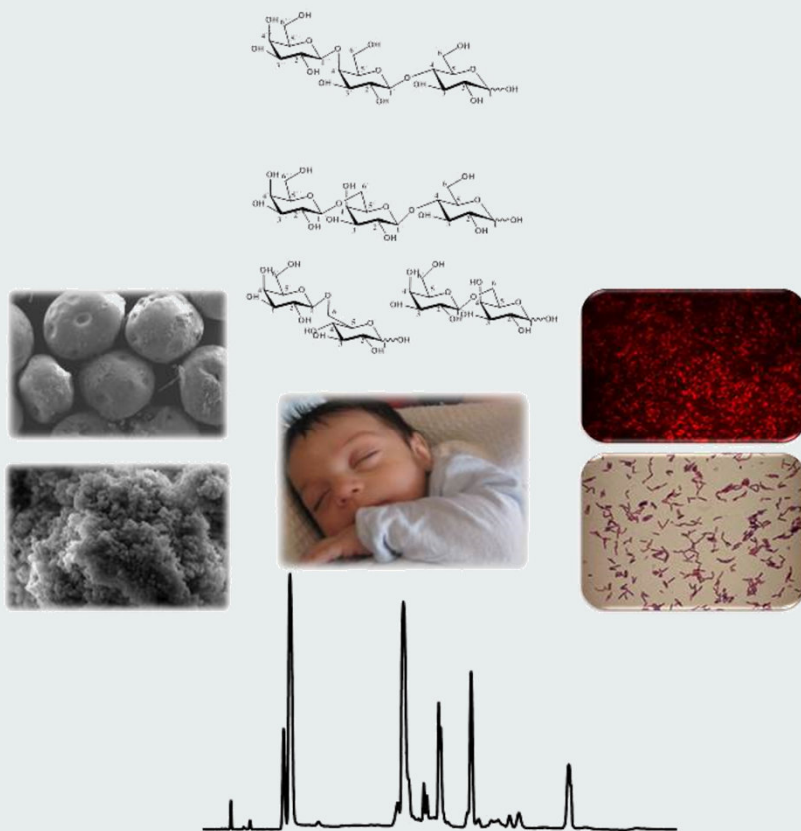


# Transformations of carbohydrates into prebiotic oligosaccharides using free or immobilized glycosidic enzymes

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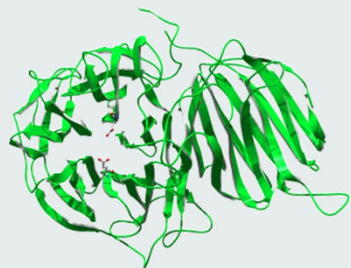
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***Biotransformations  
catalyzed by glycosidic  
enzymes***

***Analysis and  
characterization of  
complex mixtures of  
carbohydrates***

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***Immobilization of  
glycosidic enzymes***

# PREBIOTICS

*“a selectively fermented ingredient that allows specific changes, both in the composition and/or activity in the gastrointestinal microbiota that confers benefits upon host well-being and health”*



**Essential key:  
balance between bacterial species**

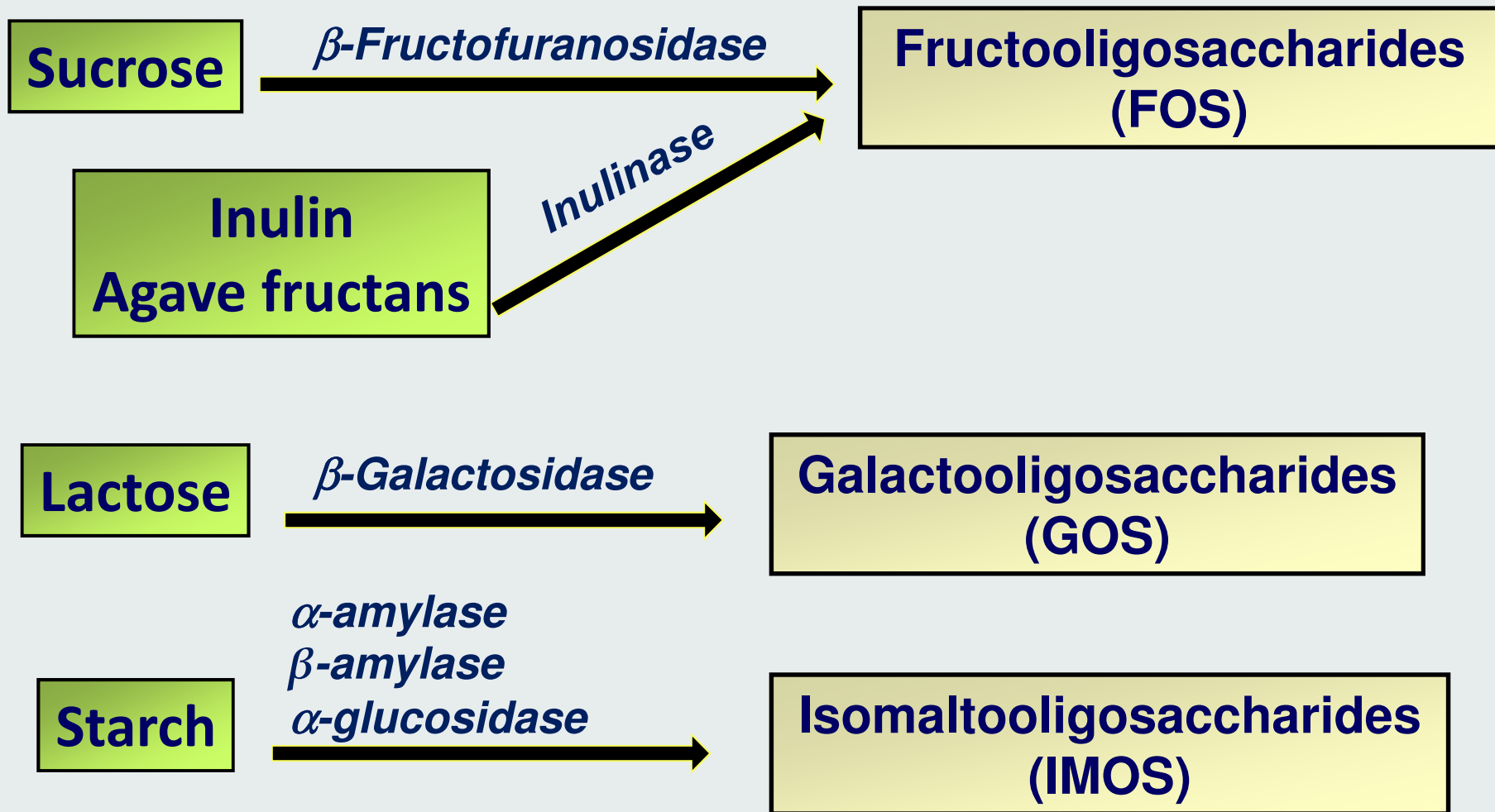
## PREBIOTICS vs. PROBIOTICS

- Water solubility
- Sweetness
- Thermal resistance
- Good organoleptic properties
- Easy addition to foods
- No manipulation of live organisms





