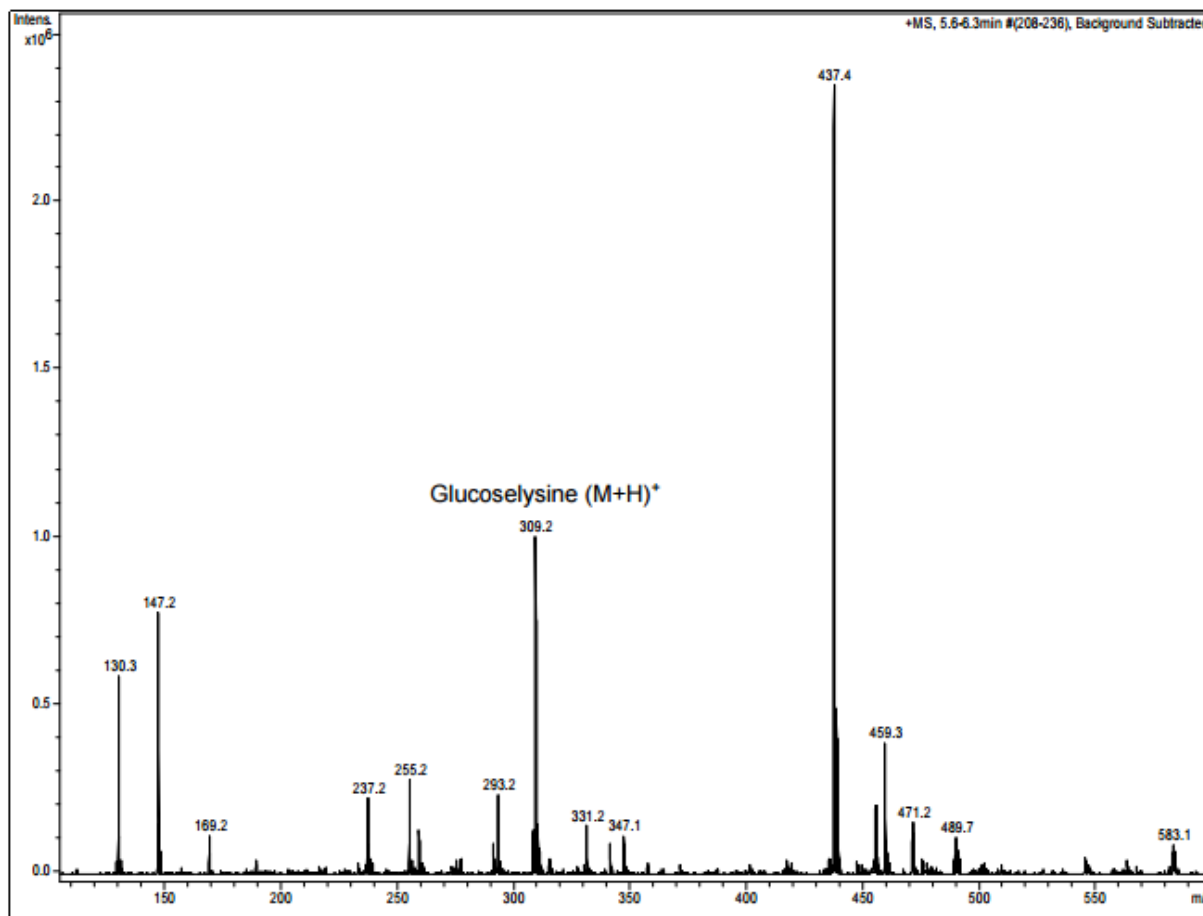


**Figure S3. Mass spectrum of fructoselysine.** A prominent peak with the expected mass for fructoselysine ( $m/z$  309,  $(M+1)^+$ ) was observed in the mass spectrum of a sample of the final product from the fructoselysine synthesis. Note that there are not significant amounts of the reacting materials in the preparation: Boc-lysine ( $m/z$  247.3,  $(M+1)^+$ ); glucose ( $m/z$  181.2,  $(M+1)^+$ ); lysine ( $m/z$  147.2,  $(M+1)^+$ ).

