#### 7 Carbohydrates and Glycobiology

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# Carbohydrates

- carbohydrates = aldehydes or ketones with at least two hydroxyl groups, or substances that yield such compounds on hydrolysis
- many carbohydrates have the empirical formula  $(CH_2O)_n$
- Some carbohydrates contain sulfur
- Produced from CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O via photosynthesis in plants
- Range from as small as glyceraldehyde (M<sub>w</sub> = 90 g/mol) to as large as amylopectin (M<sub>w</sub> > 200,000,000 g/mol)
- Can be covalently linked with proteins and lipids
- E Carbohydrates are no restricted to specific structures تحقيق، إنجاز
- Fulfill a variety of functions, including:
  - energy source and energy storage

  - informational molecules in cell-cell signaling

carbohydrates cellulose

# **Classes of Carbohydrates**

- monosaccharides = simple sugars, consist of a single polyhydroxy aldehyde or ketone unit
  - example: D-glucose

Monosaccharides connection is condensation reaction

- **disaccharides** = oligosaccharides with two monosaccharide units
  - example: sucrose (D-glucose and D-fructose) Lactose (glucose and galactose
- oligosaccharides = short chains of monosaccharide units, or residues, joined by glycosidic bonds
- polysaccharides = sugar polymers with 10+ monosaccharide units
  - examples: cellulose (linear), glycogen (branched)



A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with two monosaccharide units.

- A. oligosaccharide; polysaccharide
- B. polysaccharide; oligosaccharide
- C. disaccharide; oligosaccharide
- D. disaccharide; polysaccharide

#### **Clicker Question 1, Response**

A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with two monosaccharide units.

C. disaccharide; oligosaccharide

Oligosaccharides consist of short chains of monosaccharide units, or residues, joined by characteristic linkages called glycosidic bonds. The most abundant are the disaccharides, with two monosaccharide units.

### 7.1 Monosaccharides and Disaccharides



Carbohydrates can have multiple chiral carbons; the configuration of groups around each carbon atom determines how the compound interacts with other biomolecules. As we saw for L-amino acids in proteins, with rare exceptions, biological evolution selected one stereochemical series (D-series) for sugars.

## **Stereoisomerism in Sugars**

- sugar stereoisomers arise because many of the carbon atoms to which the hydroxyl groups are attached are *chiral centers*
- enzymes that act on sugars are stereospecific

#### The Two Families of Monosaccharides Are Aldoses and Ketoses

- backbones of monosaccharides:
  - unbranched carbon chains with single bonds linking all carbon atoms
  - one of the carbon atoms is double-bonded to an oxygen atom to form a carbonyl group
  - other carbon atoms are bonded to a hydroxyl group

### **Aldoses and Ketoses**

- aldose = carbonyl group is at an end of the carbon chain (in an aldehyde group)
- ketose = carbonyl group is at any other position (in a ketone group)









What chemical feature determines if a sugar is an aldose or a ketose?

- A. the direction of rotation of polarized light
- B. the position of the carbonyl carbon
- C. if the enantiomers resemble either glyceraldehyde or dihydroxyacetone
- D. if the epimers differ in configuration around one carbon or more than one carbon

### **Clicker Question 2, Response**

What chemical feature determines if a sugar is an aldose or a ketose?

**B.** the position of the carbonyl carbon

The backbones of common monosaccharides are unbranched carbon chains in which all the carbon atoms are linked by single bonds. In this open-chain form, one of the carbon atoms is double-bonded to an oxygen atom to form a carbonyl group. If the carbonyl group is at an end of the carbon chain, the monosaccharide is an aldose. If the carbonyl group is at any other position, it is a ketose.

# Monosaccharide Carbon Backbone

- 3 C → triose
- 4 C → tetrose
- 5 C → pentose
- 6 C → hexose
- 7 C → heptose

# Trioses

 trioses = simplest monosaccharides, three carbon backbone



### **Tetroses and Pentoses**

- tetroses = four
  carbon backbone
- pentoses = five
  carbon backbone



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#### **Hexoses and Heptoses**

- hexoses = six carbon backbone
- heptoses = seven carbon backbone



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Glucose is a monosaccharide with a(n):

- A. aldehyde functional group and six carbons.
- B. ketone functional group and six carbons.
- C. aldehyde functional group and seven carbons.
- D. ketone functional group and seven carbons.

#### **Clicker Question 3, Response**

Glucose is a monosaccharide with a(n):

A. aldehyde functional group and six carbons.

Glucose is an aldohexose, a monosaccharide with an aldehyde functional group and six carbons.



D-Glucose, an aldohexose

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# What Makes Sugar Sweet?

- TAS1R2 and TAS1R3 encode sweet-taste receptors
- binding of a compatible molecule generates a "sweet" electrical signal in the brain
  - requires a steric

Why syrup is more sweetness than sugar? Our suger is disaccharide sucrose, in syrup, we break the sucrose to form monosaccharides fructose and glucose, and monosaccharides binds to receptors better than disaccharides





Why does (*R*,*S*)-aspartame NOT stimulate the sweet receptor?

- A. Site AH<sup>+</sup> cannot bind the partially negative oxygen of the carboxylic acid.
- B. Site B<sup>-</sup> cannot hydrogen bond with the amine nitrogen.
- C. Site X cannot accommodate the hydrophobic benzene ring.
- D. None of the sites can interact with (R,S)-aspartame.

### **Clicker Question 4, Response**

Why does (R, S)-aspartame NOT stimulate the sweet receptor?

C. Site X cannot accommodate the hydrophobic benzene ring.

The steric match must be correct to stimulate the sweet receptor. Site X is oriented perpendicular to  $AH^+$  and  $B^-$  and can accommodate the hydrophobic benzene ring of (*S*,*S*)-aspartame. However, Site X cannot accommodate the hydrophobic benzene ring of (*R*,*S*)-aspartame.