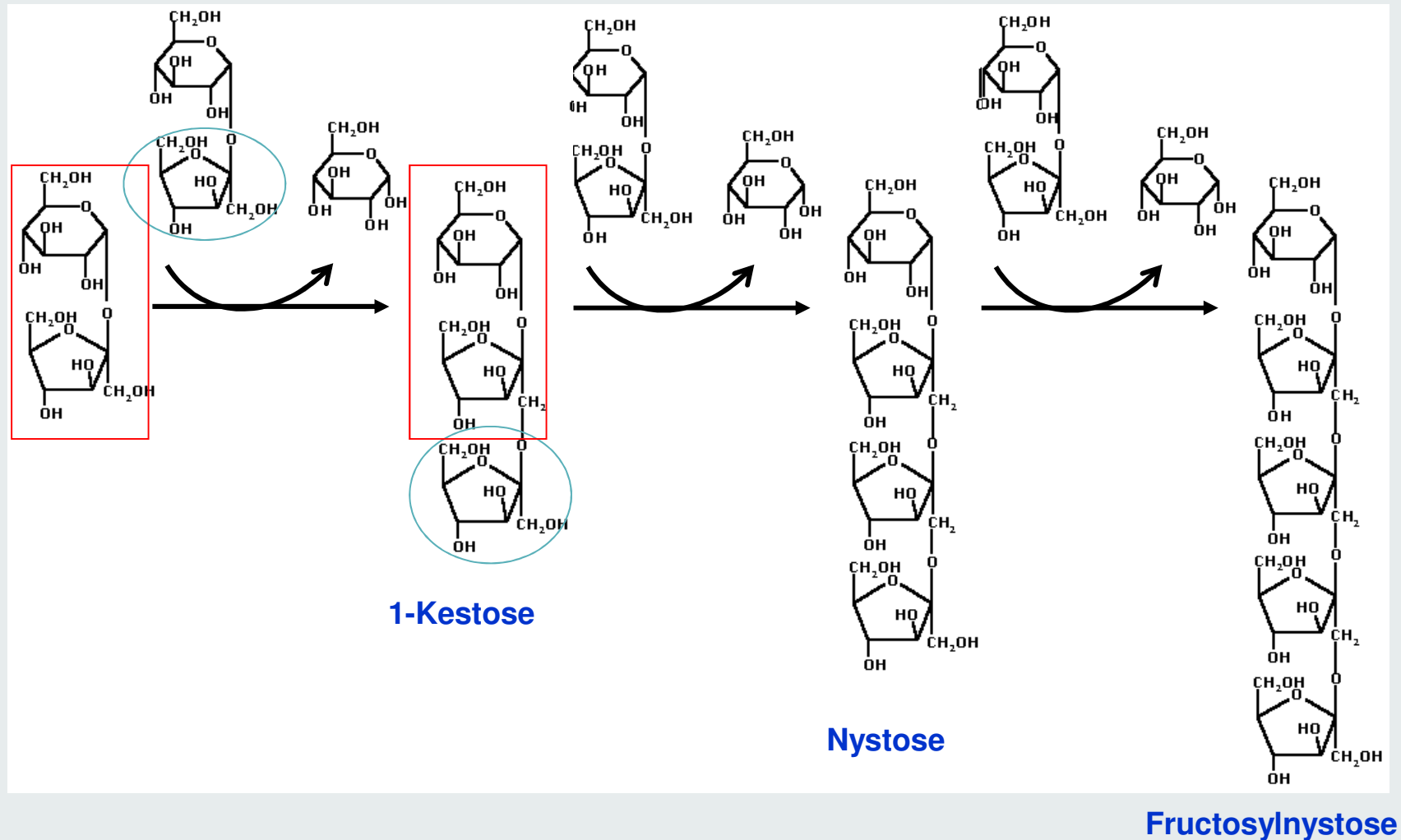
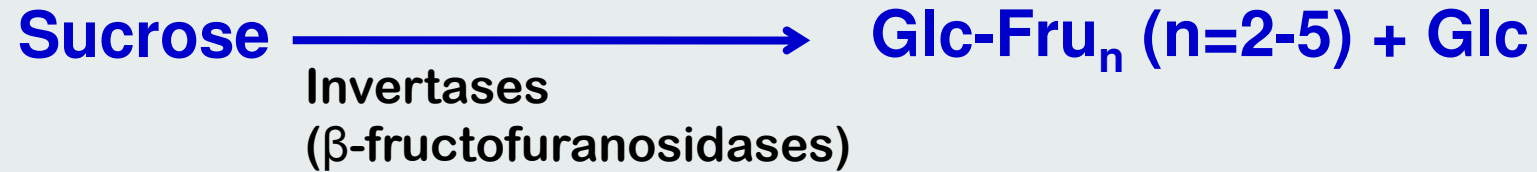
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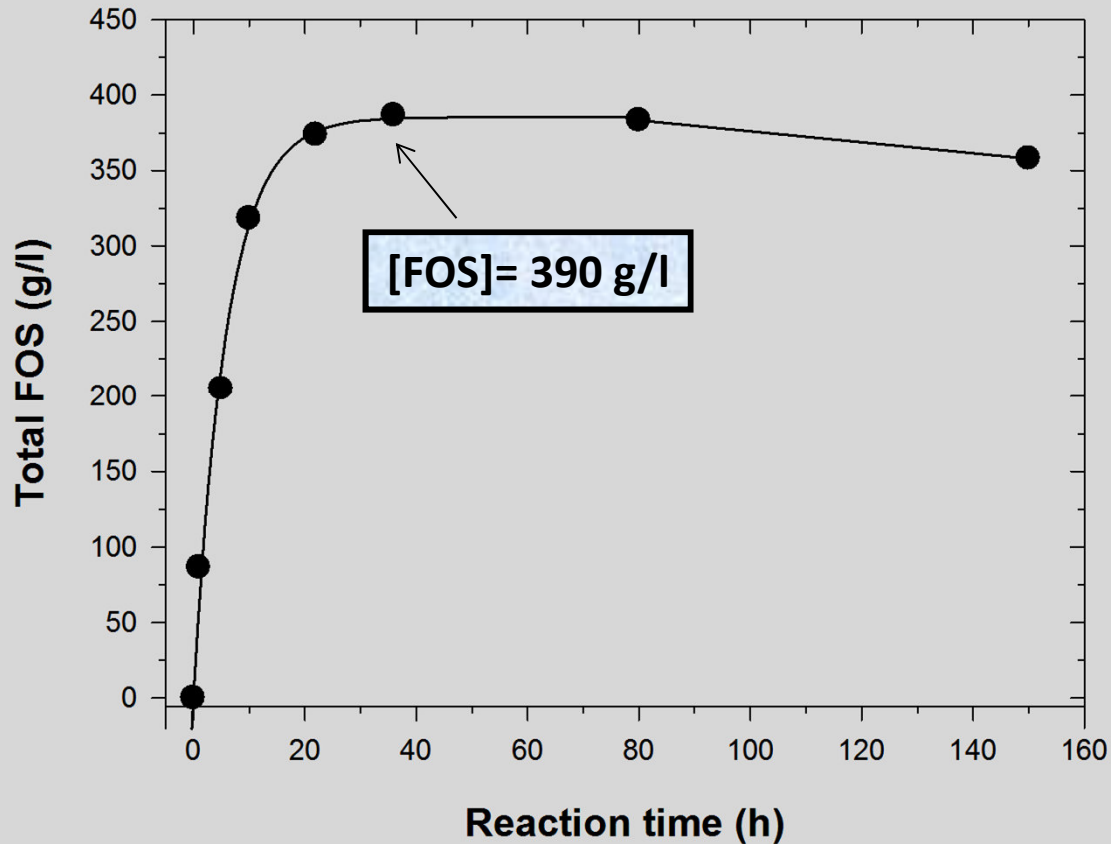
# Fructooligosaccharides



# SYNTHESIS OF FRUCTOOLIGOSACCHARIDES (FOS)



# *FOS production with $\beta$ -fructofuranosidase from *Aspergillus aculeatus**



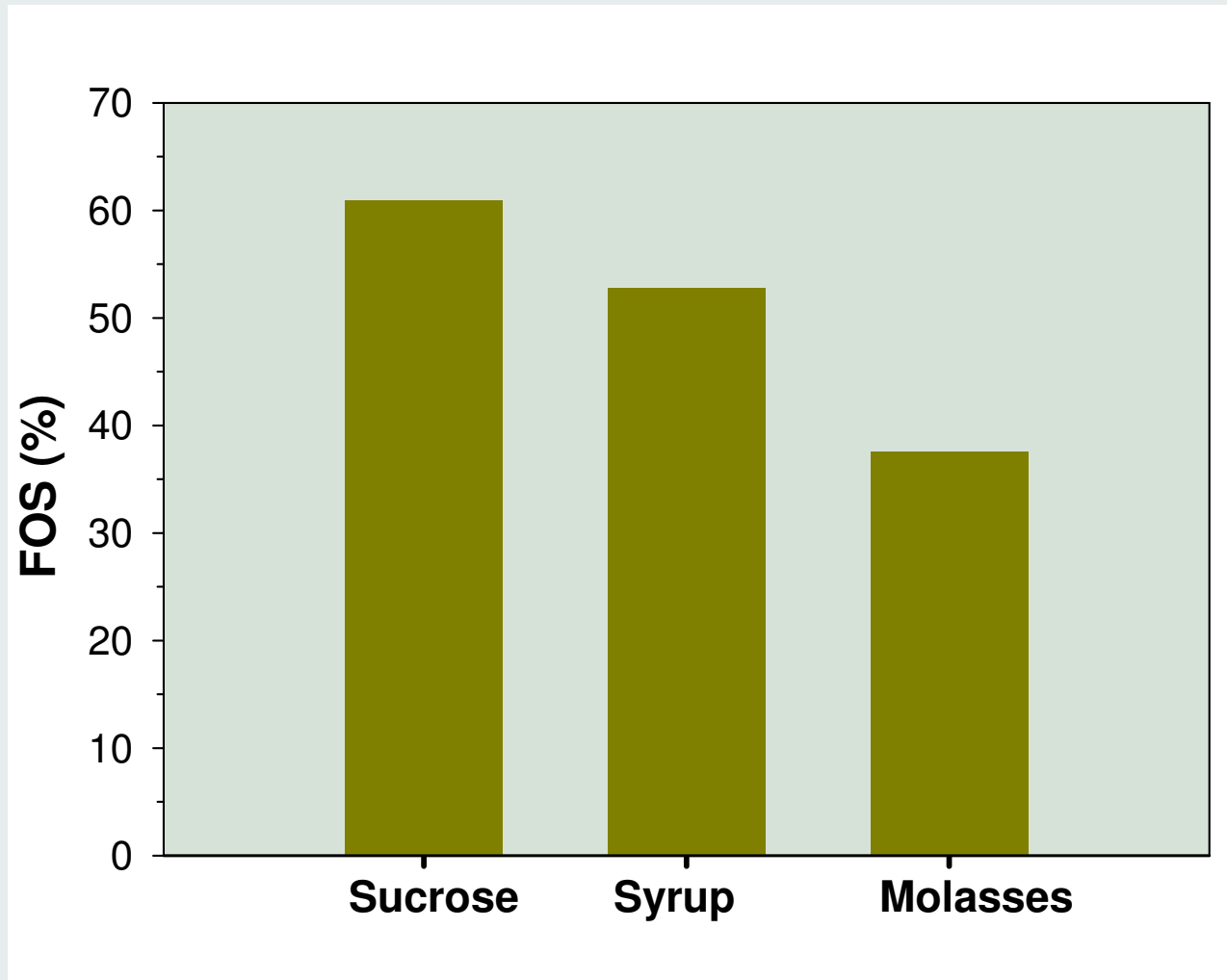
630 g/L sucrose

50 mM sodium acetate buffer pH 5.4

60 °C

*"Purification and kinetic characterization of a fructosyltransferase from *Aspergillus aculeatus*".* I. Ghazi, L. Fernández-Arrojo, H. García-Arellano, M. Ferrer, F.J. Plou and A. Ballesteros. *Journal of Biotechnology*, 128, 204-211 (2007)

