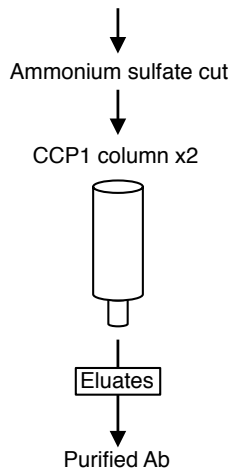


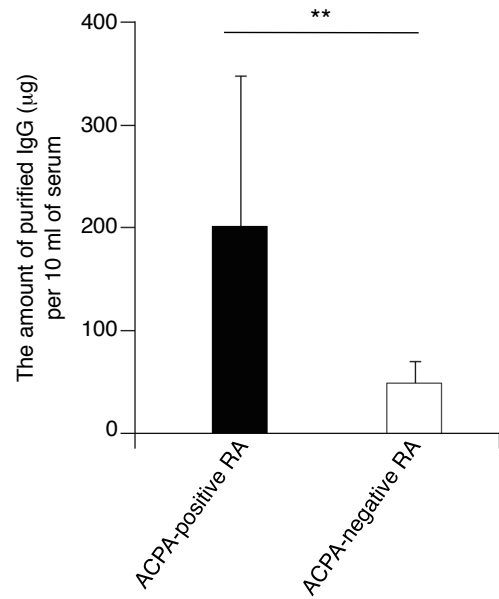
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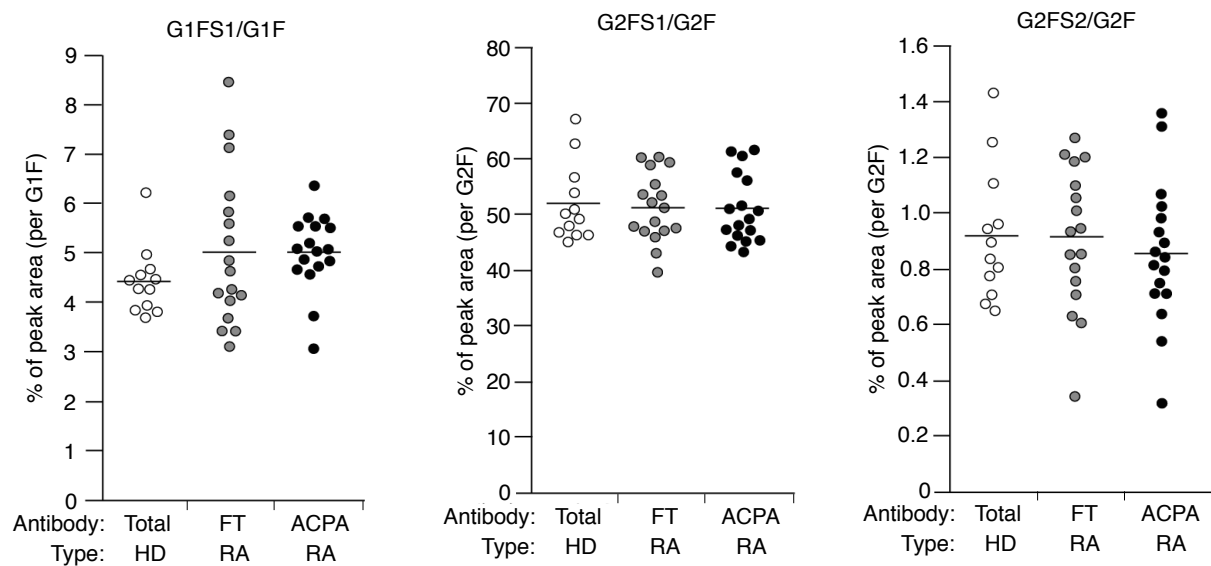
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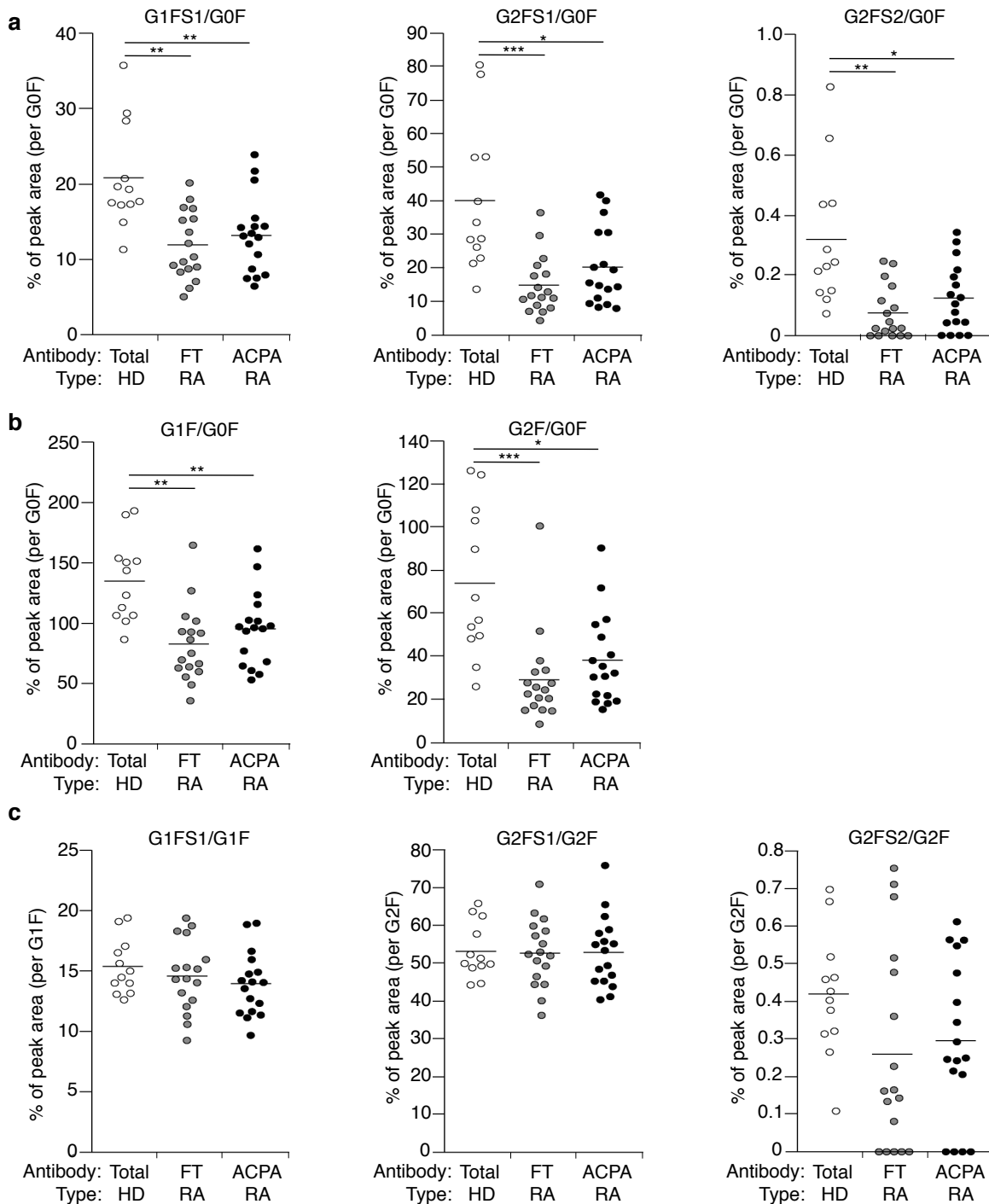
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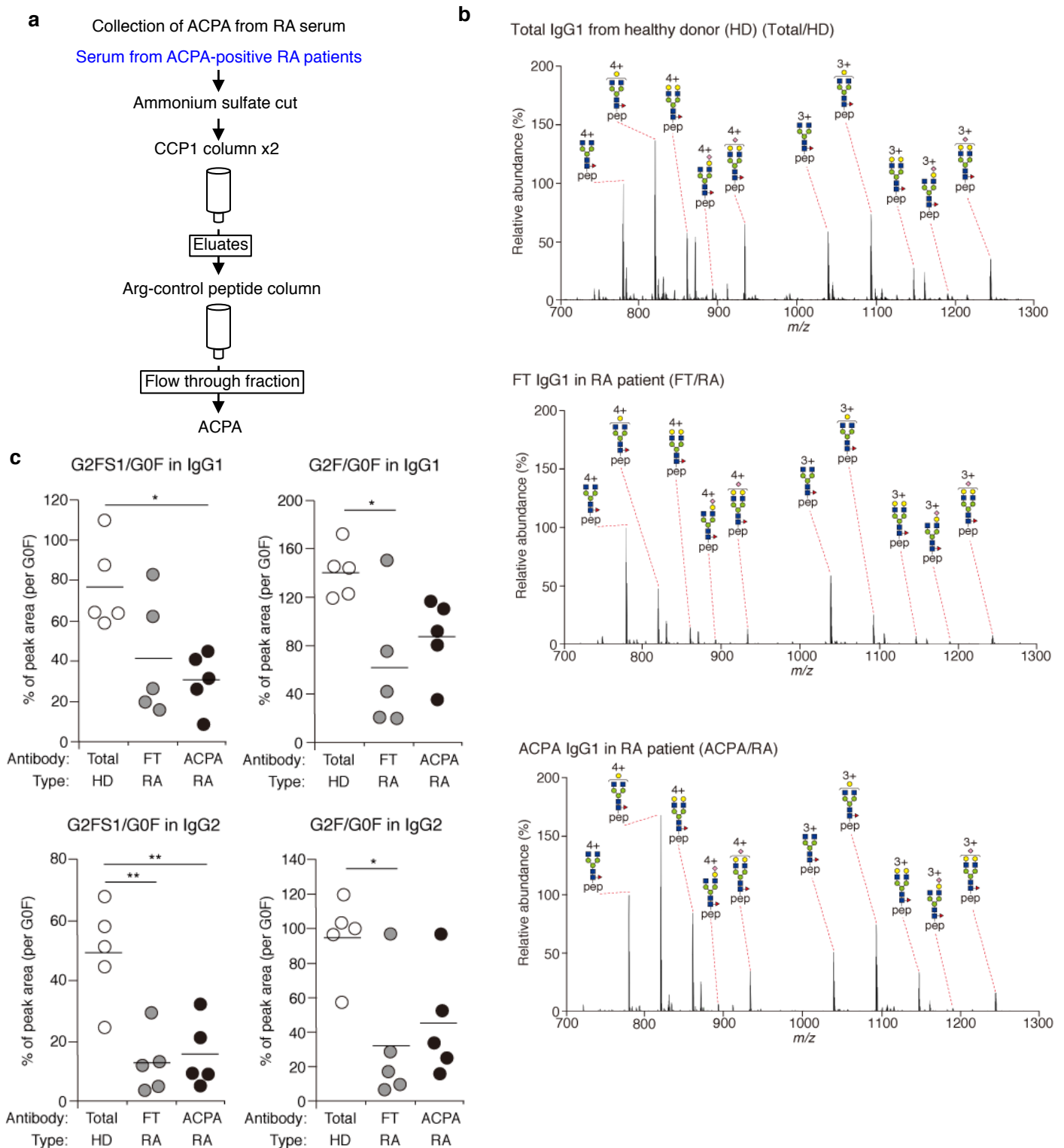
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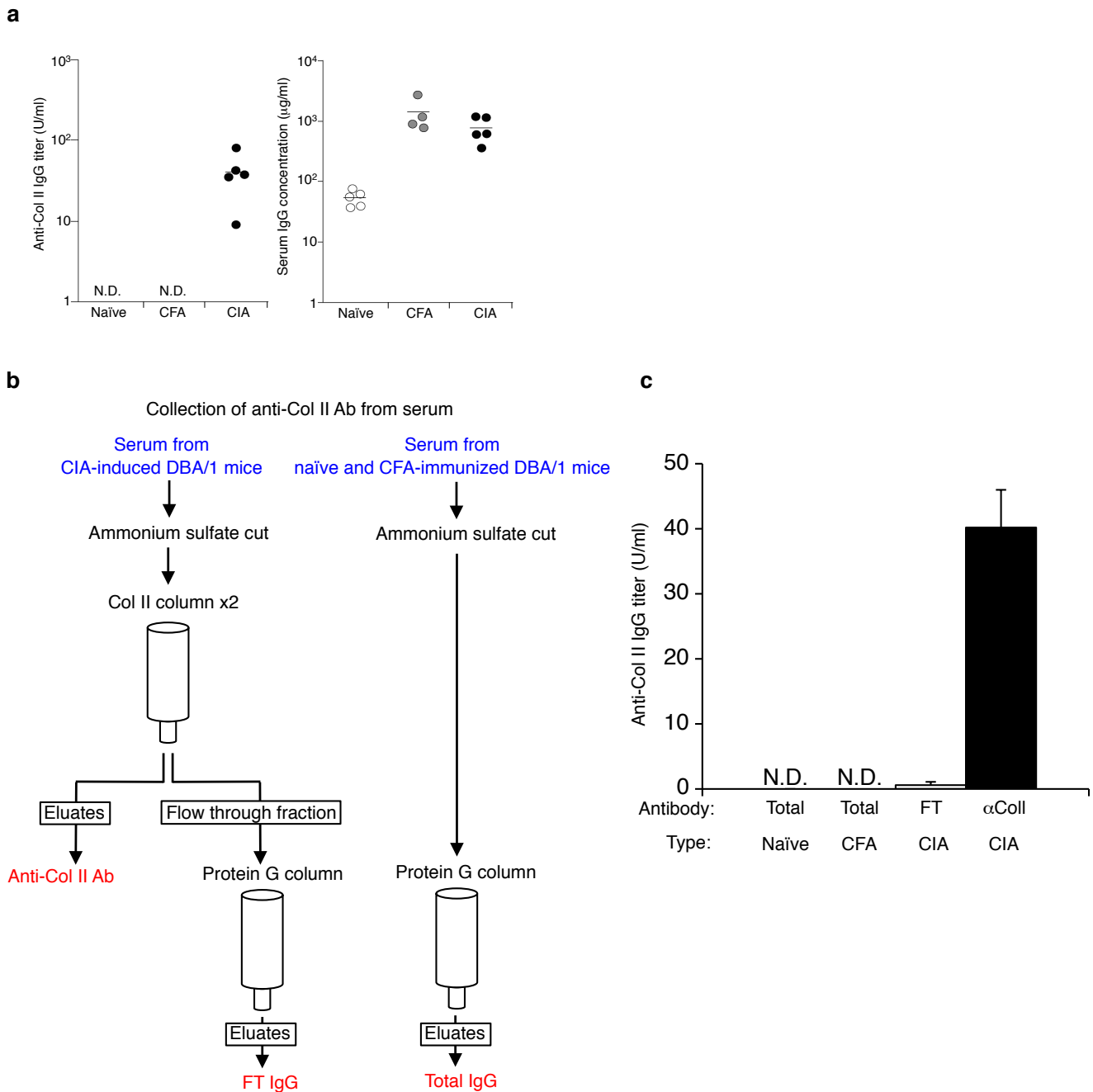
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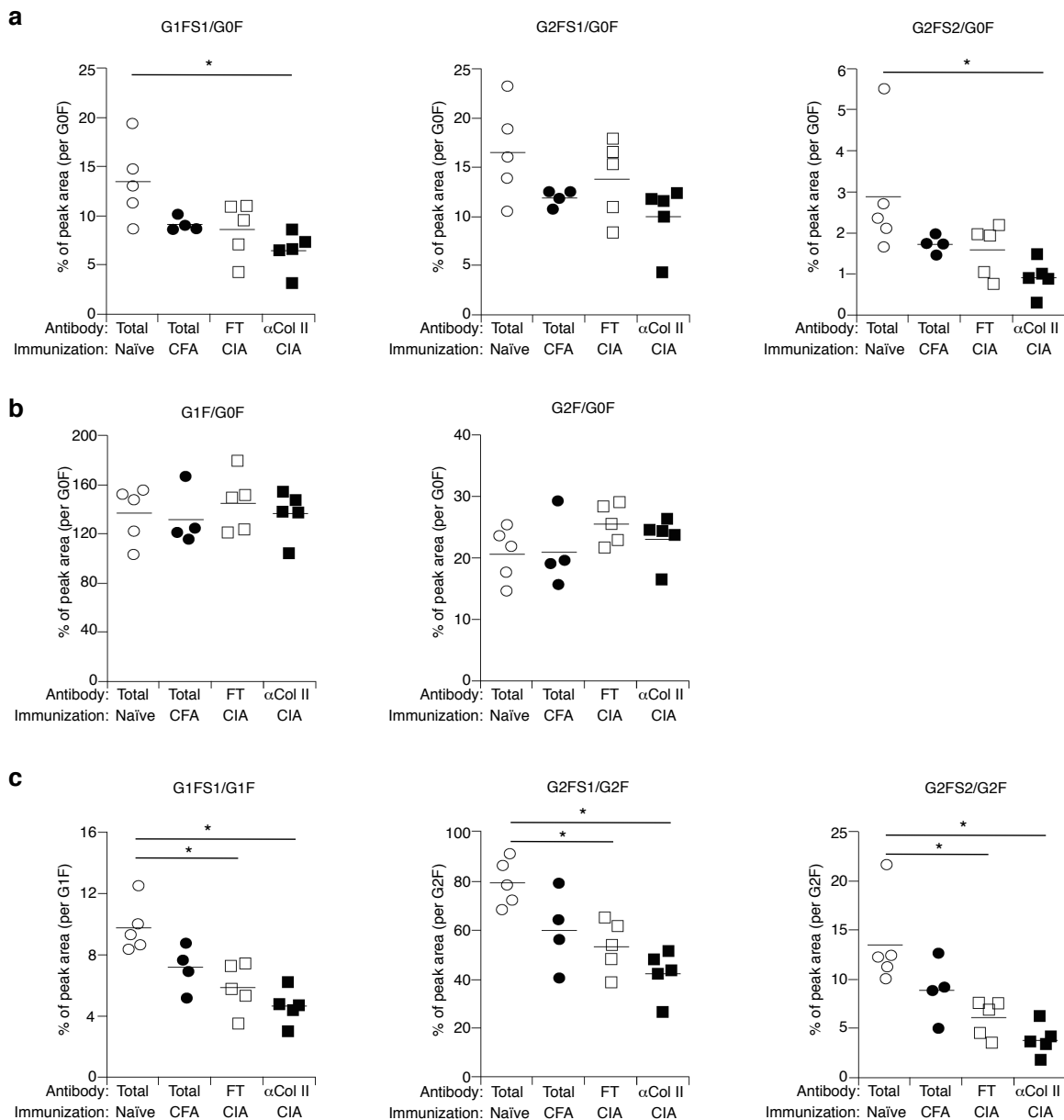
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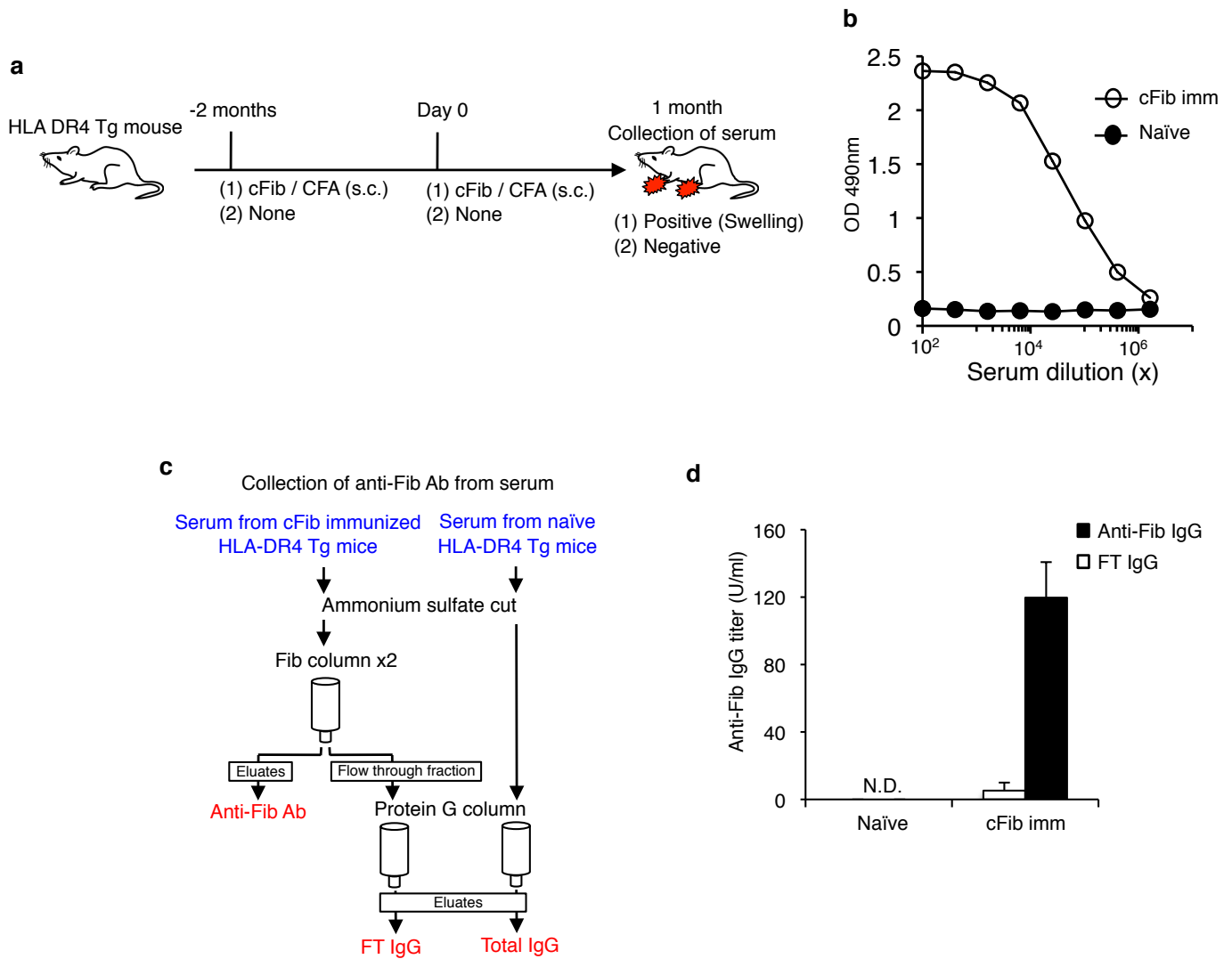
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**Supplementary Figure 6. Purification of total serum IgG from naïve or CFA-immunized DBA/1 mouse, and anti-Col II IgG or FT IgG from CIA-induced DBA/1 mouse. (a)** Anti-Col II IgG titer and total serum IgG concentration in each group of serum is presented. Each circle represents the result from an individual mouse. N.D., not detectable. **(b)** An experimental scheme for purification of three types of IgG fractions. **(c)** Anti-Col II IgG titers are presented. N.D., not detectable. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation [ $n=5$  for  $\alpha$ Col II/CIA,  $n=5$  for FT/CIA,  $n=4$  for Total/CFA,  $n=5$  for Total/naïve].

