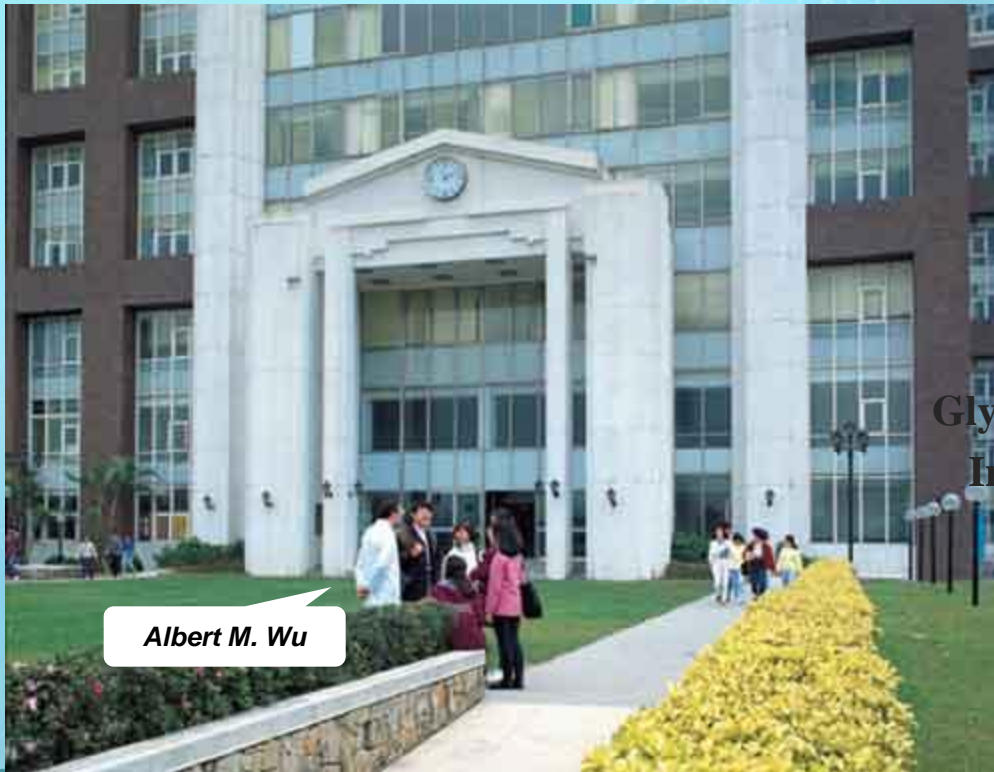


# Roles of **Polyvalency** in the Mechanism of Glyco Recognition.

An Important Direction toward the Future Glycosciences<sup>1</sup>



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# Introduction

A milestone of Glycans and Carbohydrate Binding Proteins  
for Half a Century (1/2)

- A. Before 1960 – It is a Pre Complex Carbohydrates (C C) Era - An **Unknown** world of Glycans and **Recognitions** of Carbohydrate-binding Proteins (Abs and **Lectins**) - it is also at an age of their incubation period.
- B. Glycoworld between 1960-1990 – It is an Era of **Complex Carbohydrates** and **Lectin / Ab** - Carbohydrate interactions for 30 years
- C. Glycoworld after 1990 – An Era of **Glycobiology** Combination of glycoimmunochemistry **recognition** and biology
- D. Glycoworld from structural complex carbohydrate to functional roles after 2015 - An Era of Glyco/Recognition-universe  
Roles of **polyvalency** of glycotopes and cryptopes in recognition processes, especially the **biological roles of their resulting conformations**.

# Introduction

## The Milestone of Glycans and Carbohydrate Binding Proteins after Half a Century (2/2)

### Glycoworld after 2015 - An Era of Glycan and Lectin - universe

The unknown areas of glycan have to be continuously explored and/or these projects that have to be a long term study. These are :

- ① Roles of **polyvalency** of glycotopes and cryptopes in recognition processes, especially the **biological roles of their resulting conformations**.
- ② Role of **sulfate** in dynamic Glycobiology;
- ③ Mechanisms of microbial infections;
- ④ Bacterial fimbriae lectin-recognition processes;
- ⑤ Glyco factors involved in the mechanisms of inflammation;
- ⑥ Role of glycans in aging;
- ⑦ Glycobiology of stem cells;
- ⑧ Carbohydrate-carbohydrate interactions, etc.

Lectins are carbohydrate binding proteins or glycoproteins of non-immune origin, present in **plants**, microbes, animals and humans which specifically bind defined monosugars or oligosaccharide structures

Toxic plant seeds



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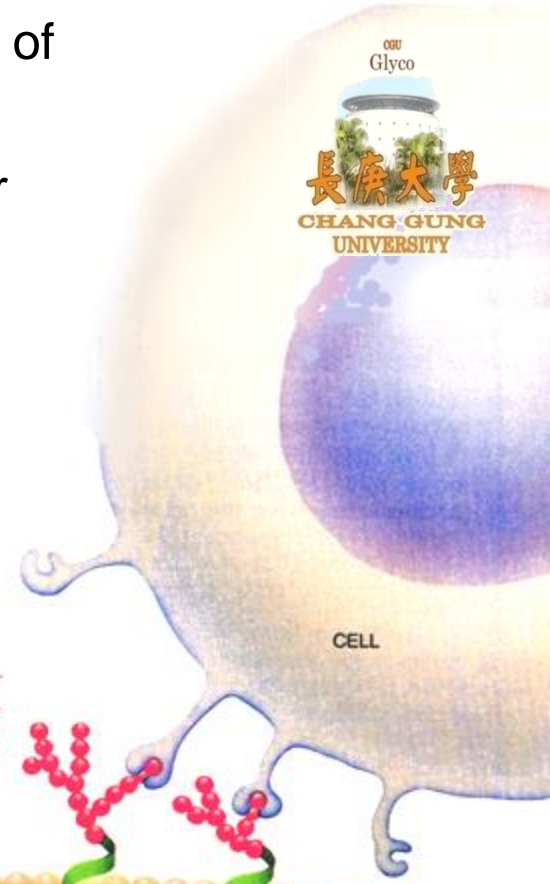
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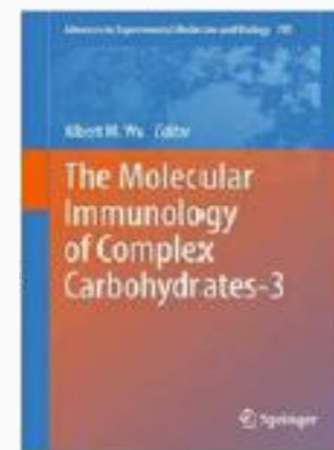
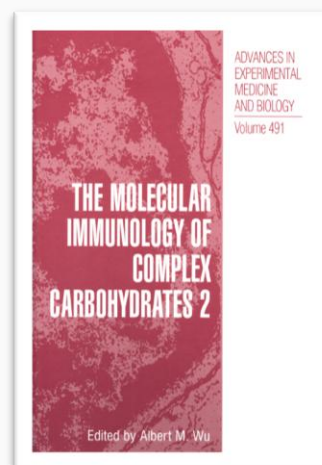
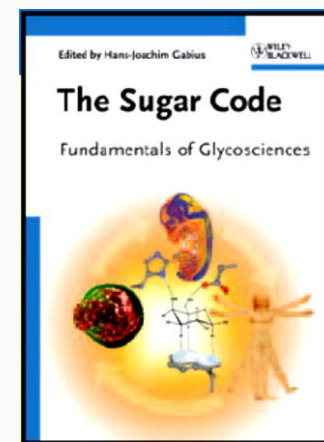
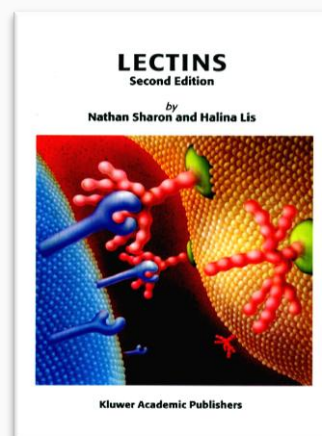