### Monosaccharides Have Asymmetric Centers

- all monosaccharides (except *dihydroxyacetone*) contain 1+ chiral carbon atom
  - occur in optically active isomeric forms
- enantiomers = two different optical isomers that are mirror images
- a molecule with *n* chiral centers can have 2<sup>n</sup> stereoisomers

# **Fischer Projection Formulas**

- used to represent three-dimensional sugar structures on paper
- bonds drawn horizontally indicate bonds that project out of the plane of the paper
- bonds drawn vertically project behind the plane of the paper



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# **Enantiomers of Glyceraldehyde**



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# Numbering Carbons of a Sugar

• carbons are numbered beginning at the end of the chain near the carbonyl group

## **D** Isomers and L Isomers

- reference carbon = chiral center most distant from the carbonyl carbon
- two groups of stereoisomers:
  - D isomers = configuration at reference carbon is the same as D-glyceraldehyde
    - on the right (*dextro*) in a projection formula
    - most hexoses of living organisms
  - L isomers = configuration at reference carbon is the same as L-glyceraldehyde
    - on the left (*levo*) in a projection formula



Four chiral centers





Which statement is false regarding the enantiomers of glyceraldehyde?

- A. The enantiomers of glyceraldehyde are mirror images of each other.
- B. Because glyceraldehyde contains one chiral center, it has two enantiomers.
- C. In the Fischer projection formula for D-glyceraldehyde, the hydroxyl group is on the right.
- D. Glyceraldehyde does not occur in optically active isomeric forms.

### **Clicker Question 5, Response**

Which statement is false regarding the enantiomers of glyceraldehyde?

D. Glyceraldehyde does not occur in optically active isomeric forms.

All the monosaccharides except dihydroxyacetone contain one or more asymmetric (chiral) carbon atoms and thus occur in optically active isomeric forms. The simplest aldose, glyceraldehyde, contains one chiral center (the middle carbon atom) and therefore has two different optical isomers, or enantiomers.

#### **D-Aldoses**



#### **D-Ketoses**

(b) D-Ketoses





# **Epimers**

 epimers = two sugars that differ only in the configuration around one carbon atom



- D-Mannose and D-galactose are both epimers of D-glucose.
- D-Mannose and D-galactose vary at more than one chiral center and are diastereomers, but not epimers.

## **Structures to Know**

- Glyceraldehyde & dihydroxyacetone are the standard three-carbon sugars
- Ribose is the standard five-carbon sugar
- Glucose is the standard six-carbon sugar
- Galactose is an epimer of glucose
- Mannose is an epimer of glucose
- Fructose is the ketose form of glucose




# The Common Monosaccharides Have Cyclic Structures

- in aqueous solution, aldotetroses and all monosaccharides with 5+ backbone carbon atoms occur as cyclic structures
  - covalent bond between the carbonyl group and the oxygen of a hydroxyl group



A monosaccharide with a ketone functional group and seven carbons:

- A. can never exist in cyclic form.
- B. is a ketoheptose.
- C. is the monosaccharide found in RNA but not DNA.
- D. has a single chiral center.

## **Clicker Question 6, Response**

A monosaccharide with a ketone functional group and seven carbons:

B. is a ketoheptose.

Monosaccharides with seven carbon atoms in their backbones are called heptoses. A ketose of this chain length is a ketoheptose.

# **Hemiacetals and Hemiketals**

- hemiacetals or hemiketals = derivatives formed by a general reaction between alcohols and aldehydes or ketones
  - product of the first alcohol molecule addition
  - a five- or six-membered ring forms if the —OH and carbonyl groups are on the same molecule
- acetal or ketal = product of the second alcohol molecule addition
  - forms a glycosidic bond

## Formation of Hemiacetals and Hemiketals



# α and β Stereoisomeric Configurations

- reaction with the first alcohol molecule creates an additional chiral center (the carbonyl carbon)
- produces either of two stereoisomeric configurations:
   α (*trans*) and β (*cis*)
- anomers = isomeric forms of monosaccharides that differ only in their configuration about the hemiacetal or hemiketal carbon atom
- **anomeric carbon** = the carbonyl carbon atom



What name is given to monosaccharides that differ in configuration about the hemiacetal carbon atom?

- A. enantiomers
- B. isomers
- C. epimers
- D. anomers

### **Clicker Question 7, Response**

What name is given to monosaccharides that differ in configuration about the hemiacetal carbon atom?

D. anomers

Isomeric forms of monosaccharides that differ only in their configuration about the hemiacetal or hemiketal carbon atom are called anomers.

# Formation of the Two Cyclic Forms of D-Gluco:

- reaction between the aldehyde group at C-1 and the hydroxyl group at C-5 forms a hemiacetal linkage
- mutarotation = the interconversion of α and β anomers



If the *hydroxyl group* is on the *opposite side* (trans) of the ring as the  $CH_2OH$  moiety the configuration is  $\alpha$ In the *hydroxyl group* is on the *same side* (cis) of the ring as the  $CH_2OH$  moiety, the configuration is  $\beta$ 



Cyclization of monosaccharides:

- A. is the reaction of hemiketal or hemiacetal formation.
- B. is irreversible.
- C. creates  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  epimers.
- D. only occurs in hexoses.

#### **Clicker Question 8, Response**

Cyclization of monosaccharides:

#### A. is the reaction of hemiketal or hemiacetal formation.

In aqueous solution, all monosaccharides with five or more carbon atoms in the backbone occur predominantly as cyclic (ring) structures in which the carbonyl group has formed a covalent bond with the oxygen of a hydroxyl group in the same sugar molecule. The formation of these ring structures is the result of a general reaction between alcohols and aldehydes or ketones to form derivatives called hemiacetals or hemiketals.

# **Pyranoses and Furanoses**

- pyranoses = six-membered ring compounds
  - form when the hydroxyl group at C-6 reacts with the keto group at C-2
- furanoses = five-membered ring compounds
  - form when the hydroxyl group at C-5 reacts with the keto group at C-2



# **Haworth Perspective Formulas**

- Haworth perspective formulas = more accurate representation of cyclic sugar structure than Fischer projections
  - six-membered ring is tilted to make its plane almost perpendicular to that of the paper
    - bonds closest to the reader are drawn thicker than those farther away





 $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranose Haworth perspective

#### Converting D-Hexose Fischer Projections to Haworth Perspective Formulas

- step 1: draw the six-membered ring (five carbons, and one oxygen at the upper right)
- step 2: number the carbons in a clockwise direction beginning with the anomeric carbon
- step 3: place the hydroxyl groups
  - hydroxyl groups on the right in a Fischer projection are placed pointing down and those on the left are placed pointing up

#### Converting D-Hexose Fischer Projections to Haworth Perspective Formulas, Continued

- step 4: place the terminal —CH<sub>2</sub>OH group
  - projects upward for the D enantiomer, downward for the L enantiomer
- step 5: place the anomeric hydroxyl group
  - for a  $\beta$  structure, the hydroxyl group is placed on the same side of the ring as C-6
  - for an  $\alpha$  structure, it is placed on the opposite side

#### Example



 $\beta$ -D-glucose (C<sup>1</sup>-OH points up, *cis* to C<sup>6</sup>H<sub>2</sub>OH)



 $\alpha$ -L-glucose (C<sup>1</sup>-OH points up, *trans* to C<sup>6</sup>H<sub>2</sub>OH)



## **Clicker Question 9**

Using the Fischer projection of D-glucose, identify which statement is true of the Haworth perspective formula of  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose.

