

# The concept of Glycochemistry and Glycobiology

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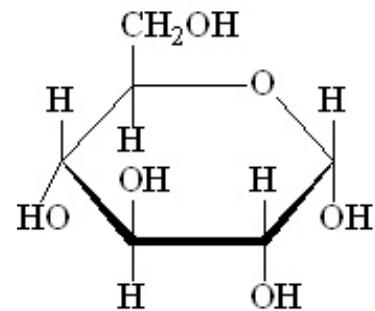
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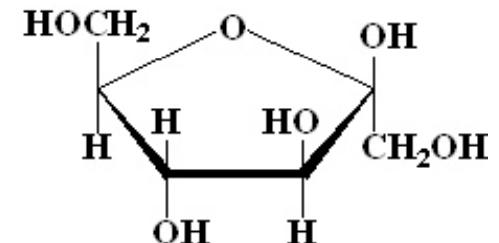
- ❖ The concept of glycochemistry and glycobiology
- ❖ Fischer Projection and the story behind
- ❖ Open chain and ring structure of monosaccharides
- ❖ Reactions of the hydroxyl groups
- ❖ Reactions of the anomeric centre
- ❖ Classical Polysaccharides/as biocompatible materials
- ❖ The development of Lock-key concept
- ❖ N-linked glycosylation

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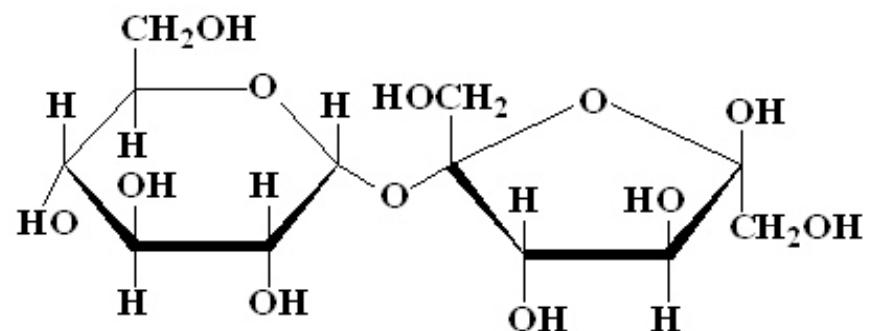
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- ❖ Modern chemical and chemoenzymatic synthesis of oligosaccharides
- ❖ Effect of glycosylation on protein structure and function
- ❖ Carbohydrate recognition in cell adhesion and signaling
- ❖ Cyclodextrins/our research
- ❖ Update and Outlook



glucose



fructose



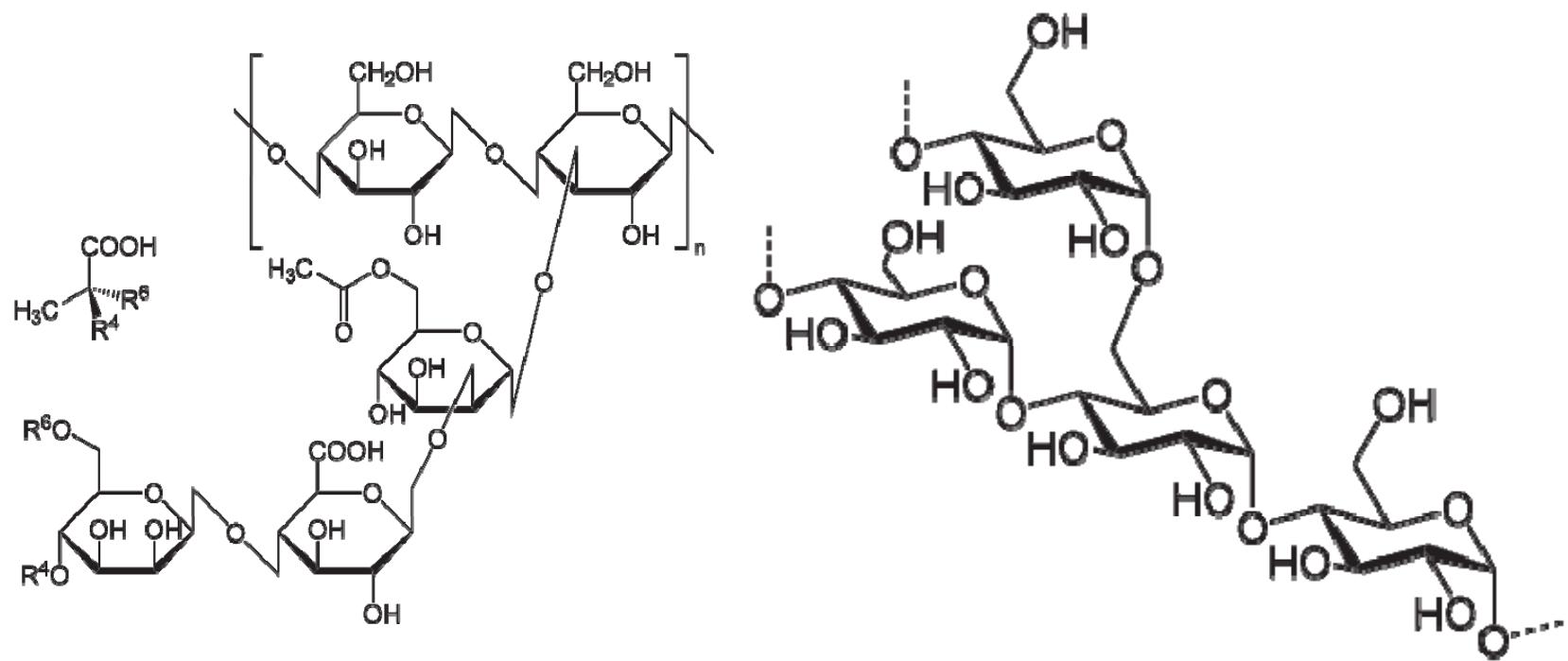
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Amylose

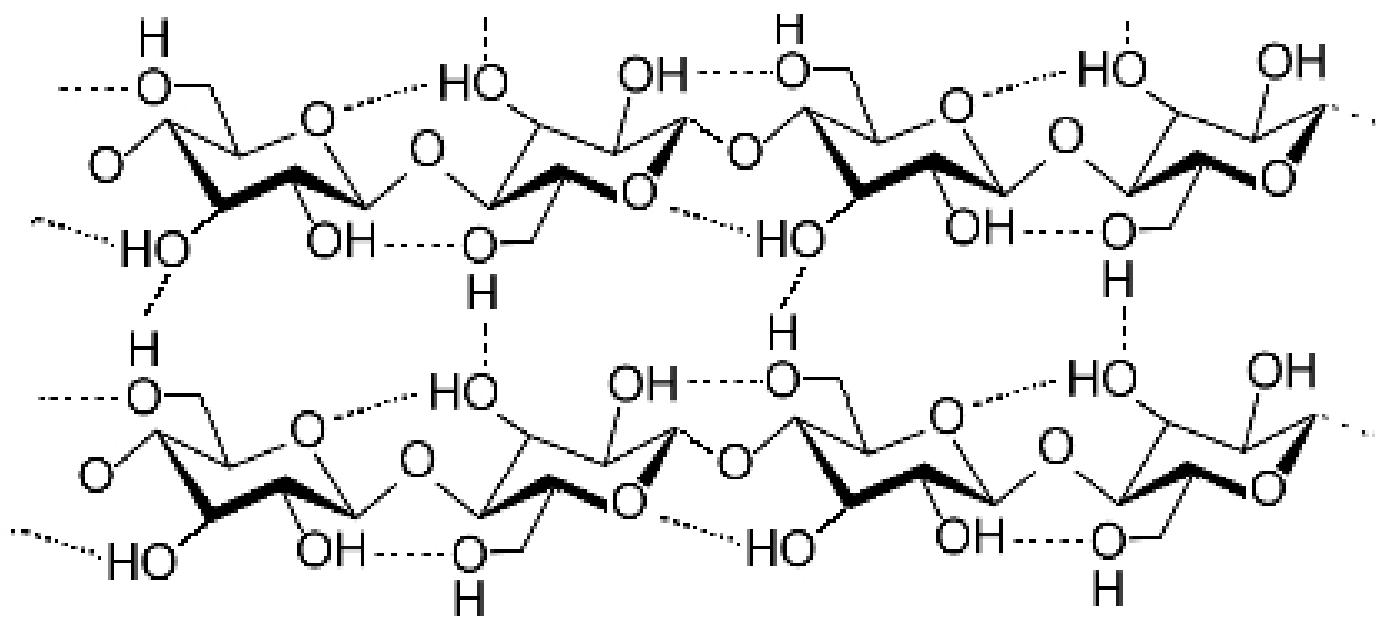
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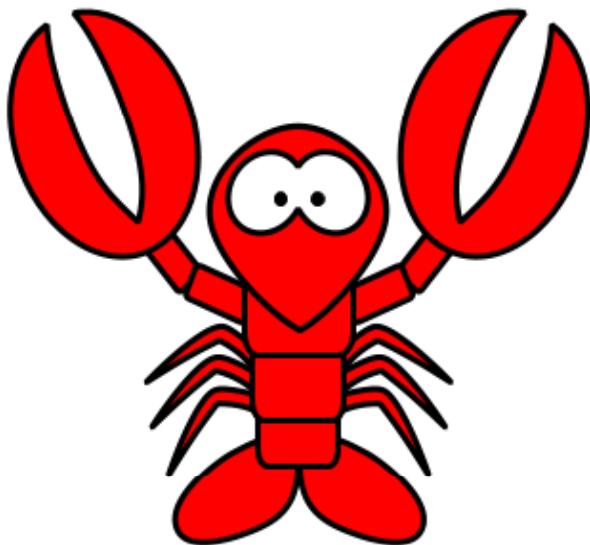
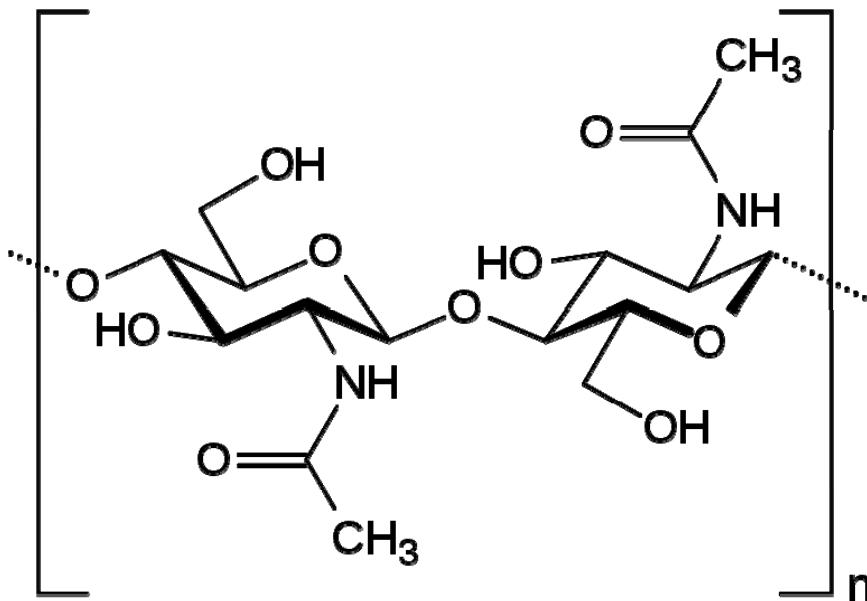
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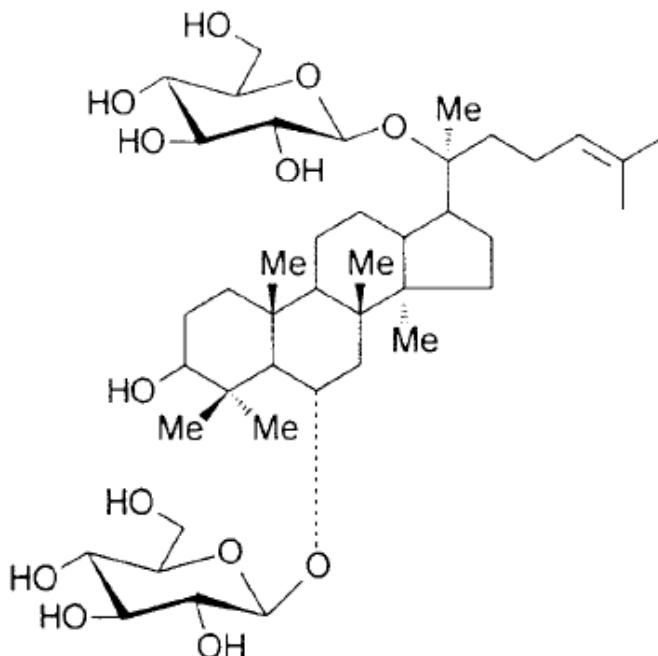
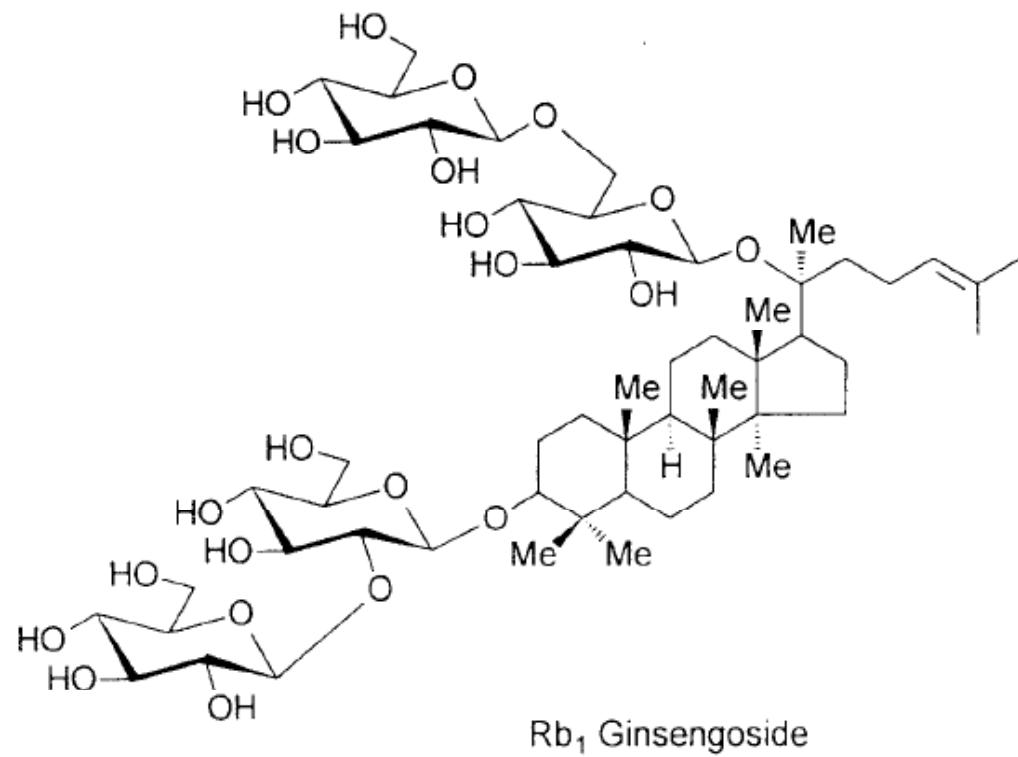