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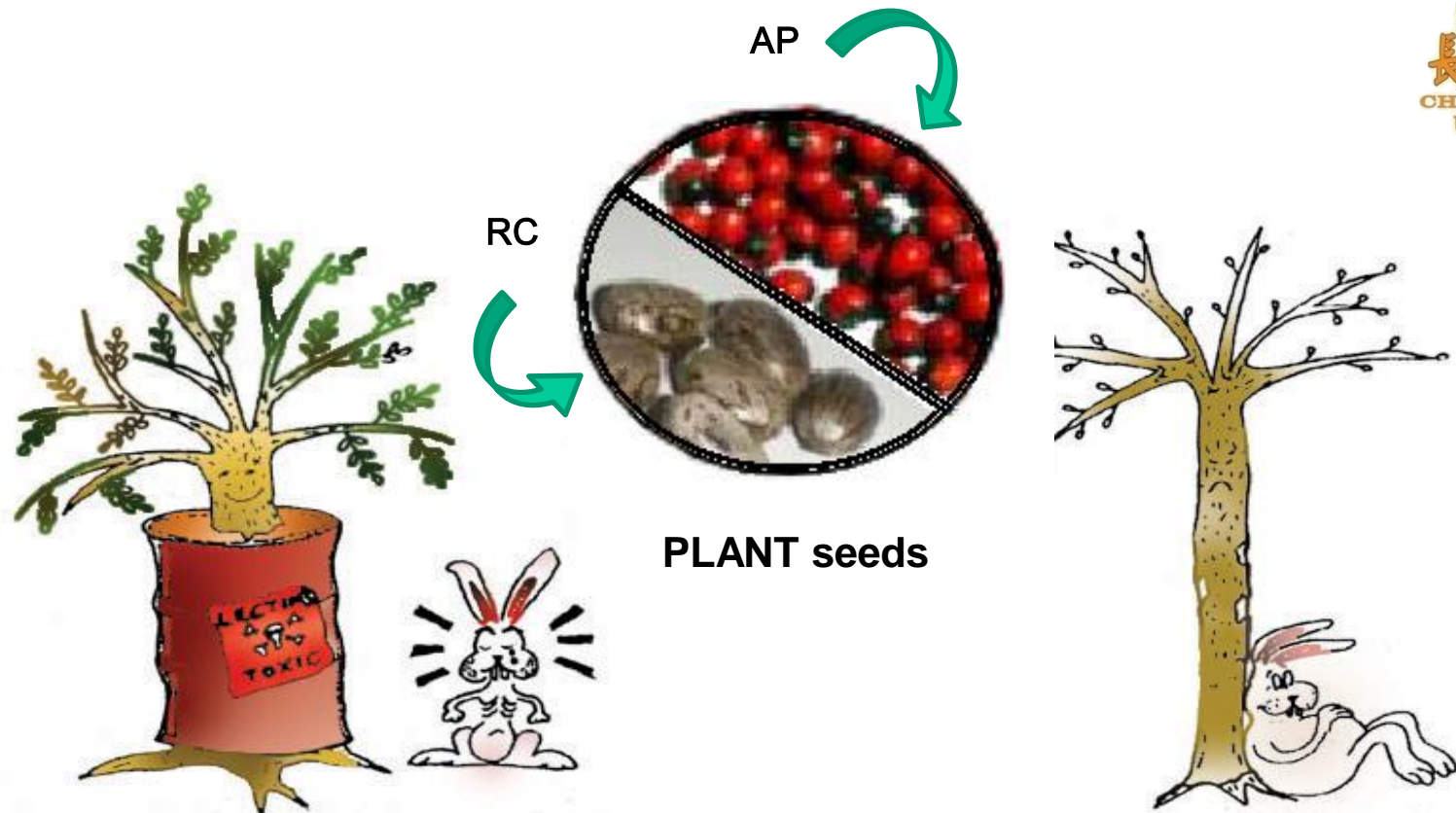
During the past two decades, great progress has been made in understanding crucial roles played by lectins in many biological processes

### Suggested Articles

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# Functional Roles of Lectins (1)



**Lectin protects plants against herbivorous, chewing animals  
and also prevent microbial invasion**

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**Abrin** and Abrin-related toxins, **Ricin** and ricin-related toxins have been reported to protect plants against herbivorous animals, and/or phytophagous invertebrate (Peumans, W. J. *et al.*, 2001)

## Functional Roles of Lectins (2)

# Lectins as Cell Recognition Molecules\*

NATHAN SHARON AND HALINA LIS

**Lectins on cell surfaces mediate cell-cell interactions by combining with complementary carbohydrates on opposing cells. They play a key role in the control of various normal and pathological processes in living organisms.**

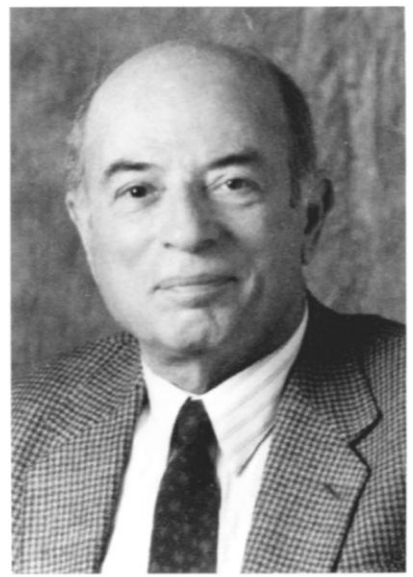
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such as fertilization, embryogenesis, cell migration, organ formation, immune defense, and microbial infection. Improper function of cell recognition may cause disease.

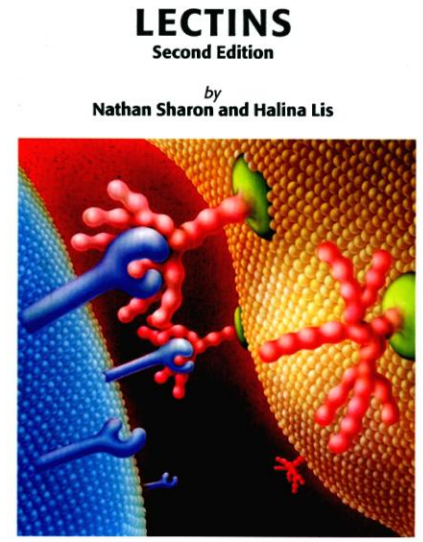
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The hallmark of lectins is the ability to bind carbohydrates specially and reversibly. Understanding the properties and functions of lectins, as well as using them for diverse purposes, requires knowledge of this specificity.



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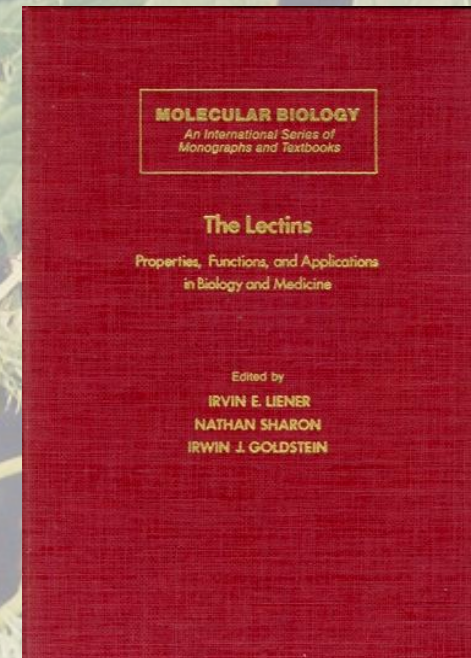


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In early seventies many plant lectins were identified, characterized and applied to study complex carbohydrates

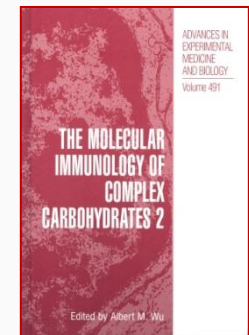
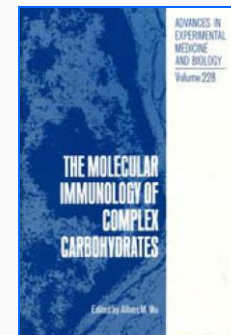


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# Lectinology being studied in our laboratory can be divided in two major directions

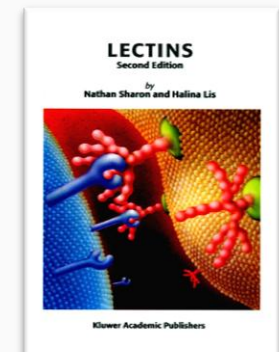
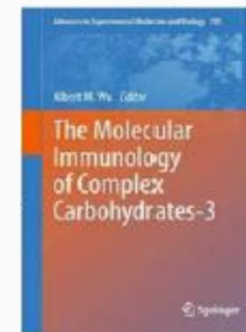
## **I. Studies on the intensities of recognition factors of lectins**

To characterize the structure of lectin molecules, their carbohydrate-binding specificity, conformational/functional properties of their carbohydrate combining site (domain), and their functional roles



## **II. Application of lectins as tools**

The application of lectins with known specificity as tools to study the function of glycoconjugates, both in solution and on cell surfaces



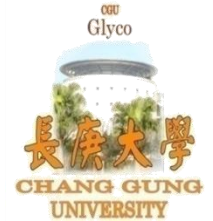
# To obtain a comprehensive recognition profile of a lectin the following aspects have to be considered:

## I. From the glycan structural aspects :

- (i) Epimers and anomers of a sugar
- (ii) Monosaccharide specificity  
(Gal, GalNAc, GlcNAc, Man, L-Fuc, and Sialic acid)
- (iii) Reactivities toward mammalian disaccharides and **Tn** structural units  
(in decreasing order)
- (iv) The most active ligand
- (v) Simple multivalent or cluster effect of carbohydrate structured unit  
such as  
**Tn** glycopeptides and multi-antennary glycotopes to inhibit binding
- (vi) Complex polyvalent or multi- effects present in macromolecules with  
known glycotopes  
Glyco-macromolecules, such as THGP (polyvalent GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4)  
and Asialo PSM (polyvalent **T/Tn**)

## II. From the methods used to study can provide different angles and views to look into carbohydrate-lectin interactions.

