

## Supporting Information

Mechanism of the human nucleocytoplasmic hexosaminidase D

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**Table S1. Primers used for mutagenesis of HexD.**

| <b>Mutant</b> | <b>Primer</b>                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| D148A Forward | CTGCACATCGGGTGTGCTGAGGTCTATTACCTC  |
| D148A Reverse | GAGGTAATAGACCTCAGCACACCCGATGTGCAG  |
| D148N Forward | CTGCACATCGGGTGTAAATGAGGTCTATTACC   |
| D148N Reverse | GGTAATAGACCTCATTACACCCGATGTGCAG    |
| E149A Forward | CACATCGGGTGTGATGCGGTCTATTACCTCGGAG |
| E149A Reverse | CTCCGAGGTAATAGACCGCATCACACCCGATGTG |
| E149Q Forward | CACATCGGGTGTGATCAGGTCTATTACCTCG    |
| E149Q Reverse | CGAGGTAATAGACCTGATCACACCCGATGTG    |
| H92A Forward  | GTGCAGACATTTGGAGCCATGGAGTTTGTGCT   |
| H92A Reverse  | AGCACAAACTCCATGGCTCCAAATGTCTGCAC   |

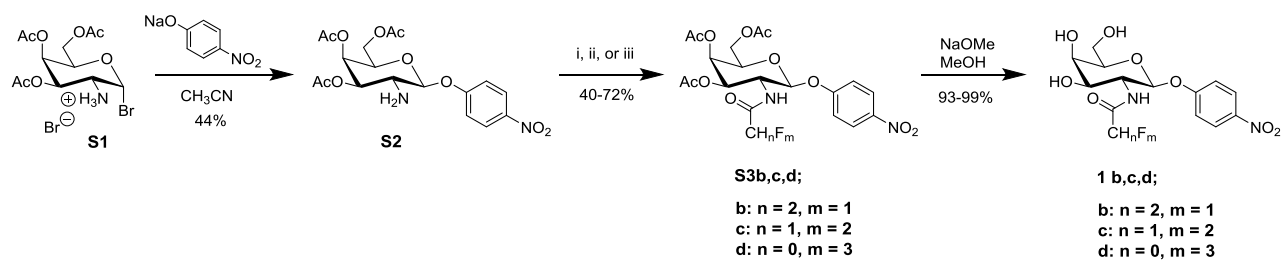
**Table S2. Spectrophotometric parameters used for monitoring of Brønsted analyses.**

| Substrate                                  | $pK_a^a$ | $\lambda$ (nm) | $\epsilon$ ( $M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) <sup>b</sup> | [E] <sub>0</sub><br>WT<br>( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | [E] <sub>0</sub><br>D148A<br>( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | [E] <sub>0</sub><br>E149A<br>( $\mu\text{M}$ ) |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 3,4-NO <sub>2</sub> P-GalNAc ( <b>1e</b> ) | 5.42     | 400            | 12900                                                | 0.1                                         | 1                                              | 0.1                                            |
| 3F4NP-GalNAc ( <b>1f</b> )                 | 6.42     | 388            | 17600                                                | 0.1                                         | 1                                              | 0.1                                            |
| pNP-GalNAc ( <b>1a</b> )                   | 7.18     | 400            | 13210                                                | 0.1                                         | 2                                              | 0.1                                            |
| 4MU-GalNAc ( <b>3</b> )                    | 7.5      | 360            | 8600                                                 | 0.2                                         | 5                                              | 0.2                                            |
| mNP-GalNAc ( <b>1g</b> )                   | 8.29     | 330            | 650                                                  | 1                                           | --                                             | 1                                              |
| pCIP-GalNAc ( <b>1h</b> )                  | 9.47     | 280            | 720                                                  | 2                                           | --                                             | 5                                              |
| P-GalNAc ( <b>1i</b> )                     | 9.99     | 269            | 969                                                  | 2                                           | --                                             | --                                             |
| pOMeP-GalNAc ( <b>1j</b> )                 | 10.2     | 296            | 1670                                                 | 2                                           | --                                             | --                                             |

