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Substrate Specificity of FUT8 and Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of Corefucosylated Asymmetric *N*-glycans

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I. Materials and enzymes

β1,4-galactosyltransferase from bovine milk (B4GALT1) was purchased from Sigma. Thermosensitive Alkaline Phosphatase (FastAP) was purchased from Thermo Scientific. *N*,*N*²-diacetyl-chitobiose (**N01**) was purchased from Sigma, and N-glycans **N02**, **N03**, **N04**, **N05**, **N06** were purchased from V-labs (Covington, LA). Other enzymes including double mutant E271F/R313Y from *Pasteurella multocida* α 2,3-sialyltransferase 1 (PmST1m)¹, α 2,6-sialyltransferase from *Photobacterium damslae* (Pd2,6ST)², C-terminal 66 amino acids truncated *Helicobacter pylori* α 1,3-fucosyltransferase (Hp α 1,3FT)³, CMP-sialic acid synthetase from *N. meningitidis* (NmCSS)⁴ were expressed and purified as previously described. Enzymes were then desalted against 50 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM NaCl, and 50% glycerol, and stored at -20 °C for long term use. Sugar nucleotides uridine 5'-diphospho-galactose (UDP-Gal)⁵, cytidine 5'-monophospho-*N*-acetylneuraminic acid (CMP-Neu5Ac)⁴ and guanosine 5'-diphospho-L-fucose (GDP-Fuc)⁶ were prepared as described previously.

II. Expression and purification of human FUT8

<u>Cryopreservation and maintenance of Baculovirus infected Sf9 cells</u> The 50 μ L of P1PP1 baculovirus stock and *Sf9* cells for the expression of the FUT8 were kindly provided by Dr. Donald Jarvis from University of Wyoming. For the Titerless Infected-cells Preservation and Scale-up (TIPS) expression method⁷, a primary stock of cryopreserved infected cells BIIC was prepared by infecting 25 mL of *Sf9* cells at a concentration of 1×10^6 C/mL with 25 μ L of untitered liquid P1PP1 baculovirus stock (an estimated MOI of approximately 3 pfu/cell). The cells were cryopreserved when the average diameter increases by 20-30% of their pre-infected diameter and the viability was above 95%. *Sf9* cells were grown and infected at 28 °C and 150 rpm in complete TNM-FH medium [TNM-FH medium (Sigma-Aldrich), supplemented with 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) (BioWest), 0.5% antibiotic-antimycotic (Sigma-Aldrich), and 0.1% Pluronic-F68 (Invitrogen)]. The cells were cryopreserved at a density of 1×10^7 C/mL in liquid nitrogen and complete TNM-FH medium and 10% DMSO (Sigma-Aldrich). Cell density was determined by hemocytometer counts, and the cell viability was evaluated by Trypan Blue staining.

<u>FUT8 expression and purification</u> Sf9 cells were infected at a cell density of 1×10^{6} C/mL. The baculovirus titer was estimated using insect cell density at time of infection and a conservative cellular baculovirus maximum production rate of 100 pfu/cell for 1×10^{6} C/mL meaning 1×10^{8} pfu/mL. BIIC stock was thawed in a 37 °C water bath and diluted 1:100 into cell-free medium, then 10 mL of infected cell-free medium was added to 1 L of uninfected cells (1:1000 dilution)⁷. The medium was collected after 72 h of expression followed by purification. The purification of the secreted protein was accomplished by diluting the medium 1:1 with equilibration buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.5 M NaCl) and loading to 2 mL of pre-equilibrated Ni-Sepharose Excell

(GE Healthcare)⁸. The column was rinsed using 200 mL of wash buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 0.5 M NaCl, 50 mM imidazole), and finally eluted with 5 mL of elution buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 0.5 M NaCl, 250 mM imidazole). The enzyme was desalted and concentrated using Amicon YM-30 ultrafiltration membrane (Millipore) against desalting buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5). Purified FUT8 was confirmed by SDS-PAGE (>90% pure) and western blot (**Figure S1**). Using TIPS method 0.42 mg of human FucT8 were purified from 1 L cultures as determined using Bradford method. The activity of recombinant FUT8 was confirmed by using **N000** as a substrate, monitored by MS (**Figure S2**).