# Methodology



The methods of measuring lectin-carbohydrate interactions which are used for determination of carbohydrate specificity of lectins are

## A. Traditional (classical) methods

### a. Hemagglutination-inhibition assay

At Kabat's lab and worldwide for hundred years.

One of the natural and inexpensive ways to study polyvalency

### b. Quantitative precipitation/precipitin-inhibition assays (QPA/QQPIA) 1960-1995 (Kabat and Wu's lab)

## B. Current Approach

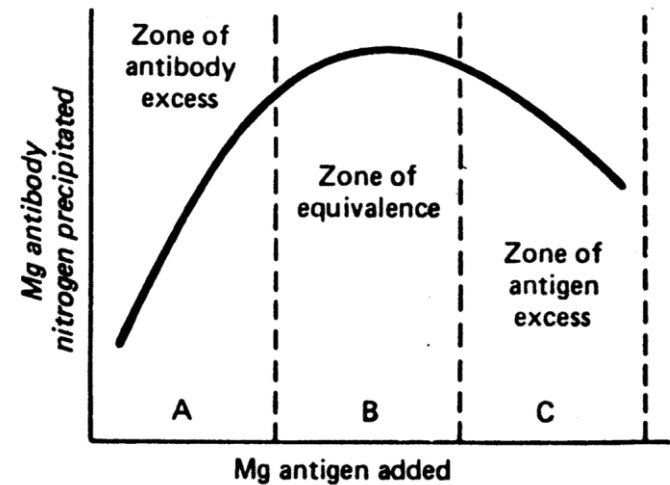
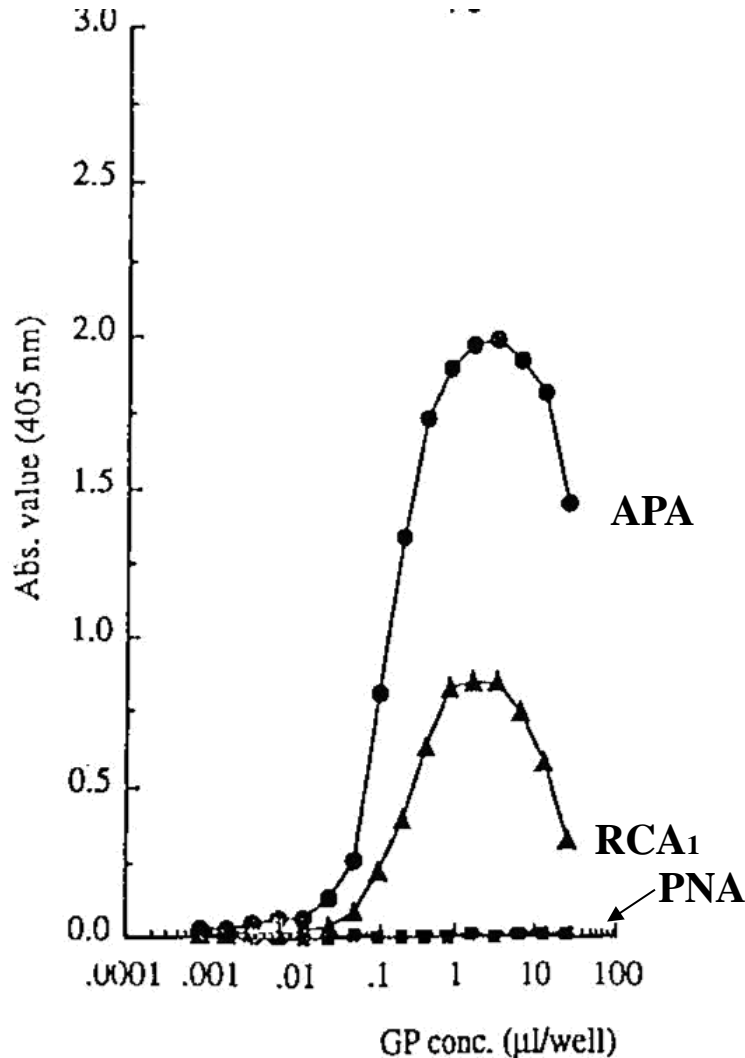
### Enzyme-Linked Lectin Sorbent Assay (ELLSA)

From 1994 to present at Wu's lab

One of the easy and budget ways to study polyvalency

# The interaction profile of ELLSA is similar to that of QPA

Interaction of lectins with THGP\* analyzed by ELLSA Read at 30 min, Lectin conc.=0.05  $\mu\text{g}/\text{well}$



**The main zones of antigen-antibody reaction in QPA**

\* Tamm-Horsfall urinary glycoprotein

However, different lectins were found to recognize different saccharide sequences as their own receptor sites, although they are considered to be identical in terms of monosaccharide specificity

For example,

**T (Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc) specific lectins**

	Monosaccharide Specificities	Binding Contributions	
		GalNAc	Gal
(1) <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> (ABA)	GalNAc > Gal	+++++	-
(2) <i>Maclura pomifera</i> (MPA)	GalNAc >> Gal	++++	+
(3) <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> (PNA)	Gal >>> GalNAc inactive	-	+++++
(4) <i>Abrus precatorius</i> (APA)	<b>Gal &gt; GalNAc</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++++</b>

# Expression of the Recognition profile of Gal and GalNAc Reactive Lectins — Historical Aspect

Until the early seventies, the carbohydrate specificity of lectins were mainly determined by the ability of

**Monosaccharides:** Gal, GalNAc, GlcNAc, Man and/or

**Their glycosides:** Me- $\alpha$ Gal, Me- $\beta$ Gal, *p*-NO<sub>2</sub>Ph- $\alpha$ Gal,.

*p*-NO<sub>2</sub>Ph- $\beta$ Gal

to inhibit lectin-induced hemagglutination

## ***Effect of polyvalency of glycotopes in glycan on lectin-glycoform interaction***

During the past three decades, it has been observed that many multi-branched oligosaccharides exhibit a significant increment in lectin binding reactivity as compared to their linear counterparts. Based on the results of previous studies, the concept of glycoside cluster effect can be classified into two groups:



- (a) The ‘multi-antennary or simple glycoside cluster effect’ as in reaction of galactosides with hepatic lectin and tri-antennary II sequences reactive with a galectin from chicken liver (CG-16), or Tn glycopeptides. The molecular sizes of these ligands are usually less than  $1.5 \times 10^4$ .
- (b) The ‘high-density polyvalent or complex glycoside cluster effect’, such as polyvalent Tn in asialo OSM which generates an enhancement in affinity with VVL-B<sub>4</sub> by  $3.3 \times 10^5$  and  $4.5 \times 10^3$  times over Gal and GalNAc, respectively, and is about 1000 times more active than monomeric Tn. The much stronger inhibition of RCA<sub>1</sub> by a panel of cyst glycoproteins than by disaccharides and galactose is shown.

# Glycan structural units and recognition codes

## Abbreviation and Structure of Disaccharide Structural Units and Tn Epitope Used to Express Carbohydrate Specificity of Gal and GalNAc Reactive Lectins

- (1) Human Blood Groups: **A** (GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal), **B** (Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal)
- (2) Tumor Markers: **F** (GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc), **T** (Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc)  
**Tn** (GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Ser/Thr)
- (3) Toxic and Microbial Agglutinin Receptors: **E** (Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal)  
**P/S** (GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3/4Gal)
- (4) Other structural units: **I/II** (Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3/4GlcNAc), **L** (Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Glc)

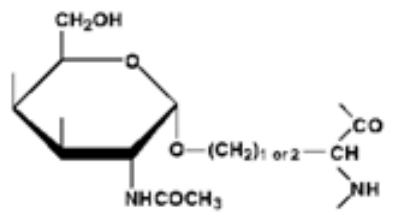
All, except **L** $_{\beta}$ , **P** $_{\alpha}$ , **F** $_{\beta}$  and **T** $_{\beta}$ , are present in **Glycoproteins**.

