SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Mechanism of cooperative *N***-glycan processing by the multi-modular endoglycosidase EndoE**

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¹ arbitrary units

 2 Dry volume determined using the server: http://biotools.nubic.northwestern.edu/proteincalc.html

³ Molecular weight determination by SAXSMoW

Supplementary Table 3. Summary of constructs.

¹ pGEXndoE was a gift from Mattias Collin & Vincent Fischetti (Addgene plasmid # 47714; http://n2t.net/addgene:47714 ; RRID:Addgene_47714)

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$\mathbf b$

GGSGNEPTQEKHFMVYYRAWRDKTMQGVNTTLPDENWLTMHDIPYGIDIVNVFSYVPKGQEALAQPFY DTLKNEYAPALHARGVRLVRGIDYSELLKVPYAGTTPTEAEFDAYAKELLTKFVDDLGIDGLDIDMETRPSEK DIVLSNGVIRALSKYIGPKSGTDRPFLYDTNAEYLPPLQDVSDCFDFLAYQQYGSDDKRTQRALNNLSPVL NGERFVPGLTFPEEQDRNRWYDTKEPYMESNMYKVARYSYENNLGGMFLYALDRDGRTYNEDDLNQIKP SNLLWTKTAIAESKGVSLAEMKAAAQHYLKRISYANTDLEAQNKAAEAVTQATTLYDVNKAILGGDYGQG LSNTYDAELEKGLLAIDLTTLYRALDQAVAAIEKAESYTPETIQALQTTKESVATELAGKTYTAAQVTTWQTE **VQTALDNLKEK**

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GGSGQTQPLKSVFSIDAGRKYFSVEQLEELVAKASQNGYTDVQLILGNDGLRFILDDMSVNVNGKKYNH NRVSKAIQRGNNAYYNDPNGNALTQKEMDRLLAFAKARNINIIPVINSPGHMDALLVAMEKLAIKNPAFD GSKRTVDLGNQKAVNFTKAIISKYVAYFSAHSEIFNFGGDEYANDVDTGGWAKLQSSGRYKDFVAYANDL AKIIKDAGMQPMSFNDGIYYNSDDSFGTFDPEIIISYWTAGWSGYDVAKPEYFVQKGHKIFNTNDAWYW VAGNVDSGIYQYDDALANMSKKAFTDVPAGSPNLPIIGSIQCVWYDDPRRDYDFERIYTLMDTFSENYRE **YMVVKNH**

Supplementary Fig 1 | EndoE constructs. a Schematic representation of EndoE sequence and the EndoE-GH18, EndoE-GH18L, EndoE-GH20 and EndoE-GH20L constructs. The amino acid sequences of the EndoE-GH18L (**b**) and EndoE-GH20 (**c**) constructs are shown in yellow. The catalytic residues are colored in green and the GGSG spacer sequence resulting from TEV digestion is colored in gray. **d** Pre-crystallization SEC purification and SDS-PAGE analysis of EndoE-GH18L (left panel) and EndoE-GH20 (right panel). This experiment was repeated three times independently with similar results.

Supplementary Fig. 2 | Electron density maps of the refined structures. Final electron density maps (2mFo-DFc contoured at 1σ) corresponding to unliganded EndoE-GH18L (**a**), EndoE-GH18L in complex with Man5GlcNAc (**b**) and EndoE-GH20 (**c**). Cross-eyed stereo figures are shown.

Supplementary Figure 3 | The catalytic mechanisms of EndoE-GH18 (a) and EndoE-GH20 (b). In the first step, the *N*-linked glycan substrate binds to the active site of the enzyme, which generates a distortion of GlcNAc (-1). The catalytic residues E186 or E662 act as an acid and protonate the glycosidic bond, while residues D184 or D661 interact with the nitrogen atom C2-acetamide group of GlcNAc (-1), orienting the oxygen of the C2-acetamide group into a position where it can attack the anomeric carbon of GlcNAc (-1), leading to the formation of an oxazolinium intermediate. In a second step, E186 or E662 act as a base to deprotonate a water molecule which subsequently attacks and breaks the oxazoline ring, leading to the regeneration of the hemiacetal sugar with net retention of the anomeric configuration.