A. The terminal —CH<sub>2</sub>OH group projects downward.



- C. The hydroxyl group on C-2 is placed pointing up.
- D. The cyclic structure is a five-membered ring.



#### **Clicker Question 9, Response**

Using the Fischer projection of D-glucose, identify which statement is true of the Haworth perspective formula of  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose.

B. The anomeric hydroxyl is on the opposite side from C-6.

For an *α* structure, the anomeric carbon (C-1) has its hydroxyl group placed on the opposite side from C-6.





Haworth perspective





Polysaccharides assume three-dimensional structures with the lowest-energy conformations, determined by covalent bonds, hydrogen bonds, charge interactions, and steric factors. Starch folds into a helical structure stabilized by internal hydrogen bonds; cellulose assumes an extended structure in which intermolecular hydrogen bonds are more important.

# Conformational Formulas of Pyranoses

- pyranose rings tend to assume either of two "chair" conformations (rarely "boat" conformation)
  - interconvertible
     without breaking
     covalent bonds
  - requires energy input



Boat conformation

OH







(d)

(b)



(a)

# Organisms Contain a Variety of Hexose Derivatives



# **Aldonic and Uronic Acids**

- It aldonic acids = form following oxidation of the carbonyl carbon of aldoses
- **uronic acids** = form following oxidation at C-6
- both form stable intramolecular esters called lactones

# **Phosphorylated Derivatives**

- some sugar intermediates are phosphate esters
  - example: glucose 6-phosphate
- stable at neutral pH and bear a negative charge
- functions to trap sugar inside the cell because most cells do not have membrane transporters for phosphorylated sugars

# Sugars That Are, or Can Form, Aldehydes Are Reducing Sugars

- reducing sugars = undergo a characteristic redox reaction where free aldehyde groups react with Cu<sup>2+</sup> under alkaline condition
  - reduction of Cu<sup>2+</sup> to Cu<sup>+</sup> forms a brick-red precipitate
- ketoses that can tautomerize to form aldehydes are also reducing sugars

# Chain-Ring Equilibrium and Reducing Sugars

- The ring forms exist in equilibrium with the open-chain forms
- Reducing sugars have a free anomeric carbon
- Aldehyde can reduce Cu<sup>2+</sup> to Cu<sup>+</sup> (Fehling's test)
- Aldehyde can reduce Ag<sup>+</sup> to Ag<sup>0</sup> (Tollens' test)
- Allows detection of reducing sugars, such as glucose (by measuring the amount of oxidizing agent reduced by a sugar solution, the sugar concentration can be estimated)

The cuprous ion (Cu<sup>+</sup>) produced forms a red cuprous oxide precipitate.



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Which reaction is one that is NOT common of glucose?

- A. mutarotation
- B. oxidation to an aldonic acid
- C. oxidation to an uronic acid
- D. oxidation by reducing sugars

#### **Clicker Question 10, Response**

Which reaction is one that is NOT common of glucose?

#### **D.** oxidation by reducing sugars

Glucose does not undergo oxidation by reducing sugars. Glucose itself is a reducing sugar. Free aldehyde groups in glucose undergo a characteristic redox reaction with Cu<sup>2+</sup> under alkaline conditions. As glucose is oxidized from aldehyde to carboxylic acid, Cu<sup>2+</sup> is reduced to Cu<sup>+</sup>, which forms a brick-red precipitate.

# Blood glucose measurements in the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes

- Untreated diabetes has several long-term consequences: العبى kidney failure, cardiovascular disease, blindness, impaired wound healing, etc.
   Abbreviation of dupose
- Abbreviation of glucose
   Average [glc]<sub>blood</sub> over days can be measured because of a nonenzymatic reaction between glc and primary amino groups in Hb
- The amount of glycated Hb (GHb) reflects the average [glc]<sub>blood</sub> over the circulating lifetime of RBC (~120 days)
- Normal levels ~5% of Hb is GHb
- Diabetic people may have it as high as 13%
- Advanced glycation endproducts (AGEs) contribute to the long term problems associated with diabetes



Damage to kidneys, retinas, cardiovascular system

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# **O-Glycosidic Bonds**

- O-glycosidic bond = covalent linkage joining two monosaccharides
  - formed when a hydroxyl group of one sugar molecule reacts with the anomeric carbon of the other
  - The resulting compound is a glycoside
  - readily hydrolyzed by acid



# The Reducing End

- formation of a glycosidic bond renders a sugar nonreducing
- reducing end = the end of a disaccharide or polysaccharide chain with a free anomeric carbon



Free anomeric carbon



What term is given to carbohydrates linked by their anomeric carbons?

- A. nonreducing sugars
- B. glycosides
- C. anomers
- D. hemiketals

## **Clicker Question 11, Response**

What term is given to carbohydrates linked by their anomeric carbons?

A. nonreducing sugars

When the anomeric carbon is involved in a glycosidic bond, the easy interconversion of linear and cyclic forms is prevented. Formation of a glycosidic bond therefore renders a sugar nonreducing.
# Naming Reducing Oligosaccharides

- step 1: with the nonreducing end on the left, give the configuration (α or β) at the anomeric carbon joining the first unit to the second
- step 2: name the nonreducing residue using "furano" or "pyrano"
- step 3: indicate in parentheses the two carbon atoms joined by the glycosidic bond, with an arrow connecting the two numbers
- step 4: name the second residue and repeat for additional residues

# P1 Clicker Question 12

Following the convention for naming reducing oligosaccharides, what is the name of lactose, as shown.