All, except **Tn** determinant, **T** $_{\alpha}$  and **F** $_{\alpha}$ , provide essential ligands for lectin binding and are found in the carbohydrate moieties of **Glycosphingolipids**.

# Figure 1a. Mammalian glycoconjugates structural units used to express and classify the carbohydrate specificity of lectins

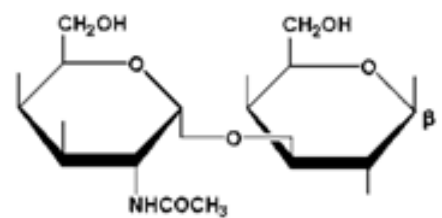
## I. Group of GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ structural units (Tn, A, F $\alpha$ and F $\beta$ )

**Tn.**



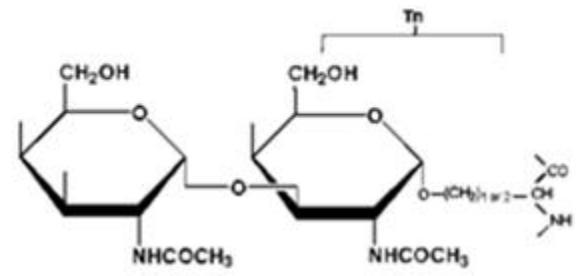
**Tn**, GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Ser/Thr  
 (Tn, in O-linked glycoprotein)

**A.**



**A $\beta$** , GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

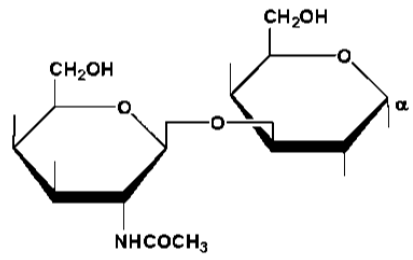
**F.**



**F $\alpha$** , GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$   
 (Core 5, GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Tn at the reducing end of O-glycan)

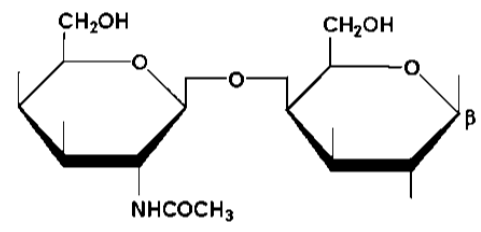
## II. Group of GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ structural units (P $\alpha$ and S $\beta$ )

**P.**

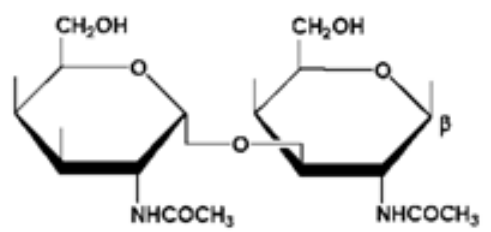


**P $\alpha$** , GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$

**S.**



**S $\beta$** , GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

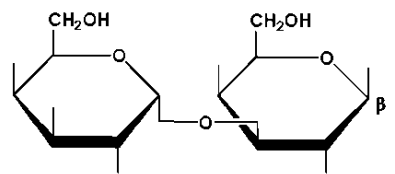


**F $\beta$** , GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$   
 (Terminal disaccharide at the nonreducing end of Forssman glycotop)

# Figure 1b. Mammalian glycoconjugates structural units used to express and classify the carbohydrate specificity of lectins

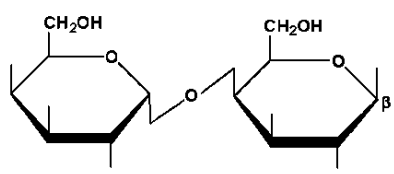
## III. Group of Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ structural units (B and E)

**B.**



**B<sub>p</sub>**, Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

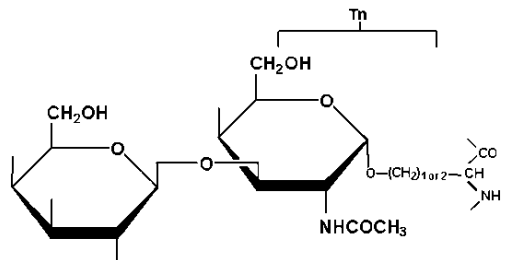
**E.**



**E<sub>p</sub>**, Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

## IV. Group of Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ structural units (T $\alpha$ , T $\beta$ , L, I and II)

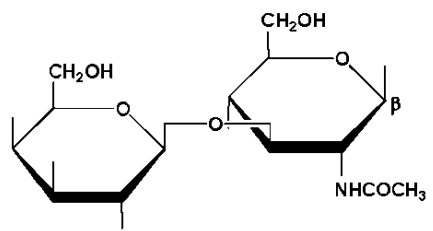
**T.**



**T $\alpha$** , Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Ser/Thr

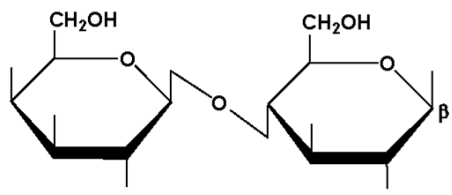
(T $\alpha$ , GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Tn at the reducing end of O-glycan)

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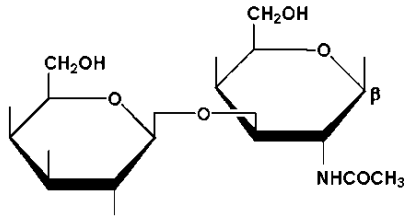


**I<sub>p</sub>**, Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GlcNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

**L.**

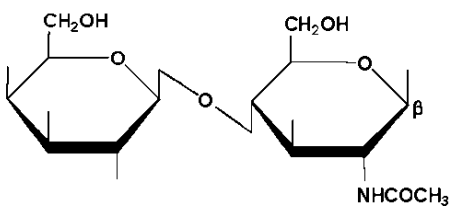


**L<sub>p</sub>**, Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Glc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$  (GSL)



**T $\beta$** , Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

(Terminal disaccharide at the asialo GMI; GSL)



**II<sub>p</sub>**, Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$

# Table 1a. Carbohydrate structural units in mammalian glycoproteins and glycosphingolipids



Codes <sup>a</sup>	Structural units	Sources	
I.. GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ series			
1	<b>F</b> <b>F</b> <sub>penta-</sub>	GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Glc	Forsman pentasaccharide. Animal tissue antigens and human oncofetal glycotopes, mainly in glycosphingolipids.
	<b>F</b> <sub><math>\alpha</math></sub>	GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Ser/Thr of protein core	In <i>O</i> -linked glycoproteins core.
	<b>F</b> <sub><math>\beta</math></sub>	GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$	Glycotope at the nonreducing end of <b>F</b> <sub>penta-</sub> .
2	<b>A</b>	GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal	Human blood group A related <b>di</b> -saccharide.
	<b>A</b> <sub>h</sub>	GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3[LFuc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 2]Gal	Human blood group A related <b>tri</b> -saccharide.
3	<b>Tn</b>	GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Ser/Thr of protein core	Tn antigen, only in <i>O</i> -linked glycoproteins.
II. GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ series			
4	<b>P</b> <b>P</b> <sub><math>\alpha</math></sub>	GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$	Blood group P related disaccharide; glycotope at the nonreducing end of globoside.
5	<b>S</b> <b>S</b> <sub><math>\beta</math></sub>	GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal GalNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$	Brain and asialo-GM <sub>2</sub> disaccharide; human blood group Sd(a+) related disaccharide in most human urine secretions, Tamm-Horsfall glycoprotein.

<sup>a</sup> $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ : anomer of sugars; m: multivalent, and Tri: tri-antennary.