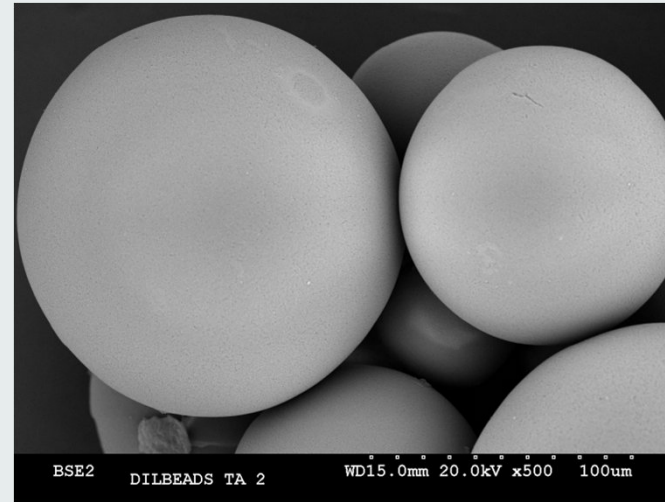
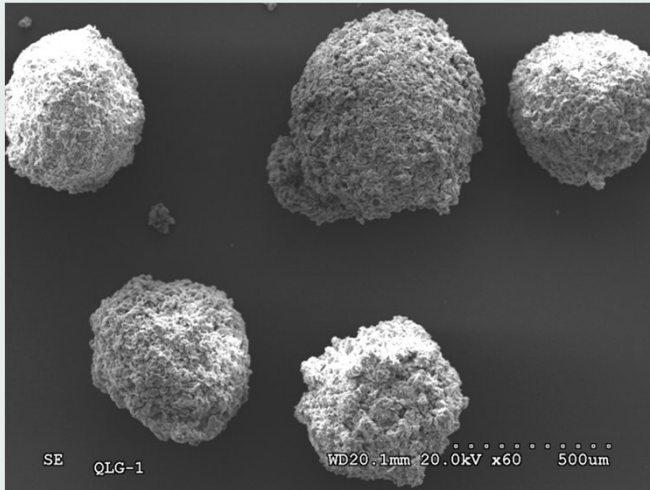
## ***Molasses and sugar beet syrup as feedstock for FOS production***



*“Beet sugar syrup and molasses as low-cost feedstock for the enzymatic production of fructo-oligosaccharides”. I. Ghazi, L. Fernández-Arrojo, A. Gómez de Segura, M. Alcalde, F.J. Plou and A. Ballesteros. *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, 54, 2964-2968 (2006).*

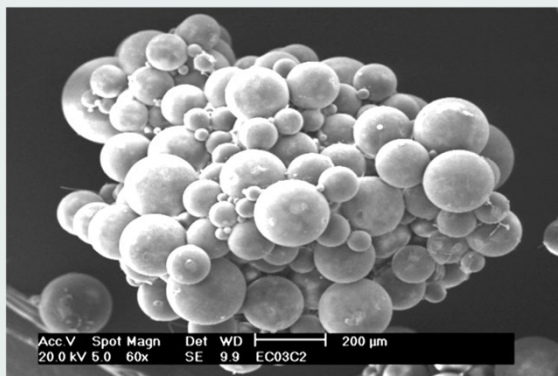
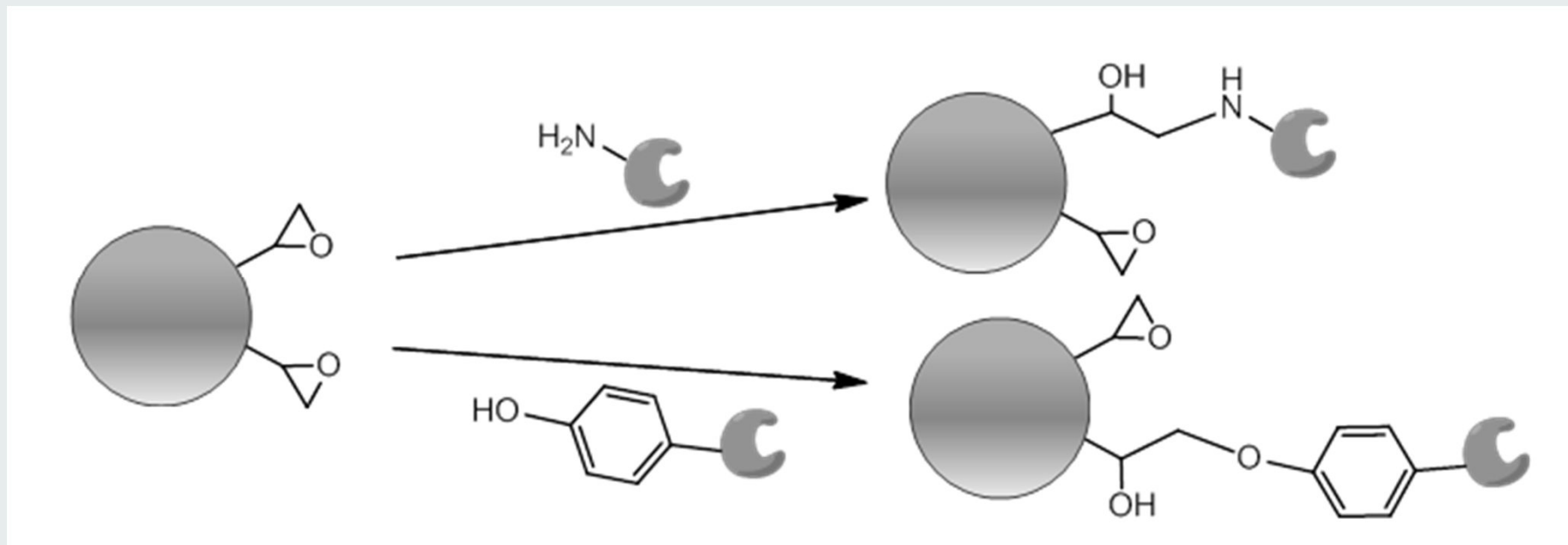


# *Enzyme immobilization for FOS synthesis*

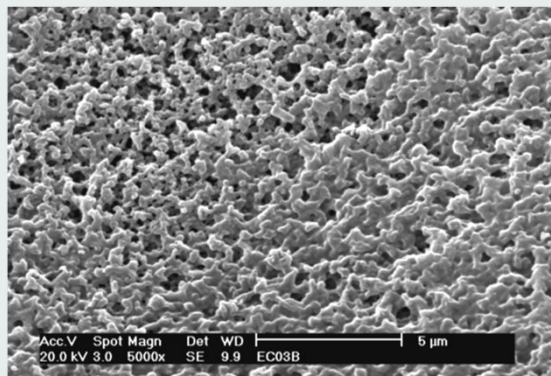


- Separation of the biocatalyst
- Reuse of the biocatalyst
- Continuous reactors (CSTR, fixed-bed, etc.)
- Increase of stability

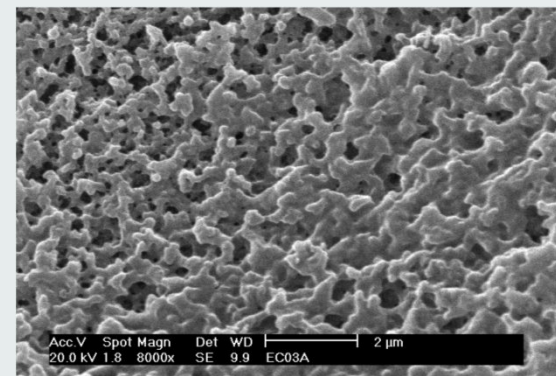
# Covalent immobilization in epoxy carriers