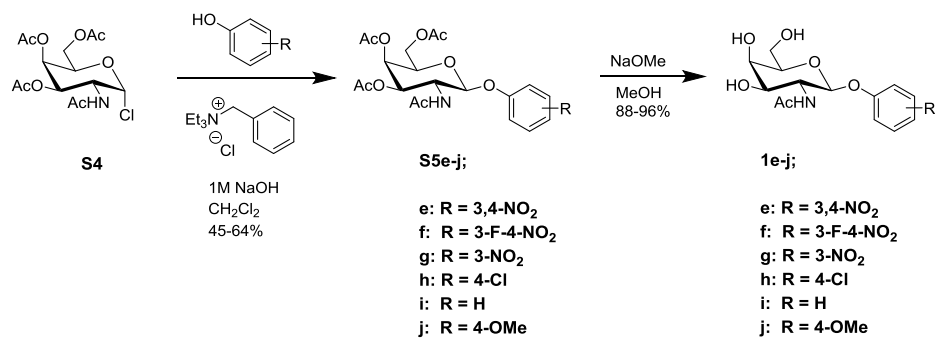
<sup>a</sup>  $pK_a$  values were obtained from previously reported analyses [1-3].

<sup>b</sup> Extinction coefficients were obtained from Macauley *et al.* [4] with the exception of 4-methoxyphenyl-*O*-GalNAc which was calculated experimentally.

## Synthetic Schemes S1 and S2: Synthesis of galactosaminide substrates.



**Scheme S1:** Synthesis of fluorinated *N*-acyl substrates. (i)  $\text{NaOOCCH}_2\text{F}$ , Amberlite-120 H<sup>+</sup>, HBTU,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , DMF, 0°C, 70%; (ii)  $\text{HOOCH}_2\text{F}$ , HBTU,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , DMF, 0°C, 62%; (iii)  $(\text{CF}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 0°C, 40%.



**Scheme S2:** Synthesis of aryl *N*-acetylgalactosamine substrate analogues.

Figure S1. Sequence alignment of HexD with the lysosomal  $\beta$ -hexosaminidases HexA and HexB. Black shading shows identical residues; grey shading shows similar residues. Starred residues were mutated as part of this study. The alignment was performed in Clustal Omega and figure produced in BoxShade.

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HexD 1 -----
HexA 1 -----M*SSRLWFSL-----LLAAAFAGRATALWPF
HexB 1 MELCGLGLPRPMLLALLLALLLAAMLALLTQVALV*VQVAEAAARAPSVSAKPGPALWPLP

HexD 1 -----
HexA 28 QNFQTS*DQRYVLY*PN*N*FQFYDVS*SAA*OPGCSVLD*EAFORY*RDLLFGSGS*W*PRPYLTGKR
HexB 61 LSVKMT*PNLLH*LAP*EN*FYISHSPN*STAGPSC*TLL*EAFRRY*HGYI*IFGFYK*W*HHEPAEFQA

HexD 1 -----
HexA 88 H*TLEKNV*L*VSVVTPG*CNQLP*TL*ESV*ENY*TL*TINDDQCL*LSET*VW*GALRGL*ETFSQ*LVW
HexB 121 K*TQVQQL*LV*SITLQ*SE*CDAF*PN*ISS*DES*YTL*LVKEPVAV*LKANR*VW*GALRGL*ETFSQ*LVY

HexD 1 -----MSGSTPFQMR*L*VH*LDLKGAPPKVSYL*SE*TFPLFRA-----M*GANGLL
HexA 148 KSAE*G*TFF*INKTE*TE*DF*PRF*PHRGL*LIDTSRHYLE---LSS*LID*TL*DVMAY*KNL*VFHW
HexB 181 QDSY*G*TFF*TIN*EST*L*DS*PRFS*HRGL*LIDTSRHYLE---VK*TL*K*TL*DAMA*F*N*K*F*N*V*L*H*W