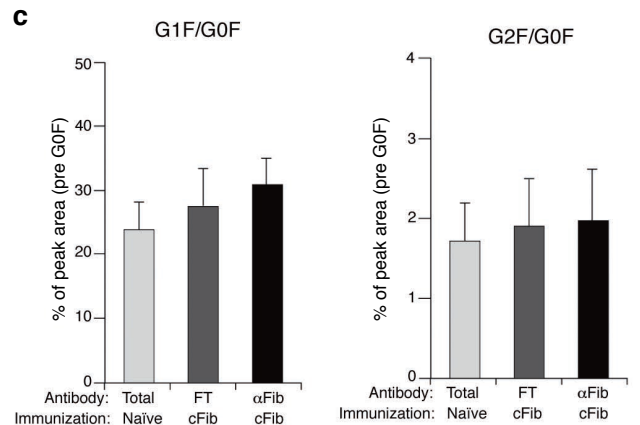
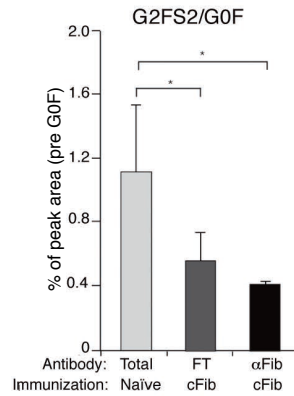
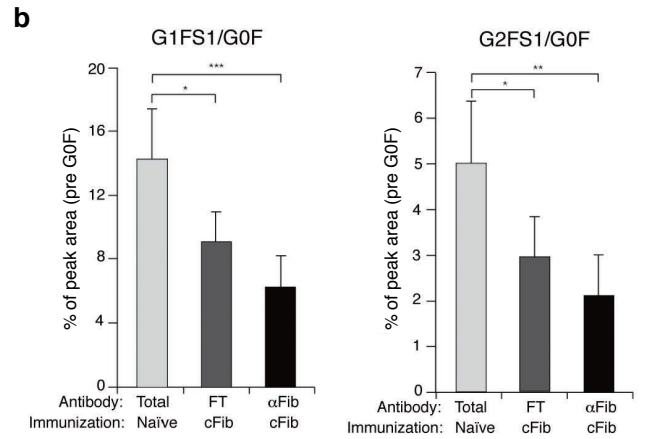
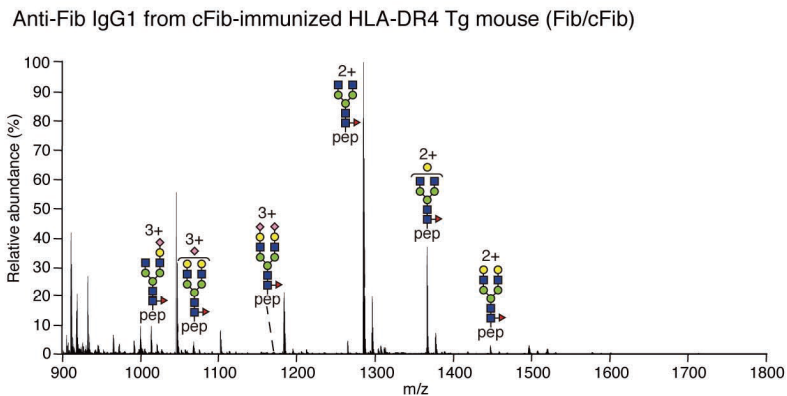
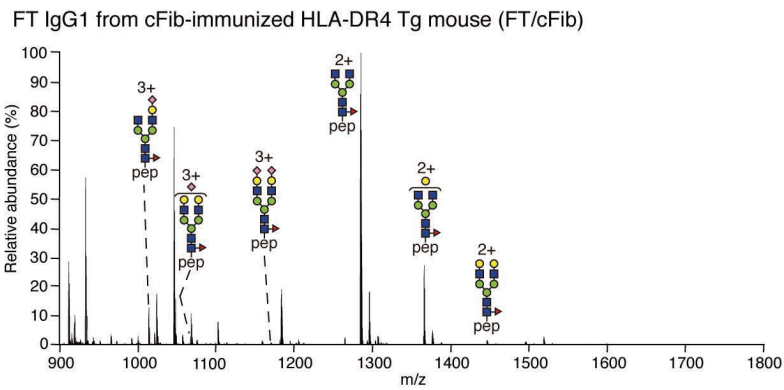
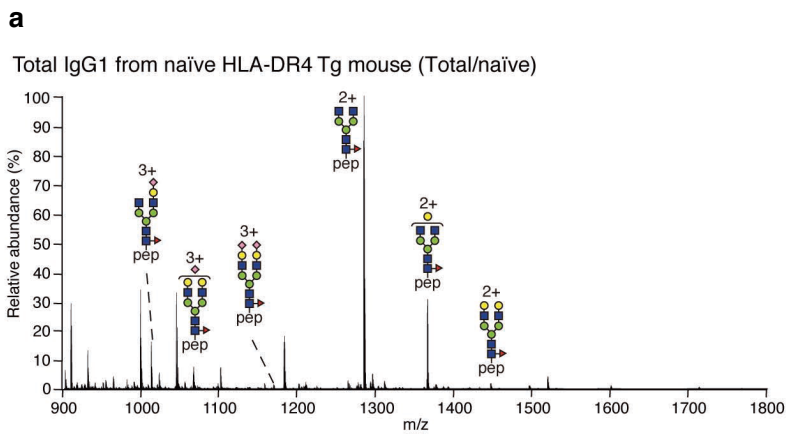


**Supplementary Figure 7. LC-ESI-MS profiles of IgG2a/b Fc in the serum of naïve (Total/naïve) or CFA-immunized DBA/1 mouse (Total/CFA), and FT of Col II column (FT/CIA) or anti-Col II IgG ( $\alpha$ Col II/CIA) from CIA-induced DBA/1 mouse. (a and b) Ratios of sialylated (a) and galactosylated (b) IgG Fc to agalactosylated IgG Fc from each group of serum were calculated and plotted. (c) Ratios of sialylated IgG Fc to galactosylated IgG Fc in each group of serum were calculated and plotted. Mean values were presented as bars. Each symbol represents the result from an individual mouse. Data were analyzed by Steel-Dwass non-parametric test ( $*P < 0.05$ ).**