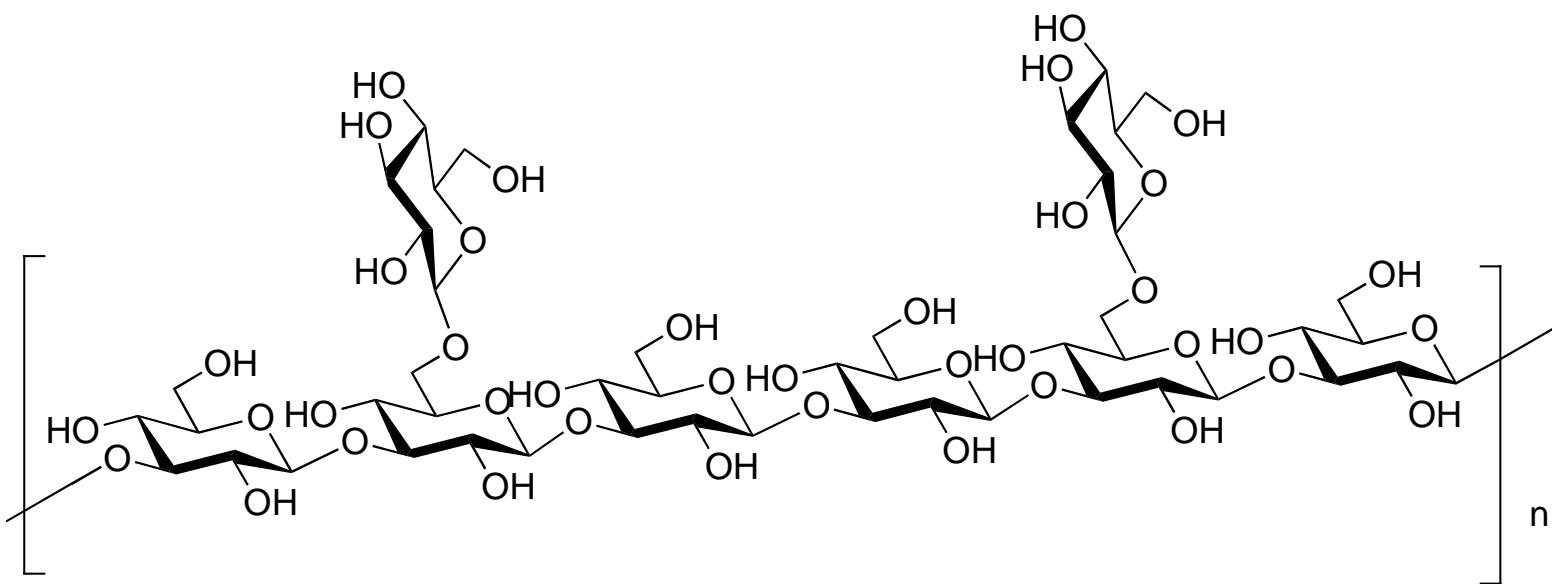
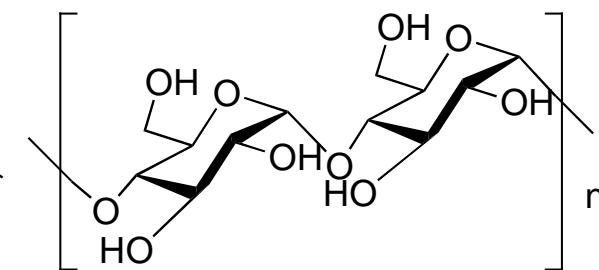
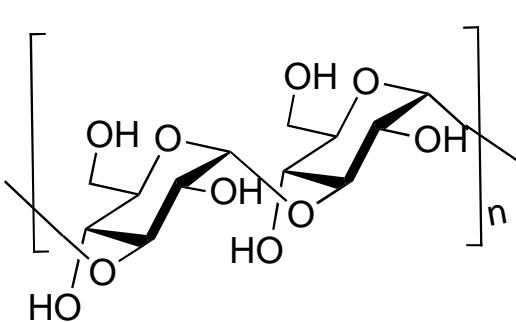
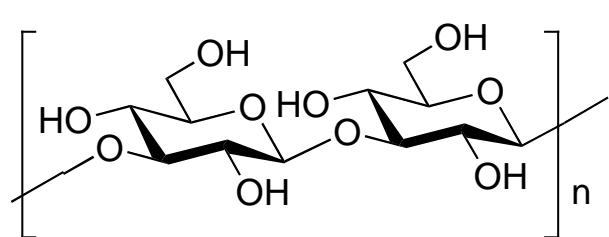
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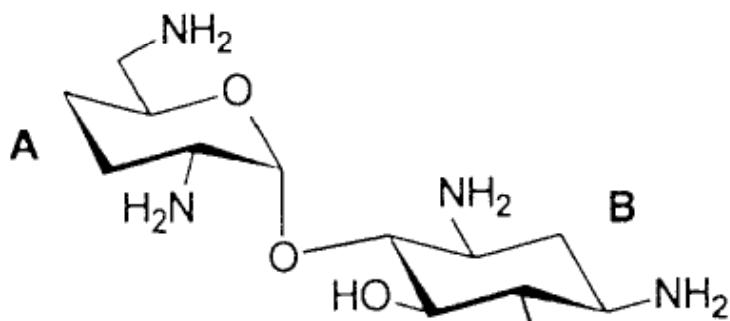


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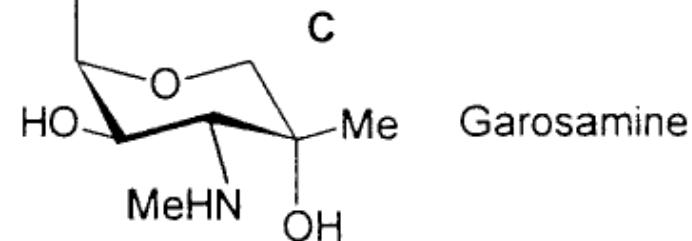


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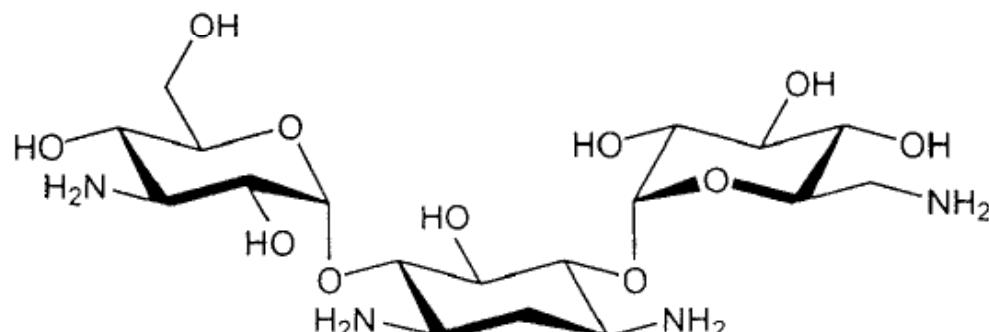


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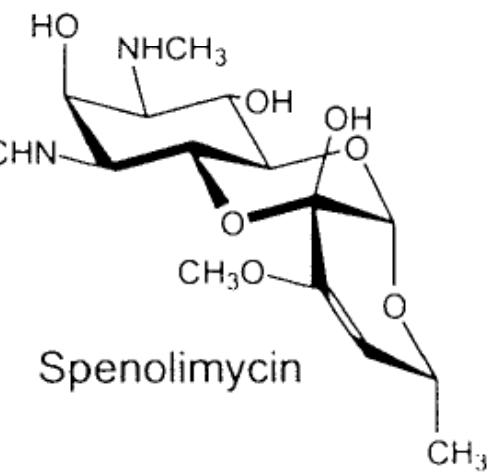
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Garosamine



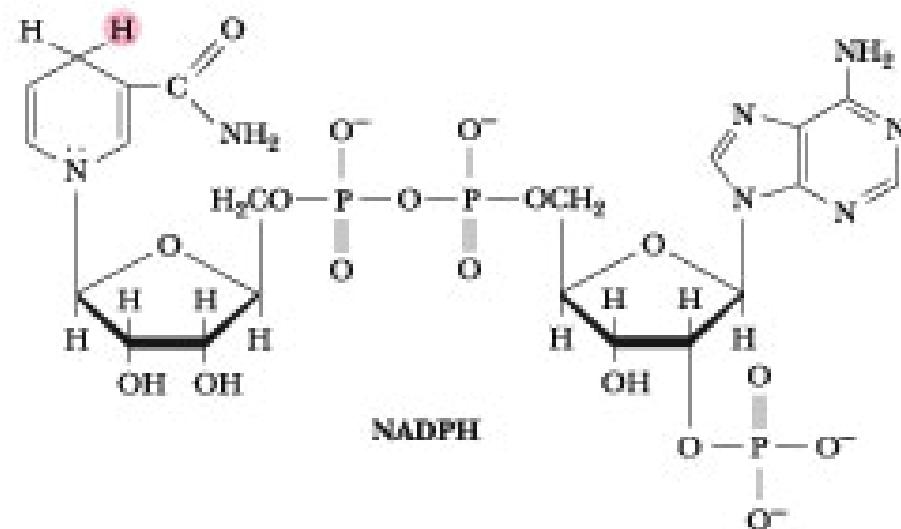
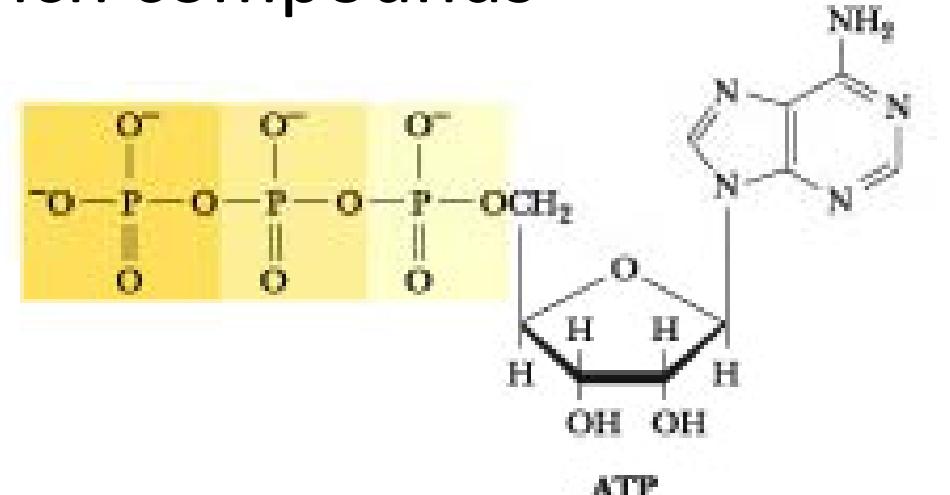
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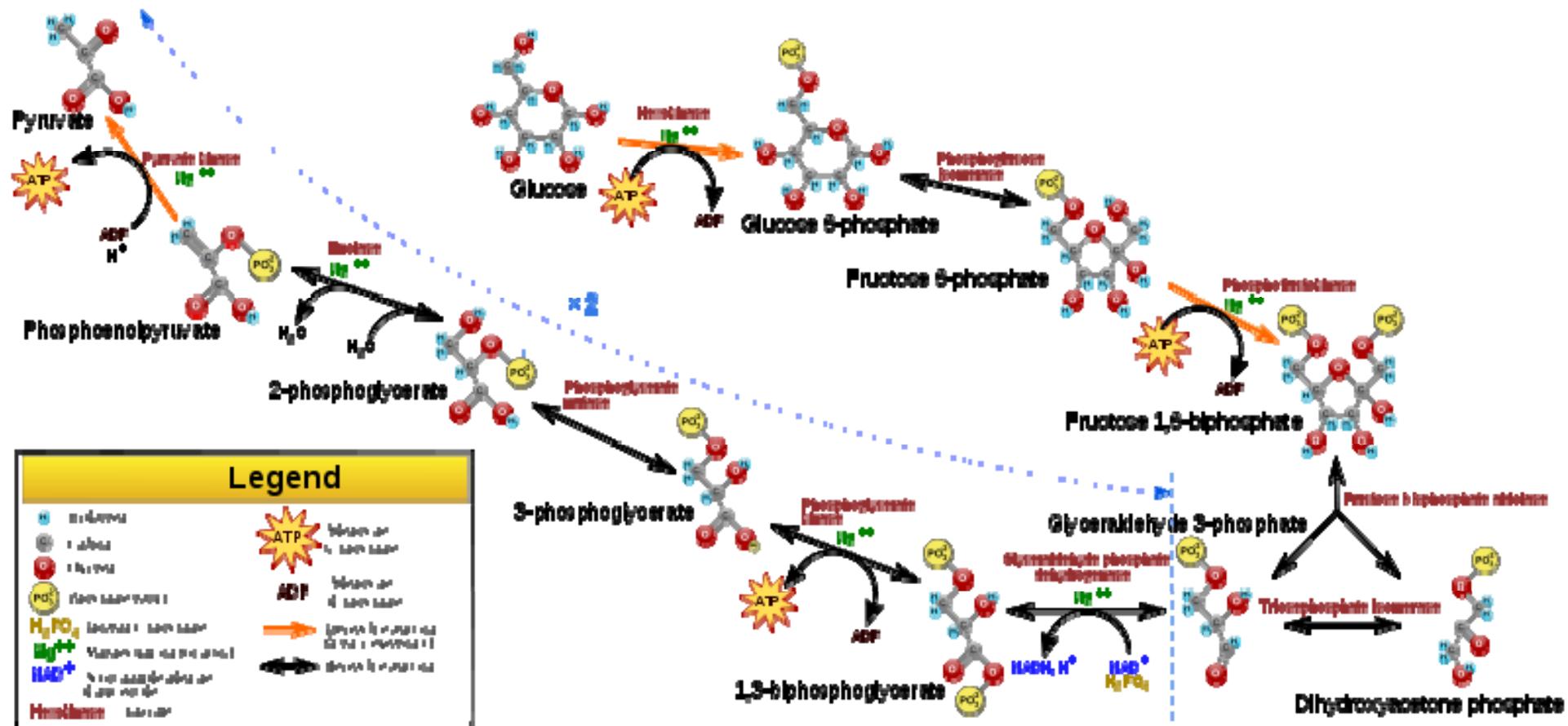
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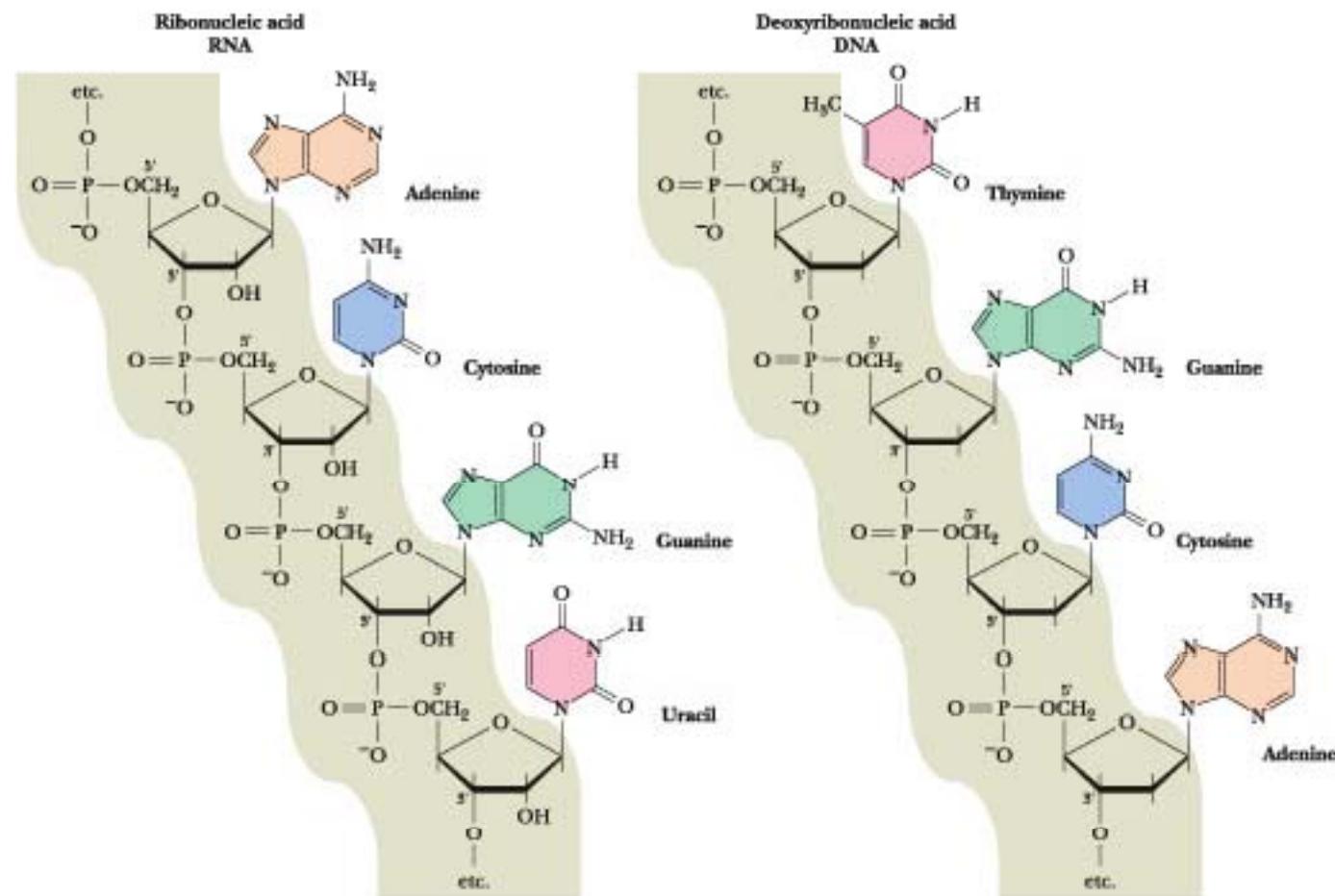
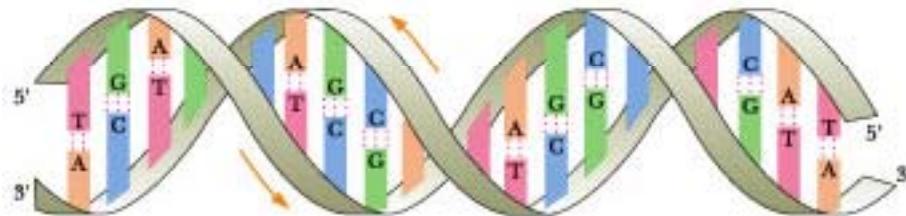
Sugars are everywhere in the world,  
especially in our body.