HexD 43 IEYEDM*FPYEGPLR-----LLRAKYAV*S*SEI*KEILHL*AGL*NELEVI*PLVQ*TFGHME
HexA 205 LVDD*SP*FPY*ES*FT*PEL*MRKGS*YN*PV*THI*Y*TA*QDV*KEVIEY*ARLRGIRV*LAE*FDTPGH*L
HexB 238 IVDD*Q*SP*FPY*QSI*TF*PEL*SNKGS*YS*-LSHV*Y*T*ND*V*RMVIEY*ARLRGIRV*LPE*FDTPGH*L

HexD 95 FVL-----KHTAFAHLREV*GS*FPCTLN*PHEAESLALVGAMIDQ*VLELH*PGA*QRLHIG*CD*
HexA 265 SWGP*C*IPGL*LLTPCY*SGSEPSG*TF*C-*PVN*PSL*N*TYE*FMS*TF*LEVSSVFP*-DFY*LHLGGD
HexB 297 SWGK*G*QKD*LLTPCY*SRQNKLD*S*F*C-*PI*N*PT*L*N*T*YS*FL*T*FF*KE*ISEV*FP*-D*Q*FIHLGGD

HexD 149 *EVY*YLGE*GEA*--SRR*NLQ*Q*ONS*T*-----GKLC*L*SHMRAVA*SGV*KARR*PSV*TP*LV*WDDML
HexA 323 EVDF*T*CK*SNPE*I*QDF*MR*KKGF*ED*FK*QLESFY*I*Q*TLLD*IVS*-----SYG*K*CV*VVW*QEVF
HexB 355 EVE*F*K*WE*SNPK*I*QDF*MR*QKGF*GTDF*KKLESFY*I*Q*KVLD*ITA*-----T*IN*K*SI*VW*QEVF

HexD 202 RDLPE*D*LAASG*VPQ*LV*EPV*LW*DY*TAD*LDV*HGK*VLLM*QY*RR*CG*FP*OLWA*ASAF-----
HexA 378 DNK*V*K*I*OP*--D*TI*-----IQ*V*RED*IPV*N*YMK*---ELE*L*V*TR*AG*FRALL*SAPW*YLN*RISY
HexB 410 DDK*A*K*LAP*--G*TI*-----VE*V*W*K*DS*---AY*PE*---ELS*R*V*T*AS*G*FP*V*IL*SAPW*YLD*LISY

HexD 256 -----KGATGPS*QAV*PPVEH*HL-----RNHV*Q*W*LQ*VAGS*G*PT---D
HexA 428 GPD*W*K*DF*Y*I*VE*PLA*FE*GT*PE*Q*K*ALV*IGGEAC*W*GEY*VD*N*T*N*L*V*PR*LW*PRAG*AV*AERL*WSN
HexB 457 GQD*W*R*K*Y*Y*K*VE*PL*DF*GG*T*Q*K*Q*L*F*IGGEAC*LW*GEY*VD*AT*N*L*TP*RLW*PRAS*AV*GERL*WSN

HexD 289 S*LQ*GI*L*TG*W*Q*RY*DHYS*VL*CEL*LPAG*V*PSLAAC*LQ*LLR*G*GF*DE*DV*KAK*VEN*LLGI*SSE
HexA 488 KL*TS*DL*TF*AYER*LS*--H*FR*CEL*L*RR*GV*QA*OPL*-----NV*G*F*CE*Q*EFE*Q*T-----
HexB 517 KD*V*R*D*MDD*AY*DRL*T*--R*H*RC*RM*VE*RG*IA*OPL*-----Y*AG*Y*C*N*H*EN*M-----

HexD 349 K*TD*PV*REGAGS*FP*GS*NILALV*TQ*VSL*HLR*SSVD*ALLEGN*RY*VTG*W*FS*PY*HR*Q*KLI*HPVM
HexA -----
HexB -----

HexD 409 V*QH*I*Q*PAALS*LLA*Q*W*STL*VQ*ELEAAL*QLAF*YPDAVEE*WLEEN*VH*PSL*Q*RLQ*ALLQ*DLSEV
HexA -----
HexB -----

HexD 469 S*AP*PL*P*PT*SPGRD*VAQDP
HexA -----
HexB -----

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