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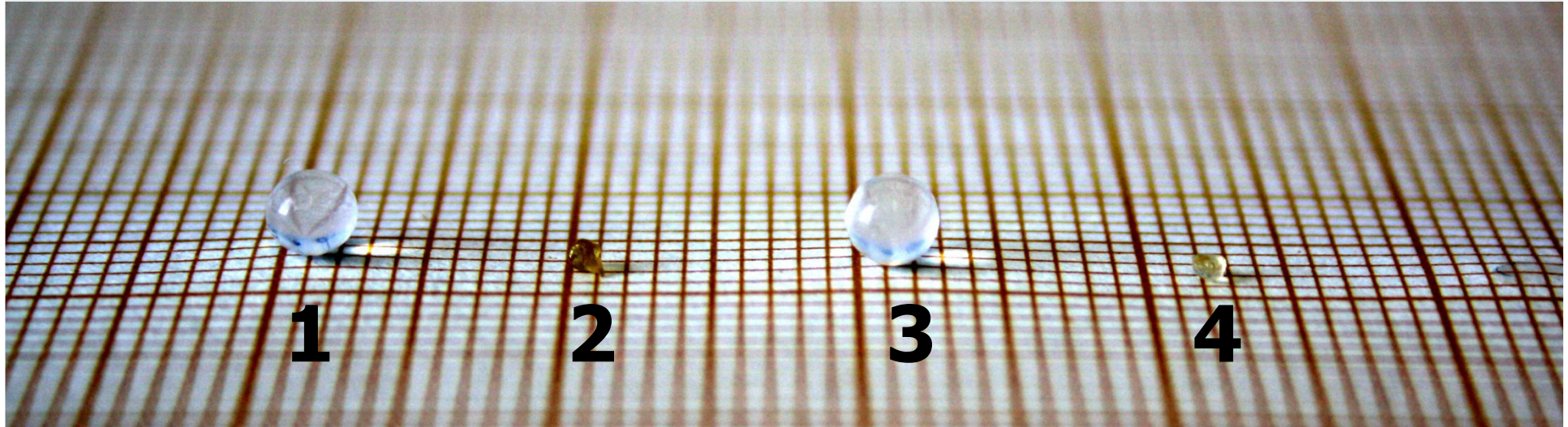
5000x



8000x

**Sepabeads EC-3**

# *Dried Alginate-Entrapped Enzymes (DALGEEs)*



**1: Alginate bead (wet)**

**2: DALGEE bead**

**3: DALGEE bead after contact with aqueous solution**

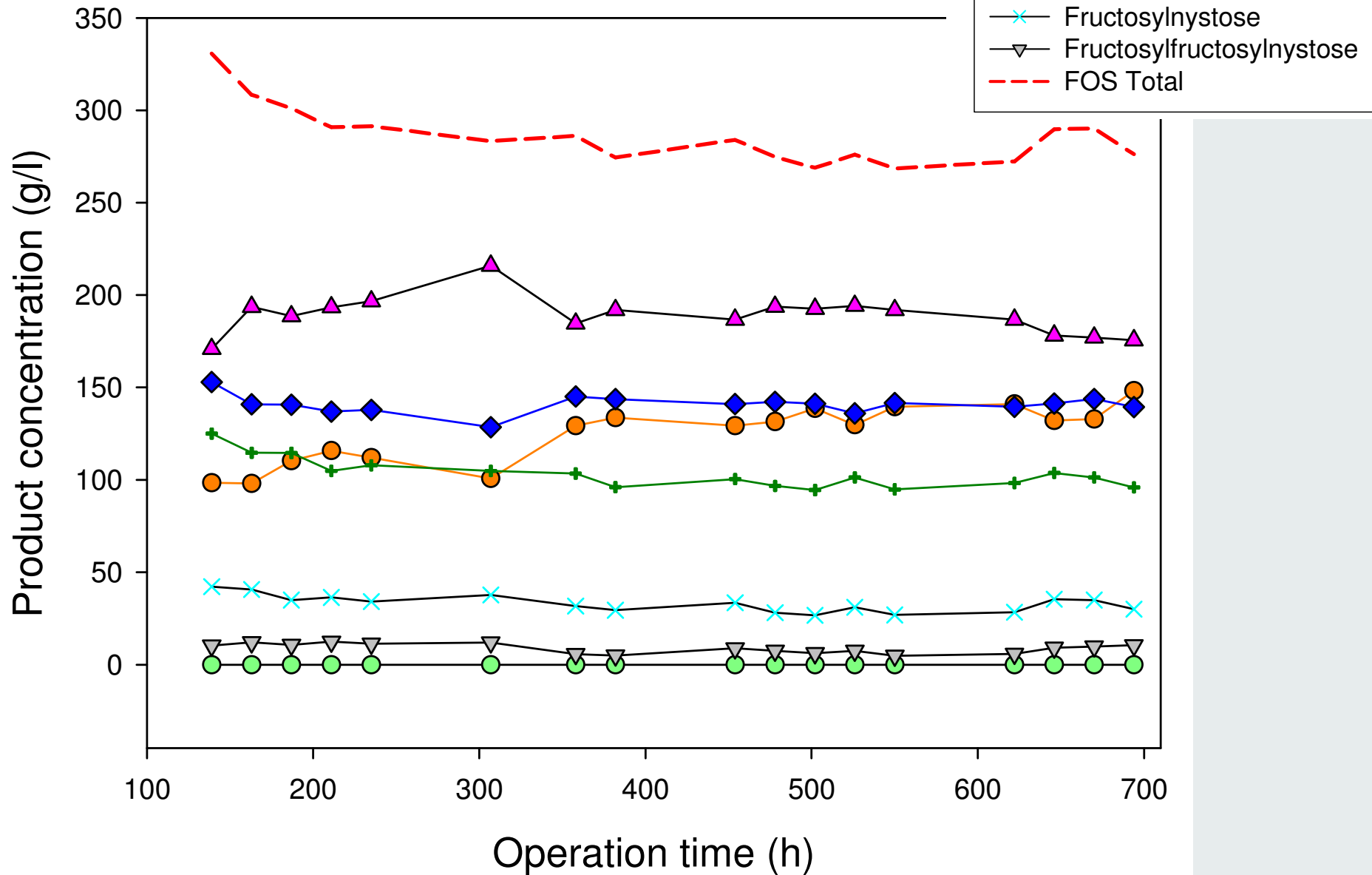
**4: DALGEE bead after contact with sucrose solution**

# *Continuous production of FOS with Dried Alginate-Entrapped Enzymes (DALGEEs)*

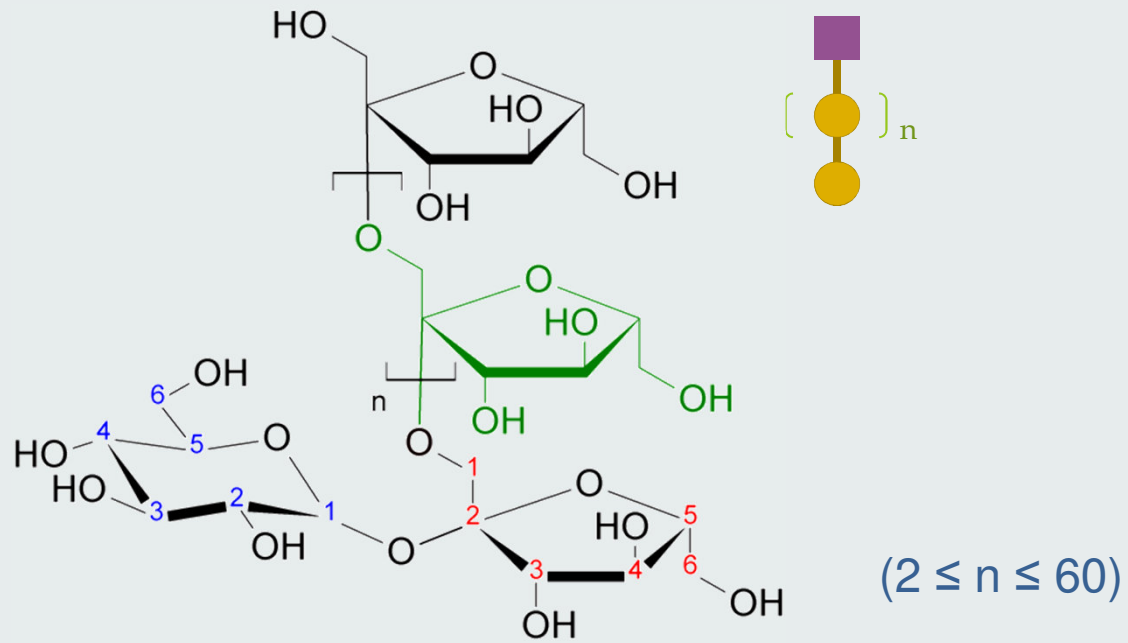


"Alginate-based immobilized biocatalyst of high operational stability for the transformation of carbohydrates in continuous reactors (DALGEE's biocatalyst)". Spanish Patent 200930001 (2009). PCT/ES2010/070104