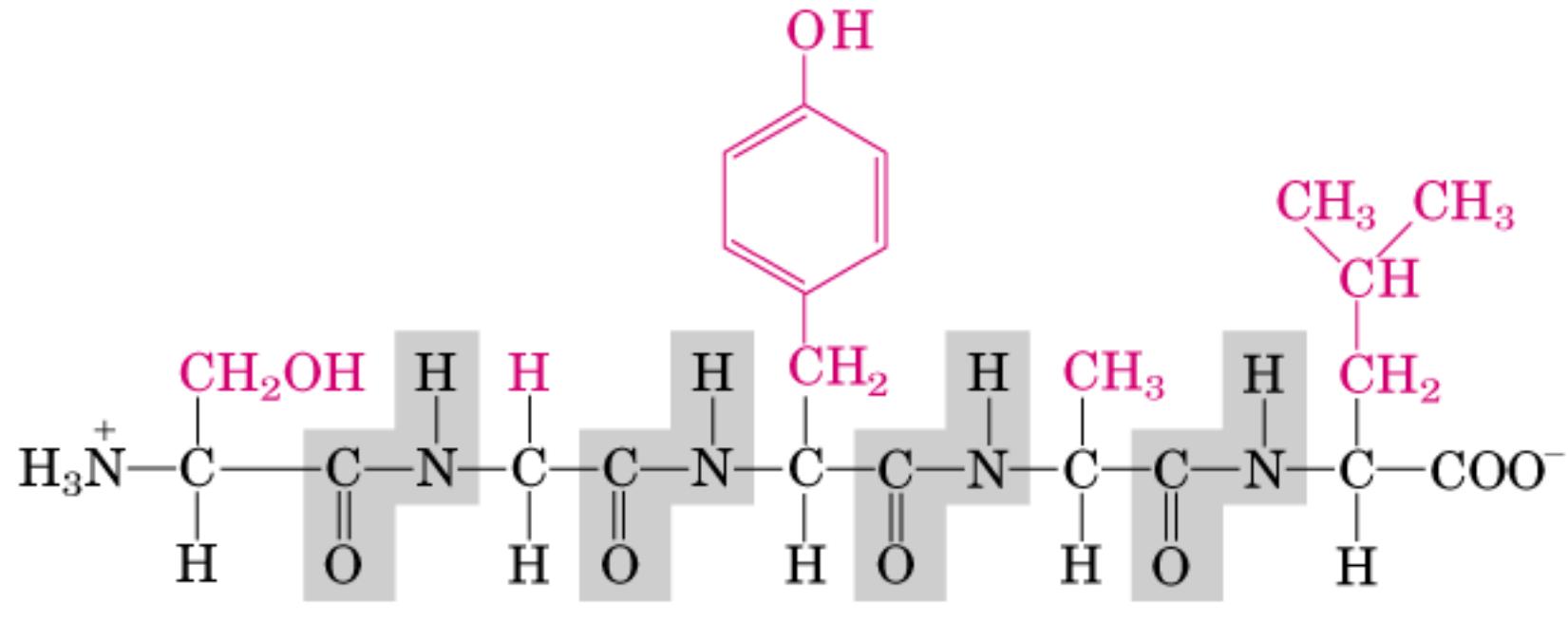
# ATP and NADPH, two biochemically important energy-rich compounds



