### **Supporting Information**

LC-MS/MS characterization of xyloside-primed glycosaminoglycans with cytotoxic properties reveals structural diversity and novel glycan modifications

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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (2-Naphthyl-1,3,4,5,6,7,8-*d*<sub>7</sub>) β-D-xylopyranoside

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (2-Naphthyl-1,3,4,5,6,7,8-*d*<sub>7</sub>) β-D-xylopyranoside

**Table S1.** *Proportions of CS/DS and HS of XylNap- and XylNap-d<sub>7</sub>-primed GAGs from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells.* Proportions of GlcUA in CS/DS (CS/DS<sub>GlcUA</sub>), IdoUA in CS/DS as alternating or single IdoUA-containing disaccharide units (CS/DS<sub>IdoUA\_Alt/single</sub>), IdoUA in CS/DS in blocks (CS/DS<sub>IdoUA\_ChB</sub>), and HS of XylNap- and XylNap-*d*<sub>7</sub>-primed GAGs from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells after chondroitinase ABC, chondroitinase AC-I and -II, chondroitinase B, and heparinase degradation, respectively. The data are the means of two individual experiments.

GAGs	CS/DS <sub>GlcUA</sub> (%)*	$CS/DS_{IdoUA_Alt/single}$ (%)*	$CS/DS_{IdoUA_ChB}$ $(\%)*$	HS (%)
XylNap-primed GAGs HCC70	63 (61)	0.69 (2.5)	4.9 (5.1)	31
XylNap- <i>d</i> <sub>7</sub> - primed GAGs HCC70	60	2.5 (2.9)	4.1	33
XylNap-primed GAGs CCD-1095Sk	57	15	27	1.8
XylNap-d7- primed GAGs CCD-1095Sk	57	15	26	2.3

\* The values in brackets are shown in Fig 3A; these were calculated using the values after chondroitinase ABC degradation in those cases where the proportions after chondroitinase AC-I and -II degradation exceeded the proportions after chondroitinase ABC degradation (see Table S2).

**Table S2.** Disaccharide composition of XylNap- and XylNap-d<sub>7</sub>-primed CS/DS from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells. CS/DS disaccharide composition (% of total chondroitinase ABC-degraded GAGs) of XylNap- and XylNap-d<sub>7</sub>-primed GAGs from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells after chondroitinase ABC/chondroitinase AC-I and -II/chondroitinase B degradation. The data are the means of two individual experiments.

GAGs	ΔUA,2S- GalNAc,4S (%)	ΔUA- GalNAc,4S,6S (%)	ΔUA,2S- GalNAc,6S (%)	ΔUA- GalNAc,4S (%)	ΔUA- GalNAc,6S (%)	ΔUA-GalNAc (%)
XylNap- primed GAGs HCC70	-	5.1/2.3/1.3	0.31/-/-	30/18/6.0	63/70*/-	1.6/2.5*/-
XylNap- <i>d</i> <sub>7</sub> - primed GAGs HCC70	-	5.3/2.4/1.3	0.32/-/-	28/16/4.8	66/66/-	0.68/1.4*/-
XylNap- primed GAGs CCD-1095Sk	3.9/-/3.7	0.92/0.24/0.27	5.2/< 0.1/-	59/16/25	30/26/-	0.98/1.7*/-
XylNap- <i>d</i> <sub>7</sub> - primed GAGs CCD-1095Sk	3.9/-/3.5	1.1/0.22/0.27	5.3/< 0.1/-	59/16/24	30/26/-	0.94/1.8*/-

\*Differences in disaccharide proportion between chondroitinase ABC and chondroitinase AC-I and -II degradation; in Fig. 3B and C, these values are represented by the values after chondroitinase ABC degradation.

**Table S3.** Proportions of CS/DS and HS of XylNapOH-primed GAGs from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells before and after sialyltransferase inhibition. The data are the means of three individual experiments.

GAGs	CS/DS (%)	HS (%)
XylNapOH-primed GAGs HCC70	84	16
XylNapOH-primed GAGs -Neu5Ac HCC70	75	25
XylNapOH-primed GAGs CCD-1095Sk	97	2.8
XylNapOH-primed GAGs -Neu5Ac CCD-1095Sk	96	4.5

**Table S4.** Disaccharide composition of XylNapOH-primed CS/DS from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells before and after sialyltransferase inhibition. CS/DS disaccharide composition (% of total chondroitinase ABC-degraded GAGs) of XylNapOH-primed GAGs from HCC70 cells and CCD-1095Sk cells before and after sialyltransferase inhibition, after chondroitinase ABC degradation. The data are the means of three individual experiments.

GAGs	ΔUA,2S- GalNAc,4S (%)	ΔUA- GalNAc,4S,6S (%)	ΔUA,2S- GalNAc,6S (%)	ΔUA- GalNAc,4S (%)	ΔUA- GalNAc,6S (%)	ΔUA-GalNAc (%)
XylNapOH- primed GAGs HCC70	-	3.2	0.28	21	75	0.88
XylNapOH- primed GAGs -Neu5Ac HCC70	-	4.1	0.40	20	75	0.81
XylNapOH- primed GAGs CCD-1095Sk	3.0	0.93	3.9	62	29	1.6
XylNapOH- primed GAGs -Neu5Ac CCD-1095Sk	2.3	0.94	3.8	58	33	1.9



**Figure S1**. *MS/MS fragmentation of disaccharide standards recorded at different HCD levels*.  $\Delta$ UA-GalNAc,4S (A),  $\Delta$ UA-GalNAc,4S,6S (B), and  $\Delta$ UA,2S-GalNAc,4S (C) were subjected to HCD fragmentation at normalized collision energies of 30-80% at 10% intervals. The HCD-MS<sup>2</sup> spectra at the 80% level are displayed in the left panel (also displayed in Fig. 4B, D, and E, respectively) and the fragment ion intensity profiles are displayed in the right panel.



**Figure S2.** *Inhibition of Neu5Ac modification in the linkage region.* Presence of Neu5Ac in the linkage region of XylNapOH-primed GAGs from HCC70 cells before (A) and after (B) treatment with sialyltransferase inhibitor. Precursor ions for L4SA1 and L6S2SA1 were observed also in the XylNap-primed samples after chondroitinase ABC degradation; however, they did not fragment and were therefore omitted in Fig. 5.

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