# Continuous production of FOS with Dried Alginate-Entrapped Enzymes (DALGEEs)



# Production of FOS by inulin hydrolysis



**Chicory**  
(*Cichorium intybus*)



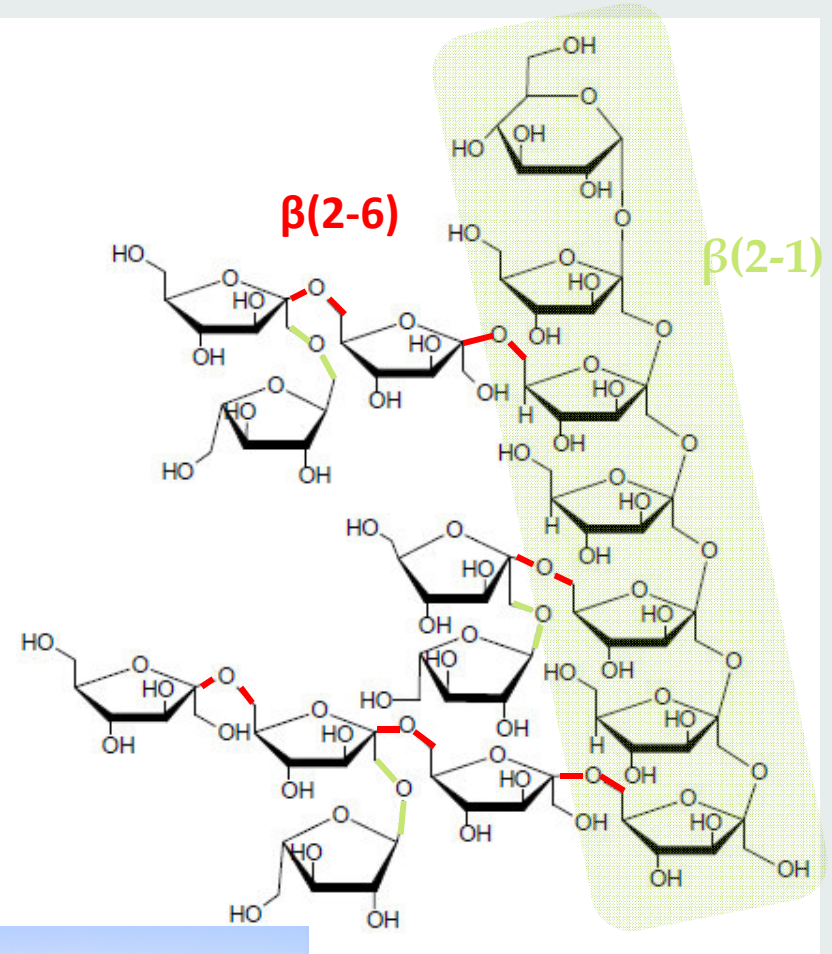
Mature roots

**Pataca**  
(*Helianthus tuberosus*)

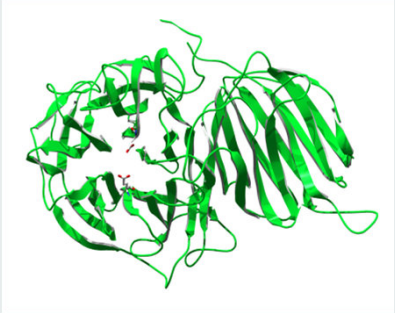


Tubers at base of plant

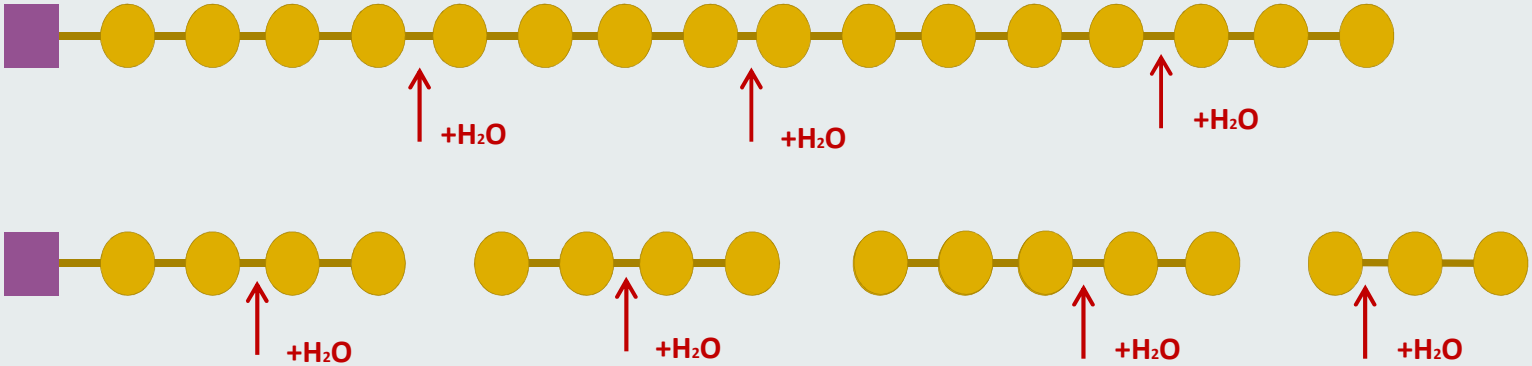
# *Agave fructans*



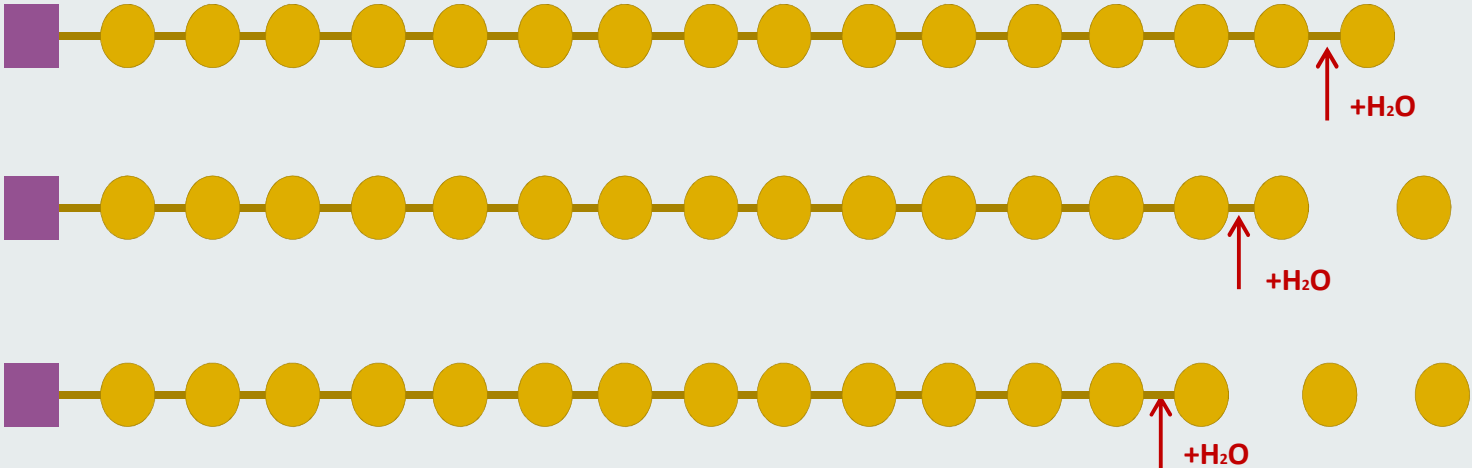
# PRODUCTION OF FOS BY INULINASES



## Endoinulinase (EC.3.2.1.7)

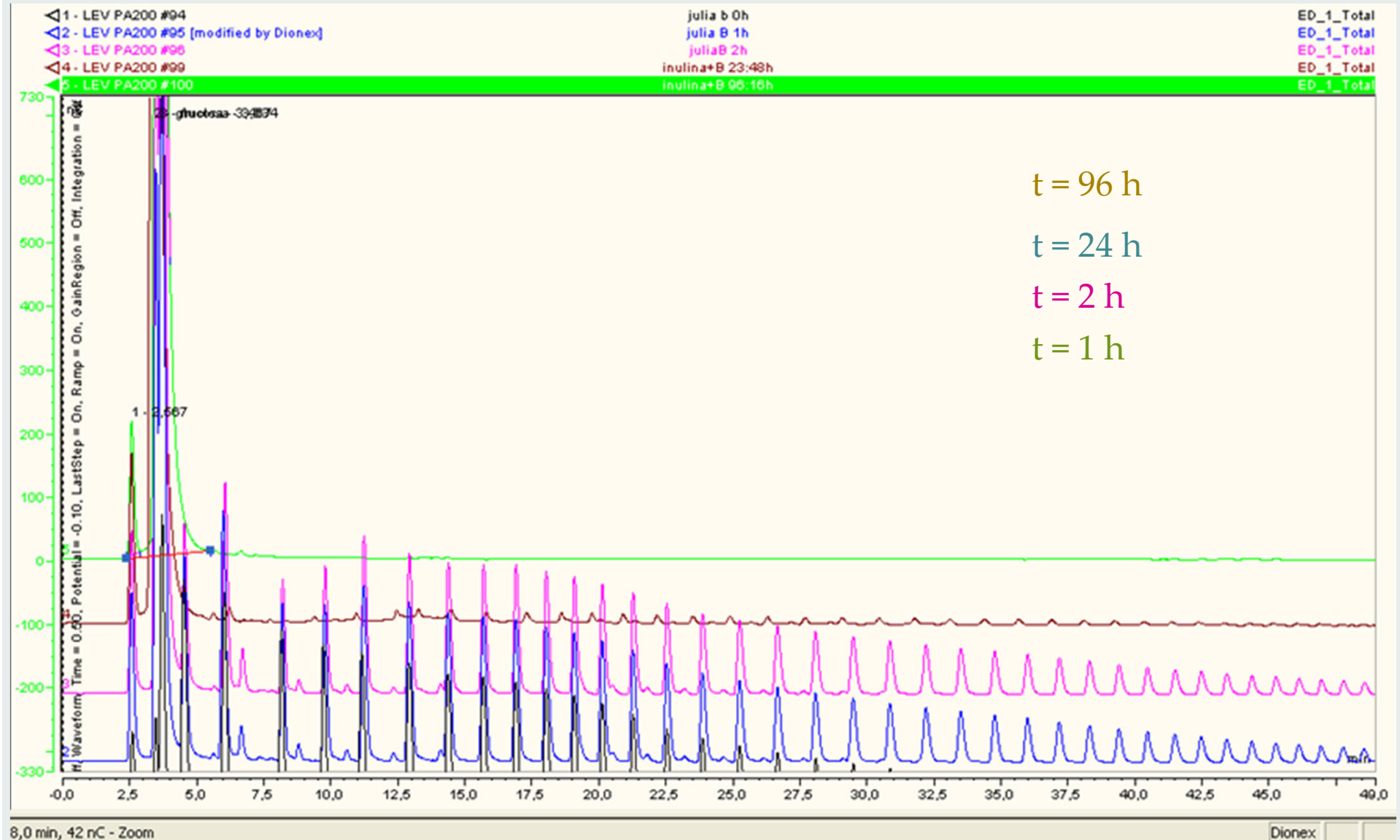


## Exoinulinase (EC.3.2.1.80)



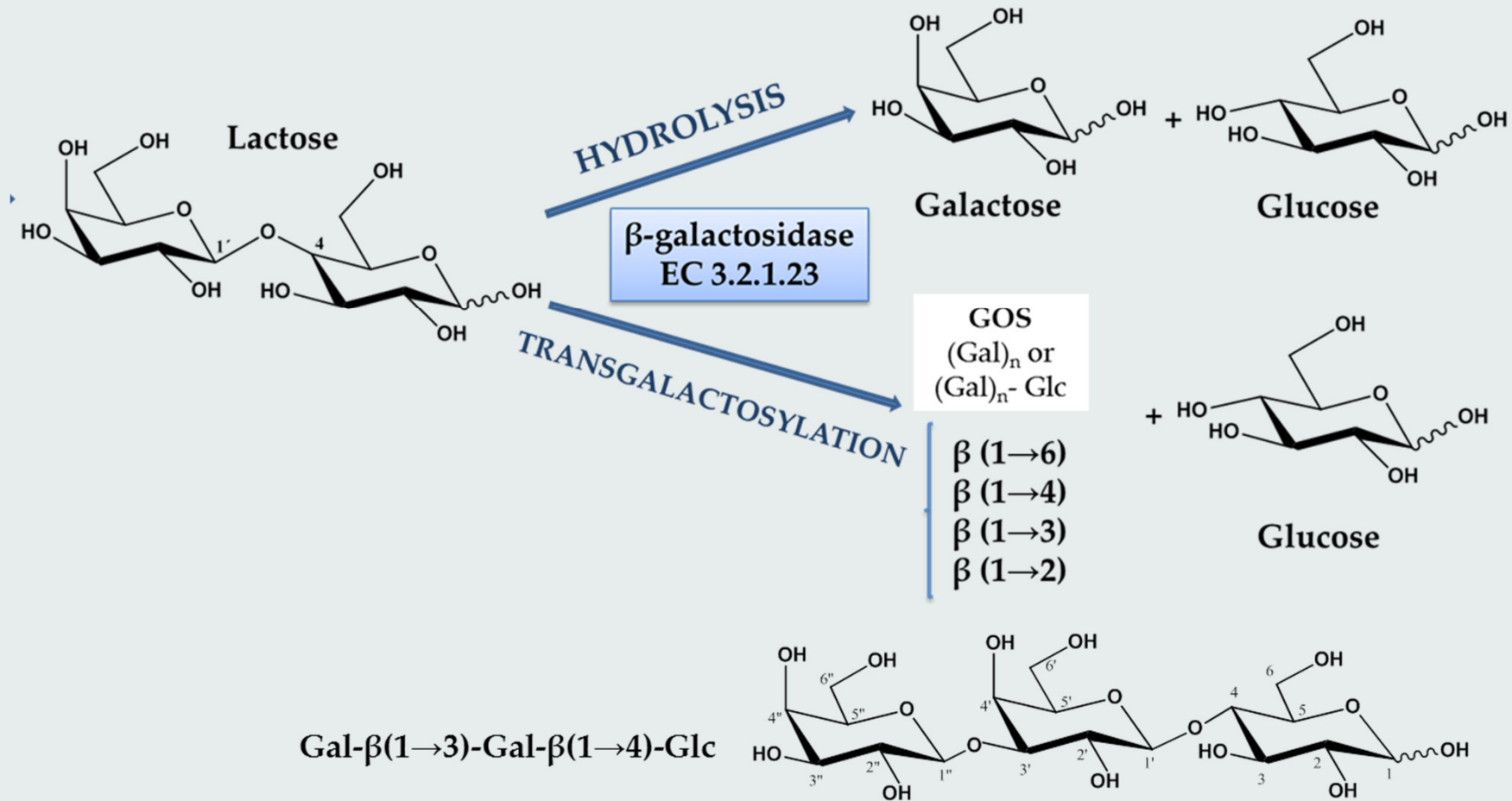