Figure S1. SDS-PAGE and western blot analysis of FUT8. 1) SDS-PAGE of medium after overexpression of FUT8; 2) SDS-PAGE of purified FUT8; and 3) western blot analysis of purified FUT8 using anti-His antibody as the primary antibody. BSA, a major protein component of Fetal Bovine Serum used in the culture medium, has similar molecular weight as that of FUT8.



Figure S2. MALDI-MS analysis of FUT8 catalyzed reaction using **N000** as substrate. Majority of N000 (molecular weight 1316.4865, found M+Na 1339.4568) was converted into core-fucosylated one (molecular weight 1462.5444, found M+Na 1485.5385).

III. Substrate specificity study of FUT8

A detailed substrate specificity study of FUT8 was performed using 77 chemically or chemoenzymatically synthesized, or commercially available *N*-glycans (with free reducing end) as acceptors (**Figure S3**). Reactions were performed in a 96 well PCR plate, with each well (20 μ L total volume) contains one *N*-glycan substrate (0.3 mM, 2.5 μ g to 15.1 μ g), GDP-Fuc (1 mM), FUT8 (0.05 mg/mL) and MES buffer (100 mM, pH 7.0). Reactions were incubated at 37 °C for 4 h in an Eppendorf thermocycler (Mastercycler Pro), followed by enzyme inactivation at 95 °C for 20 min. A negative control was also set up using **N000** as substrate without enzyme. After centrifugation (13,000 g for 10 min), the supernatant was analyzed by HPLC using an analytical Waters XBridge BEH amide column (130 Å, 5 μ m, 4.6 x 250 mm), detected by an evaporative light scattering detector (Shimadzu ELSD-LTII). Gradient elution (%B: 75–60% for glycans with less than 9 monosaccharides, 70–55% for glycans with 9 or more monosaccharides) was performed with Solvent A (100 mM ammonium formate, pH 3.4) and Solvent B (Acetonitrile). The percent yields (average of three replicated reactions, see **Table S1**) were calculated as % = Product peak area/ (Product peak area + Substrate peak area) × 100.

ELSD, average of three replicates were shown.			
Glycan substrate	Conversion (%)		
N04	5.26		
N010	75.6		
N020	49.8		
N030	32.8		
N000	91.3		
N110	63.4		
N210	ND		
N211	67.8		
N212	69.4		
N213	70.4		
N214	40.1		
N215	34.8		
All other N-glycans	ND		

Table S1. Substrate specificity of FUT8. ND, Not Detected. Conversions were monitored by HPLC-



Figure S3. The 77 *N*-glycans used as acceptor for FUT8 substrate specificity study. The preparation and characterization of all substrates were published previously⁹. The ones in the red square were found to be suitable acceptors for FUT8.

IV. General methods for glycan synthesis and purification

Reactions catalyzed by B4GALT1, Hp α 1,3FT, PmST1m and Pd2,6ST were performed and monitored as we described previously⁹. Reactions catalyzed by FUT8 were performed in 100 mM MES buffer (pH 7.0), containing 2 mM glycan acceptor, 4 mM GDP-Fuc donor, FastAP (10 U/mL) and 0.1 mg/mL FUT8. Reactions were allowed to proceed for 6 h to overnight at 37 °C until substrates were totally converted to products (monitored by HPLC-ELSD as described above). The reactions were then quenched by freezing in -80 °C for 30 min, followed with concentration by lyophilization. HPLC-A_{210nm} was then used to purify target glycans using a semi-preparative amide column (130 Å, 5 μ m, 10 mm × 250 mm). The running conditions are solvent A: 100 mM ammonium formate (for glycans with Neu5Ac residues) or water (for glycans without Neu5Ac residues), pH 3.4; solvent B: acetonitrile; flow rate: 4 mL/min; B%: 70-55% within 25 min. Products containing portions were then concentrated and lyophilized for characterization. The purity of each glycan was confirmed by HPLC-ELSD using an analytical Waters amide column (130 Å, 5 μ m, 4.6 mm × 250 mm). The running conditions are solvent A: 100 mM ammonium formate, pH 3.4; solvent B: acetonitrile; flow rate: 1 mL/min; B%: 65-50% within 25 min.