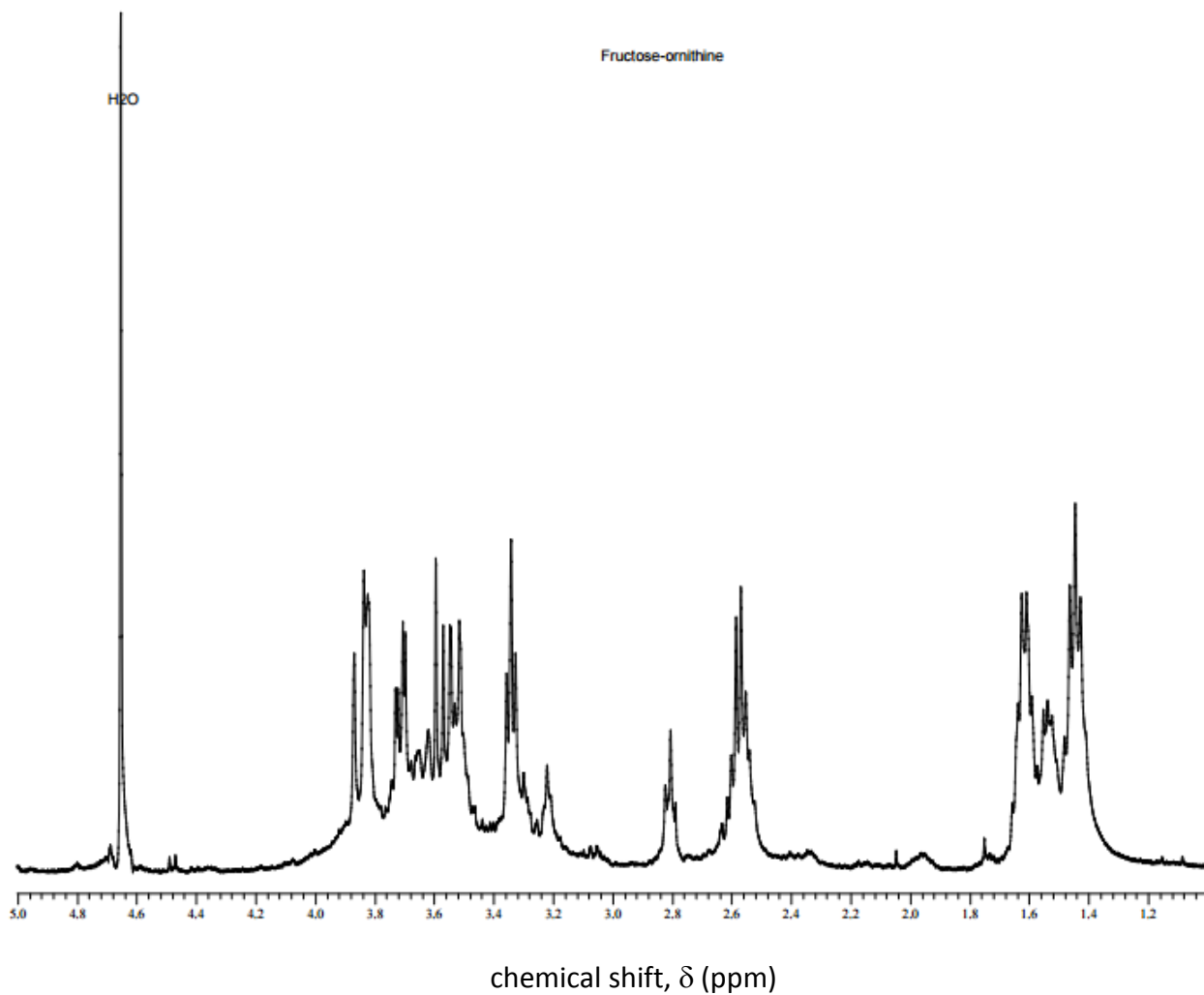


**Figure S4.  $H^1$ -NMR of glucoselysine.** The  $H^1$ -NMR spectrum was as expected and included the two signals corresponding to the anomeric proton of glucose ( $\delta = 5.2$  and  $5.1$ ). The structures of glucoselysine with the sugar in the alpha (right) and beta (left) forms are shown.