# Inulin hydrolysis by inulinase from *Schwanniomyces occidentalis* followed by HPAEC-PAD (High Performance Anion Exchange Chromatography with Pulsed Amperometric Detector)



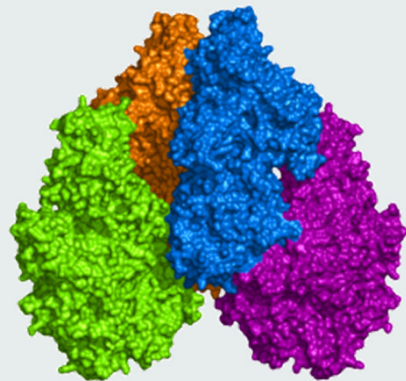
# Galactooligosaccharides (GOS)

## Lactose hydrolysis vs. GOS synthesis



# $\beta$ -galactosidases

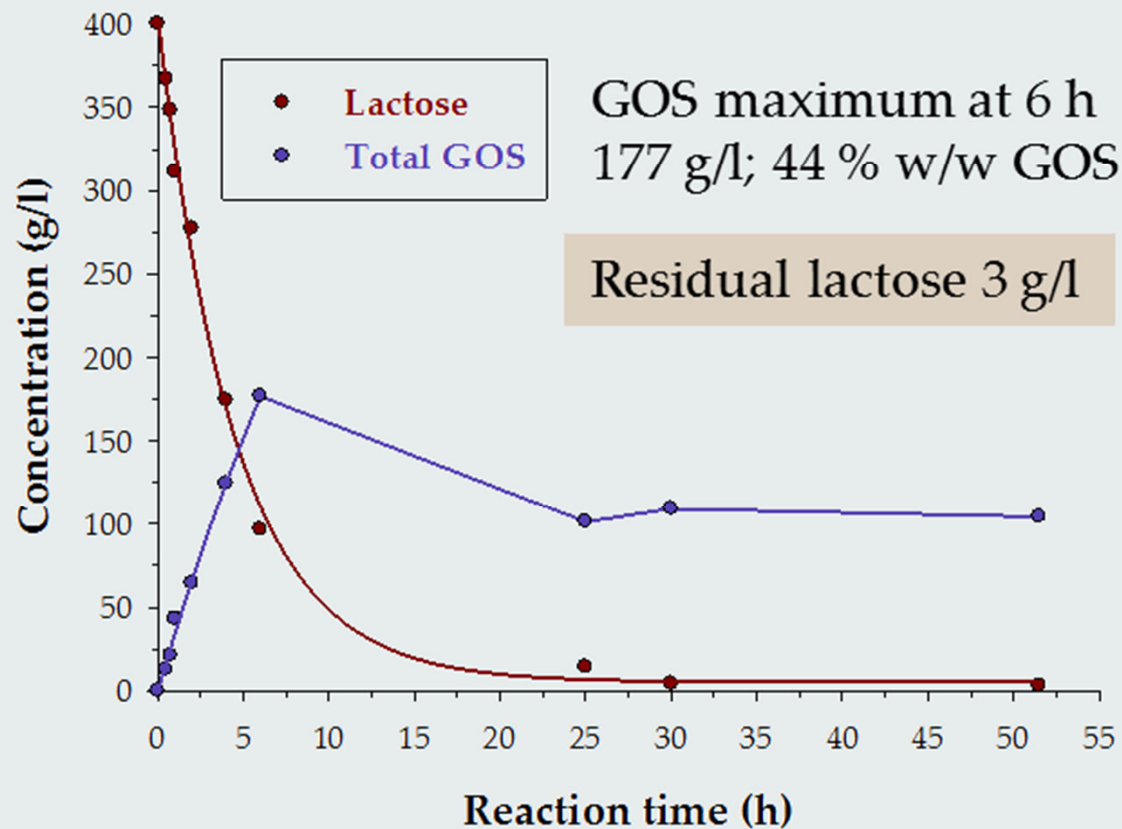
	<i>Kluyveromyces lactis</i>	<i>Bacillus circulans</i>	<i>Aspergillus oryzae</i>
<b>Commercial name</b>	Lactozym pure (Novozymes)	Biolactase (Biocon)	Lactase F (Amano)
<b>Optimum temperature</b>	40-50 °C	30-50 °C	45-55 °C
<b>Optimum pH</b>	6.8	5.5	4.5
<b>Activity (0.1% lactose, pH 6.7)</b>	1320 U/mL	550 U/mL	93 U/g