- A.  $\alpha$ -L-glucopyranose-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\alpha$ -L-galactopyranosyl
- B.  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl
- C.  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose
- D.  $\alpha$ -L-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\alpha$ -L-glucopyranose

### **Clicker Question 12, Response**

Following the convention for naming reducing oligosaccharides, what is the name of lactose, as shown.



C.  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose

The image is drawn with the nonreducing end on the left. The anomeric carbon joining the first unit to the second is  $\beta$  and the nonreducing unit is the six-membered ring D-galactose. A (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-glycosidic bond links the two monosaccharides together. The second residue is the six-membered ring D-glucose.

## Symbols and Abbreviations for Monosaccharides and Derivatives

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Abequose	Abe	Glucuronic acid	✦ GlcA
Arabinose	Ara	Galactosamine	🔼 GalN
Fructose	Fru	Glucosamine	▲ GlcN
Fucose	▲ Fuc	N-Acetylgalactosamine	GalNAc
Galactose	<mark>O</mark> Gal	N-Acetylglucosamine	GlcNAc
Glucose	• Glc	Iduronic acid	$\diamondsuit$ IdoA
Mannose	🔵 Man	Muramic acid	Mur
Rhamnose	Rha	N-Acetylmuramic acid	Mur2Ac
Ribose	Rib	<i>N</i> -Acetylneuraminic acid (a sialic acid)	◆ Neu5Ac
Xylose	★ Xyl		

Note: In a commonly used convention, hexoses are represented as circles, *N*-acetylhexosamines as squares, and hexosamines as squares divided diagonally. All sugars with the "gluco" configuration are blue, those with the "galacto" configuration are yellow, and "manno" sugars are green. Other substituents can be added as needed: sulfate (S), phosphate (P), *O*-acetyl (OAc), or *O*-methyl (OMe).

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# **Three Common Disaccharides**

- lactose is a reducing disaccharide
- sucrose and trehalose are nonreducing sugars

#### **\***Abbreviations

- Glc -> glucose
- Gal-> galactose
- Fru—> fructose
- Man -> mannose
- GlcN —> N-acytelglucoseamine





Which of these sugars is nonreducing?

- A. trehalose
- B. glucose
- C. maltose
- D. lactose

### **Clicker Question 13, Response**

Which of these sugars is nonreducing?

A. trehalose

When the anomeric carbon is involved in a glycosidic bond, the easy interconversion of linear and cyclic forms is prevented. Formation of a glycosidic bond therefore renders a sugar nonreducing. Trehalose is a disaccharide of Dglucose that is a nonreducing sugar.





Which item is NOT associated with disaccharides?

- A. O-glycosidic linkages
- B. formation of a ketal or acetal
- C. never having free anomeric carbons
- D. sucrose

### **Clicker Question 14, Response**

Which item is NOT associated with disaccharides?

C. never having free anomeric carbons

In describing disaccharides and polysaccharides, the end of a chain with a free anomeric carbon (one not involved in a glycosidic bond) is called the reducing end. There are a number of disaccharides with free anomeric carbons, including glucose and lactose.

### 7.2 Polysaccharides



### Monomeric subunits, monosaccharides, serve as the building blocks of large carbohydrate polymers. The specific sugar, the way the units are linked, and whether the polymer is branched determine its properties and thus its function.

# Polysaccharides

- most carbohydrates in nature occur as polysaccharides (*M*<sub>r</sub> > 20,000)
- also called glycans

**YouTube** Video:

1) Carbohydrates & sugars - biochemistry (Osmosis)

# Homopolysaccharides and Heteropolysaccharides

homopolysaccharides = contain only a single monomeric sugar species

- serve as storage forms and structural elements
- Can be branched or linear



Branched

Unbranched

Can be:

- 1) Storage forms of monosaccharides, used for fuel (starch and glycogen)
- 2) Structural elements in plant cell walls and animal exoskeletons (cellulose and chitin)

# Homopolysaccharides and Heteropolysaccharides

- heteropolysaccharides = contain 2+ kinds of monomers
  - provide extracellular support
  - Can be branched or linear



Provide extracellular support for organisms of all kingdoms, E.g.

- 1) Bacterial cell envelope is composed in part of a heteropolysaccharide
- 2) Extracellular matrix in animal cells



Which statement is false regarding homopolysaccharides and heteropolysaccharides?

- A. Homopolysaccharides contain a single monomeric sugar species.
- B. Some homopolysaccharides serve as structural elements in animal exoskeletons.
- C. Heteropolysaccharides serve as storage forms of monosaccharides that are used as fuel.
- D. In animal tissues, the extracellular space is occupied by several types of heteropolysaccharides.

### **Clicker Question 15, Response**

Which statement is false regarding homopolysaccharides and heteropolysaccharides?

C. Heteropolysaccharides serve as storage forms of monosaccharides that are used as fuel.

Some homopolysaccharides serve as storage forms of monosaccharides that are used as fuels; starch and glycogen are homopolysaccharides of this type.



### The sequences of complex polysaccharides are determined by the intrinsic properties of the biosynthetic enzymes that add each monomeric unit to the growing polymer. This is in monomeric with DNA, RNA, and proteins, which are synthesized on templates that direct their sequence.

### Polysaccharides Generally Do Not Have Defined Lengths or Molecular Weights

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- this distinction between proteins and polysaccharides is a consequence of the mechanisms of assembly
- there is no template for polysaccharide synthesis
- the program for polysaccharide synthesis is intrinsic to the enzymes that catalyze the polymerization of monomer units

## Some Homopolysaccharides Are Storage Forms of Fuel

- storage polysaccharides = starch in plant cells and glycogen in animal cells
- starch and glycogen molecules are heavily hydrated because they have many exposed hydroxyl groups available to hydrogen bond

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# Starch and Glycogen

**\***We can digest starch and glycogen

- starch = contains two types of glucose polymer, amylose and amylopectin
  - − amylose = long, unbranched chains of D-glucose residues connected by ( $\alpha$ 1→4) linkages
  - amylopectin = larger than amylose with  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$ linkages between glucose residues and highly branched due to  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  linkages At each 24-30 residue
- **glycogen** = polymer of  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$ -linked glucose subunits, with  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$ -linked branches At each 8-12 residue
  - more extensively branched
  - more compact than starch



# Structure of Starch and Glycogen

All enzymes that make or break glycogen work at nonreducing end





Glycogen and amylopectin have one reducing end but many nonreducing ends (a polymer with n branches has n + 1 nonreducing ends and only 1 reducing end)



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What O-glycosidic bond is commonly found in amylose, amylopectin, and glycogen?