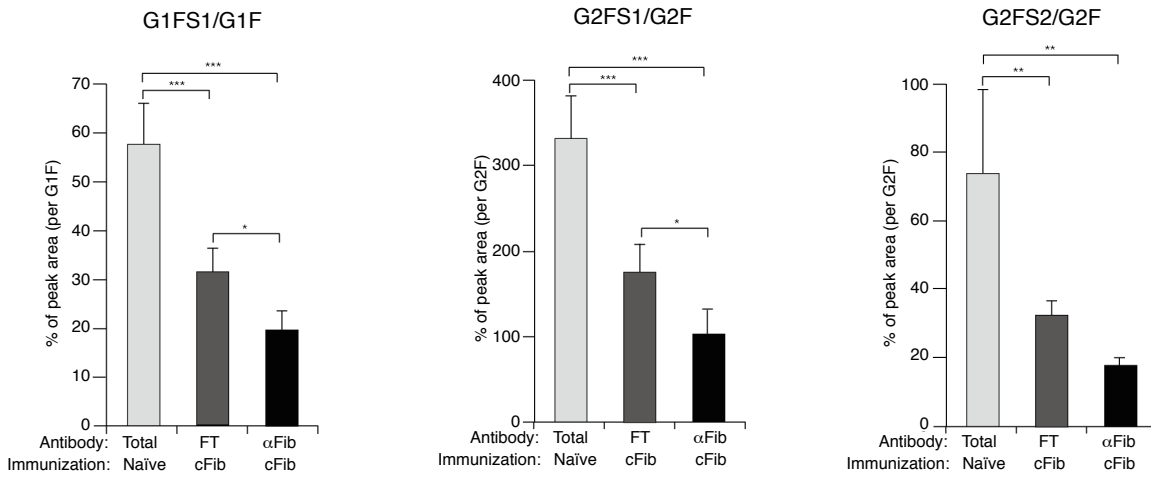


**Supplementary Figure 8. Purification of total serum IgG from naïve HLA-DR4 transgenic (Tg) mouse and anti-fibrinogen (Fib) IgG and FT IgG from citrullinated fibrinogen (cFib)-immunized HLA-DR4 Tg mouse.** (a) An experimental scheme for cFib-induced arthritis in HLA-DR4 mice. Arthritis was induced by cFib immunization. (b) Anti-Fib IgG titers in naïve and cFib-immunized mice was compared by ELISA. (c) An experimental scheme for purification of three types of IgG fractions. (d) Anti-Fib IgG titers of purified IgGs are presented. N.D., not detectable. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation [ $n=5$  for all types of IgG].

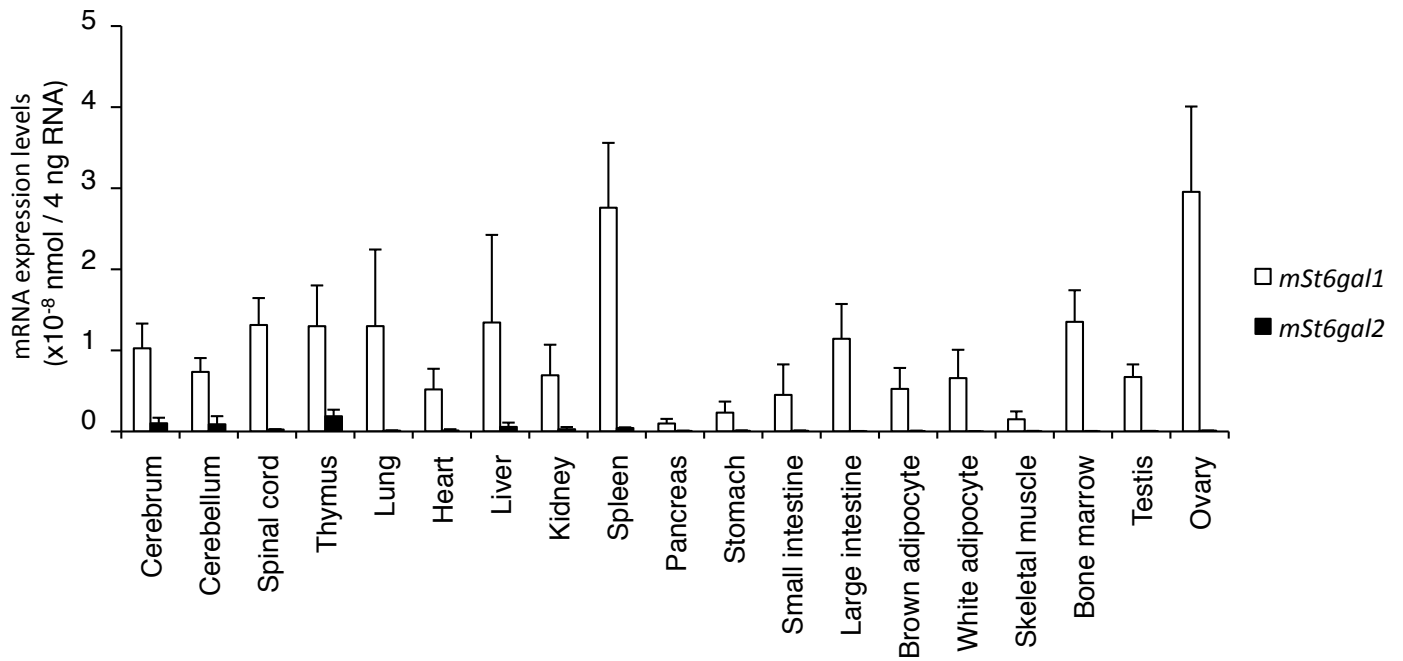




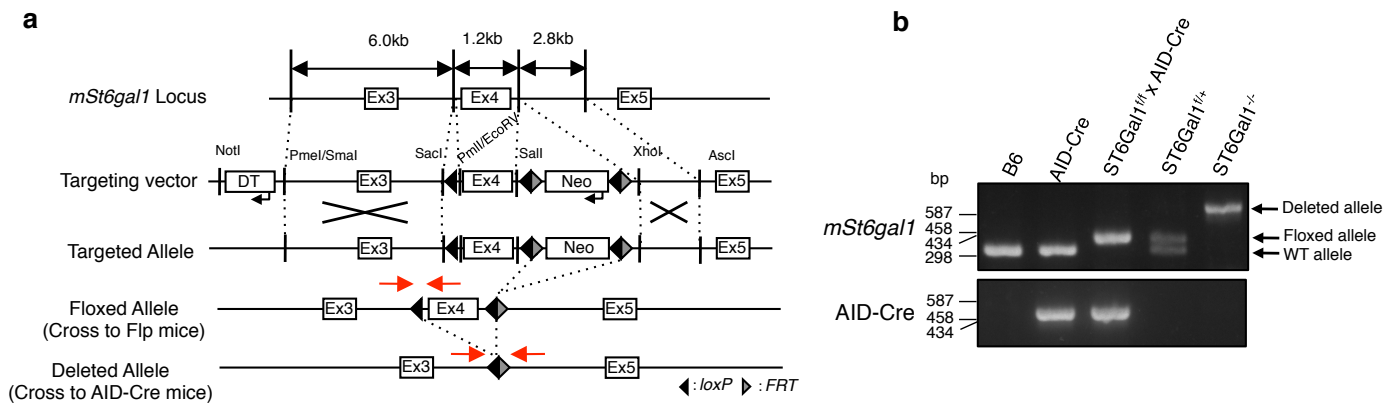
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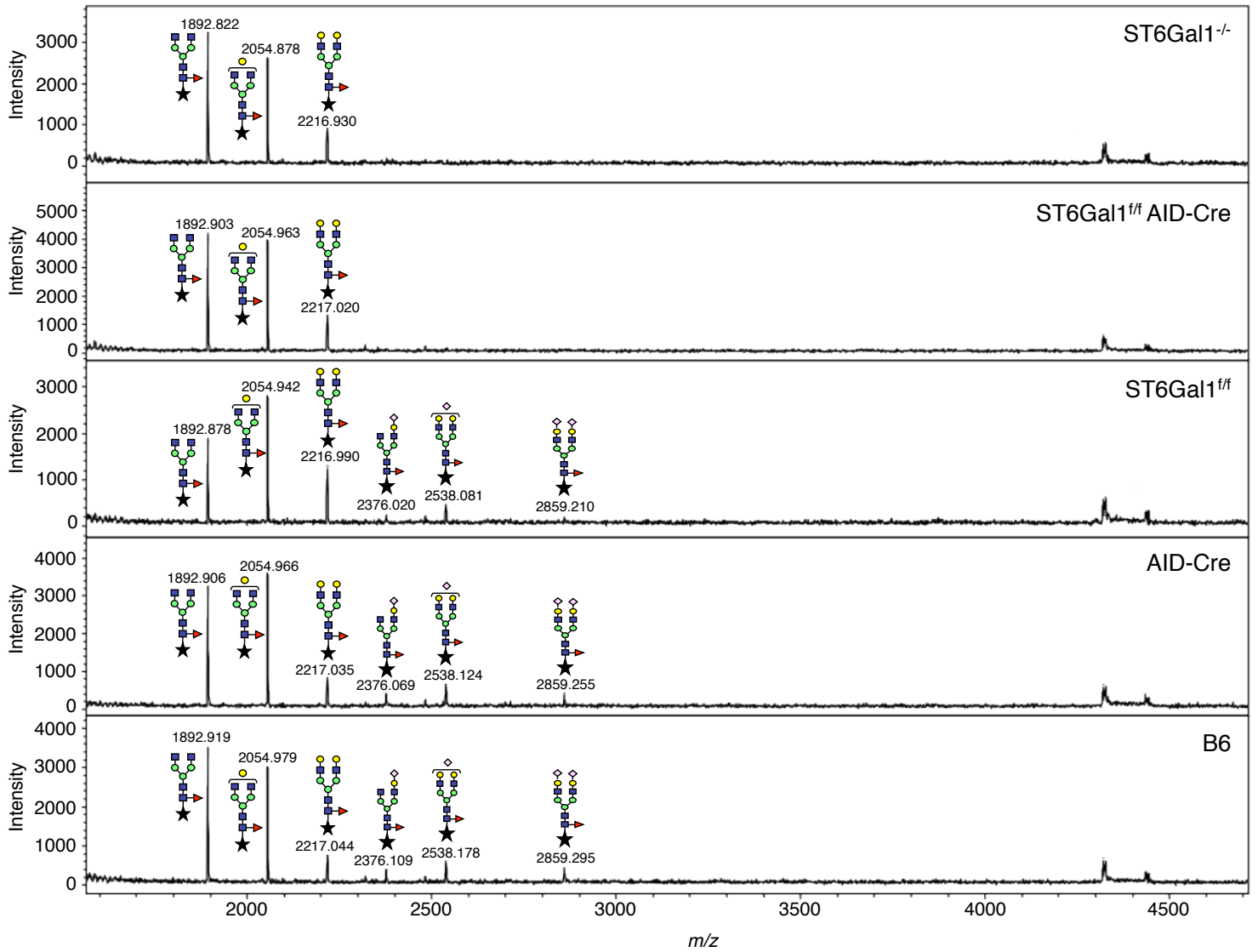
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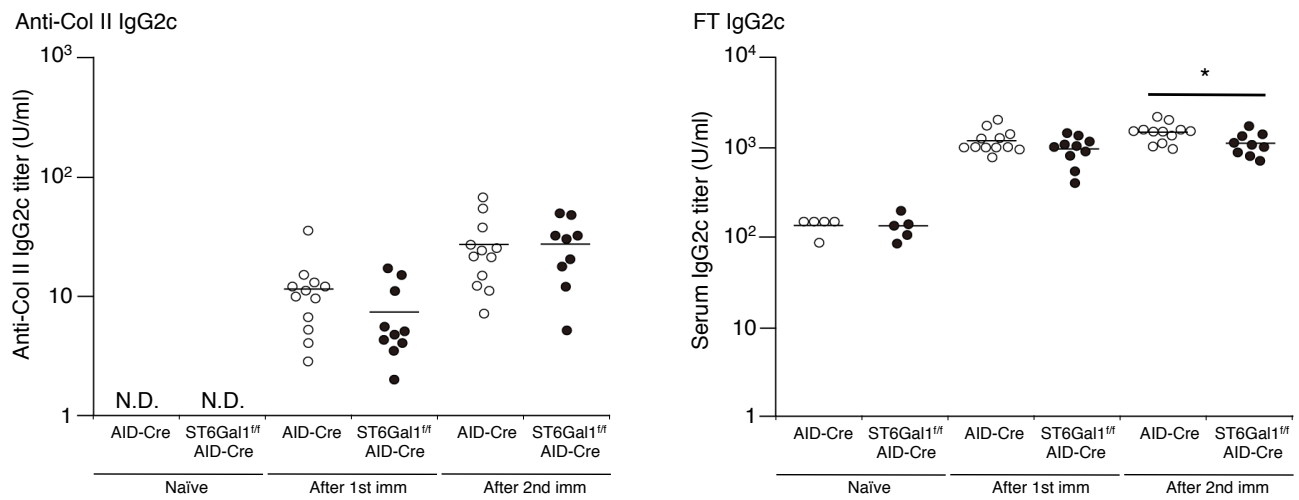
**Supplementary Figure 11. Expression levels of *mSt6gal1* and *mSt6gal2* genes in major tissues of B6 mice.** Expression levels of *mSt6gal1* and *mSt6gal2* genes were evaluated by real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) using *mSt6gal1* or *mSt6gal2* cDNA vectors as standard. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation [ $n=4$  for both genes].