The molecular weight of each N-glycans was confirmed by MALDI-MS performed on UltrafleXtreme MALDI TOF/TOF Mass Spectrometer (Bruker). Scan range of MS^1 was according to the molecular weight of N-glycans, and reflector mode was used for N-glycan analysis. Mass spectra were obtained in both positive and negative extraction mode with the following voltage settings: ion source 1 (19.0 kV), ion source 2 (15.9 kV), and lens (9.3 kV). The reflector voltage was set to 20 kV. The laser was pulsed at 7 Hz and the pulsed ion extraction time was set to 400 ns. The laser power was kept in the 25–40% range. Structures of key intermediates and asymmetric N-glycans with core-fucosylation were confirmed by ¹H NMR.

V. HPLC profiles and MS data of purified N-glycans

N6110 (6.9 mg)



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1588.5761; found [M+Na]⁺: 1611.5692, [M+K]⁺: 1627.1403





MALDI-MS, calculated: 1750.6290; found [M+Na]⁺: 1773.6207, [M+K]⁺: 1789.2301





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 14.01 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1624.5973; found [M+Na]⁺: 1647.5894





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 15.45 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1915.6927; found [M-H]⁻: 1914.6880





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 16.73$ min



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1915.6927; found [M-H]⁻: 1914.6896





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 17.36 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 2077.7455; found [M-H]⁻: 2076.7399





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 18.36 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 2077.7455; found [M-H]⁻: 2076.7392





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 20.12 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 2223.8034; found [M-H]⁻: 2222.7993





MALDI-MS, calculated: 1604.5710; found [M+Na]⁺: 1627.5650





MALDI-MS, calculated: 1478.5393; found [M+Na]⁺: 1501.5305, [M+K]⁺: 1517.5030





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 13.75$ min



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1624.5973; found [M+Na]⁺: 1647.5885, [M+K]⁺: 1663.5652





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 15.19 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1915.6927; found [M-H]⁻: 1914.6891





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 16.51 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 1915.6927; found [M-H]⁻: 1914.6897





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 17.32$ min



MALDI-MS, calculated: 2077.7455; found [M-H]⁻: 2076.7422





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 18.39 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 2077.7455; found [M-H]⁻: 2076.7418





HPLC-ELSD, $T_R = 20.11 \text{ min}$



MALDI-MS, calculated: 2223.8034; found [M-H]⁻: 2222.7986



VI. ESI-MS and ¹H NMR data of purified N604

N604 (0.4 mg)

ESI-MS, calculated: 894.3329; found [M+H]⁺: 895.3384, [M+Na]⁺: 917.3202



¹H NMR of N604

¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 6.18 (s, 1 H), 6.17 (s, 1 H),4.65 (s, 1 H), 4.41 (brs, 2 H), 4.20-4.30 (m, 5 H), 4.08-4.12 (m, 2 H), 4.56-4.00 (m, 20 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H, NHAc), 2.07 (s, 3 H, NHAc), 1.25 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 3 H, Fuc-CH₃)

VII. NMR spectra and data of purified core-fucosylated N-glycans



¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 5.17 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 0.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H1 of α isomer), 5.11 (s, 1 H, Man2 H-1), 4.91 (s, 1 H, Man3 H-1), 4.88 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of α isomer), 4.87 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of β isomer), 4.75-4.80 (overlap with D₂O, 1 H, Manβ H-1), 4.65-4.68 (m, 1.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of β isomer, GlcNAc-2 H-1), 4.57 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, GlcNAc-3 H-1), 4.56 (d, 1 H, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H, GlcNAc-4 H-1), 4.53 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, Gal-1 H-1), 4.46 (d, 1 H, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Gal-2 H-1), 4.24 (brs, 1 H), 4.18 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.08-4.11 (m, 3 H), 3.46-4.00 (m, 60 H), 2.75 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.6 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3eq), 2.08 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.04 (s, 6 H, Ac), 2.03 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.79 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3ax), 1.21 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6), 1.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6)



¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 5.17 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 0.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of α isomer), 5.12 (s, 1 H, Man2 H-1), 4.92 (s, 1 H, Man3 H-1), 4.88 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of α isomer), 4.87 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of β isomer), 4.75-4.85 (overlap with D₂O, 1 H, Manβ H-1), 4.65-4.69 (m, 1.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of β isomer, GlcNAc-2 H-1), 4.59 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, GlcNAc-3 H-1), 4.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, GlcNAc-4 H-1), 4.46 (d, 1 H, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Gal-1 H-1), 4.43 (d, 1 H, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, Gal-2 H-1), 4.24 (brs, 1 H), 4.18 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.07-4.09 (m, 2 H), 3.46-4.00 (m, 61 H), 2.66 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.7 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3eq), 2.08 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.06 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.04 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.03 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.71 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3ax), 1.21 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6), 1.20 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6)



¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 5.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 0.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H1 of α isomer), 5.10 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H, Fuc-2 H-1), 5.09 (s, 1 H, Man2 H-1), 4.92 (s, 1 H, Man3 H-1), 4.87 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of α isomer), 4.86 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of β isomer), 4.75-4.83 (overlap with D₂O, 1 H, Manβ H-1), 4.65-4.68 (m, 1.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of β isomer, GlcNAc-2 H-1), 4.56-4.58 (m, 2 H, GlcNAc-3 H-1, GlcNAc-4 H-1), 4.41-4.43 (m, 2 H, Gal-1 H-1, Gal-2 H-1), 4.23 (brs, 1 H), 4.17 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.07-4.12 (m, 3 H), 3.42-3.99 (m, 64 H), 2.65 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.7 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3eq), 2.08 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.05 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.01 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 1.70 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3ax), 1.21 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6), 1.15 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H, Fuc H-6), 1.11 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H, Fuc H-6).

¹H NMR of **N6222**



¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 5.19 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 0.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of α isomer), 5.13 (s, 1 H, Man2 H-1), 4.93 (s, 1 H, Man3 H-1), 4.90 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of α isomer), 4.89 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of β isomer), 4.75-4.80 (overlap with D₂O, 1 H, Manβ H-1), 4.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of β isomer), 4.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, GlcNAc-2 H-1), 4.55-4.59 (m, 3 H, GlcNAc-3 H-1, GlcNAc-4 H-1, Gal-1 H-1), 4.47 (d, 1 H, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Gal-2 H-1), 4.26 (brs, 1 H), 4.20 (brs, 1 H), 4.10-4.14 (m, 3 H), 3.46-4.00 (m, 60 H), 2.77 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.4 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3eq), 2.11 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.06 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.05 (s, 6 H, Ac), 2.04 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.81 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3ax), 1.22 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6)



¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 5.14 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 0.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of α isomer), 5.10 (s, 1 H, Man2 H-1), 4.92 (s, 1 H, Man3 H-1), 4.88 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of α isomer), 4.87 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H, Fuc H-1 of β isomer), 4.75-4.85 (overlap with D₂O, 1 H, Manβ H-1), 4.64-4.68 (m, 1.5 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of β isomer, GlcNAc-2 H-1), 4.55-4.58 (m, 2 H, GlcNAc-3 H-1, GlcNAc-4 H-1), 4.42-4.45 (m, 2 H, Gal-1 H-1, Gal-2 H-1), 4.23 (s, 1 H), 4.17 (brs, 1 H), 4.07-4.12 (m, 2 H), 3.46-4.00 (m, 61 H), 2.65 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.7 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3eq), 2.08 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.04 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.03 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.01 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.70 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3ax), 1.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6), 1.19 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1.5 H, Fuc H-6)



¹**H** NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 5.16 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 0.6 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of α isomer), 5.11 (s, 1 H, Man2 H-1), 5.10 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1 H, Fuc-2 H-1), 4.89 (s, 1 H, Man3 H-1), 4.87 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 0.4 H, Fuc H-1 of α isomer), 4.86 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 0.6 H, Fuc H-1 of β isomer), 4.75-4.83 (overlap with D₂O, 1 H, Manβ H-1), 4.64-4.68 (m, 1.4 H, GlcNAc-1 H-1 of β isomer, GlcNAc-2 H-1), 4.56-4.59 (m, 2 H, GlcNAc-3 H-1, GlcNAc-4 H-1), 4.42-4.44 (m, 2 H, Gal-1 H-1, Gal-2 H-1), 4.24 (brs, 1 H), 4.17 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.06-4.09 (m, 3 H), 3.46-4.00 (m, 64 H), 2.65 (dd, J = 12.3, 4.5 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3eq), 2.08 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.05 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.02 (s, 6 H, Ac), 2.01 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.70 (t, J = 12.3 Hz, 1 H, Neu5Ac H-3ax), 1.20 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.2 H, Fuc H-6), 1.20 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.8 H, Fuc H-6), 1.15 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H, Fuc H-6).

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