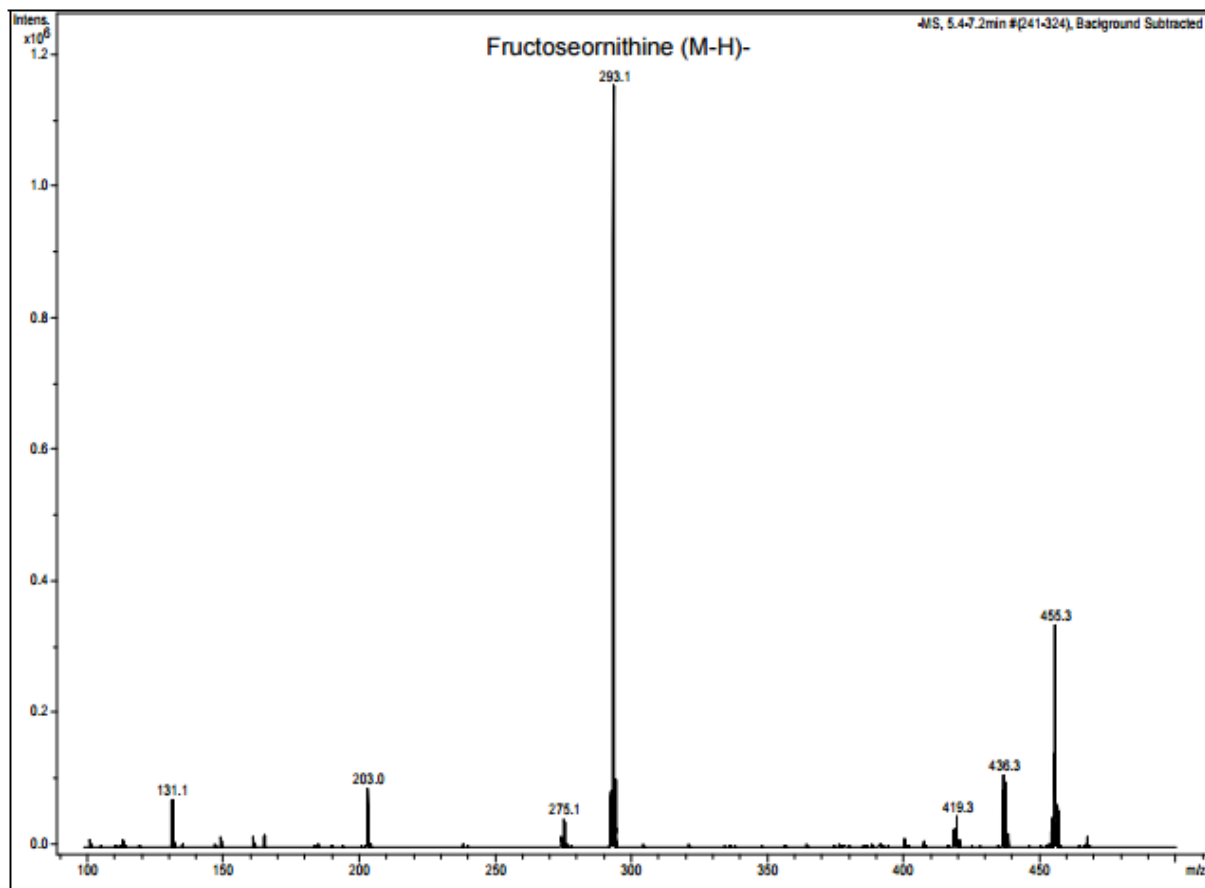




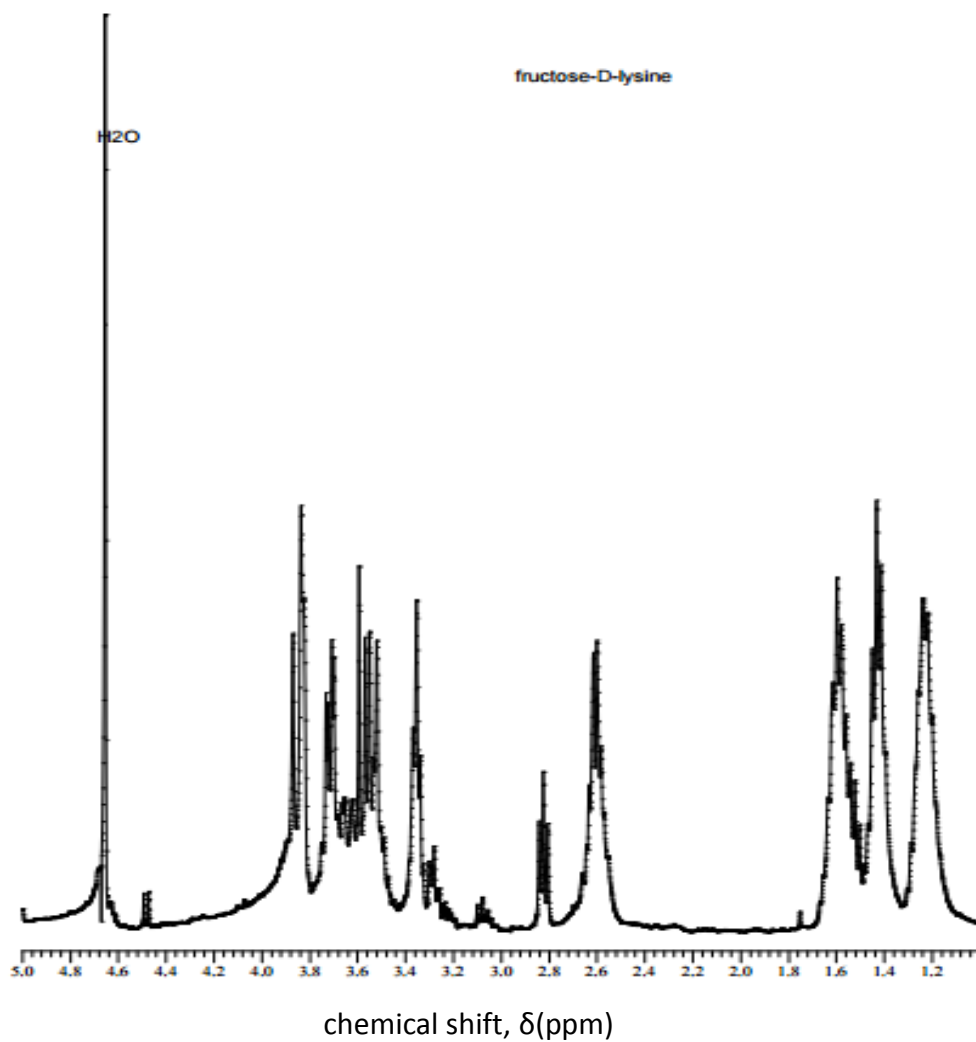
**Figure S5. Mass spectrum of glucoselysine.** A peak with the expected mass for glucoselysine ( $m/z$  309,  $(M+1)^+$ ) was observed in a sample of the final product from the glucoselysine synthesis. Although there are not significant amounts of the reacting materials: Boc-lysine ( $m/z$  247.3,  $(M+1)^+$ ) or fructose ( $m/z$  181.2,  $(M+1)^+$ ), there does appear to be some lysine ( $m/z$  147.2,  $(M+1)^+$ ) in the final product.