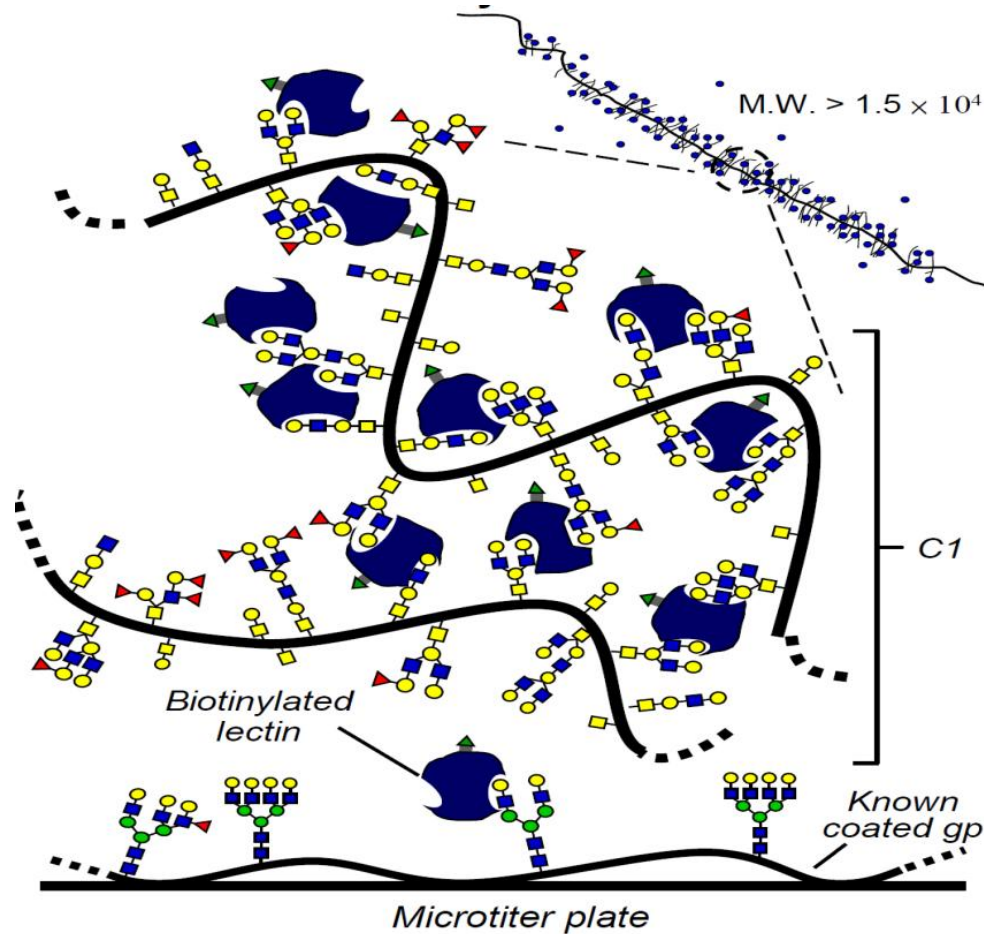
# Table 1b. Carbohydrate structural units in mammalian glycoproteins and glycosphingolipids



Codes <sup>a</sup>	Structural units	Sources
III. Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ series		
6	<b>T</b> <sub><math>\alpha</math></sub> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GalNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Ser/Thr of protein core	The mucin-type sugar sequence on the human erythrocyte membrane.
7	<b>I</b> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GlcNAc <b>I</b> <sub><math>\beta</math></sub> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3GlcNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$	Human blood group precursor type I and II carbohydrate sequences. Branched or linear repeated <b>II</b> sequence is part of blood group I and i epitopes. <b>I</b> and <b>II</b> are precursors of ABH and Le <sup>a</sup> , Le <sup>b</sup> , Le <sup>x</sup> , Le <sup>y</sup> blood group active antigens. Most of the lectins reactive with <b>II</b> are also reactive with <b>I</b> . Lectin Tri- <b>II</b> and m <b>II</b> determinants are present at the nonreducing end of the carbohydrate chains derived from <i>N</i> - and <i>O</i> -glycans.
8	<b>II</b> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4GlcNAc <b>II</b> <sub><math>\beta</math></sub> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ Tri- <b>II</b> Triantennary Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4GlcNAc m <b>II</b> Multivalent Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4GlcNAc	
9	<b>L</b> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Glc <b>L</b> <sub><math>\beta</math></sub> Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Glc $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$	Constituent of mammalian milk. Lactosyl ceramides in brain and part of carbohydrate structures in gangliosides.
IV. Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ series		
10	<b>B</b> Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3Gal <b>B</b> <sub>h</sub> Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 3[LFuc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 2]Gal	Human blood group B related <b>di</b> -saccharide. Human blood group B related <b>tri</b> -saccharide.
11	<b>E</b> Gal $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal	Blood group p <sup>k</sup> and P <sub>1</sub> active disaccharide. Sheep hydatid cyst glycoproteins, salivary glycoproteins of the Chinese swiftlet, glycosphingolipids in human erythrocytes, and small intestine.

<sup>a</sup> $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ : anomer of sugars; m: multivalent, and Tri: tri-antennary.

# Recognition Intensities of Mammalian Structural Units, Ligand Cluster and Polyvalency in the *Abrus precatorius* agglutinin, *Ricinus communis* agglutinins and Glycoprotein Interaction



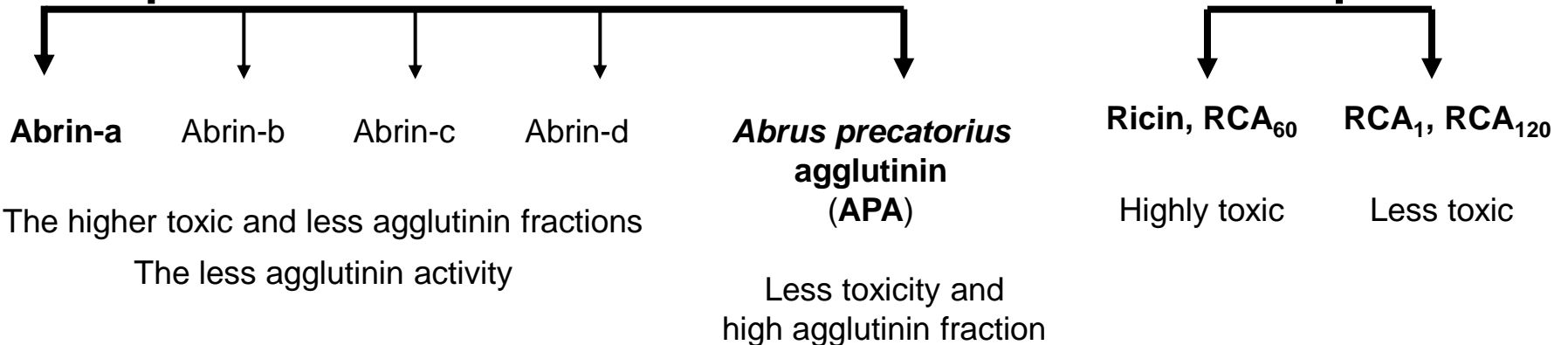
# *Abrus precatorius* agglutinins (APA) / *Ricinus communis* agglutinins (RCA)



*Abrus precatorius* (Jequirity bean) seeds

*Ricinus communis* (castor bean) seeds

Separated by Sepharose 4B and DEAD-cellulose column chromatography



<sup>1</sup> Lin J.Y. *et al.*, *Toxicon* 19 (1981) 41–45



# *Abrus precatorius* agglutinin (APA)

- ✚ Type 2 RIP (ribosome inactivating protein).<sup>1</sup>
- ✚ Molecular mass 130 kDa: consists of two sets of toxic subunit chain A (30 kDa) and **lectin active subunit chain B** (31 kDa).<sup>2</sup>
- ✚ Lectin active **B chain** is crucial for **determining** the **target cells** of APA.
- ✚ Following **B chain binding to cell-surface glyco-receptors**, the A chain enters cells through lectin mediated endocytosis and subsequently inhibits protein synthesis by catalytically inactivating the ribosomes.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Liu C.L. *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem. 275 (2000) 1897–2001

<sup>2</sup> Cheng J. *et al.*, DOI:10.2210/pdb2zr1/pdb

<sup>3</sup> Peumans W.J. *et al.*, FASEB J. 15 (2001) 1493–1506

APA crystal structure<sup>2</sup>  
(Resolution 2.6 Å)

## Forty Years of Progress in the Carbohydrate Recognition Profiles of *Abrus precatorius* agglutinin (APA)

	Year	Recognition factors	Recognition activity
1.	1975 <sup>1</sup>	Monosaccharides	Gal > GalNAc
2.	1981 <sup>2</sup>	Anomers	D-Gal $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$
3.	1992 <sup>3</sup>	Oligosaccharides and mammalian glyco-structural units	Gal $\beta$ 1-3GalNAc (T) > Gal $\beta$ 1-3/4GlcNAc (I/II) T - Thomsen-Friedenreich antigen I/II - blood group precursor type I or type II disaccharide
4.	Until 2008 (?)	Clustering and polyvalency of mammalian glyco-structural units	 <b>Not available</b>