- A. (β1→4) B. (α1→6) C. (β1→6)
- D. (α1→4)

### **Clicker Question 16, Response**

What O-glycosidic bond is commonly found in amylose, amylopectin, and glycogen?

D. (α1→4)

Amylose, amylopectin, and glycogen all contain ( $\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4$ ) linkages joining successive glucose residues.



A glycogen molecule with 28 branches has how many nonreducing and reducing ends?

- A. 28 nonreducing ends and 28 reducing ends
- B. 29 nonreducing ends and 1 reducing end
- C. 1 nonreducing end and 29 reducing ends
- D. 1 nonreducing end and 1 reducing end

### **Clicker Question 17, Response**

A glycogen molecule with 28 branches has how many nonreducing and reducing ends?

B. 29 nonreducing ends and 1 reducing end

Because each branch of glycogen ends with a nonreducing sugar unit, a glycogen molecule with n branches has n + 1 nonreducing ends, but only one reducing end. Thus, a glycogen molecule with 28 branches has 29 nonreducing ends and 1 reducing end.



Storage of low molecular weight metabolites in polymeric form avoids the very high osmolarity that would result from storing them as individual monomers. If the glucose in liver glycogen were monomeric, the glucose concentration in liver would be so high that cells would swell and lyse from the entry of water by osmosis.

# Storage of Glucose as Polymers Avoids High Osmolarity

- hepatocytes in the fed state store glycogen equivalent to a glucose concentration of 0.4 M
- 0.4 м glucose in the cytosol would elevate the osmolarity
  - the resulting osmotic entry of water might rupture the cell

\*Osmotic pressure depend on the number of molecules, not size of it



Why is it logical for sugars to be added to only one end of glycogen, making them excellent molecules for glucose *storage*?

- A. Because the other end of the molecule is anchored to a membrane with a lipid.
- B. Because it is the reducing end, and a reduction reaction is the mechanism for adding the sugar.
- C. Because it has the hemiacetal carbon, the one carbon to which more sugars can be attached.
- D. Because there are many nonreducing ends on one molecule, allowing rapid glucose storage and release.

### **Clicker Question 18, Response**

Why is it logical for sugars to be added to only one end of glycogen, making them excellent molecules for glucose *storage*?

D. Because there are many nonreducing ends on one molecule, allowing rapid glucose storage and release.

A glycogen molecule with n branches has n + 1 nonreducing ends. When glycogen is used as an energy source, glucose units are removed one at a time from the nonreducing ends. Degradative enzymes that act only at nonreducing ends can work simultaneously on the many branches, speeding the conversion of the polymer to monosaccharides.

### Some Homopolysaccharides Serve Structural Roles

- **cellulose** = tough, fibrous, water-insoluble substance
  - linear, unbranched homopolysaccharide, consisting of 10,000 to 15,000 D-glucose units
  - glucose residues have the  $\beta$  configuration
  - linked by ( $\beta 1 \rightarrow 4$ ) glycosidic bonds
  - animals do not have the enzyme to hydrolyze  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 4)$  glycosidic bonds



# **P5** Clicker Question 19

Even though amylose and cellulose are made of similar homopolysaccharide chains, they have very different properties. Why?

- A. The  $\beta$ -glycosidic linkage of glucose molecules in cellulose form interchain and intrachain hydrogen bonds that produce straight, stable fibers that exclude water.
- B. Cellulose is composed of galactose, while amylose is composed of glucose.
- C. The  $\alpha$ -glycosidic linkage of glucose molecules in amylose causes it to form helices that exclude water.
- D. Amylose makes a linear polymer which cannot make hydrogen bonds.

### **Clicker Question 19, Response**

Even though amylose and cellulose are made of similar homopolysaccharide chains, they have very different properties. Why?

A. The  $\beta$ -glycosidic linkage of glucose molecules in cellulose form interchain and intrachain hydrogen bonds that produce straight, stable fibers that exclude water.

The glucose residues in cellulose are linked by ( $\beta 1 \rightarrow 4$ ) glycosidic bonds, allowing for the formation of interchain and intrachain hydrogen bonds.

# Chitin

Produce exoskeleton in insects

we can't digest chitin

- **chitin** = linear homopolysaccharide composed of *N*-acetylglucosamine residues in ( $\beta 1 \rightarrow 4$ ) linkage
  - acetylated amino group makes chitin more hydrophobic and water-resistant than cellulose



Chitin is more hydrophobic than cellulose because it contain a amide group instead of hydroxy group



Why are chitin and cellulose hydrophobic and essentially insoluble in an aqueous media?

- A. Because polymers of these molecules pack so tightly together, there is no geometric space left for water.
- B. Because they form many internal hydrogen bonds, they leave no sites for binding to water.
- C. Because there are no enzymes that can break the beta linkages.
- D. Because the linear polymer cannot make hydrogen bonds.

### **Clicker Question 20, Response**

Why are chitin and cellulose hydrophobic and essentially insoluble in an aqueous media?

B. Because they form many internal hydrogen bonds, they leave no sites for binding to water.

The residues in chitin and cellulose are both linked by  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 4)$  linkages, allowing for the formation of internal hydrogen bonds.

### **Steric Factors and Hydrogen Bonding Influence Homopolysaccharide Folding**

- three-dimensional structures stabilized by weak interactions within or between molecules
  - hydrogen bonding is especially important due to the high number of hydroxyl groups in polysaccharides
- free rotation about both C—O bonds linking the residues is limited by steric hindrance by substituents
# Different Energetic Conformation of a Disaccharide

 bulkiness and electronic effects at the anomeric carbon place
 <u>constraints</u> on φ and ψ



High-energy conformation is sterically hindered.

# Helical Structure of Starch and Glycogen

- most stable threedimensional structure for the (α1→4)-linked chains of starch and glycogen
  - six residues/turn



# Linear Structure of Cellulose

- most stable conformation is a straight, extended chain
  - each chair is turned 180°
     relative to its neighbors





Polysaccharides:

- A. do not fold into three-dimensional structures.
- B. are glycans.
- C. must be homopolysaccharides.
- D. are never branched.