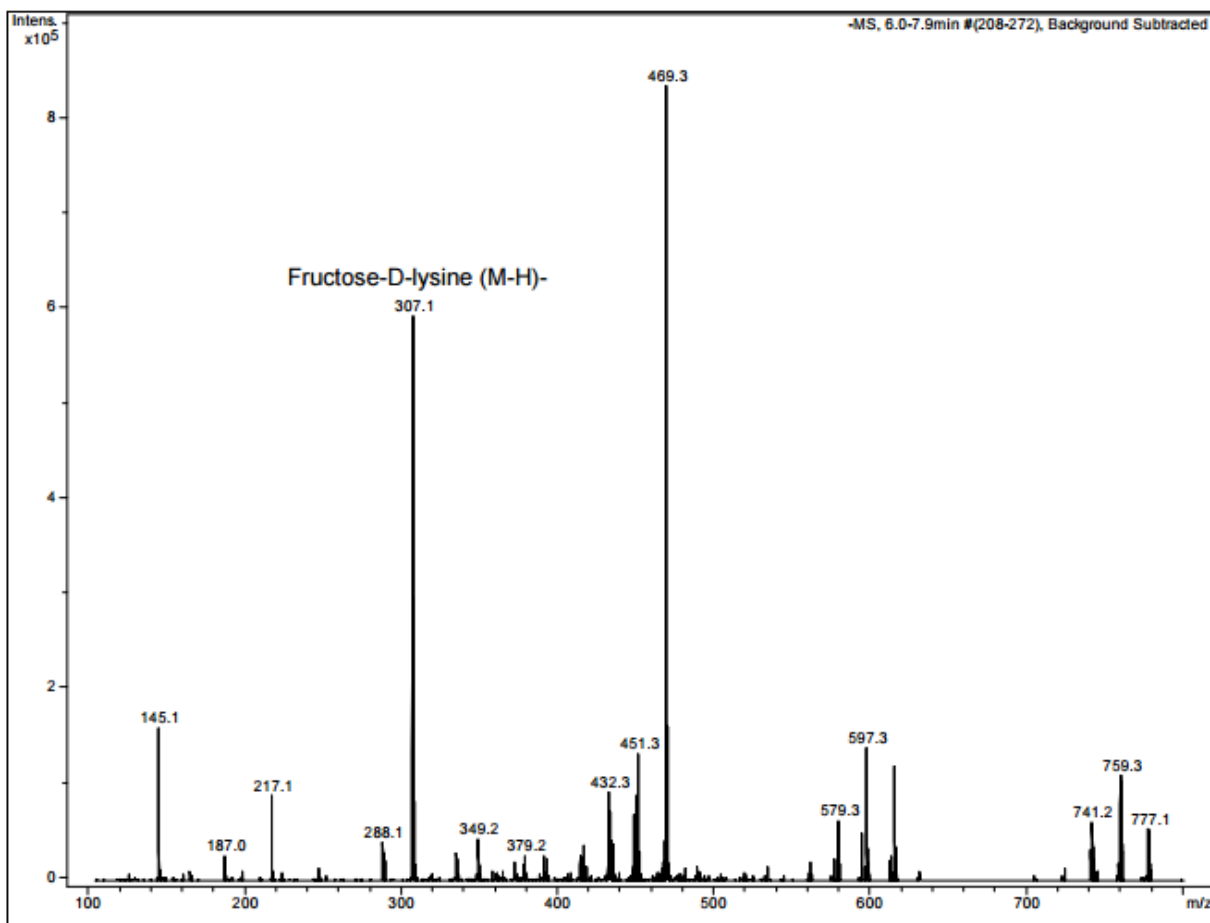
**Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of fructose-ornithine.** The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of the fructose-ornithine preparation was as expected.



**Figure S7. Mass spectrum of fructose-ornithine.** A prominent peak with the expected mass for fructose-ornithine ( $m/z$  291,  $(M-1)^+$ ) was observed in the final product of the fructose-ornithine synthesis. There appeared to be some ornithine ( $m/z$  131.1,  $(M-1)^+$ ) in the final product.



**Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of fructose-D-lysine.** The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum was similar to that for fructose-L-lysine reported by Wiame *et al.* (8).



**Figure S9. Mass spectrum of fructose-D-lysine.** A prominent peak with the expected mass for fructose-D-lysine ( $m/z$  307.1,  $(M-1)^+$ ) was observed in the final product from the fructose-D-lysine synthesis. The final product appeared to have some unreacted lysine ( $m/z$  145.1,  $(M-1)^+$ ).