<sup>1</sup> Wei C.H. *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem. 250 (1975) 4790–4795; <sup>2</sup> Kahn M.I. *et al.*, Eur. J. Biochem. 115 (1981) 149–152;

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# Interaction Intensities of APA and RCA<sub>1</sub> to Different Polyvalent Glycotopes Analyzed by ELLSA

Curve no	Polyvalent glycotopes (Lectin determinants <sup>b</sup> ; blood group activity)	Quantity for 1.5 units of A <sub>405</sub> (ng)	Maximum A <sub>405</sub> reading <sup>c</sup>	Binding Intensity <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>Asialo PSM (T<sub>α</sub>, Tn, A, A<sub>n</sub>)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>+++++</b>
2	<b>Asialo human α<sub>1</sub> acid gp (mlI<sub>β</sub>)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>+++++</b>
3	<b>Asialo bovine α<sub>1</sub> acid gp (mlI<sub>β</sub>)</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>+++++</b>
4	<b>Asialo birds nest gp (E<sub>β</sub>, T<sub>α</sub>, F<sub>α</sub>, II<sub>β</sub>)</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>+++++</b>
8	<b>Asialo fetuin (T<sub>α</sub>, mlI<sub>β</sub>)</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>+++++</b>
16	<b>Birds nest gp (E<sub>β</sub>, sialyl T<sub>α</sub>, F<sub>α</sub>, II<sub>β</sub>)</b>	-	<b>1.2</b>	<b>++</b>
20	<b>Bovine α<sub>1</sub> acid gp (sialyl mlI<sub>β</sub>)</b>	-	<b>0.6</b>	<b>+</b>
21	<b>PSM major (sialyl Tn, T<sub>α</sub>, A, A<sub>n</sub>)</b>	-	<b>0.5</b>	<b>+</b>
23	<b>Fetuin (sialyl T<sub>α</sub>, mlI<sub>β</sub>)</b>	-	<b>0.5</b>	<b>+</b>
25	<b>Human α<sub>1</sub> acid gp (sialyl mlI<sub>β</sub>)</b>	-	<b>0.3</b>	<b>±</b>

<sup>a</sup>4 ng of biotinylated APA was added to various polyvalent glycotopes containing gps/ps, ranging from 0.01 ng to 1 μg/ml.

<sup>b</sup>The bolded symbols in parenthesis indicate the human blood group activity and/or lectin determinants.

<sup>c</sup>The results were interpreted according to the spectrophotometric absorbance value at 405nm (A<sub>405</sub>) after 2 h incubation as follows: +++++ (A<sub>405</sub> ≥ 2.5), ++++ (2.5 > A<sub>405</sub> ≥ 2.0), +++ (2.0 > A<sub>405</sub> ≥ 1.5), ++ (1.5 > A<sub>405</sub> ≥ 1.0), + (1.0 > A<sub>405</sub> ≥ 0.5), ± (0.5 > A<sub>405</sub> ≥ 0.2), and - (A<sub>405</sub> < 0.2)

**Table 3. Summary of overall contribution of recognition factors of Gal/GalNAc specific lectins**

Recognition effects	Mass RP <sup>a</sup>					
	ABA ( <b>T</b> )	Morniga G ( <b>T/Tn</b> )	ACL ( <b>T</b> )	PNA ( <b>T/II</b> )	VVL-B <sub>4</sub> ( <b>Tn</b> )	ECL ( <b>II</b> )
<i>a. Monosaccharide specificity</i>						
	GalNAc >>> Gal, inactive	GalNAc > Gal	GalNAc >>> Gal, inactive	Gal > GalNAc	GalNAc > Gal	GalNAc ≈ Gal
<i>b. Contribution of recognition factors</i>						
<b>T<sub>α</sub></b>						
Polyvalent	4.7x10 <sup>6</sup>	4.0x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.5x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.4x10 <sup>3</sup>	–	–
Monomer	8.6	7.5	1.6x10 <sup>2</sup>	10	–	0.2
<b>T<sub>n</sub></b>						
Polyvalent	1.1x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.9x10 <sup>4</sup>	60	–	3.3x10 <sup>5</sup>	–
Cluster <sup>b</sup>	–	4.0x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.7	–	1.1x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.1
Monomer	1.0 <sup>d</sup>	4.8	1.0	–	2.1x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.8
<b>II<sub>β</sub></b>						
Polyvalency	1.5x10 <sup>4</sup> <sup>e</sup>	4.0x10 <sup>3</sup> <sup>e</sup>	6.7x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.2x10 <sup>3</sup>	–	2.1x10 <sup>4</sup>
Cluster <sup>e</sup>	–	0.6	1.4	–	–	5.5
Monomer	–	–	–	0.5	–	8.9

<sup>a</sup>Mass RP scale from Wu et al, 2003a; Singh et al, 2006; Wu et al, 2008b; Wu, 2004; Wu et al, 2007; <sup>b</sup>**T<sub>n</sub>** glycopeptides, – means inactive; <sup>c</sup>Tri-antennary **II<sub>β</sub>**; <sup>d</sup>Monomeric **T<sub>n</sub>** was replaced by GalNAc; <sup>e</sup>It has to be further confirmed.

# Binding Profile of APA-Polyvalent Glycotopes Interaction

- |   |                                  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Reacted best                     | <p><b>Polyvalent <math>T_{\alpha}</math>, <math>E_{\beta}</math> and <math>II_{\beta}</math></b> containing gps</p> <p>[0.8–8.0 ng of gps were required to reach 1.5 <math>A_{405}</math> unit within 2 h]</p>       |
| 2 | Reacted strongly                 | <p>High-density polyvalent <math>II_{\beta}</math> and <math>T_{\alpha}</math> glycotopes containing gps</p> <p>[10.0–30.0 ng of gps were required to reach 1.5 <math>A_{405}</math> unit within 2 h]</p>            |
| 3 | Reacted moderately or negligibly | <p>Insufficient amount or masked <math>I_{\beta}</math> / <math>II_{\beta}</math> and <math>T_{\alpha}</math> glycotope containing gps and human blood group <b>ABH</b> and <b>Lewis</b> antigen containing gps.</p> |
| 4 | Reacted poorly                   | <p>Sialylated <math>T_{\alpha}</math> / <math>II_{\beta}</math> glycotopes</p>   |

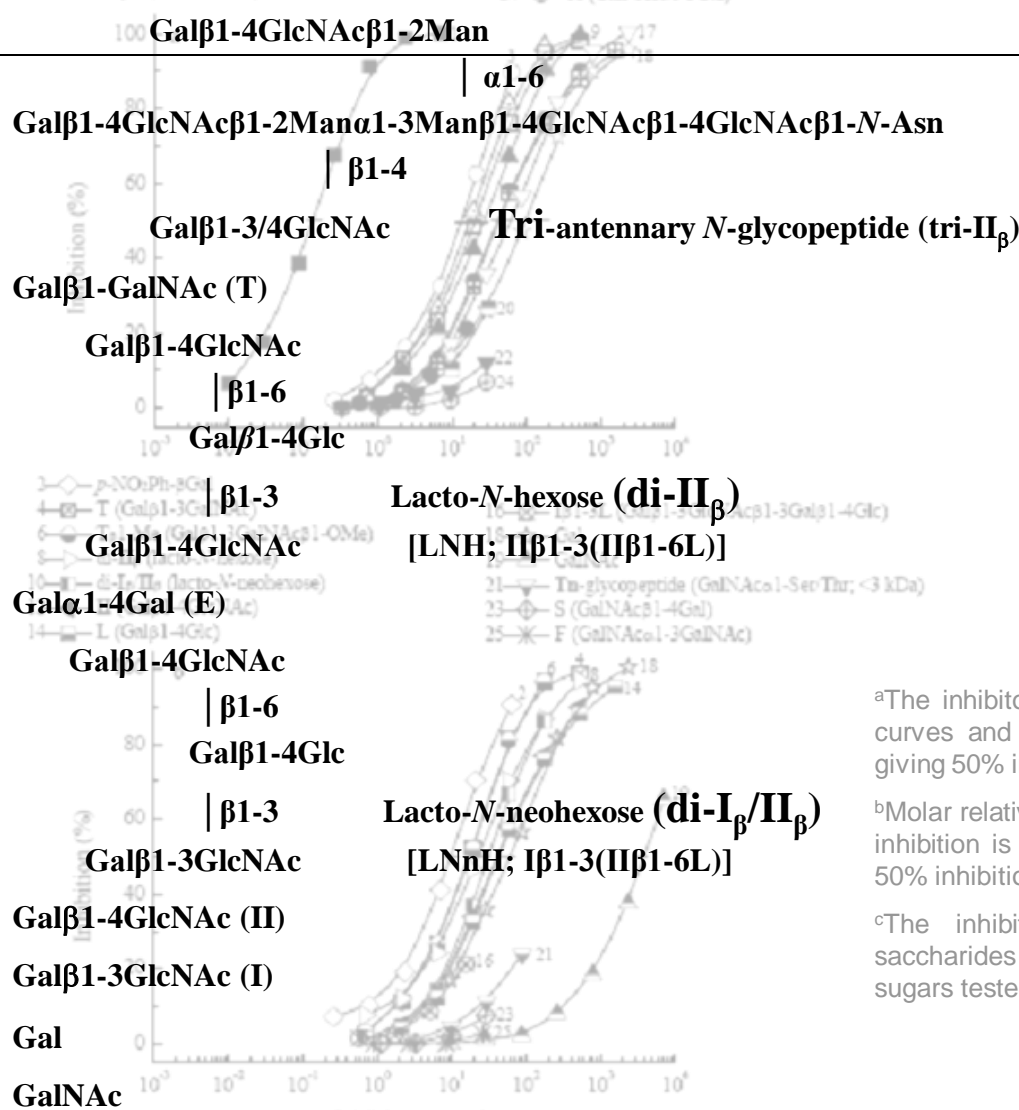
## Summary of Intensities of Polyvalent Glycotopes in APA Recognition Process Obtained from Inhibition Assay