Supplementary Fig. 4 | Structural homologues of EndoE. a Superposition of the GH18 domain from EndoE (yellow) with Endo-CoM from *Cordyceps militaris* (PDB: 6KPO; left; grey), EndoS from *Streptococcus pyogenes* (PDB: 4NUY; center; grey) and EndoS2 from *Streptococcus pyogenes* (PDB: 6E58; right; grey). **b** Superposition of the linker domain from EndoE (green) with NagH from *Clostridium perfringens* (PDB: 2OZN; left; grey), EndoS from *Streptococcus pyogenes* (PDB: 4NUZ; center; grey) and alpha C protein from *Streptococcus agalactiae* (PDB: 1YWM; right; grey). **c** Superposition of the GH20 domain from EndoE (orange) with StrH from *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (PDB: 2YL8; left; grey), dispersin B from *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans* (PDB: 1YHT; center; grey) and LNBase from *Bifidobacterium bifidum* (PDB: 5BXR; right; grey).

Supplementary Fig. 5 | The overall structure of the 'linker region' of EndoE. a Cartoon representation showing the general fold and secondary structure organization of 'linker region' of EndoE, including the 3HB-1 (dark orange) and 3HB-2 (light grey) domains, and the α 11 linker (light blue). **b** Surface representation of 'linker region' of EndoE. **c** Electrostatic surface representations of 'linker region' of EndoE. **d** Close up view showing the interaction between the GH18 (yellow) and 3HB-1 (dark orange) as cartoon/stick representation. **e** Close up view showing the interaction between the GH18 (yellow) and the α 11 linker (light blue) as cartoon/stick representation. **f** Close up view showing the interaction between the 3HB-1 (dark orange) and the 3HB-2 (light grey) as cartoon/stick representation.

Supplementary Fig. 6 | Molecular basis of EndoE GH18 and GH20 domains substrate specificity. Enzymatic activity assays with EndoE and the individual GH18 and GH20 domains against: Rituximab (**a**) and RNAse B (**b**). **c** SDS-PAGE analysis of EndoE, EndoE-GH18L and GH20 constructs enzymatic activity against Rituximab. EndoE-GH18L is indicated with an asterisk. Light Chain and Heavy Chain of Rituximab are referred as LC and HC, respectively. Rit (HC-glyco) and Rit (HC-deglyco) refer to the glycosylated and deglycosylated forms of the Rituximab HC. The *inset panel* shows the zoom of the two distinct bands, corresponding to the HC-glyco (upper) and HCdeglyco (lower) forms of Rituximab. **d** analysis of EndoE, EndoE-GH18L and GH20 constructs enzymatic activity against RNAse A or RNAse B. This experiment was repeated two times independently with similar results.

Supplementary Fig. 7 | Molecular basis of EndoE GH18 and GH20 domains substrate specificity as visualized by LC/MS. Transferrin. Processing of CT *N*-glycans on transferrin \pm MvNA sialidase \pm BgaA galactosidase. Mass spectrometry of transferrin \pm MvNA sialidase \pm BgaA galactosidase with **a b c** no enzyme **d e f** EndoE **g h i** EndoE-GH18L + EndoE-GH20 **j k l** EndoE-GH18L and **m n o** EndoE-GH20. The retention time for transferrin was 2.3 min. For mass deconvolution, the following parameters were used in the BioConfirm software; 1800-3000 m/z and 75-81 kDa. The theoretical and observed mass of each annotated peak are in Supplementary Table 4.