# Glycolysis

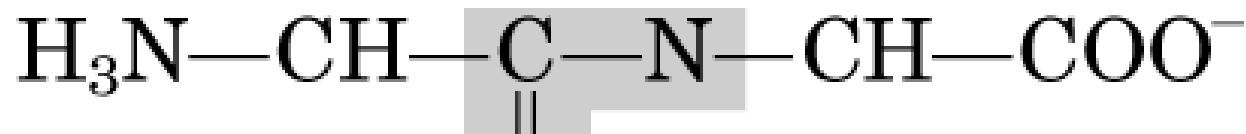


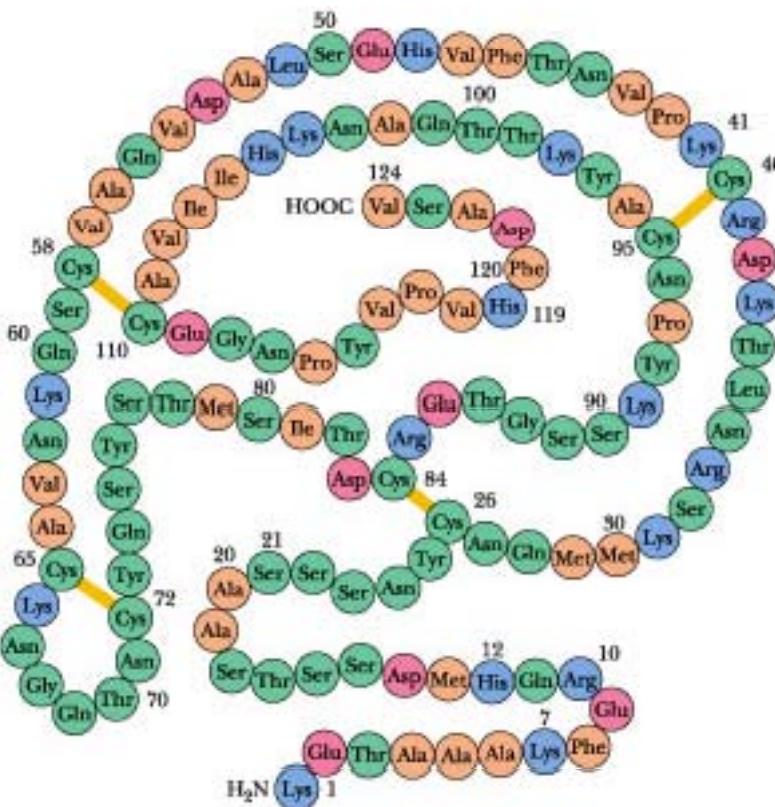




Amino-  
terminal end

Carboxyl-  
terminal end





Bovine pancreatic ribonuclease A

## Schematic representation of the Thy-1 glycoprotein

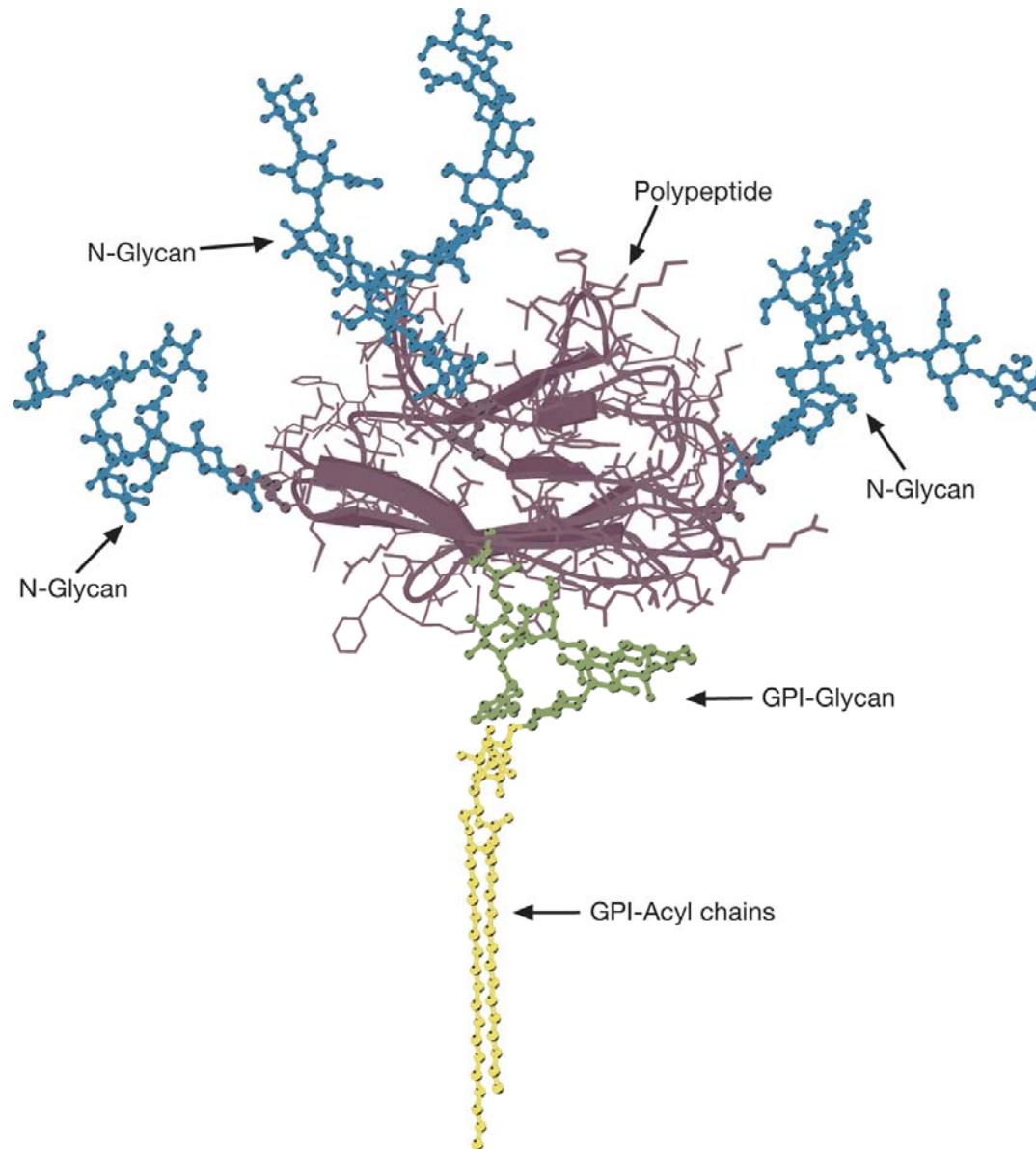
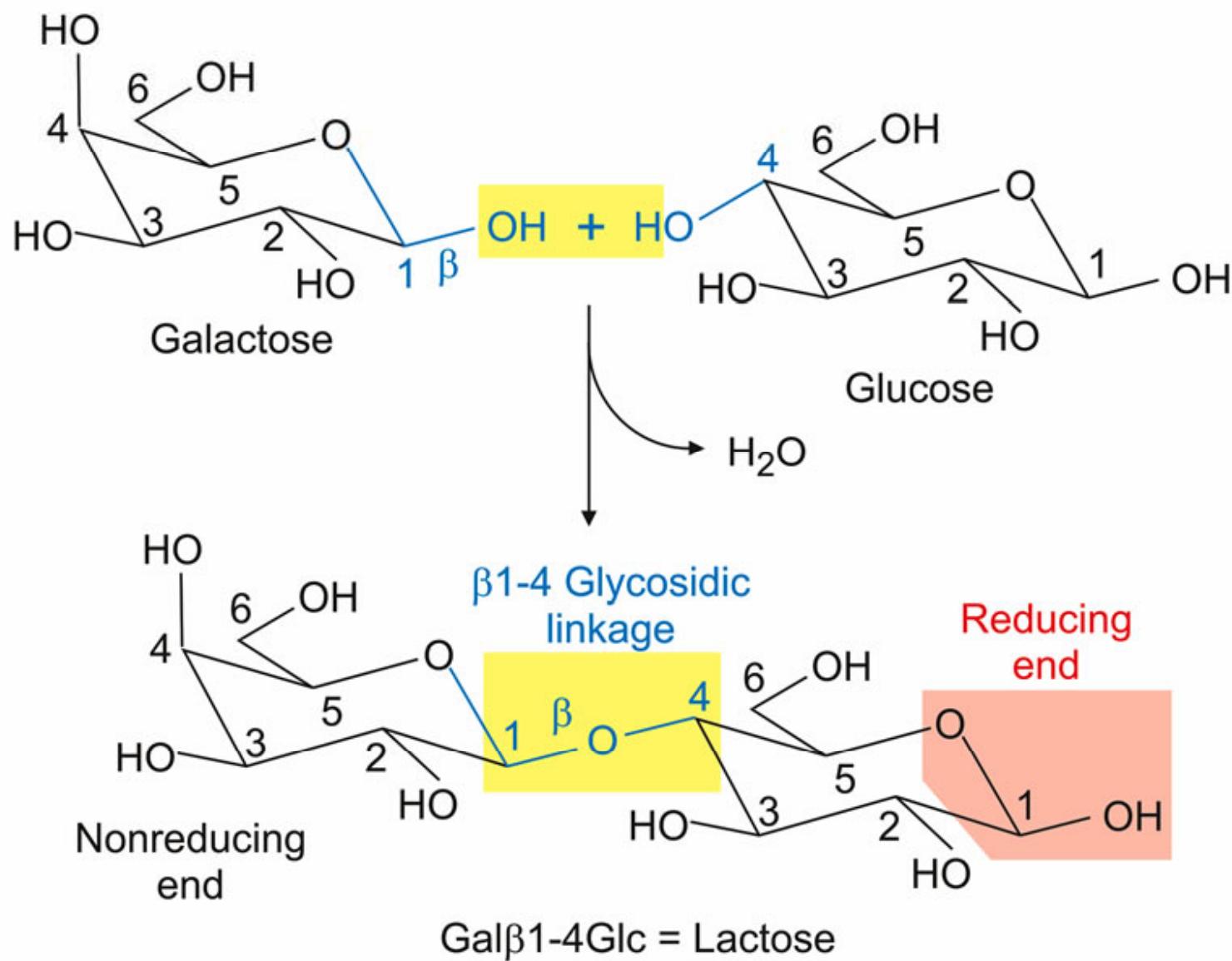
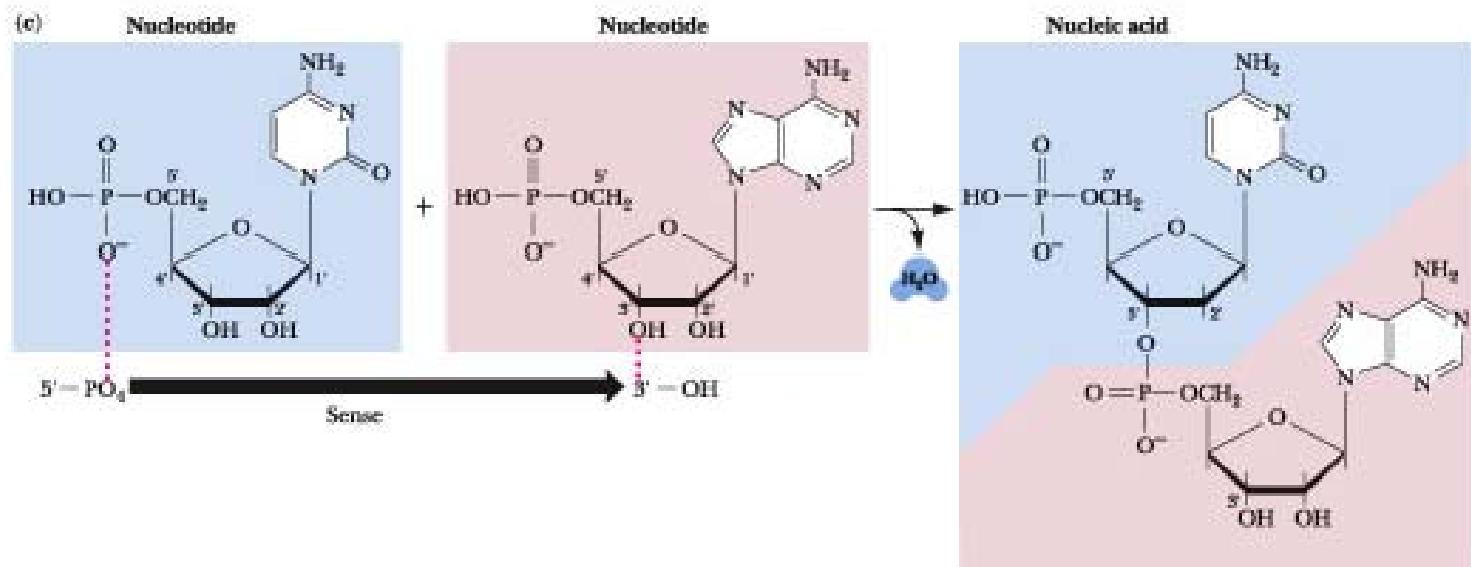
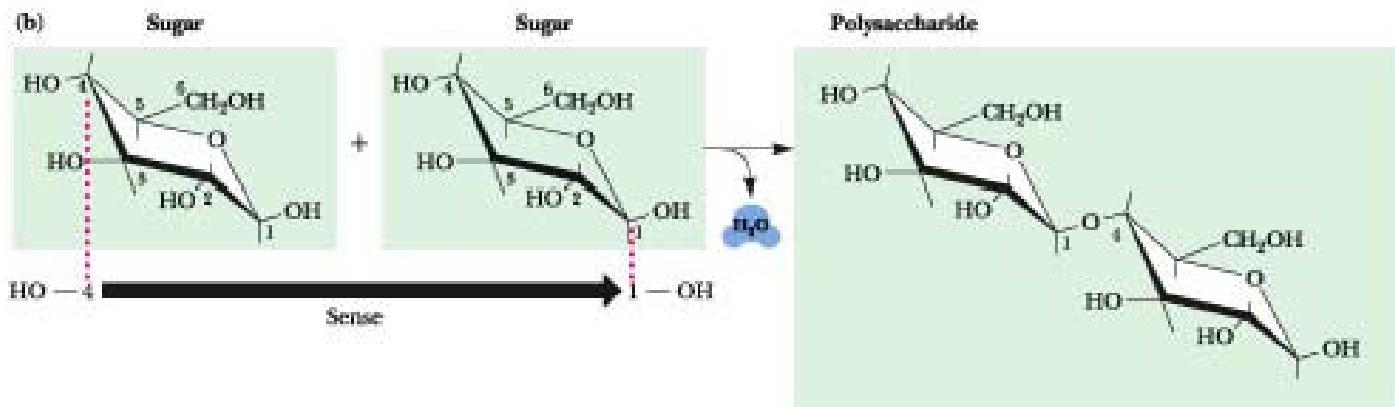
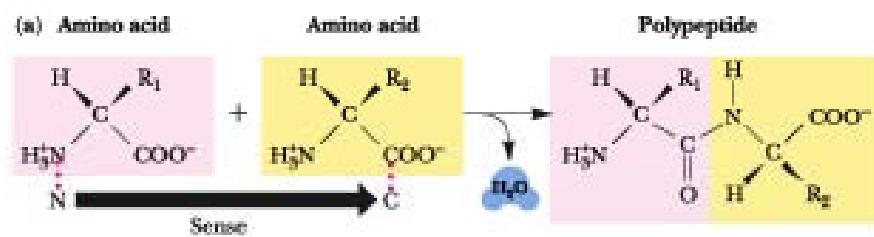
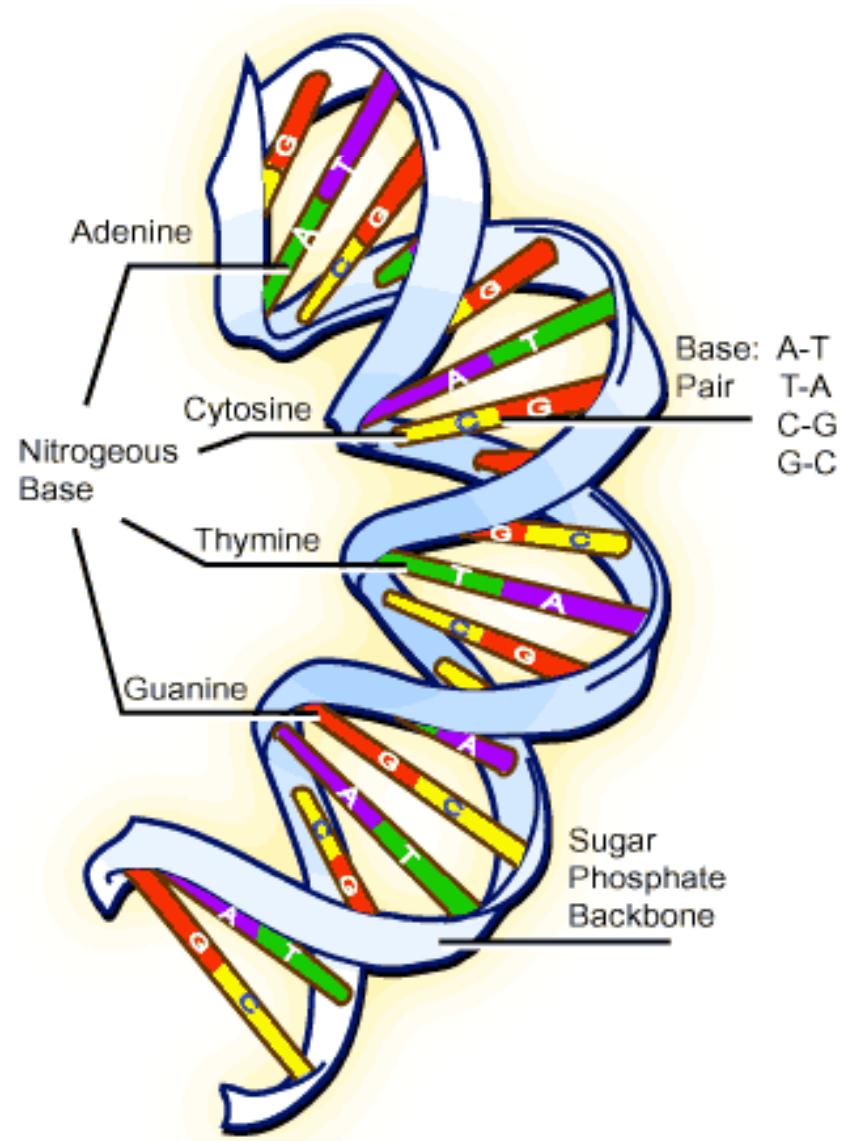
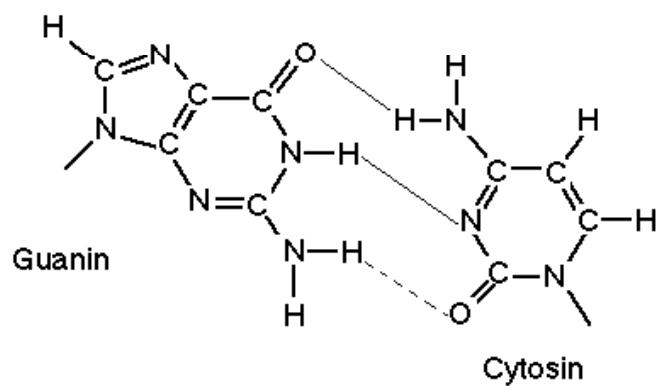
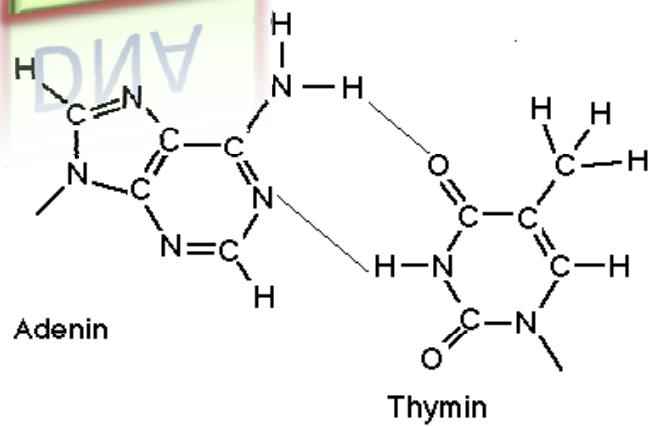


Figure 1.8 Formation of a glycosidic linkage





DNA

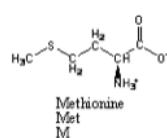


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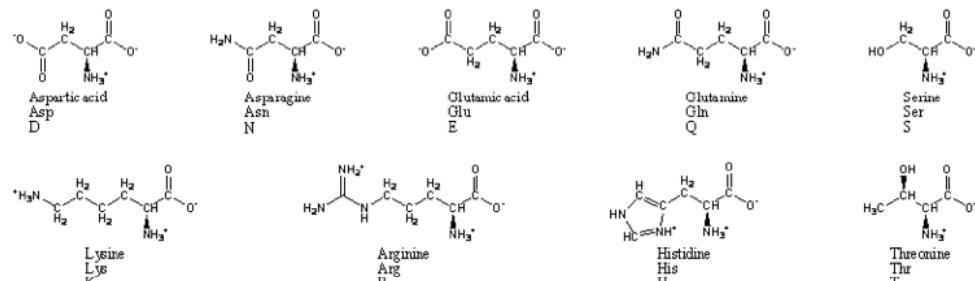
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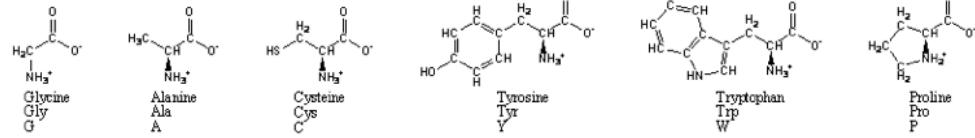
Amino acids with hydrophobic side chains