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|----------|---|--|
| <b>1</b> | Most effective polyvalent glycotopes              | <p><b>Polyvalent <math>T_{\alpha}</math>, <math>I_{\beta}</math> / <math>II_{\beta}</math> and <math>E_{\beta}</math></b> containing gps</p> <p>[ &lt; 10 ng to produce 50% inhibition of the APA-plate coated asialo fetuin interaction]</p> <p><b><math>10^3</math>–<math>10^4</math></b> times more potent than the monomeric counterparts (<b>T</b>, <b>I</b>, <b>II</b>, <b>E</b>) and Gal.</p> |
| <b>2</b> | Strongly reactive polyvalent glycotopes           | <p>High-density polyvalent <b><math>II_{\beta}</math></b> containing gps, human blood group <b>ABH(O)</b> precursors equivalent gps</p> <p>[20-90 ng to produce 50% inhibition]</p>  |
| <b>3</b> | Other recognizable glycotopes                     | <p>Partially cryptic <b><math>II_{\beta}</math></b> glycotopes masked by Gal<math>\alpha</math>1- (cyst Beach phenol insoluble), GalNAc<math>\alpha</math>1- (Hog gastric mucin#14), GalNAc<math>\beta</math>1- (Sheep Hydatid cyst gp; asialo THGP sd(a+) WM)</p>   |
| <b>4</b> | Poorly reactive polyvalent glycotopes             | <p>Cryptic <b><math>T_{\alpha}</math></b> and <b><math>II_{\beta}</math></b> glycans glycosylated by sialic acid</p>   |
| <b>5</b> | Inactive or weakly reactive polyvalent glycotopes | <p>Polyvalent <b>Tn</b> and GlcNAc1-3<b>Tn</b> glycotope containing gp</p>   |

# Roles of Active Ligands, Hydrophobicity and Tri-antennary II<sub>β</sub> in APA Recognition



Curve no.	Inhibitors	Quantity giving 50% inhibition (nmol)	Molar Relative potency
1	Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-2Man	0.14	7.1 x 10 <sup>2</sup>
4	Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-2Manα1-3Manβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-N-Asn Galβ1-3/4GlcNAc Galβ1-4GlcNAc (T)	18.0	5.5
8	Galβ1-4GlcNAc Galβ1-4Glc	25.0	4.0
9	Galα1-4Gal (E) Galβ1-4GlcNAc	27.0	3.7
10	Galβ1-4GlcNAc Galβ1-4Glc Galβ1-3GlcNAc	30.0	3.3
12	Galβ1-4GlcNAc (II)	40.0	2.4
13	Galβ1-3GlcNAc (I)	41.0	2.4
18	Gal	100.0	1.0
19	GalNAc	3800.0	0.02



<sup>a</sup>The inhibitory activities were estimated from the inhibition curves and are expressed as the amount of saccharides giving 50% inhibition. Total volume was 50μl.

<sup>b</sup>Molar relative potency = moles of Gal (curve no. 18) for 50% inhibition is taken as unity/mole of saccharide required for 50% inhibition.

<sup>c</sup>The inhibitory potencies of inactive or less active saccharides are expressed as the maximum amount of sugars tested that yield inhibition (in parenthesis) below 50%.

# Intensities of Polyvalent Glycotopes in APA Recognition Process Obtained from Inhibition Assay

2009<sup>1</sup>  
Polyvalent  
&  
Tri- $\text{II}_\beta$

1992<sup>2</sup>  
Structural  
units/mono-  
saccharides

Curve no.	Inhibitors	Quantity giving 50% inhibition (ng)	Mass RP*
①	Asialo PSM ( $\text{T}_\alpha$ , A, $\text{A}_h$ , $\text{T}_n$ )	0.6	$3.0 \times 10^4$
2	Asialo birds nest gp ( $\text{E}_\beta$ , $\text{T}_\alpha$ , $\text{F}_\alpha$ , $\text{II}_\beta$ )	0.8	$2.2 \times 10^4$
3	Asialo bovine $\alpha_1$ acid gp ( $\text{mII}_\beta$ )	2.5	$7.3 \times 10^3$
4	Asialo human $\alpha_1$ acid gp ( $\text{mII}_\beta$ )	7.0	$2.6 \times 10^3$
5	Asialo fetuin ( $\text{T}_\alpha$ , $\text{mII}_\beta$ )	9.0	$2.0 \times 10^3$
6	Tri-antennary N-glycopeptide (tri- $\text{II}_\beta$ )	$2.9 \times 10^2$	60.6
⑦	$\text{Gal}\beta 1\text{-3GalNAc (T)}$	$6.9 \times 10^3$	2.6
8	$\text{Gal}\alpha 1\text{-4Gal (E)}$	$9.3 \times 10^3$	2.1
9	$\text{Gal}\beta 1\text{-4GlcNAc (II)}$	$1.5 \times 10^4$	1.1
10	$\text{Gal}\beta 1\text{-3GlcNAc (I)}$	$1.6 \times 10^4$	1.1
⑪	Gal	$1.8 \times 10^4$	1.0

\*The inhibitory activities were estimated from the inhibition curves in and are expressed as the amount of inhibitors (ng) giving 50% inhibition. Total volume was 50  $\mu\text{l}$ .

\*Mass relative potency = mass of Gal (curve no. 24) for 50% inhibition is taken as unity/mass of inhibitor required for 50% inhibition.

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\*Mass RP, Mass Relative Potency

① / ⑪ =  $3.0 \times 10^4$ ; ① / ⑦ =  $1.2 \times 10^4$

⑦ / ① = 2.6



# Progress in the Carbohydrate Recognition Profile of APA

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4. 2009 <sup>4</sup>	<p>(a) Monosaccharide (subtope) and submolecule specificity</p> <p>(b) Glyco-structural units</p> <p>(c) Clustering and polyvalency of mammalian glyco-structural units</p>	<p>Gal (<math>\beta</math> anomer at non-reducing end; configuration of C-2) &gt;&gt; GalNAc (less-active)<sup>a</sup></p> <p>Gal<math>\beta</math>1-3GalNAc<math>\alpha</math>/<math>\beta</math>1- (<b>T<math>\alpha</math>/T<math>\beta</math></b>) &gt; Gal<math>\alpha</math>1-4Gal (<b>E<math>\beta</math></b>) &gt; Gal<math>\beta</math>1-3/4GlcNAc (<b>I/II</b>)<sup>a</sup></p> <p><b>Polyvalent T<math>\alpha</math>, II<math>\beta</math>/I<math>\beta</math> and E<math>\beta</math> &gt;&gt; tri-antennary II<math>\beta</math> &gt; monomeric T, T, I and II &gt; Gal &gt; GalNAc (weak)<sup>b</sup></b></p>



<sup>a</sup> Molar RP; <sup>b</sup> Mass RP

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## Summary of polyvalency study for *Abrus precatorius* agglutinin (APA)

Poly-T<sub>α</sub> (3.0x10<sup>4</sup>) >> Tri-II<sub>β</sub> (60.6) > T (2.6) > III/I, Gal (1.0)\*

2009

by 1992

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i. T / Gal : 2.6 / 1.0 = 2.6 (by 1992)

ii. **PolyT<sub>α</sub> / Gal : 3.0 x 10<sup>4</sup>** (after 2009)

iii. PolyT<sub>α</sub> / T : 3.0 x 10<sup>4</sup> / 2.6 = 1.2 x 10<sup>4</sup> (after 2009)

Similar approach as can be applied to abrin-a, RCA<sub>1</sub> and other lectins

\*Recognition intensity expressed by Mass RP

# Summary (1/4)

- I. More methods used to study recognition factors of a lectin reveal more comprehensive views of the recognition profiles.
  - a. Hemagglutination-inhibition assay;
  - b. Quantitative precipitation/precipitation-inhibition assays;
  - c. Enzyme-linked lectinosorbent –inhibition assay (ELLSA);
  - etc.