#### **Clicker Question 21, Response**

**Polysaccharides:** 

**B.** are glycans.

Polysaccharides are also called glycans.

# Peptidoglycan Reinforces the Bacterial Cell Wall

We can't digest peptidoglycan

One of the rare compounds that contain L isomer and D isomer

- peptidoglycan = rigid component of bacterial cell walls
  - heteropolymer of alternating  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 4)$ linked *N*acetylglucosamine and *N*-acetylmuramic acid residues
  - cross-linked by short peptides



Cross-linked peptidoglycan



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cross-linked by short \* Peptidoglycan is heteropolysaccharides

#### Glycosaminoglycans Are Heteropolysaccharides of the Extracellular Matrix

- extracellular matrix (ECM) = gel-like material in the extracellular space of tissues that holds cells together and provides a porous pathway for nutrient and O<sub>2</sub> diffusion
  - composed of an interlocking meshwork of heteropolysaccharides (ground substance) and fibrous proteins
- basement membrane (specialized ECM) also contains heteropolysaccharides

# Repeating Units of Glycosaminoglycans of ECM

- glycosaminoglycans = heteropolysaccharides in ECM
  - linear polymers composed of repeating disaccharide units
  - one monosaccharide is always either *N*-acetylglucosamine or *N*-acetylgalactosamine and the other is usually a uronic acid
  - unique to animals and bacteria
  - some contain esterified sulfate groups

Glycosaminoglycans contain different types of bond ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ) between different carbon( such as 1-3 and 1-4).



# Types of Glycosaminoglycans

- hyaluronan (hyaluronic acid) = alternating residues of D-glucuronic acid and N-acetylglucosamine
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   Wery important in joints because it have a big role in synovial fluid.
- chondroitin sulfate, dermatan sulfate, keratan sulfate, and heparan sulfate differ from hyaluronan in three respects:
  - generally much shorter polymers
  - covalently linked to specific proteins (proteoglycans)
  - one or both monomer units differ from hyaluronan
- provide viscosity, adhesiveness, and tensile strength to the extracellular matrix



Which characteristic is NOT one that is true of glycosaminoglycans?

- A. found in extracellular matrix
- B. always contain sulfates
- C. are heteropolysaccharides
- D. are disaccharide repeat units

## **Clicker Question 22, Response**

Which characteristic is NOT one that is true of glycosaminoglycans?

**B.** always contain sulfates

The glycosaminoglycans, are a family of linear polymers composed of repeating disaccharide units. Some, but not all, glycosaminoglycans contain esterified sulfate groups.

# **Heparan Sulfate**

- contains variable, nonrandom arrangements of sulfated and nonsulfated sugars
- sulfated residues gives the molecule the ability to interact specifically with proteins

# Heparin

- highly sulfated, intracellular form of heparan sulfate produced primarily by mast cells
- used as a therapeutic agent to inhibit coagulation of blood through its capacity to bind the protease inhibitor antithrombin

**\***Heparin is the most negatively charged biological compound **\*** Heparin bind to protease that break down antithrombin ->

antithrombin bind to thrombin—> thrombin doesn't work —> fibrinogen will not convert to fibrin—> blood will no coagulated

# Dextrans

- · Bacterial and yeast polysaccharides
- · ( $\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6$ )-linked poly-D-glucose
- All units have ( $\alpha 1 \rightarrow 3$ ) branches
- Some have also  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 2)$  or  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$  branches
- Dental plaque (formed by bacteria on the surface of teeth) is rich in dextrans

# Agar and Agarose

- Agar is a complex mixture of complex hetereopolysaccharides composed of agarose and agaropectin (containing modified galactose units)
- Agar serves as a component of cell wall in some seaweeds
- Agar solutions form gels that are commonly used in the laboratory as a surface for growing bacteria
- Agar is also used for capsules in which some drugs and vitamins are packaged
- Agarose solutions form gels that are commonly used in the laboratory for separation DNA by electrophoresis

#### **Agar and Agarose**



Figure 7-21

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#### Table 8.2 Structures of some common polysaccharides

Polysaccharide <sup>a</sup>	Component(s) <sup>b</sup>	Linkage(s)
Storage homoglycans		
Starch		
Amylose	Glc	$\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)
Amylopectin	Glc	$\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4), $\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 6) (branches)
Glycogen	Glc	$\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4), $\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 6) (branches)
Structural homoglycans		
Cellulose	Glc	$\beta(1 \rightarrow 4)$
Chitin	GlcNAc	$\beta(1 \rightarrow 4)$
Heteroglycans		
Glycosaminoglycans	Disaccharides (amino sugars, sugar acids)	Various
Hyaluronic acid	GlcUA and GlcNAc	$\beta(1 \rightarrow 3), \beta(1 \rightarrow 4)$

<sup>a</sup>Polysaccharides are unbranched unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>b</sup>Glc, Glucose; GlcNAc, *N*-acetylglucosamine; GlcUA, D-glucuronate.

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# Structure and Roles of Some Polysaccharides

#### Table 7-2 Structures and Roles of Some Polysaccharides

Polymer	Туре	Repeating unit	Size (number of monosaccharide units)	Roles/significance
Starch: Amylose	Homo-	$(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$ Glc, linear	50-5,000	Energy storage: in plants
Starch: Amylopectin	Homo-	$(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$ Glc, with $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$ Glc branches every 24-30 residues	Up to 10 <sup>6</sup>	Energy storage: in plants
Glycogen	Homo-	$(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$ Glc, with $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$ Glc branches every 8-12 residues	Up to 50,000	Energy storage: in bacteria and animal cells
Cellulose	Homo-	(β1→4)Glc	Up to 15,000	Structural: in plants, gives rigidity and strength to cell walls
Chitin	Homo-	$(\beta 1 \rightarrow 4)$ GlcNAc	Very large	Structural: in insects, spiders, crustaceans, gives rigidity and strength to exoskeletons
Dextran	Homo-	$(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$ Glc, with $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 3)$ branches	Wide range	Structural: in bacteria, extracellular adhesive
Peptidoglycan	Hetero-; peptides attached	4)Mur2Ac(β1→4) GlcNAc (β1	Very large	Structural: in bacteria, gives rigidity and strength to cell envelope
Hyaluronan (a glycosaminoglycan)	Hetero-; acidic	4)GlcA( $\beta 1 \rightarrow 3$ ) GlcNAc ( $\beta 1$	Up to 100,000	Structural: in vertebrates, extracellular matrix of skin and connective tissue; viscosity and lubrication in joints



The glycosaminoglycan hyaluronan:

- A. is a homopolysaccharide.
- B. consists of alternating residues of D-glucuronic acid and *N*-acetylglucosamine.
- C. is covalently linked to specific proteins.
- D. is a much shorter polymer than heparin.