Amino acids with hydrophilic side chains

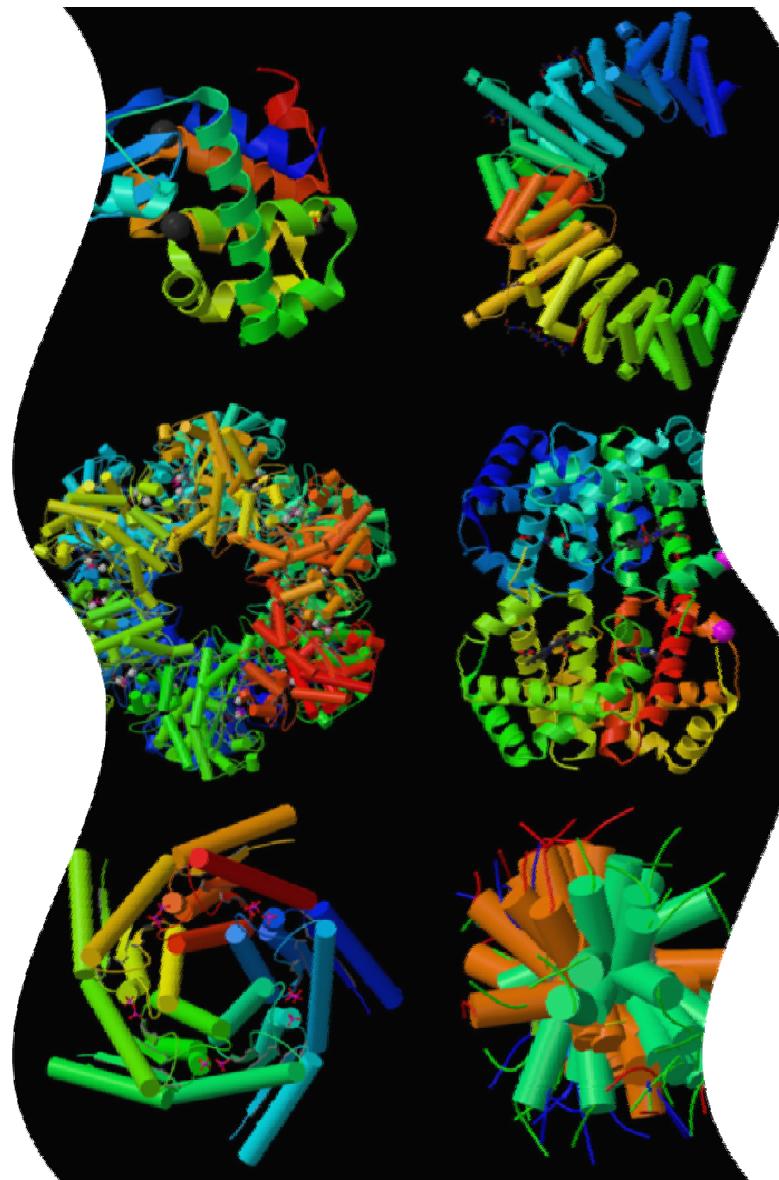


Amino acids with intermediate side chains



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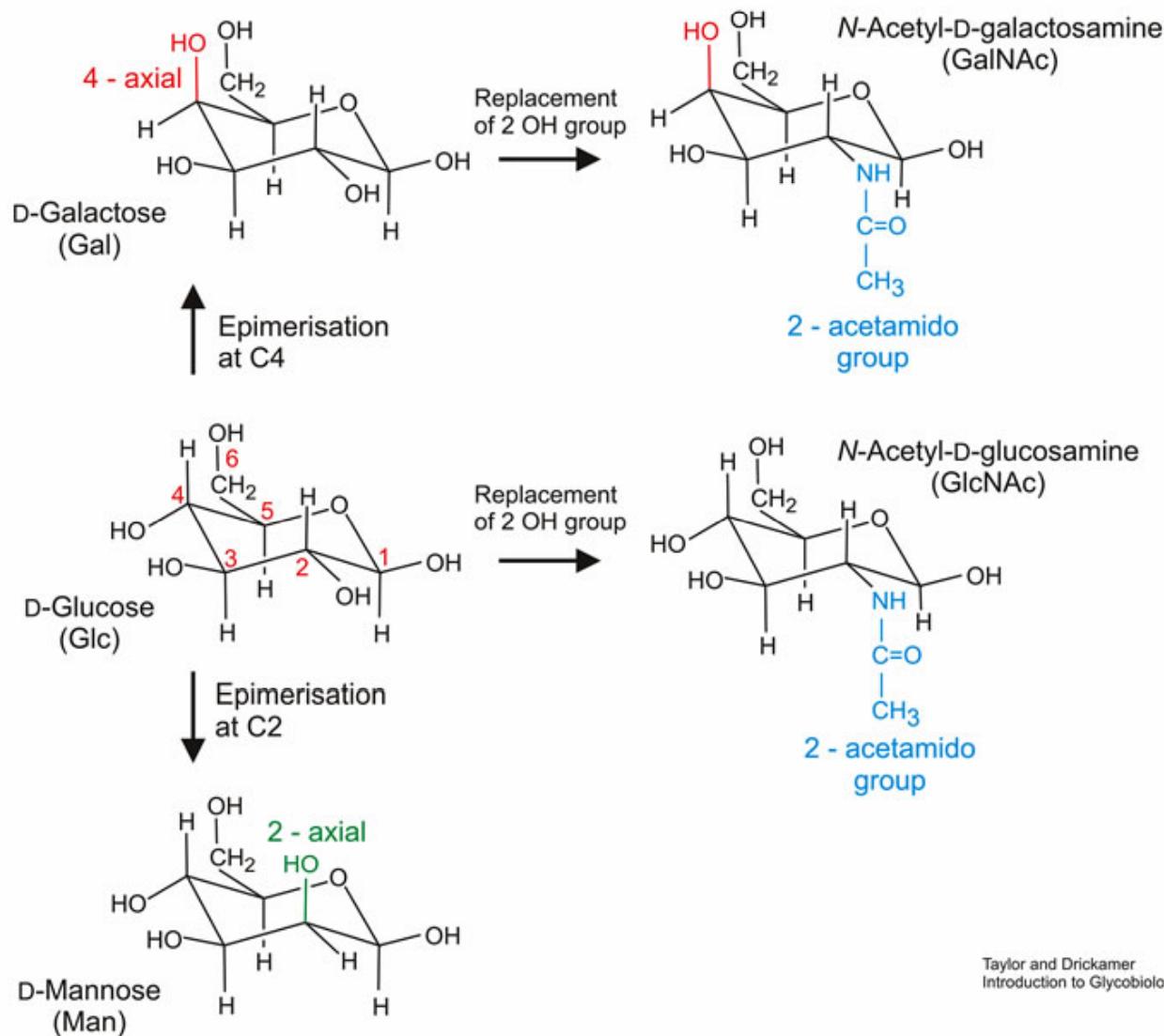
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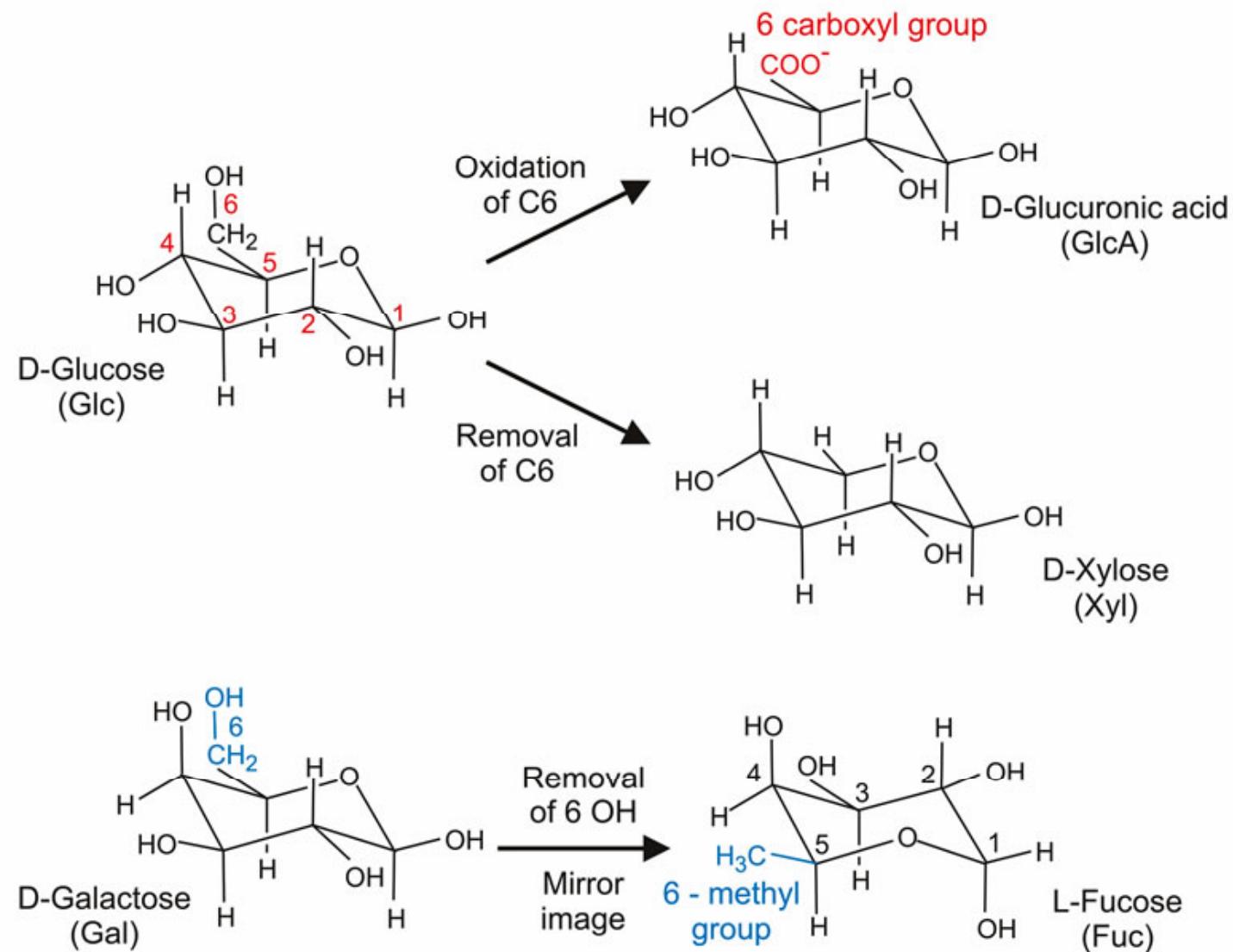
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Figure 1.5 Relationships between the common hexoses and N-acetylhexosamines

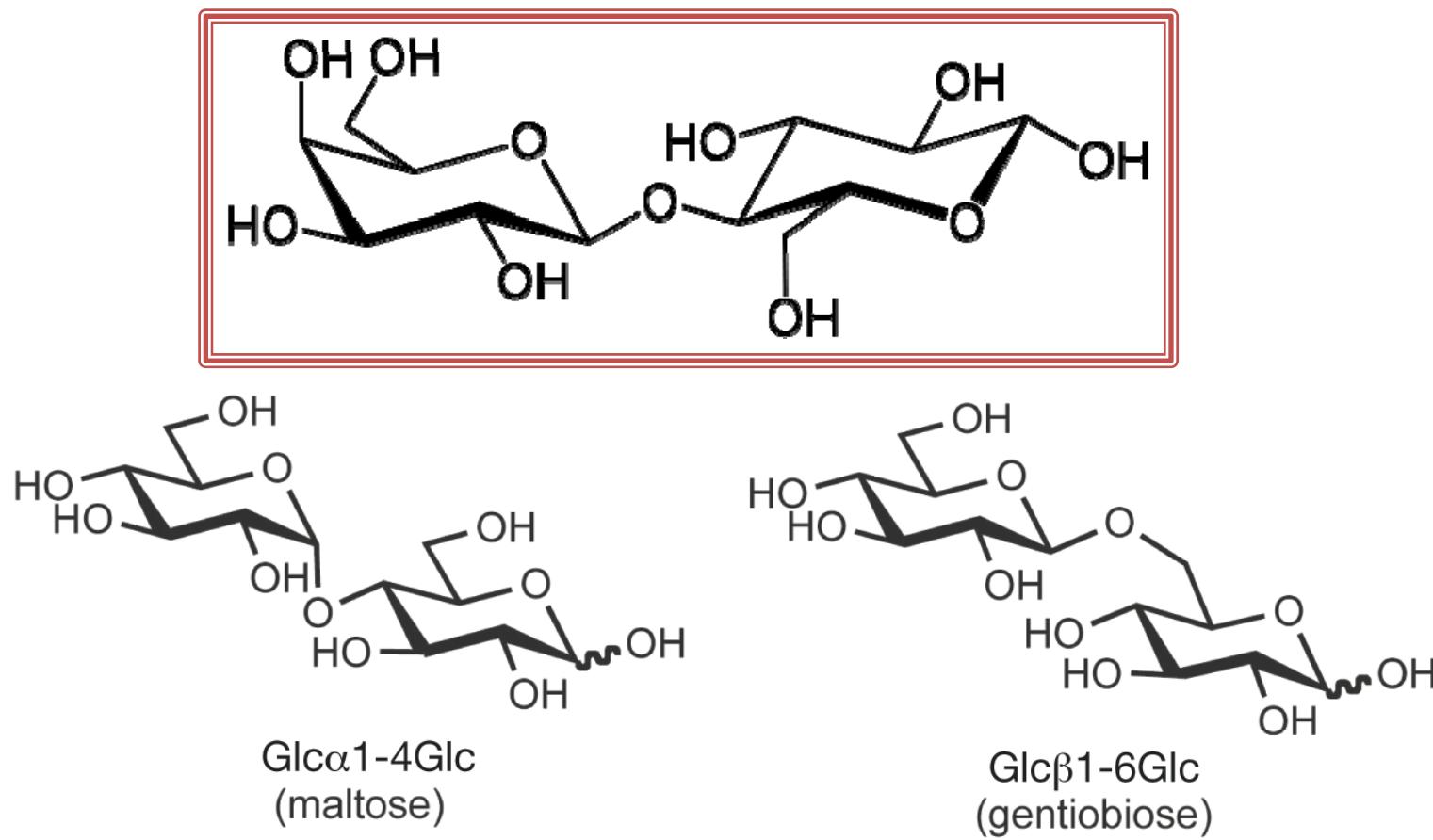


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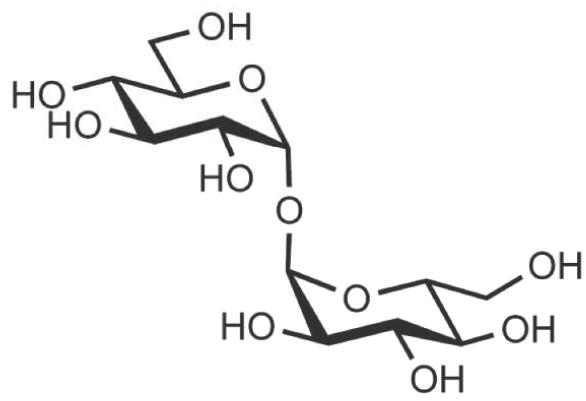
Figure 1.6 Structures of some common derivatives of the hexoses