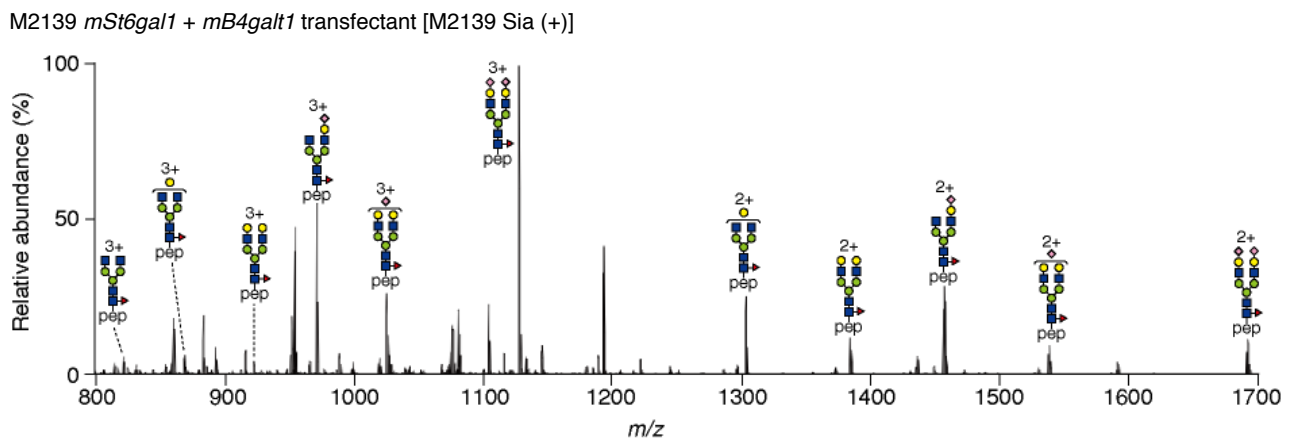
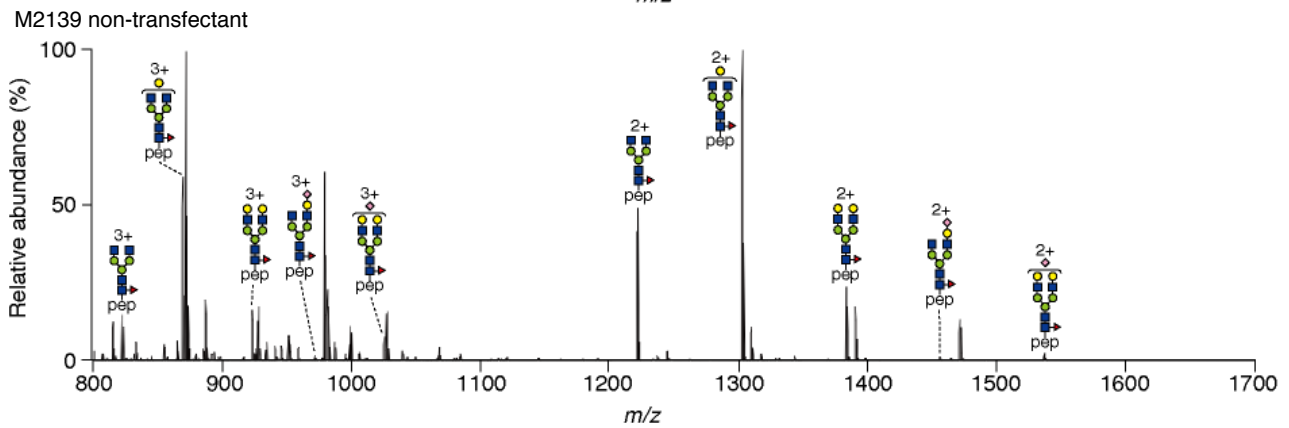
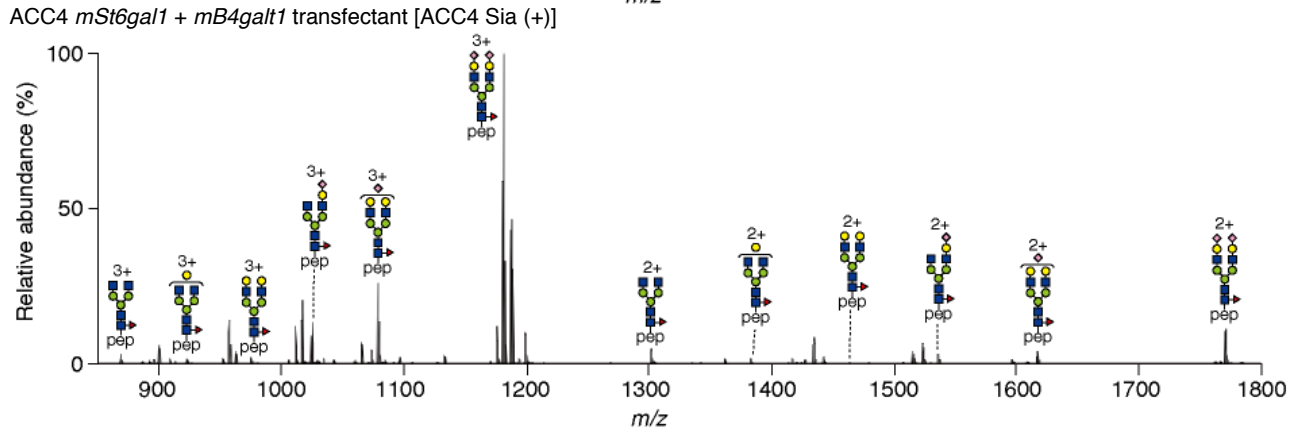
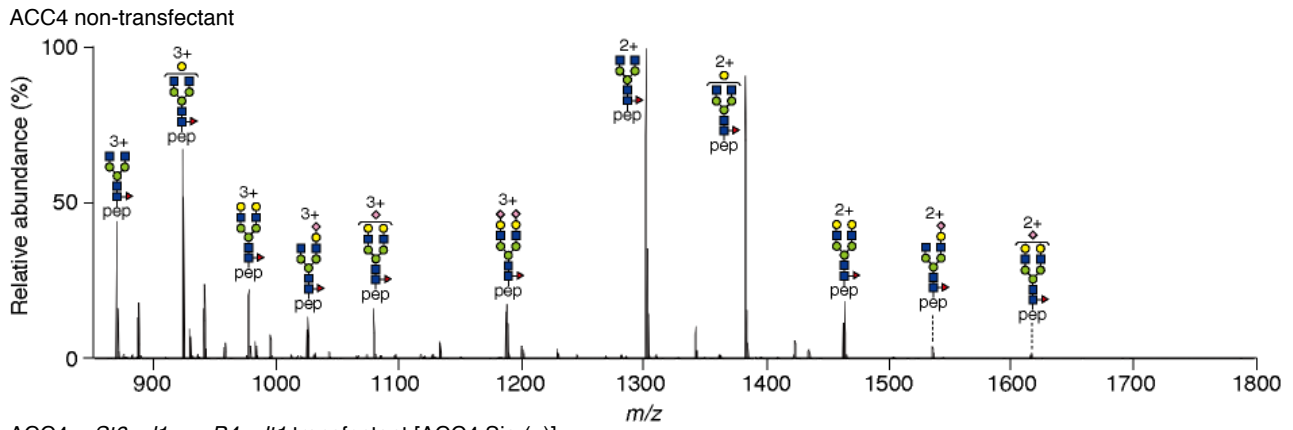
**Supplementary Figure 12. Gene targeting of *mSt6gal1* gene in activated B cell.** (a) A targeting vector included a floxed exon 4 encoding catalytic domain (L motif) of *mST6Gal1* and a floxed *Neo* cassette. The *Neo* cassette was also inserted between two *FRT* sites. Targeted allele-containing B6 mice were mated with Flp mice for deleting the *Neo* cassette, and subsequently crossed with AID-Cre mice for Cre-loxP recombination. Red arrows, genotyping primer sites. (b) PCR genotyping for the targeted *mSt6gal1* alleles and the AID-Cre-containing allele of B6, AID-Cre, ST6Gal1<sup>fl/fl</sup> AID-Cre, ST6Gal1<sup>fl/+</sup> and ST6Gal1<sup>-/-</sup> (germline deletion) mice.