## **Clicker Question 23, Response**

The glycosaminoglycan hyaluronan:

B. consists of alternating residues of D-glucuronic acid and *N*-acetylglucosamine.

The glycosaminoglycan hyaluronan (hyaluronic acid) contains alternating residues of D-glucuronic acid and *N*-acetylglucosamine.

# 7.3 Glycoconjugates: Proteoglycans, Glycoproteins, and Glycolipids

# Glycoconjugate

 glycoconjugate = biologically active molecule consisting of an informational carbohydrate joined to a protein or lipid



# Proteoglycans

- proteoglycans = macromolecules of the cell surface or ECM consisting of 1+ sulfated glycosaminoglycan chain(s) joined covalently to a membrane protein or secreted protein
  - major component of all extracellular matrices

The difference between proteoglycans and glycoproteins
Glycoproteins is a protein surrounded by sugars
Proteoglycans is auger surrounded by protein



- glycoproteins = have one or several oligosaccharides joined covalently to a protein
  - found on the outer face of the plasma membrane, in ECM, in blood, and in organelles (Golgi complexes, secretory granules, and lysosomes)
  - oligosaccharide portions are heterogenous and rich in information

# **Glycolipids and Glycosphingolipids**

- glycolipids = plasma membrane components in which the hydrophilic head groups are oligosaccharides
- glycosphingolipids = class of glycolipids with specific backbone structure
  - neurons are rich in glycosphingolipids

play a role in signal transduction
\* blood type depend on glycosphingolipids.
= in our red blood cells, there are lipids have suger groups.
- If we have enzyme that add gerlactose to lipid. Blood type B
- If we have enzyme that add N-acetylgalactose amine to lipid.
Blood type A
- If we have the 2 enzymes. Blood type AB
- If we don't have any of 2 enzymes.



Which statement about glycoconjugates is false?

- A. The glycosaminoglycan chain of the proteoglycan can bind to extracellular proteins through electrostatic interactions.
- B. Glycolipids are found in specific organelles, such as Golgi complexes.
- C. Glycosphingolipids play a role in signal transduction.
- D. The oligosaccharide portions of glycoproteins are very heterogeneous.

### **Clicker Question 24, Response**

Which statement about glycoconjugates is false?

B. Glycolipids are found in specific organelles, such as Golgi complexes.

Inside cells, glycoproteins are found in specific organelles such as Golgi complexes (where the oligosaccharide moieties are added to the proteins), secretory granules, and lysosomes. Glycolipids are plasma membrane components in which the hydrophilic head groups are oligosaccharides. Proteoglycans Are Glycosaminoglycan-Containing Macromolecules of the Cell Surface and Extracellular Matrix

proteoglycan unit = Carboxyl 🖁 terminus "core protein" with Core protein covalently attached glycosaminoglycan(s) >negatively charge polysaccharide tetrasaccharide linker <u>ک</u>  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 3)$  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 4)$  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 3)$ connects to  $(\operatorname{GlcA} \rightarrow \operatorname{GalNAc4S})_n \rightarrow \operatorname{GlcA} \rightarrow \operatorname{Gal} \rightarrow \operatorname{Gal} \rightarrow \operatorname{Xyl} \rightarrow$ Ser glycosaminoglycan to Chondroitin sulfate  $(\beta 1 \rightarrow 3)$  $(B1 \rightarrow 4)$ a Ser residue of the Amino terminus protein

# Two Families of Membrane Heparan Sulfate Proteoglycans

- syndecans = single transmembrane domain and an extracellular domain bearing 3–5 chains of heparan sulfate and chondroitin sulfate
- **glypicans** = attached to the membrane by a <u>GPI</u> anchor (a *g*lycosylated derivative of the membrane lipid glycolipids and phosphatidyl*i*nositol)



# **NS Domains**

• NS domains = highly sulfated domains that alternate with domains having unmodified GlcNAc and GlcA residues



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# Four Types of Protein Interactions with NS Domains of Heparan Sulfate





Which statement about proteoglycans is false?

- A. They contain protein.
- B. They can affect ligand-receptor interactions.
- C. They are always extracellular.
- D. They contain glycosaminoglycans.

## **Clicker Question 25, Response**

Which statement about proteoglycans is false?

**C.** They are always extracellular.

Proteoglycans are macromolecules of the cell surface or ECM in which one or more sulfated glycosaminoglycan chains are joined covalently to a membrane protein or a secreted protein.

# Heparan Sulfate Enhancement of the Binding of Thrombin to Antithrombin

- antithrombin binds to and inhibits the protease thrombin only in the presence of heparan sulfate
- both proteins are rich in Arg and Lys residues
  - interact
     electrostatically with
     the sulfates of the
     glycosaminoglycans



#### Positively charged regions

# **Proteoglycan Aggregates**

- proteoglycan aggregates = supramolecular assemblies of many core proteins all bound to a single molecule of hyaluronan
- aggrecan interacts strongly with collagen in the ECM of cartilage



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# **Fibronectin and Integrins**

 $\rightarrow$  link protein

- **fibronectin** = has separate domains to bind fibrin, heparan sulfate, and collagen
  - contain the conserved RGD sequence (Arg– Gly–Asp) to bind integrins
- integrins = mediate
   signaling between cell
   interior and ECM
   molecules




### An almost infinite variety of discrete structures can be built from a small number of monomeric subunits. Even short polymers, when arranged in different sequences, joined through different linkages, and branched to specific degrees, present unique faces recognized by their molecular partners.

### Purpose of Interactions between Cells and the ECM

- interactions between cells and the ECM:
  - anchor cells to the ECM, providing the strength and elasticity of skin and joints
  - provide paths that direct the migration of cells in developing tissue
  - convey information in both directions across the plasma membrane

### Glycoproteins Have Covalently Attached Oligosaccharides

- two types of attachments:
  - O-linked = a glycoside
    bond joins the anomeric
    carbon of a carbohydrate
    to the —OH of a Ser or
    Thr residue
  - *N*-linked = an *N*-glycosyl
    **bond** joins the anomeric carbon of a sugar to the amide nitrogen of an Asn residue



P2 Clicker Question 26

A laboratory is studying the binding properties of a glycoprotein on the plasma membrane. What amino acids should they analyze for the presence of branched heteropolysaccharides?