# Production of GOS by the $\beta$ -galactosidase from *Kluyveromyces lactis*



## Permeabilized cells



### Reaction conditions:

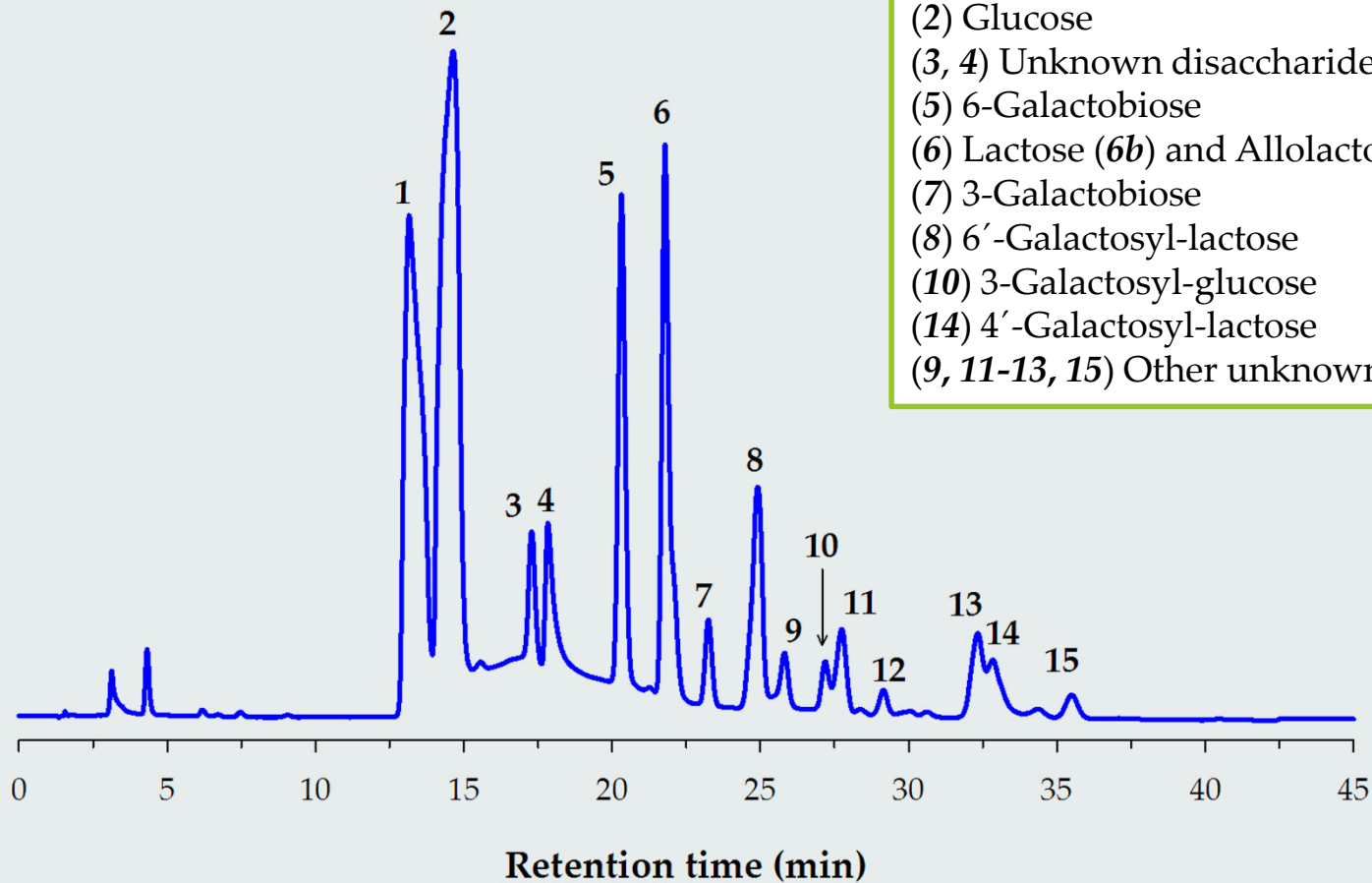
400 g/l lactose  
pH 6.8  
1.2-1.5 U/ml  
40 °C



# GOS production by permeabilized cells from *Kluyveromyces lactis*

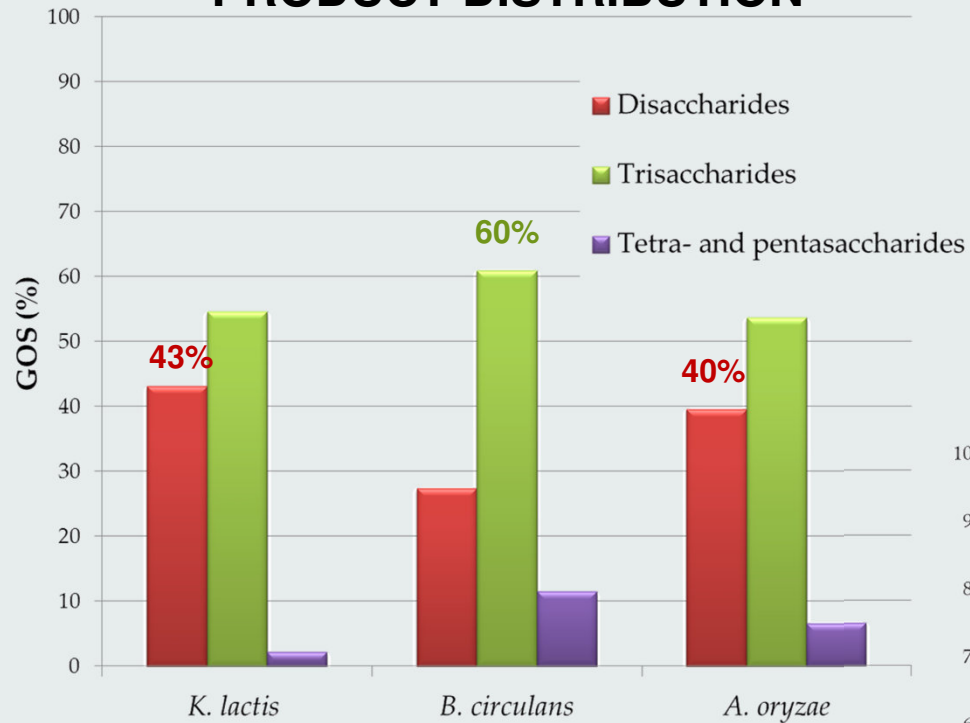
## HPAEC-PAD analysis

- (1) Galactose
- (2) Glucose
- (3, 4) Unknown disaccharides
- (5) 6-Galactobiose
- (6) Lactose (6b) and Allolactose (6a)
- (7) 3-Galactobiose
- (8) 6'-Galactosyl-lactose
- (10) 3-Galactosyl-glucose
- (14) 4'-Galactosyl-lactose
- (9, 11-13, 15) Other unknown GOS

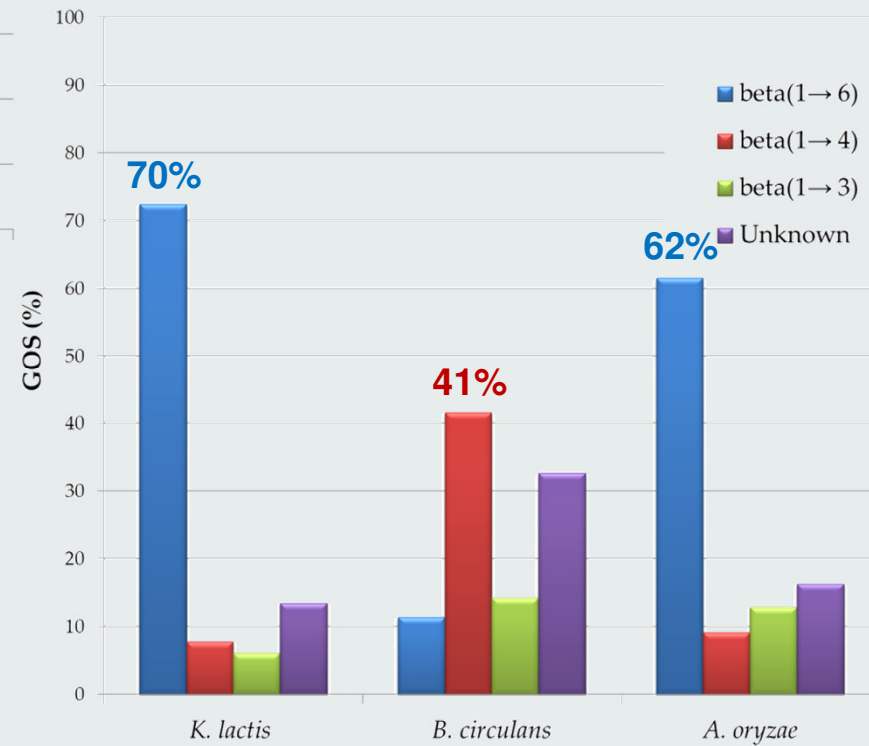


# Effect of enzyme source on GOS production

## PRODUCT DISTRIBUTION



## PRODUCT SELECTIVITY



Formation *in situ* of GOS during the treatment of milk with  $\beta$ -galactosidases → “prebiotic milk” with a low content of lactose