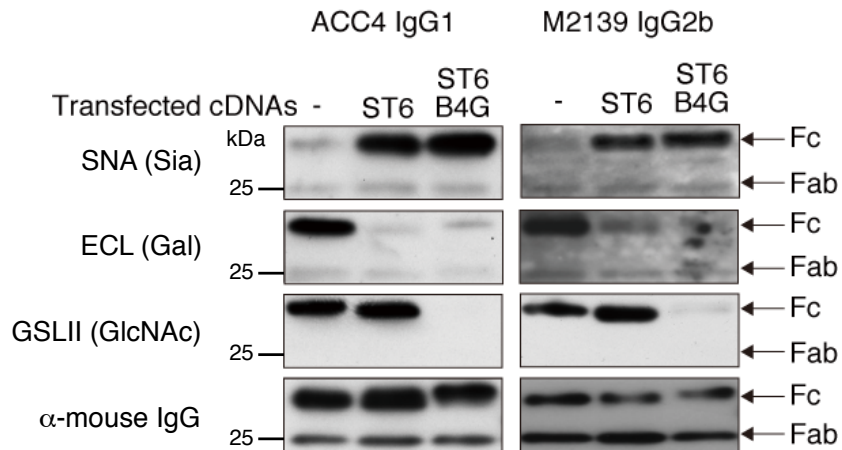
**Supplementary Figure 13. MALDI-TOF MS analysis of IgG1 Fc glycans from individual mice.** IgG1 Fc glycans in total IgG (10  $\mu$ g) from naïve ST6Gal1<sup>-/-</sup> mice, and those in flow-through of Col II columns from CIA-induced B6, AID-Cre, ST6Gal1<sup>ff</sup> AID-Cre or ST6Gal1<sup>ff</sup> mice were analyzed by MALDI-TOF MS.



**Supplementary Figure 14. IgG2c levels in AID-Cre and ST6Gal1<sup>ff</sup> AID-Cre mouse.** Anti-Col II IgG2c and total IgG2c titers in serum were determined by ELISA after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> immunization. Mean values were presented as bars. Each circle represents the result from an individual mouse. N.D., not detectable. The data are representative of three independent experiments. Data were analyzed by two-tailed Student's *t* test (\**P* < 0.05; \*\*\**P* < 0.001).

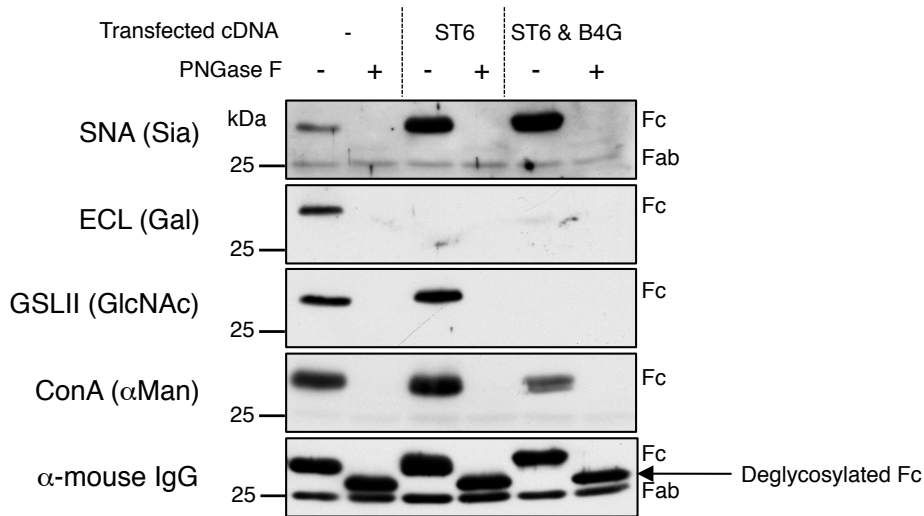


**Supplementary Figure 15. LC-ESI-MS analysis of IgG Fc glycans in ACC4 and M2139 with or without overexpression of *mSt6gal1* + *mB4galt1* cDNA.** Mass spectrometry profiles of ACC4 and M2139 (10  $\mu$ g) are presented. The intensities of glycoforms with highest peak were deliberately set at 100%.

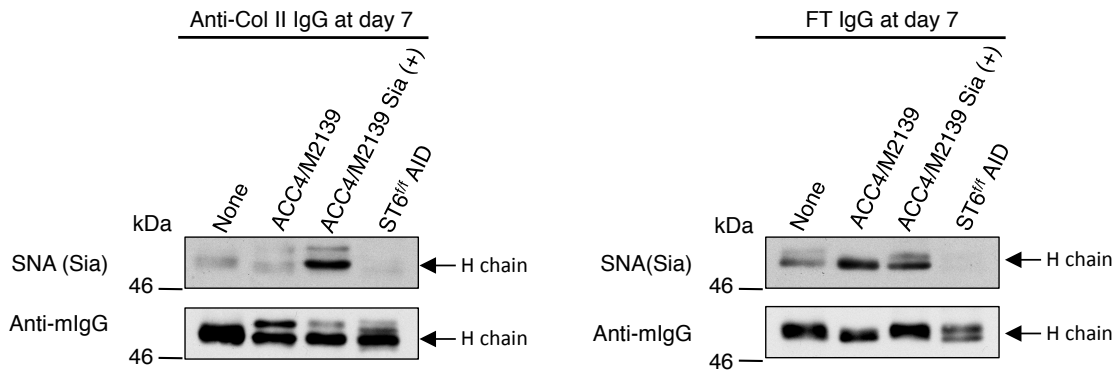


**Supplementary Figure 16. Glycoform analysis of ACC4 and M2139 by lectin blotting.** Lectin blotting analysis of papain-digested ACC4 (left panel) and M2139 (right panel) was performed to detect terminal  $\alpha$ 2,6 sialic acid [SNA (Sia)], galactose [ECL (Gal)], and *N*-acetylglucosamine [GSL II (GlcNAc)]. The amount of loaded IgG was evaluated by western blotting analysis using anti-mouse IgG. ST6, *mSt6gal1*; B4G, *mB4galt1*.