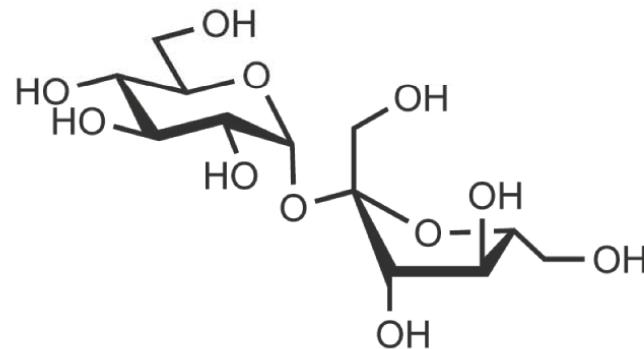
## Two isomeric disaccharides



## Nonreducing disaccharides

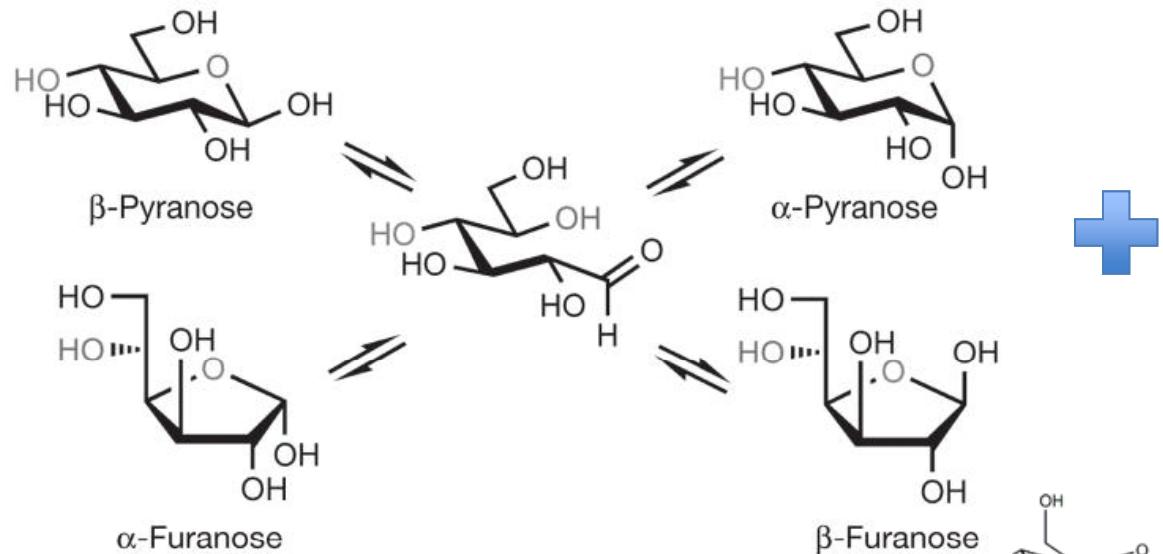


Glc $\alpha$ 1Glc $\alpha$ 1  
(trehalose)



Glc $\alpha$ 2Fru $\beta$   
(sucrose)



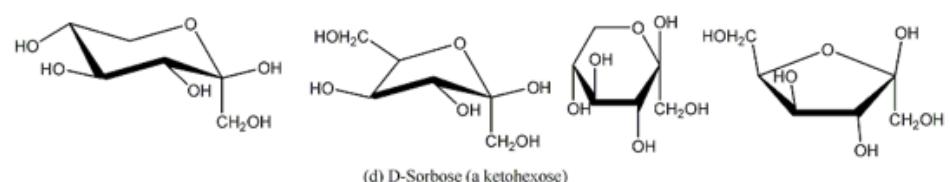
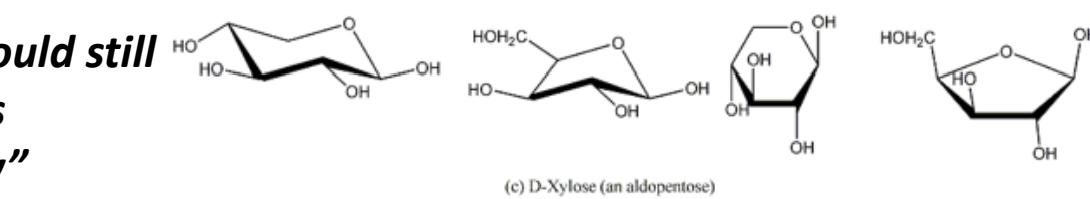
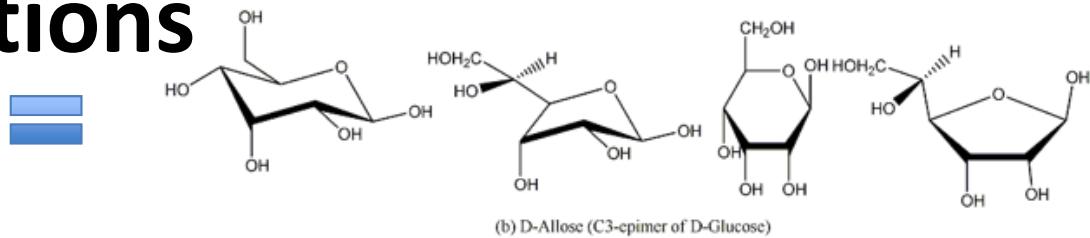
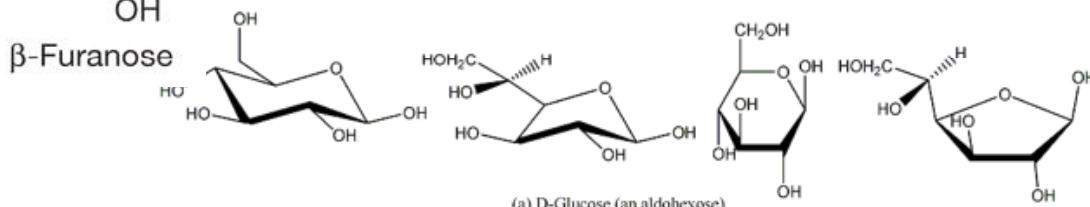


Sulfation  
Phosphorylation  
Methylation  
Acylation

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$> 1.05 \times 10^{12}$  variations



*Even if we were able to make a different hexasaccharide every day, the world would still end before we made all the possibilities*  
----B. G. Davis "Carbohydrate Chemistry"

## Monosaccharide symbol set

a

## Symbolic Representations of Common Monosaccharides and Linkages

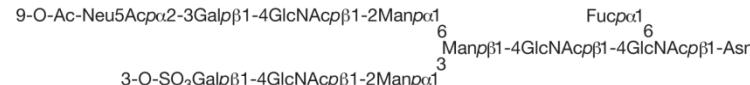
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|--|--|
|  Galactose (Gal)                |  Xylose (Xyl)                       |
|  N-Acetylgalactosamine (GalNAc) |  N-Acetylneurameric acid (Neu5Ac)   |
|  Galactosamine (GalN)           |  N-Glycolylneurameric acid (Neu5Gc) |
|  Glucose (Glc)                  |  2-Keto-3-deoxydihydroxyacid (Kdn)  |
|  N-Acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc)   |  Fucose (Fuc)                       |
|  Glucosamine (GlcN)             |  Glucuronic acid (GlcA)             |
|  Mannose (Man)                  |  Iduronic acid (IdoA)               |
|  N-Acetylmannosamine (ManNAc)   |  Galacturonic acid (GalA)           |
|  Mannosamine (ManN)             |  Mannuronic acid (ManA)             |

### Other Monosaccharides

Use letter designation inside symbol to specify if needed        

b

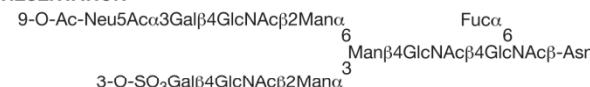
FULL REPRESENTATION



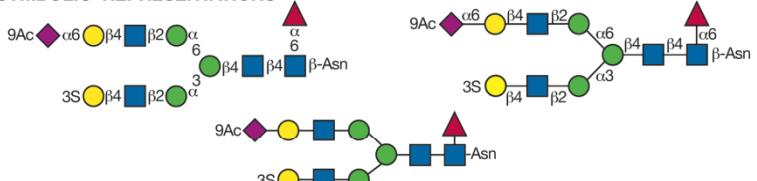
## MODIFIED REPRESENTATION



## SIMPLIFIED REPRESENTATION



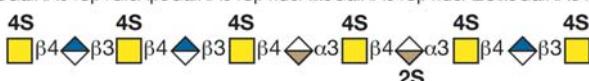
## **SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATIONS**



C



### Hyaluronan



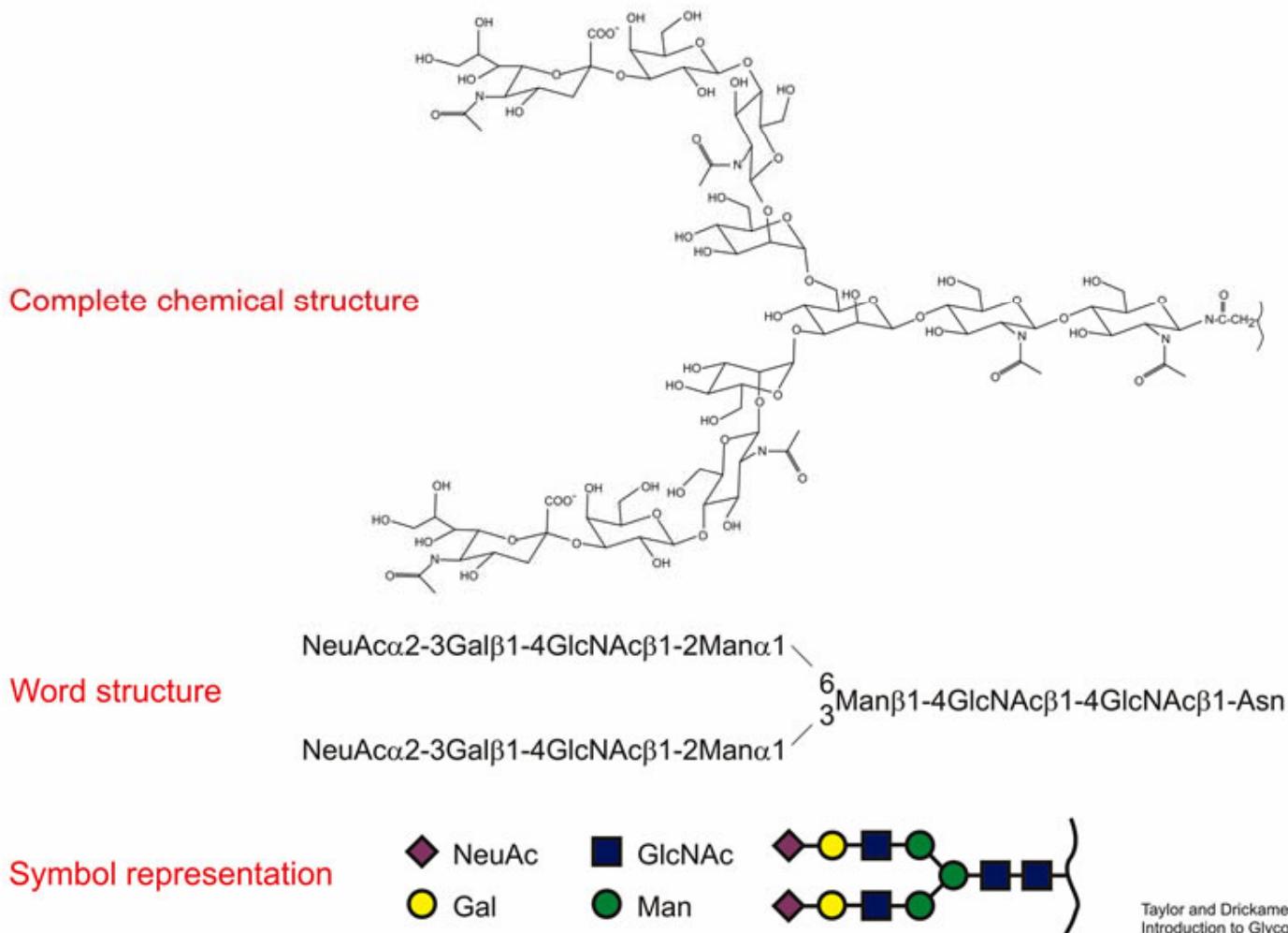
#### **Chondroitin/Permatan sulfate**



#### **Heparan sulfate/Heparin**

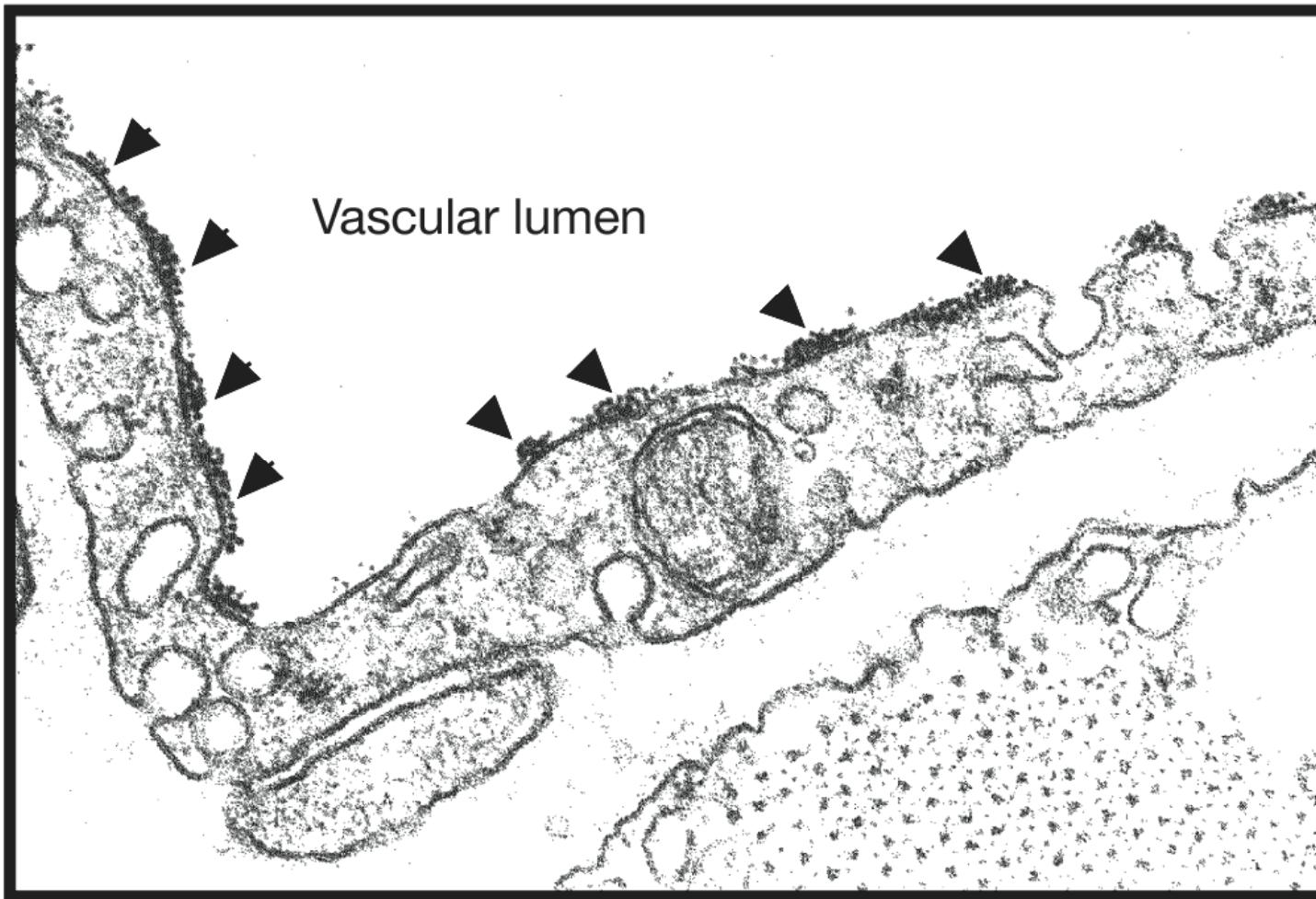


Figure 1.9 Representations of a typical N-linked glycan from a glycoprotein



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## Electron micrograph of endothelial cells from a blood capillary