# Summary (2/4)

II. In the processes of the mechanism glycan recognition, six recognition factors in glycans were involved :

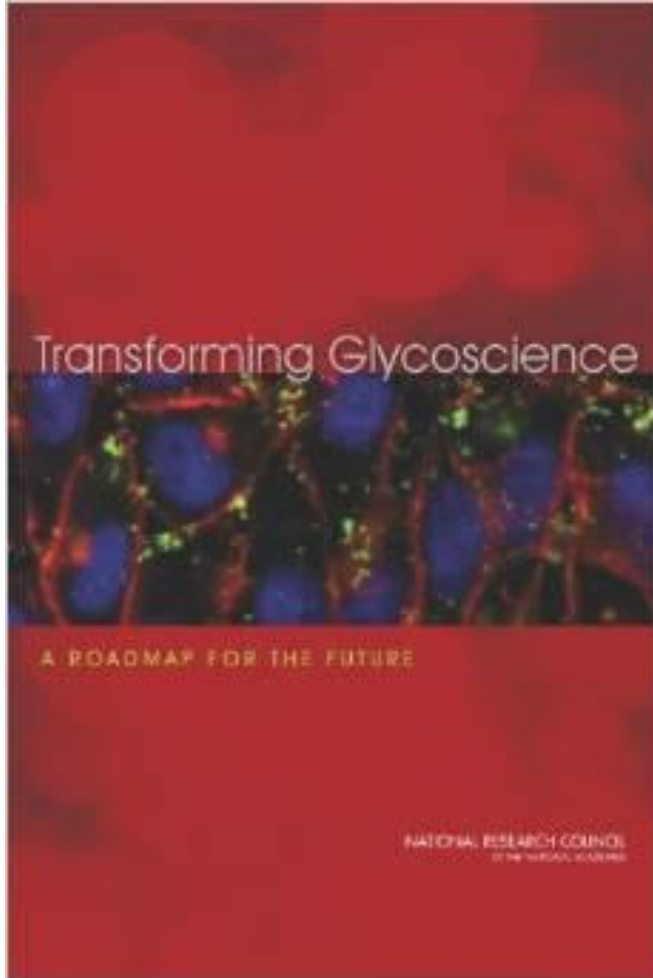
They are :

- (i) several epimers and anomers of sugars;
- (ii) Monosaccharide specificity (Gal, GalNAc, GlcNAc, Man, L Fuc, and Sialic acid) ;
- (iii) Reactivities toward mammalian disaccharides and **Tn** structural units (in decreasing order) ;
- (iv) The most active ligand ;
- (v) Simple multivalent or cluster effect of carbohydrate structured unit such as **Tn** glycopeptides and multi-antennary glycotopes to inhibit binding ;
- (vi) Complex polyvalent or multi- effects present in macromolecules with known glycotopes, in which

# Summary (3/4)

- III. Polyvalency of glycotopes and its resulting conformational features as the critical recognition factors in lectin-carbohydrate interactions
- IV. This should be one of important directions toward the transforming glycosciences for centuries.

# Summary (4/4)



Q: In the book of Transforming Glycoscience (Left):

Does it cover the following subjects ?

- Recognition Codes
- Polyvalency of glycotopes
- Carbohydrate-carbohydrate interactions

A: If it is not very much,

Let's emphasize on the aspects.

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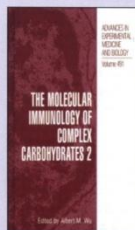
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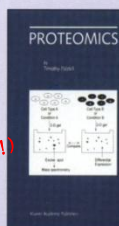
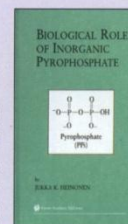
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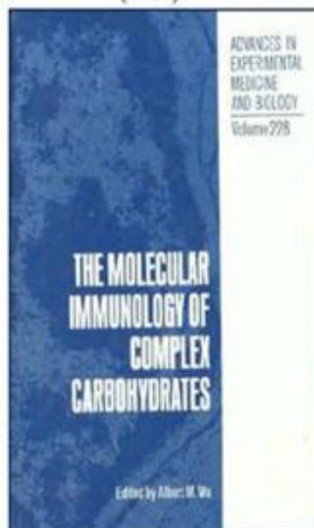
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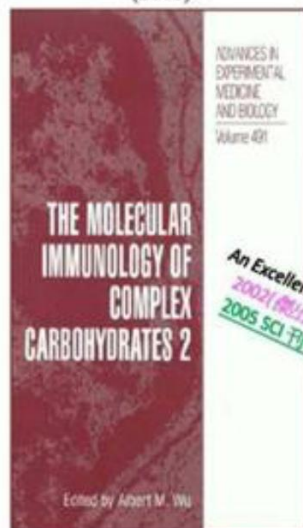


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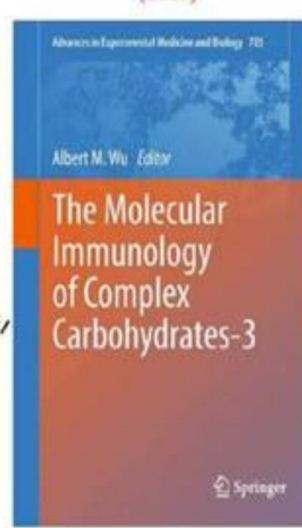
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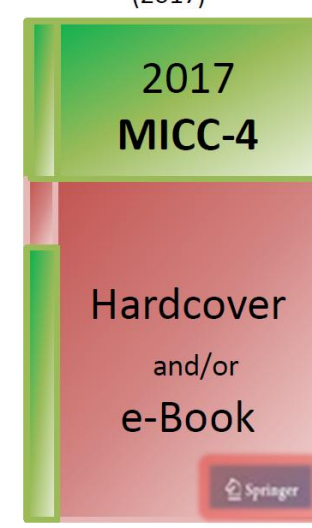
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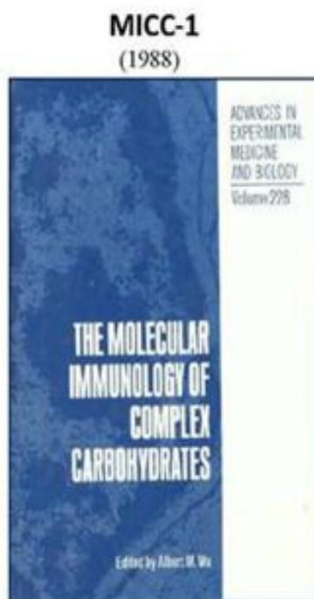
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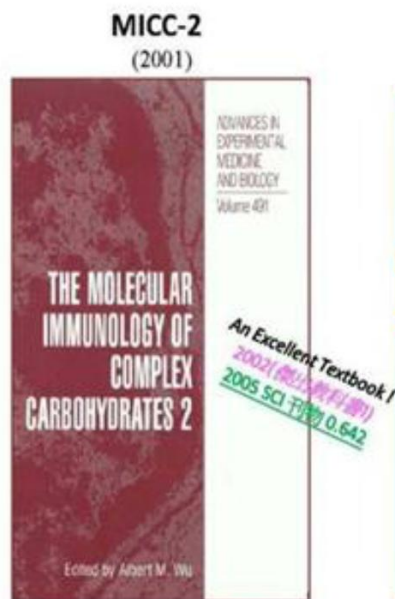
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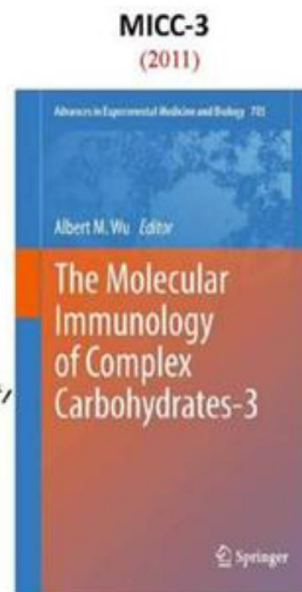
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