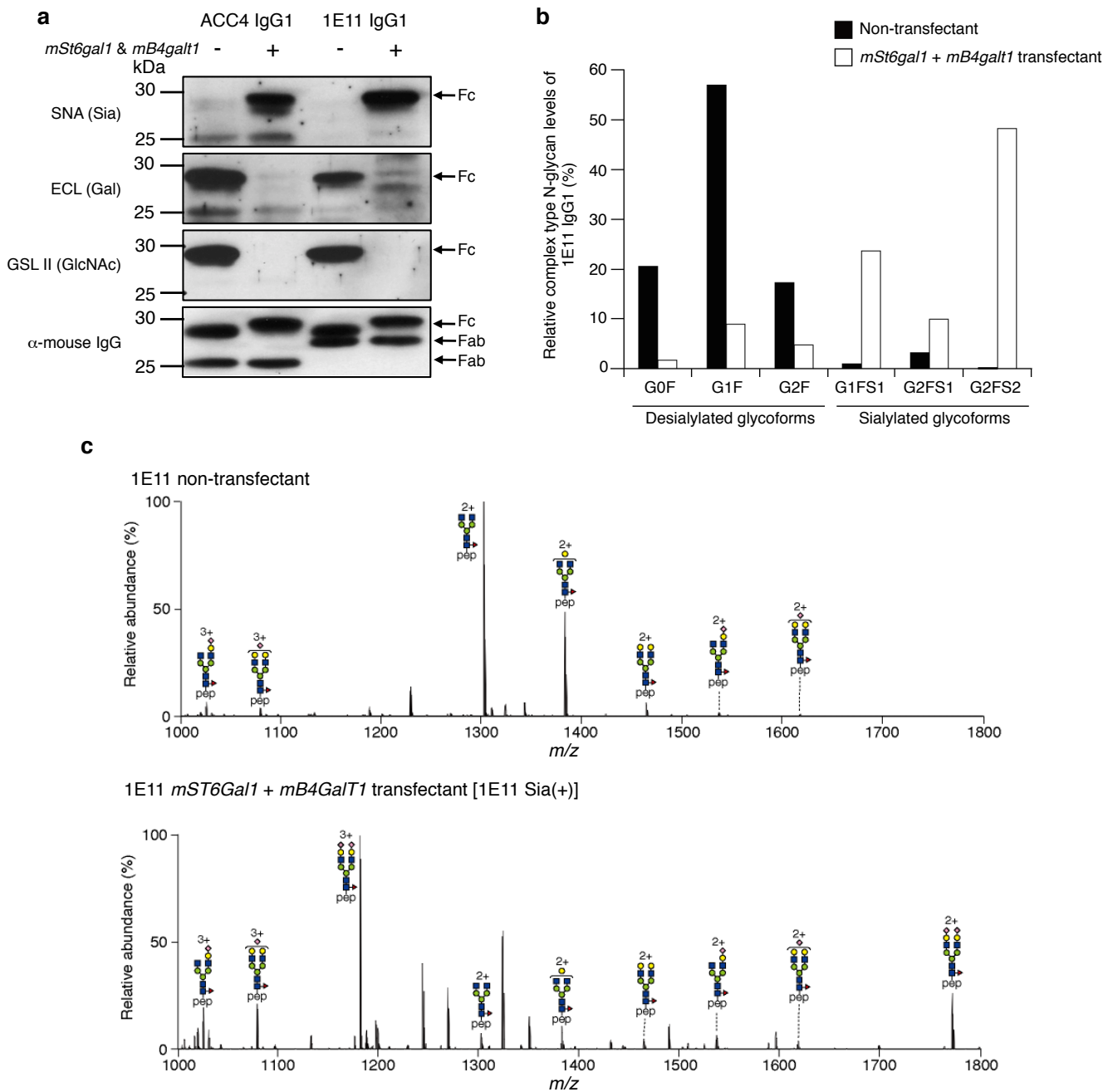




**Supplementary Figure 17. Altered lectin binding of ACC4 by PNGase F treatment.** Lectin blotting analysis of papain-digested ACC4 was performed after PNGase F treatment following SDS (1%) denaturation to detect terminal sialic acid [SNA (Sia)], galactose [ECL (Gal)], *N*-acetylglucosamine [GSL II (GlcNAc)], and  $\alpha$ -linked Mannose [ConA ( $\alpha$ Man)]. The amount of loaded IgG was evaluated by Western blotting analysis using anti-mouse IgG. ST6, *mSt6gal1*; B4G, *mB4galt1*.

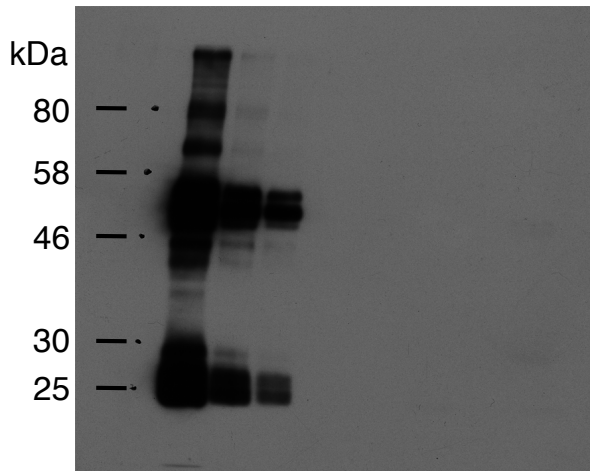


**Supplementary Figure 18. Sialylation pattern of anti-Col II IgG and flow through (FT) IgG from serum of CIA-induced DBA/1 mouse with or without the infusion of ACC4/M2139 or ACC4/M2139 Sia (+) antibodies.** Lectin blotting analysis of anti-Col II IgG and FT IgG in serum of CIA mouse injected with or without ACC4/M2139 or ACC4/M2139 Sia (+) antibodies was performed to detect terminal sialic acid [SNA (Sia)]. The amount of loaded IgG was evaluated by Western blotting analysis using anti-mouse IgG. Purification of anti-Col II IgG and FT IgG from serum of CIA-induced DBA/1 mice were performed as Supplementary Figure 5b.



**Supplementary Figure 19. Sialylation of irrelevant IgG1, 1E11 with or without overexpression of *mSt6gal1* + *mB4gal1* cDNA.** (a) Lectin blotting analysis of the papain-digested 1E11 was performed to detect terminal sialic acid [SNA (Sia)], galactose [ECL (Gal)], and *N*-acetylglucosamine [GSL II (GlcNAc)]. The amount of loaded IgG was evaluated by Western blotting analysis using anti-mouse IgG. (b) LC-ESI-MS analysis of 1E11 was performed to detect desialylated glycoforms (G0F, G1F, and G2F) and sialylated glycoforms (G1FS1, G2FS1, and G2FS2) of IgG Fc glycans. To normalize the variability, summation of peak areas of all complex type N-glycans were deliberately set at 100%. (c) Mass spectrometry profiles of 1E11 (10  $\mu$ g) are presented. The intensities of glycoforms with highest peak were deliberately set at 100%.

Figure2b



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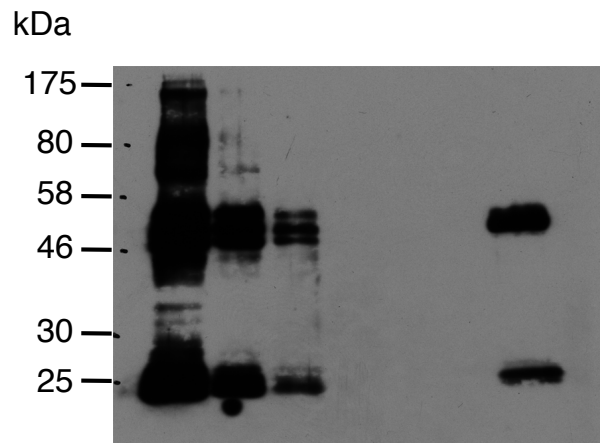
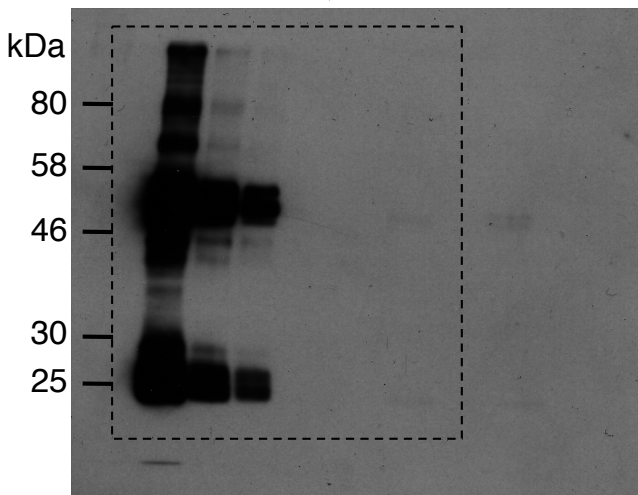
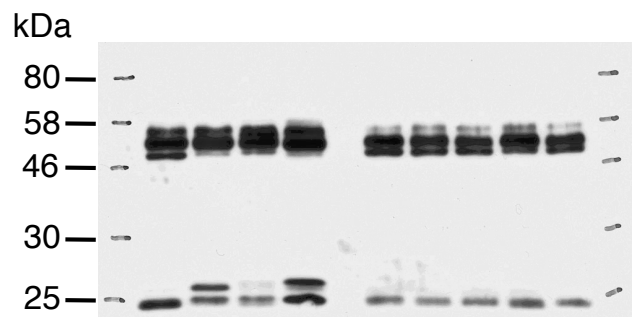
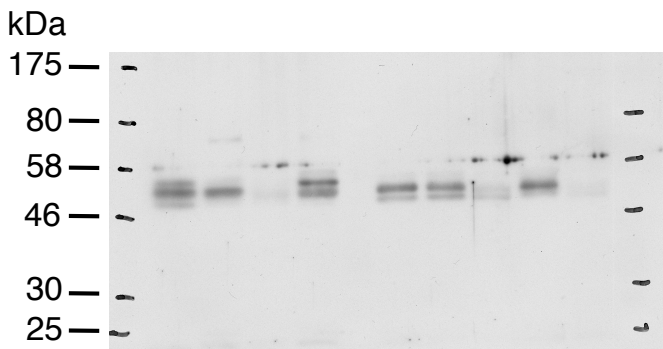


Figure3b



**Supplementary Figure 20.** Original images of the Western blotting analyses in the main figures.

**Supplementary Table 1.** Glycoforms of human IgG1 Fc by mass spectrometry in Figure 1c.

No.	Glycoform	Compositions	2+ <i>m/z</i>	3+ <i>m/z</i>
1	G1FS1*	H4N4F1S1	1544.101	1029.736
2	G2FS1	H5N4F1S1	1625.127	1083.754
3	G0F-GlcNAc-Man	H2N3F1	1134.960	756.976
4	G2FS2	H5N4F1S2	1770.675	1180.786
5	G0F-GlcNAc	H3N3F1	1215.987	810.994
6	G0	H3N4	1244.498	830.001
7	G1F-GlcNAc	H4N3F1	1297.013	865.011
8	G0F	H3N4F1	1317.527	878.687
9	G1	H4N4	1325.524	884.018
10	G0B	H3N5	1346.037	897.694
11	G1F	H4N4F1	1398.553	932.704
12	G2	H5N4	1406.550	938.036
13	G0BF	H3N5F1	1419.066	946.380
14	G1B	H4N5	1427.064	951.712
15	G2F	H5N4F1	1479.579	986.722
16	G1BF	H4N5F1	1500.093	1000.398
17	G2BF	H5N5F1	1581.119	1054.415

\* A sialic acid (S) in purified IgG from human is composed of Neu5Ac.