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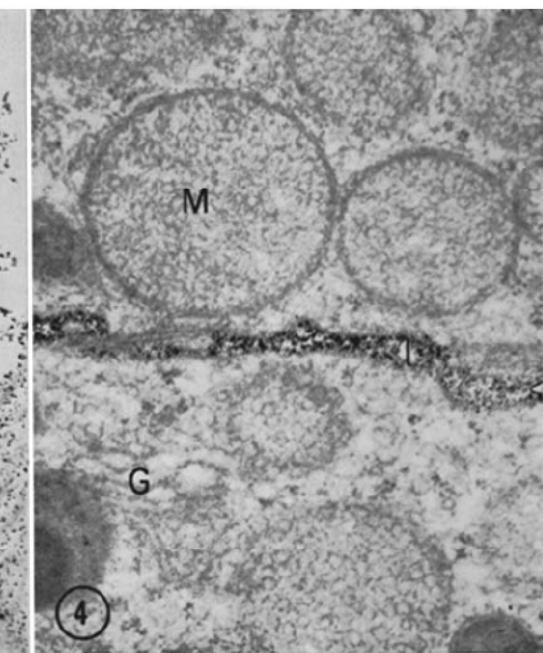
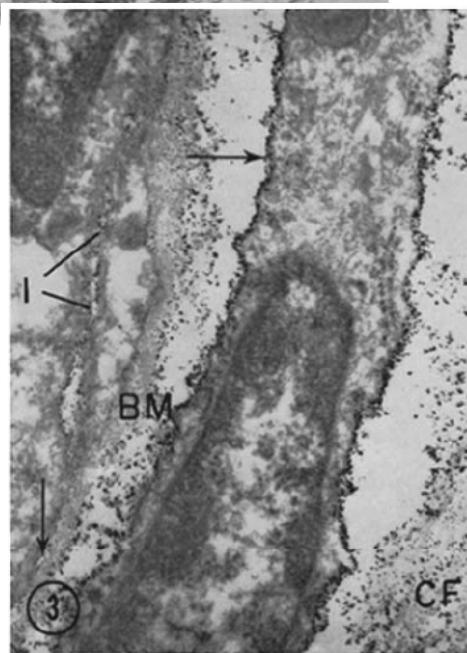
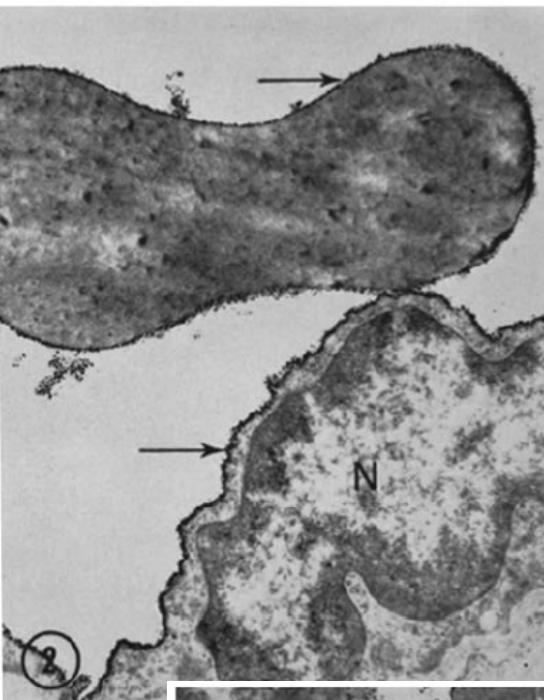
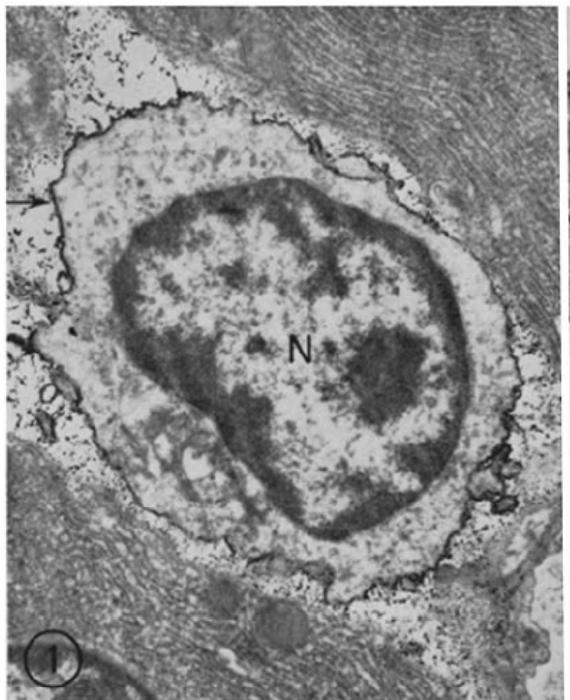
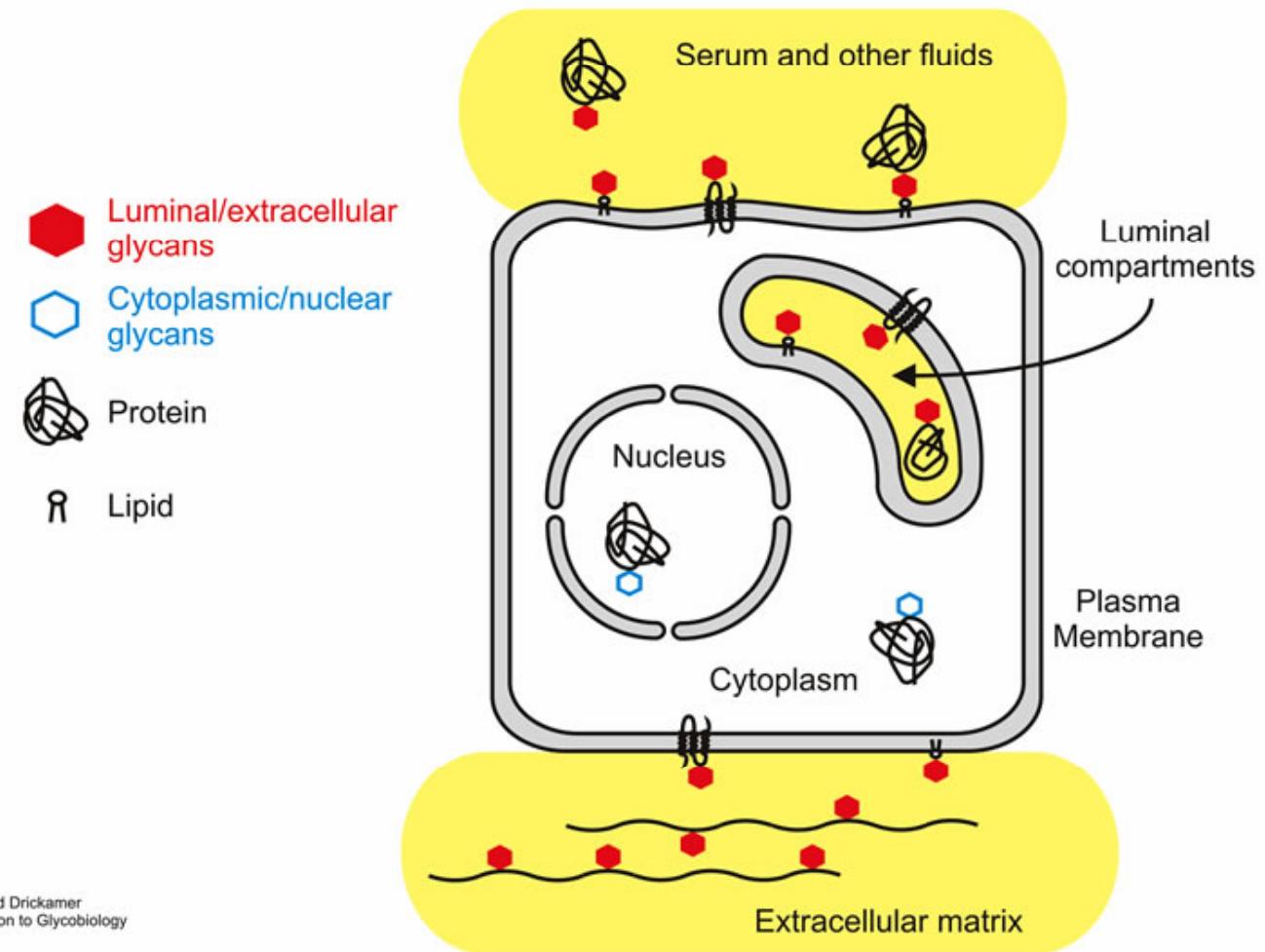


Figure 1.2 Localization of glycoconjugates in intracellular and extracellular compartments





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glycobiology, (ˌglīkōbīəl'äljē'ē), n. *Biochem.*

[f. GLYCO- + BIOLOGY n.: coined by Prof. Raymond Dwek (see quot. 1988<sup>2</sup>).] The branch of science concerned with the role of sugars in biological processes.

1988 *Oxford Times* 5 Feb. 1/2 A Glycobiology Institute is planned in the University Science area.

1988 *Oxf. Univ. Gaz.* 28 July 1010/2 Council has conferred the title Professor of Glycobiology on R. A. Dwek ... with effect from 1 August 1988 for so long as he is Director of the Oxford Glycobiology Unit. 1990 (*journal title*) Glycobiology. 1991 *Times Higher Education Supplement* 26 Sept. 14/5 Glycobiology ... is expected to be one of the most exciting development of the 1990s.