- A. Ser, Thr, and Tyr
- B. Ser, Thr, and Asn
- C. Trp, Tyr, and Phe
- D. Lys, His, and Arg

### **Clicker Question 26, Response**

A laboratory is studying the binding properties of a glycoprotein on the plasma membrane. What amino acids should they analyze for the presence of branched heteropolysaccharides?

#### B. Ser, Thr, and Asn

Glycoproteins are carbohydrate-protein conjugates. The carbohydrate is attached at its anomeric carbon through a glycosidic link to the —OH of a Ser or Thr residue (*O*-linked), or through an *N*-glycosyl link to the amide nitrogen of an Asn residue (*N*-linked).

## **Examples of Glycoproteins**

- **mucins** = secreted or membrane glycoproteins
  - can contain large numbers of O-linked oligosaccharide chains
  - present in most secretions
- proteins of the blood
  - examples: immunoglobulins (antibodies), folliclestimulating hormone, luteinizing hormone, and thyroid-stimulating hormone
- milk proteins
  - example: major whey protein  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin

## The Biological Advantages of Adding Oligosaccharides to Proteins

- covalently attached oligosaccharides:
  - influence the folding and stability of the proteins
  - provide critical information about the targeting of newly synthesized proteins
  - allow specific recognition by other proteins



### **Glycoproteins:**

- A. contain unbranched oligosaccharides.
- B. are sometimes intracellular.
- C. have oligosaccharides covalently attached to aspartate residues.
- D. are a small fraction of the total number of proteins in a human cell.

### **Clicker Question 27, Response**

**Glycoproteins:** 

**B.** are sometimes intracellular.

Many of the proteins secreted by eukaryotic cells are glycoproteins, including most of the proteins of blood. Some of the proteins secreted by the pancreas are glycosylated, as are most of the proteins contained in lysosomes.

### **Glycolipids and Lipopolysaccharides Are Membrane Components**

gangliosides = membrane lipids of eukaryotic cells in which the polar head group is a complex oligosaccharide containing a sialic acid and other monosaccharide residues





Which of these is NOT a glycoconjugate?

- A. trehalose
- B. syndecan
- C. glypican
- D. glycosphingolipid

### **Clicker Question 28, Response**

Which of these is NOT a glycoconjugate?

### A. trehalose

A glycoconjugate is a biologically active molecule in which an informational carbohydrate is covalently joined to a protein or a lipid. Trehalose is a disaccharide of glucose.



Oligosaccharides are:

- A. never found in mucins.
- B. classified as a *N* or *O*-linked when found in gangliosides.
- C. found in bacterial lipopolysaccharides.
- D. never attached to hormones.

### **Clicker Question 29, Response**

Oligosaccharides are:

C. found in bacterial lipopolysaccharides.

The lipopolysaccharides of *S. typhimurium* contain six fatty acids bound to two glucosamine residues, one of which is the point of attachment for a complex oligosaccharide. *E. coli* has similar but unique lipopolysaccharides.



### 7.4 Carbohydrates as Informational Molecules: The Sugar Code



## **Molecular complementarity is central to function.** The recognition of oligosaccharides by sugar-binding proteins (lectins) results from a perfect fit between lectin and ligand.

## The Challenge of Glycobiology

- glycobiology = the study of the structure and function of glycoconjugates
- the challenge is to understand how cells use specific oligosaccharides to encode information about:
  - intracellular targeting of proteins
  - cell-cell interactions
  - cell differentiation and tissue development
  - extracellular signals

### Oligosaccharide Structures Are Information-Dense

- branched structures, not found in nucleic acids or proteins, are common in oligosaccharides
- almost limitless variety of oligosaccharides due to differences in:
  - stereochemistry and position of glycosidic bonds
  - type and orientation of substituent groups
  - the number and type of branches

### Lectins Are Proteins That Read the Sugar Code and Mediate Many Biological Processes

- lectins = bind carbohydrates with high specificity and with moderate to high affinity
- functions:
  - cell-cell recognition
  - signaling
  - adhesion
  - intracellular targeting of newly synthesized proteins

### **Selectins**

- **selectins** = family of plasma membrane lectins that mediate cell-cell recognition and adhesion in a wide range of cellular processes
  - move immune cells through the capillary wall
  - mediate inflammatory responses
  - mediate the rejection of transplanted organs
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Which statement about selectins is false?

- A. They mediate cell-cell recognition.
- B. They are involved in the movement of immune system cells.
- C. They can be involved in the process rejection of transplanted organs.
- D. They are intracellular.

### **Clicker Question 30, Response**

Which statement about selectins is false?

**D.** They are intracellular.

Selectins are a family of plasma membrane lectins that mediate cell-cell recognition and adhesion in a wide range of cellular processes.

### Role of Lectin-Ligand Interactions in Leukocyte Movement



### Binding Site on Influenza Neuraminidase







N-Acetylneuraminic acid

(a)

Oseltamivir







(d)

### Lectin-Carbohydrate Interactions Are Highly Specific and Often Multivalent



 subtle molecular complementarity allows interaction only with the lectin's correct carbohydrate binding partners



## Lectin Multivalency

- lectin multivalency = single lectin molecule has multiple carbohydrate binding domains
  - increases effective affinity

### Interactions of Sugar Residues Due to the Hydrophobic Effect

many sugars
 have a more polar
 side and a less
 polar side





Lectins:

- A. often bind their ligands via multiple weak interactions.
- B. bind their ligands with relatively low specificity.
- C. prevent viruses from binding to their target cells.
- D. are carbohydrates that bind to receptor proteins.

### **Clicker Question 31, Response**

Lectins:

A. often bind their ligands via multiple weak interactions.

Many sugars have a more polar side and a less polar side; the more polar side hydrogen-bonds with the lectin, while the less polar side undergoes interactions with nonpolar amino acid residues through the hydrophobic effect. The sum of all these interactions produces high-affinity binding and high specificity of lectins for their carbohydrate ligands.

# Biological Interactions Mediated by the Sugar Code