Supplementary Fig. 8 | Molecular basis of EndoE GH18 and GH20 domains substrate specificity as visualized by LC/MS. **Rituximab.** Processing of CT *N*-glycans on Rituximab + BgaA galactosidase. Mass spectrometry of Rituximab treated with **a** no enzyme (negative control) and Rituximab + BgaA galactosidase treated with **b** no enzyme (negative control) **c** EndoE **d** EndoE-GH18L + EndoE-GH20 **e** EndoE-GH18L **f** EndoE-GH20 and **g** EndoS2 (positive control). The retention time for Rituximab was 2.4 min. For mass deconvolution, the following parameters were used in the BioConfirm software; 2000-7000 m/z and 14.4-14.8 kDa. The theoretical and observed mass of each annotated peak are in Supplementary Table 4.

Supplementary Figure 9 | Structural basis of GH18 substrate specificity. a Surface representation of the EndoE-GH18L-Man₅ crystal structure. Molecular docking calculation results of EndoE-GH18L with Man₆ (**b**), Man₇ (**c**), Man₉ (**d**), G0 (**e**), α 1-3 G1 (**f**), α 1-6 G1 (**g**), G2 (**h**) and Hy (**i**) products. In all the glycan structures, Man(-3) corresponds to the first monosaccharide of the $\alpha(1,6)$ antenna.

Supplementary Figure 10 | Sequence alignment of EndoE-GH18 with homologues. Comparison of EndoE from *Enterococcus faecalis* (Q6U890, Uniprot code), EndoBI1 and EndoBI2 from *Bifidobacterium longum subsp. infantis* (B7GPC7 and E8MUK6, Uniprot code), EndoS and EndoS2 from *Streptococcus pyogenes serotype M1* (Q99Y92 and T1WGN1, Uniprot code), EndoF1, EndoF2 and EndoF3 from *Elizabethkingia meningoseptica* (P36911, P36912 and P36913, Uniprot code), Endo-CoM from *Cordyceps militaris* (G3JPF7, Uniprot code), EndoH from *Streptomyces plicatus* (P04067, Uniprot code), EndoBT-3987 from *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron* (Q8A0N4, Uniprot code), Eng18A from *Hypocrea atroviride IMI 206040* (G9NR36, Uniprot code) and EndoFv from *Flammulina velutipes* (D1GA49, Uniprot code). The distribution of secondary structure elements of EndoE-GH18 is displayed above the alignment. Catalytic residues are highlighted with red dots. Amino-acid sequence alignment with other GH18 ENGases revealed that the important residues for substrate binding are conserved in EndoBI1, EndoBI2, EndoS, EndoS2 and EndoF2 and EndoCoM, enzymes that are able to hydrolyze CT-type *N*-glycans.

Supplementary Figure 11 | Sequence alignment of EndoE-GH20 with homologues. Comparison of EndoE from *Enterococcus faecalis* (Q6U890, Uniprot code), StrH from *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (P49610, Uniprot code), dispersin B from *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (Q840G9, Uniprot code), β-*N*-acetylhexosaminidase from *Bacteroides fragilis* (D1JST6, Uniprot code), Amuc_2136 from *Akkermansia muciniphila* (B2UPR7, Uniprot code), LNBase from *Bifidobacterium bifidum JCM 1254* (B3TLD6, Uniprot code), Nag2 from *Vibrio harveyi* (D1JST6, Uniprot code), Amuc_0868 from *Akkermansia muciniphila* (7CBO, Uniprot code), BT0459 from *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron* (A0A174QSL3, Uniprot code), Hex1 from *Paenibacillus sp.* (D0VX21, Uniprot code), SCO2786 from *Streptomyces coelicolor* (Q9L068, Uniprot code) and β-*N*acetylhexosaminidase from *Streptomyces plicatus* (A0A174QSL3, Uniprot code). The distribution of secondary structure elements of EndoE-GH20 is displayed above the alignment. Catalytic residues are highlighted with red dots.

Supplementary Fig. 12 | Kinetic modeling of deglycosylation of G0/G0-Rituximab by EndoE. Kinetic modeling of G0 glycan release from G0/G0-Rituximab by EndoE. Deglycosylation of G0/G0- Rituximab by **a b c** EndoE and **d e f** EndoE-GH18L + EndoE-GH20. Diglycosylated, monoglycosylated and deglycosylated Rituximab is referred to as pGG, pG and p, respectively.