# Common classes of animal glycans

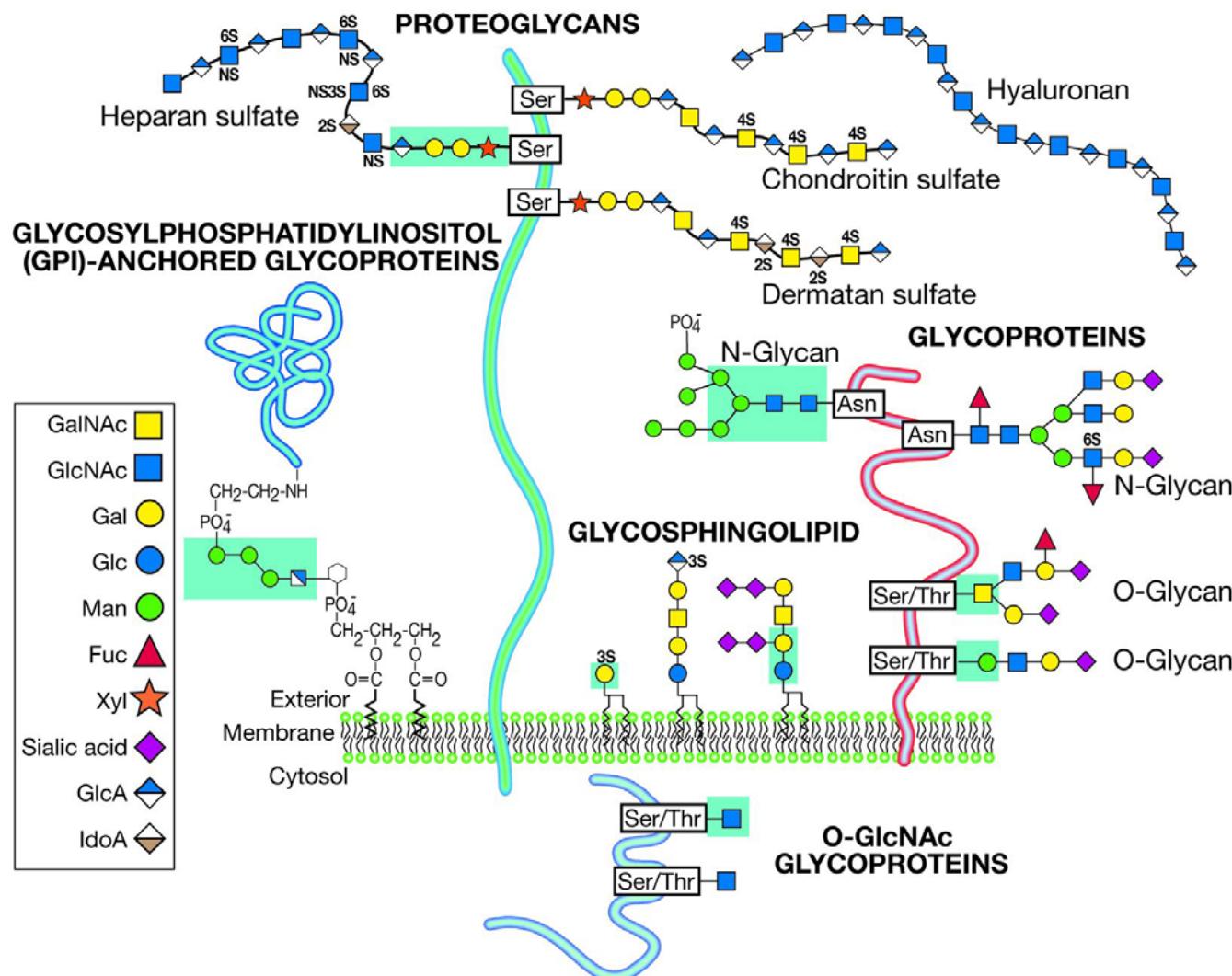


Figure 1.1 Summary of some of the functions of glycans

Providing structural components

Cell walls

Extracellular matrix

Modifying protein properties

Solubility

Stability

Intrinsic functions  
performed by glycans

Directing trafficking of glycoconjugates

Intracellular

Extracellular

Mediating and modulating cell adhesion

Cell-cell interactions

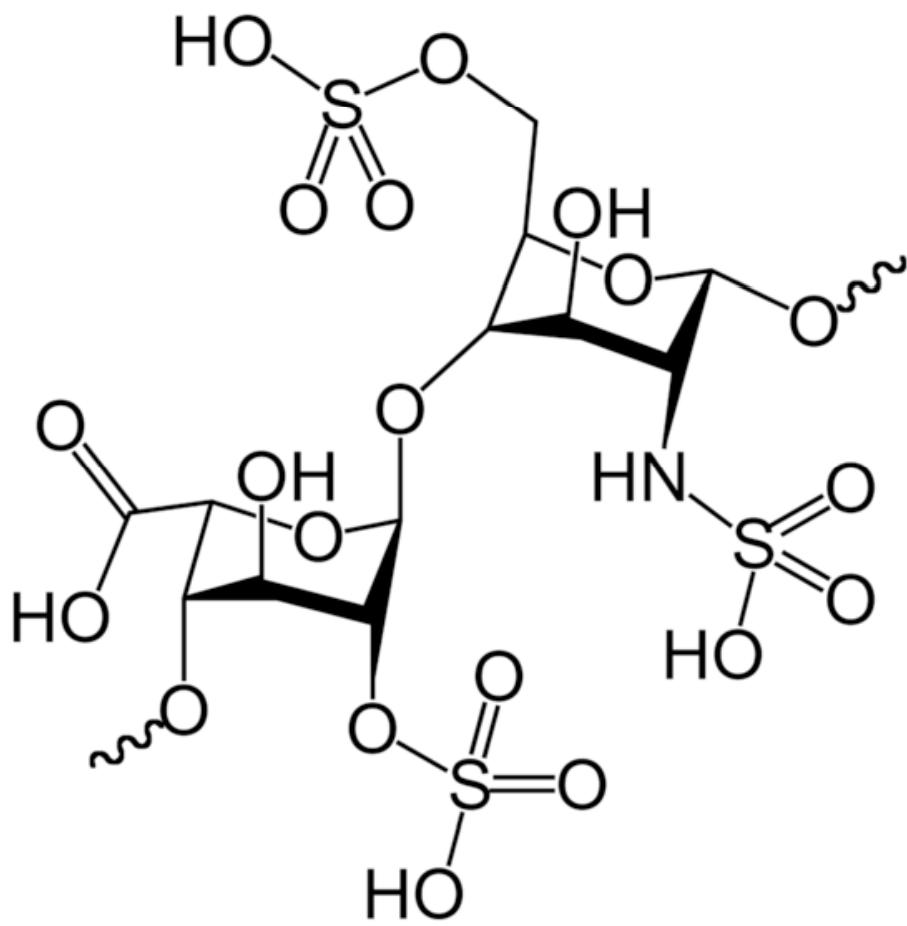
Cell-matrix interactions

Extrinsic functions  
resulting from  
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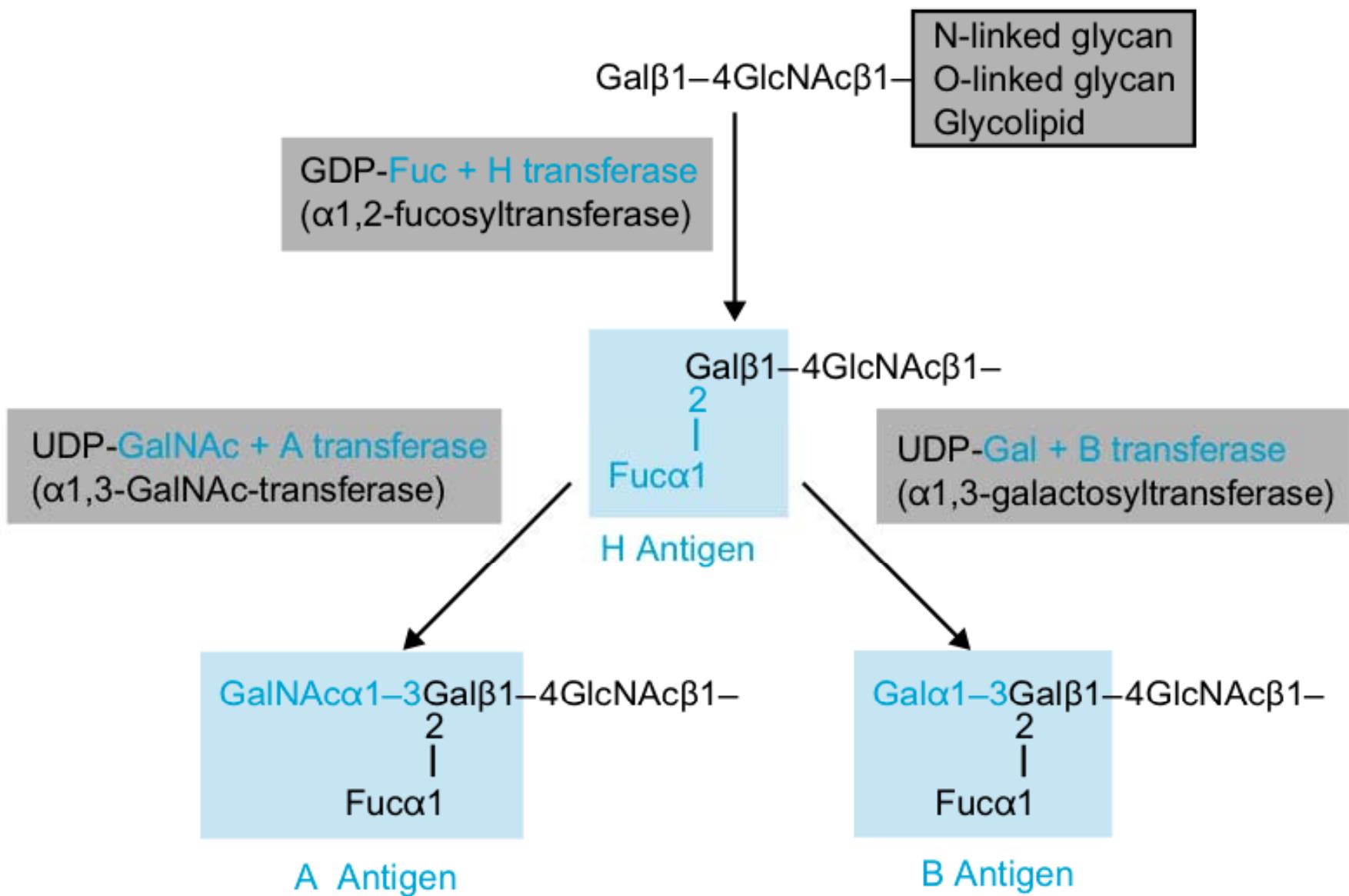
Mediating and modulating signalling

Intracellular

Extracellular

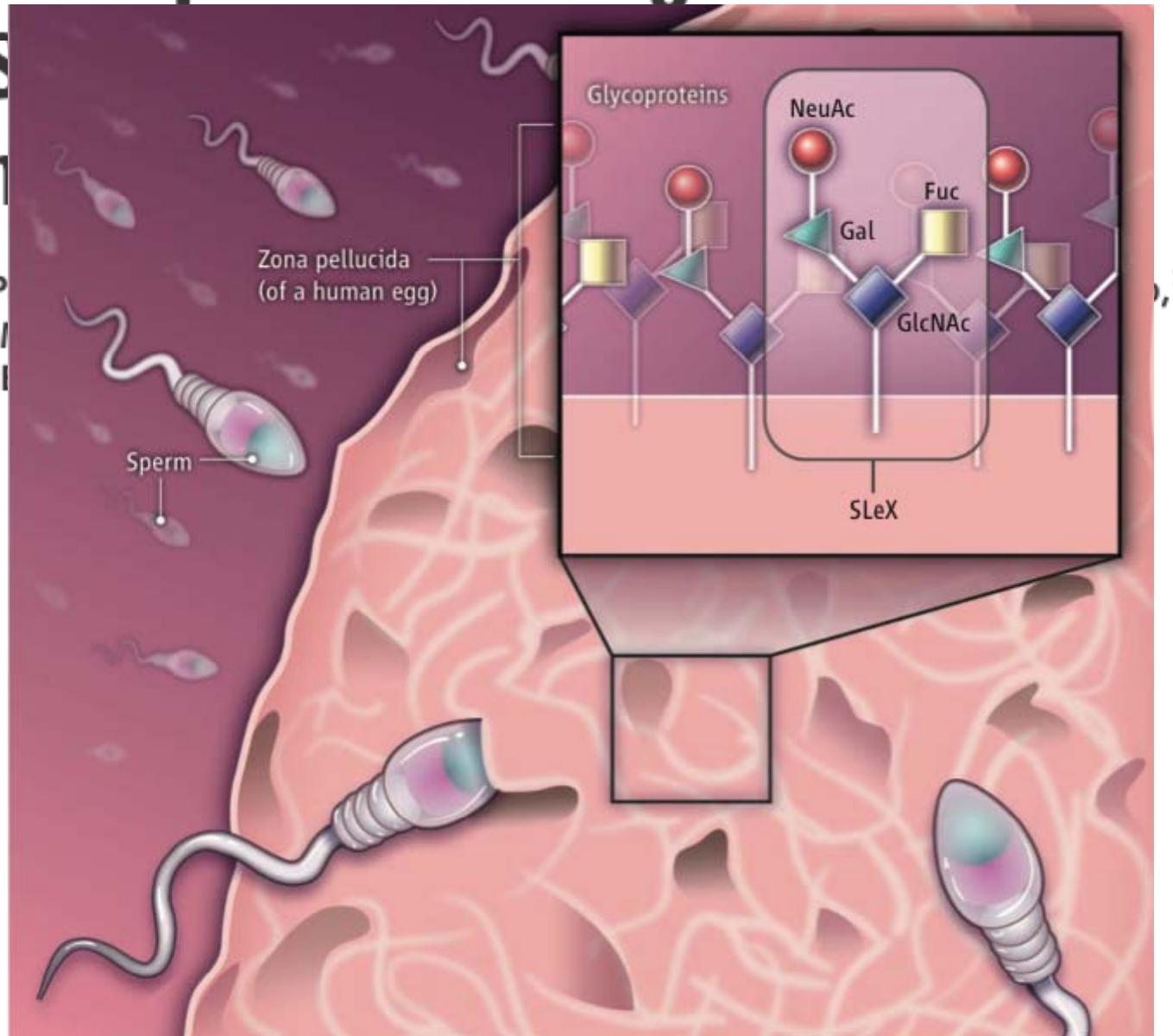


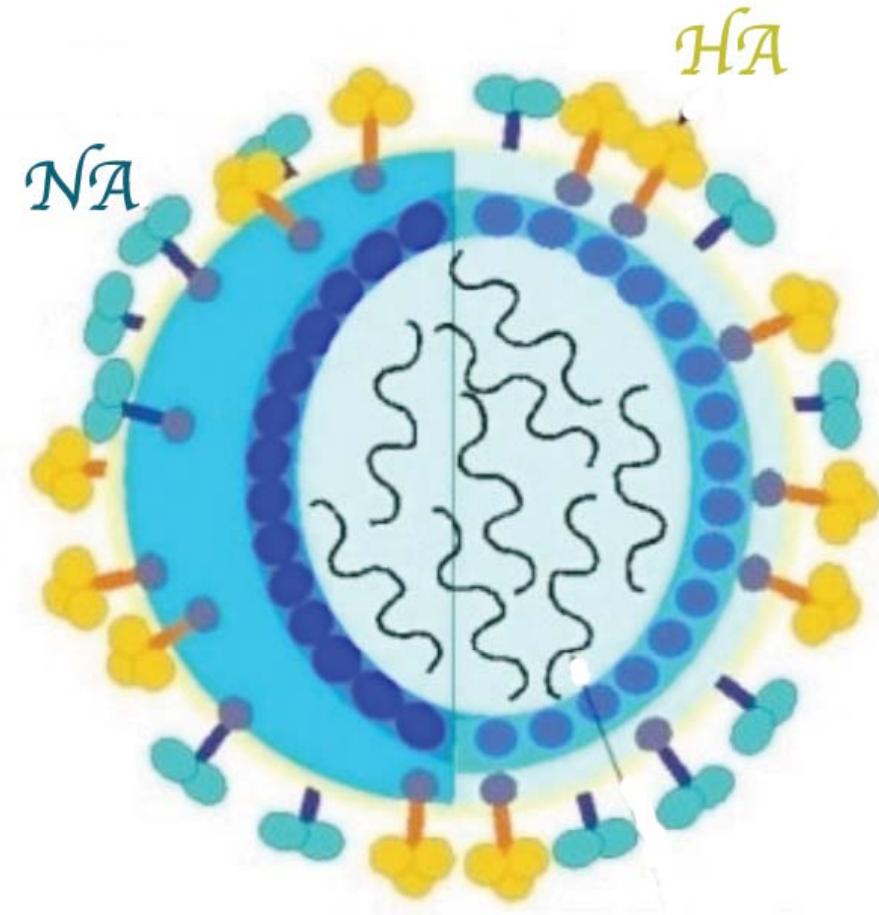
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## **Occurrence**

All cells in nature are covered with a dense and complex array of sugar chains (glycans).

The cell walls of bacteria and archaea are composed of several classes of glycans and glycoconjugates.

Most secreted proteins of eukaryotes carry large amounts of covalently attached glycans.

The extracellular matrix of eukaryotes is also rich in such secreted glycans.

Cytosolic and nuclear glycans are common in eukaryotes.

## **Chemistry and structure**

Glycosidic linkages can be in  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -linkage forms, which are biologically recognized as completely distinct.

Glycan chains can be linear or branched.

Glycans can be modified by a variety of different substituents, such as acetylation and sulfation.

Complete sequencing of glycans is feasible but usually requires combinatorial or iterative methods.

Modern methods allow in vitro chemoenzymatic synthesis of both simple and complex glycans.