**Supplementary Table 2.** Glycoforms of DBA/1 mouse IgG1 Fc by mass spectrometry in Figure 2c.

No.	Glycoform	Compositions	2+ <i>m/z</i>	3+ <i>m/z</i>
1	G1FS1*	H4N4F1S1	1536.103	1024.405
2	G2FS1	H5N4F1S1	1617.130	1078.422
3	G0F-GlcNAc-Man	H2N3F1	1118.966	746.313
4	G2FS2	H5N4F1S2	1770.675	1180.786
5	G0F-GlcNAc	H3N3F1	1199.992	800.330
6	G0	H3N4	1228.503	819.338
7	G1F-GlcNAc	H4N3F1	1281.018	854.348
8	G0F	H3N4F1	1301.532	868.024
9	G1F	H4N4F1	1382.558	922.041
10	G2F	H5N4F1	1463.584	976.059

\* A sialic acid (S) in purified IgG from mouse is composed of Neu5Gc.

## Supplementary methods

### LC-ESI-MS analysis for IgG from RA patients and RA model mice (Figure 1 and 2)

Aliquots of the collected IgG fractions (10 µg) were diluted to 50 µl with 20 mM ammonium acetate. The samples were supplemented with 200 µl of cold acetone, and kept at -20 °C overnight, then centrifuged at 10,000 x g for 10 min at 4 °C, and the supernatants were removed. The pellets were dissolved in 40 µl of 50% 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-propanol (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) containing 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 and 5 mM EDTA. The solutions were added with 1 µl of 125 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), heated at 55°C for 30 min, and let cool to room temperature for 15 min. The solutions were added with 1.2 µl of 250 mM iodoacetic acid, and incubated at 30 °C for 30 min in dark. The solutions were supplemented with 190 µl of acetone - water- 2-isopropanol (10:3:2) containing 5 mM ammonium acetate and 0.5 mM DTT, vortexed for 10 sec, and centrifuged for 10 min at 10,000 x g at 25°C. The supernatants were removed, and the pellets were dissolved in 18 µl of 40 mM ammonium bicarbonate. Two µl of 0.1 µg/l modified trypsin solution was added, and samples were incubated at 37 °C for 5 hr. Tryptic digests were centrifuged at 10,000 x g for 1 min and 4 µl of aliquots were diluted to 25 µl with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA).

Tryptic digests were analyzed by an LC-ESI-MS system consisting of a Paradigm MS4 HPLC system (Michrome Bioresources, Inc.) and Orbitrap Elite hybrid MS system

(ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc.) equipped with a nanoESI ion source. Aliquots (0.1 µg of IgG) of the digests were loaded onto a L-column ODS trapping column (0.3 x 5 mm, Chemicals Evaluation and Research Institute), which were preconditioned with 0.1% TFA containing 2% acetonitrile, and desalted using 10 µl of 0.1% TFA containing 2% acetonitrile. Then, the trap column was inversely connected on-line in a series with the analytical column. Separation was achieved on a MonoCap C18 High Resolution 750 (0.2 x 750 mm, GL Sciences Inc.) using a flow rate of 2 µl/min with the following gradient of mobile phase A (0.1% formic acid in 2% acetonitrile) and mobile phase B (0.1% formic acid in 90 % acetonitrile): 0 min 5 % B, 2 min 5 % B, 47 min 80 % B, 52 min 80 % B, 55 min 5 % B and 65 min 5 % B. The MS conditions were as follows: electrospray voltage of 2.4 kV in the positive ion mode; capillary temperature of 270°C; *m/z* range, 400-2000; resolution 15,000. Assignment of the detected glycopeptides was carried out on the basis of the deduced oligosaccharide compositions from mass spectrometry and knowledge of IgG N-glycosylation<sup>1-3</sup>. Peak area of IgG tryptic glycopeptide was obtained from extracted ion chromatogram of first isotopic peak.

**LC-ESI-MS analysis for IgG from RA patients and Healthy donors (Supplementary figure 5)**



Thirty  $\mu\text{l}$  of IgG fractions (5  $\mu\text{g}$ ) were added with 10  $\mu\text{l}$  of 500 mM ammonium hydrogen carbonate and 2  $\mu\text{l}$  of 500 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), heated at 60°C for 45 min, and let cool to room temperature for 15 min. The solutions were added with 2  $\mu\text{l}$  of 500 mM iodoacetamide, and incubated for 30 min in dark. The solutions were supplemented with 1  $\mu\text{l}$  of 500 mM DTT, vortexed for 10 sec, and added water to make 50  $\mu\text{l}$ . Zero point five  $\mu\text{l}$  of trypsin solution (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) was added, and samples were incubated at 37 °C for over-night. The solutions were supplemented with 250  $\mu\text{l}$  of cold acetone, vortexed for 10 sec, and samples were incubated at -25 °C for over-night. Tryptic digests were centrifuged at 12,000 x g at 20°C for 10 min. The supernatants were removed, and the pellets were dissolved in 12  $\mu\text{l}$  of 0.1% formic acid. The digests were separated on a NANO HPLC CAPILLARY COLUMN, 75 $\mu\text{m}$  ID x 120mm, 3 $\mu\text{m}$ , C18 (Nikkyo Technos) at a flow rate of 300 nl/min in an LC-ESI-MS system consisting of an EASY-nLC 1000 (Thermo Scientific). The mobile phases were 0.1 % formic acid (A buffer) and 0.1 % formic acid in acetonitrile (B buffer). The digests were eluted with a linear gradient of 0–32% of B buffer for 40 min followed by 32-100% of B buffer for 2 min. Mass spectrometric analysis was performed using Q Exactive mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc.) equipped with Nanospray Flex Ion Source (Thermo Scientific). The electrospray voltage was 2.0 kV, the resolution was 70,000, and the scan range was m/z 700–2,000.

## **LC-ESI-MS analysis for IgG from ACC4, M2139 and 1E11 hybridomas**

Tryptic digests of IgG1 from ACC4 or ACC4 Sia (+), 1E11 or 1E11 Sia (+), and IgG2 from M2139 or M2139 Sia (+) were separated on a NANO HPLC CAPILLARY COLUMN, 75 $\mu$ m ID x 120mm, 3 $\mu$ m, C18 (Nikkyo Technos) at a flow rate of 300 nl/min in an LC-ESI-MS system consisting of an EASY-nLC 1000 (Thermo Scientific). The mobile phases were 0.1 % formic acid containing 2% acetonitrile (A buffer) and 0.1 % formic acid containing 90% acetonitrile (B buffer). The digests were eluted with a linear gradient of 0–4% of B buffer for 1 min followed by 4–32% of B buffer for 59 min. Mass spectrometric analysis was performed using Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc.) equipped with Nanospray Flex Ion Source (Thermo Scientific). The electrospray voltage was 2.0 kV, the resolution was 120,000, and the scan range was m/z 350–2,000.

## **MALDI-TOF MS analysis**

Ten  $\mu$ g of purified IgGs from CIA-induced ST6Gal1<sup>fl/fl</sup> AID-Cre, ST6Gal1<sup>fl/fl</sup>, AID-Cre and C57BL/6j mice and total serum IgG from ST6Gal1 KO mice were dissolved in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate buffer. The solutions (60  $\mu$ l) were reduced by dithiothreitol (DTT)

for 30 min at 60 °C followed by alkylation with 10 µl of 123 mM iodoacetamide (IAA) by incubation in the dark at room temperature for 60 min. The mixture was then treated with 1 µl of 40 units/µl trypsin for 60 min at 37 °C, followed by heat inactivation of the enzyme for 10 min at 90 °C. After being cooled to room temperature, N-glycans were enzymatically released from trypsin-digested glycol- peptides by incubation with 1 unit of PNGase F (Roche Applied Science, Basel, Switzerland) overnight at 37 °C. PNGase F-treated samples were dropped onto BlotGlyco beads (Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Tokyo, Japan) in a filter plate, and followed by addition of 2% acetic acid/acetonitrile. After incubation for 60 min at 80 °C, to covalently ligate glycans to beads, the beads were sequentially washed with 2 M guanidine hydrochloride, distilled water, and 1% triethylamine/methanol to remove nonspecifically bound impurities. After washing, the beads were treated with 10% acetic anhydride/methanol for 30 min at ambient temperature to quench the hydrazide groups. The beads were then washed serially with 10 mM hydrochloric acid, distilled water, methanol, and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). On-bead methyl esterification was performed by the reaction with 500 mM 1-methyl-3-p-tolyltriazene/DMSO solution for 60 min at 60 °C. After the beads were washed with methanol and distilled water, the immobilized glycans were finally released and recovered as N- $\alpha$ -((aminooxy)acetyl) -tryptophanylarginine methyl ester (aoWR) derivatives by adding 20 mM aoWR and 2% acetic acid/acetonitrile

and incubated for 1 hour at 80 °C. The resulting aoWR-labeled glycans were recovered by washing the beads with distilled water, and the collected solution was further purified with a solid-phase extraction column (Cleanup column, Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) to remove the excess aoWR. The purified solution was mixed with 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid solution and subsequently subjected to MALDI-TOF analysis. All measurements were performed with an Autoflex III TOF/TOF mass spectrometer equipped with a reflector and controlled by the FlexControl 3.0 software package (Bruker Daltonics GmbH, Bremen, Germany). The peaks were detected generally as a formula of  $[M + H]^+$  ions. In MALDI-TOF MS reflector mode, ions generated by a Smartbeam (pulsed UV nitrogen laser,  $\lambda = 337$  nm, 5 Hz) were accelerated to a kinetic energy of 23.5 kV. Masses were automatically annotated by using FlexAnalysis 2.0. External calibration of MALDI mass spectra was carried out using singly charged monoisotopic peaks of a mixture of human angiotensin II (m/z 1046.542), bombesin (m/z 1619.823), adrenocorticotropin (18–39) (m/z 2465.199), and somatostatin 28 (m/z 3147.472). All measurements were performed as follows: 1 ml of the sample solution was mixed with 1 ml of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (10 mg/ml in 30% ACN), and 1 ml of the resulting mixture was subjected to MALDI-TOF mass analysis. Structural identification of glycans was performed using of a database for glycan structures (<http://web.expasy.org/glycomod/>).

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