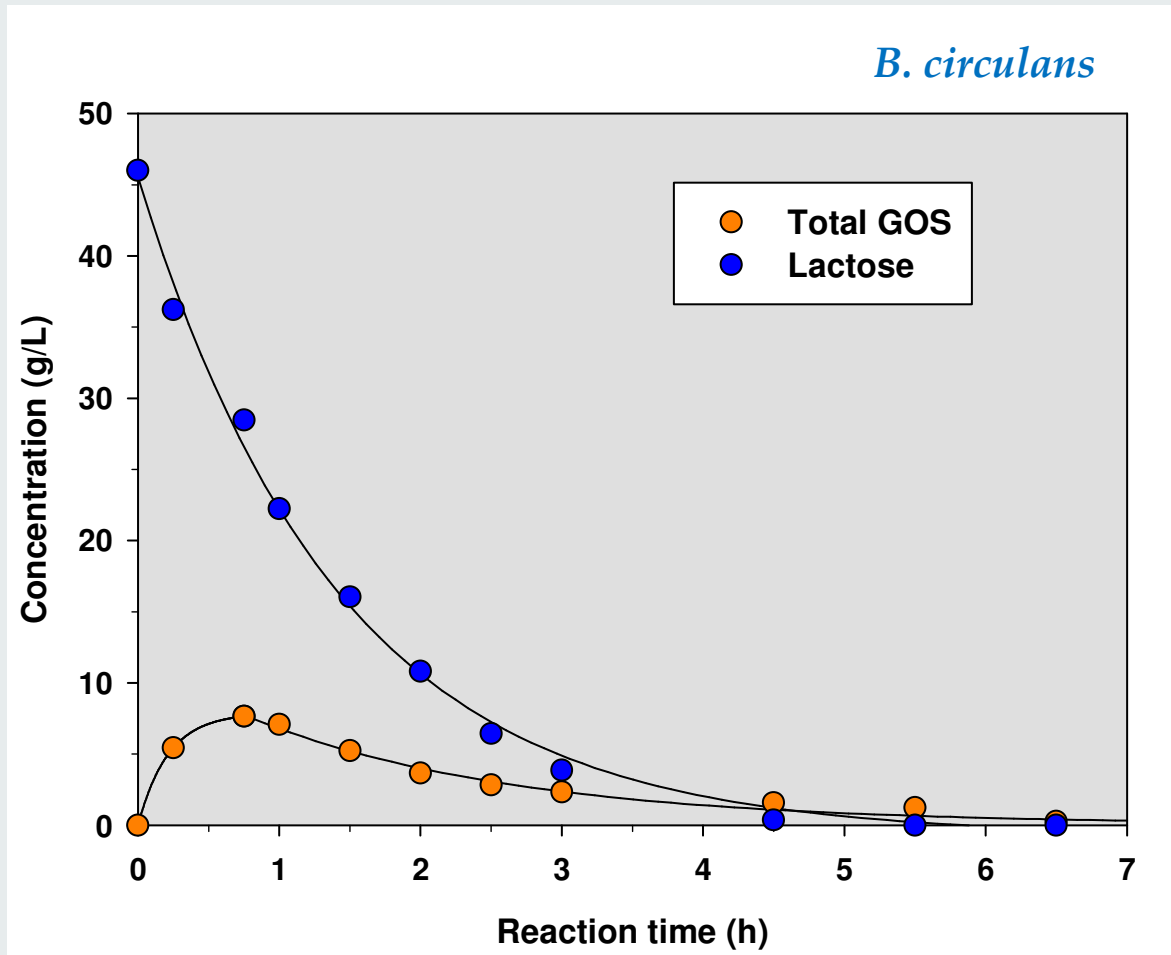


Reaction conditions:

46 g/L lactose  
pH of milk 6.7  
Enzyme dosage of 0.1% (v/v)  
40°C and 4°C

Analysis by HPAEC-PAD

## GOS formation during enzymatic hydrolysis of lactose in skim milk with *B. circulans* $\beta$ -galactosidase



Maximum GOS at 0.75 h

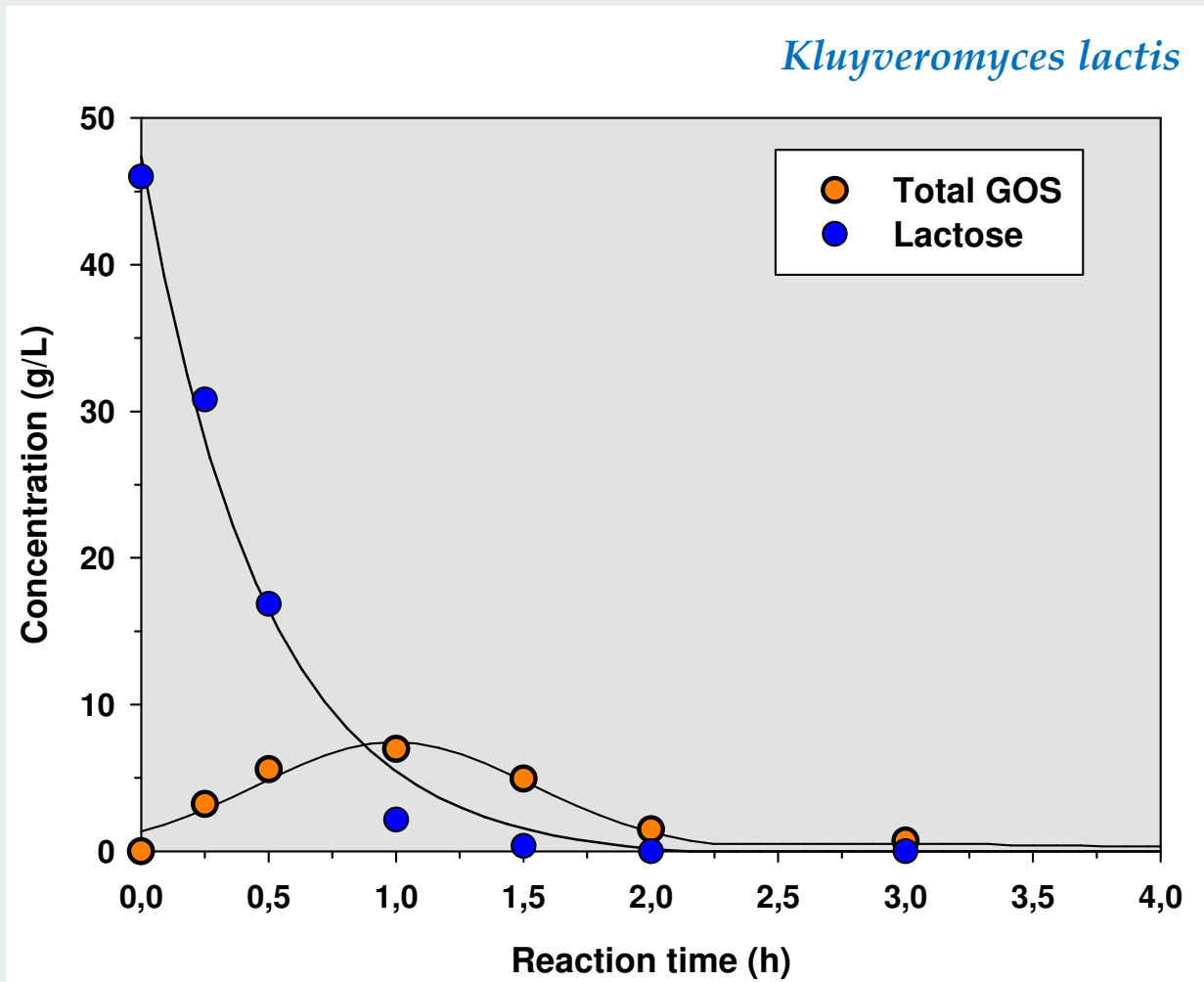
Lact 28.1 g/L

GOS<sub>tot</sub> 7.6 g/L

GOS maximum at 40-50% of lactose conversion



## GOS formation during enzymatic hydrolysis of lactose with *K. lactis* $\beta$ -galactosidase



Maximum GOS at 1 h

Lactose: 2.1 g/L

GOS<sub>tot</sub>: 7.0 g/L

GOS maximum at 95% of lactose conversion

# **Will Isomalto-Oligosaccharides, a Well-Established Functional Food in Asia, Break through the European and American Market? The Status of Knowledge on these Prebiotics**

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**Advantages over FOS and GOS**



**Higher pH and thermal stability**



**Lower levels of intestinal gas**

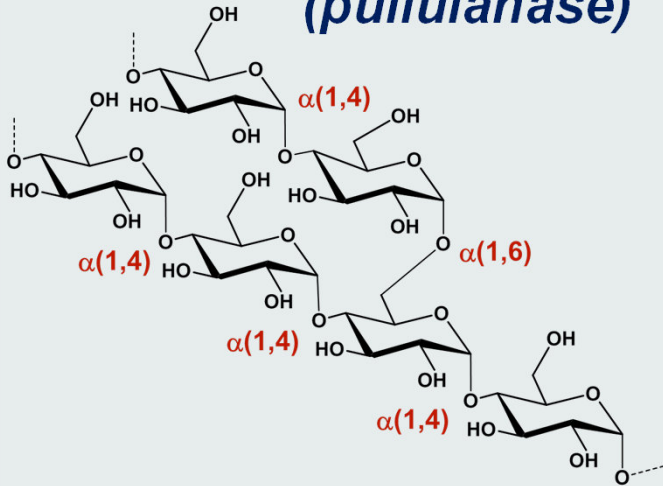
**Starch**

*$\alpha$ -amylase*

**Partially hydrolyzed starch**

*Debranching enzymes  
(pullulanase)*

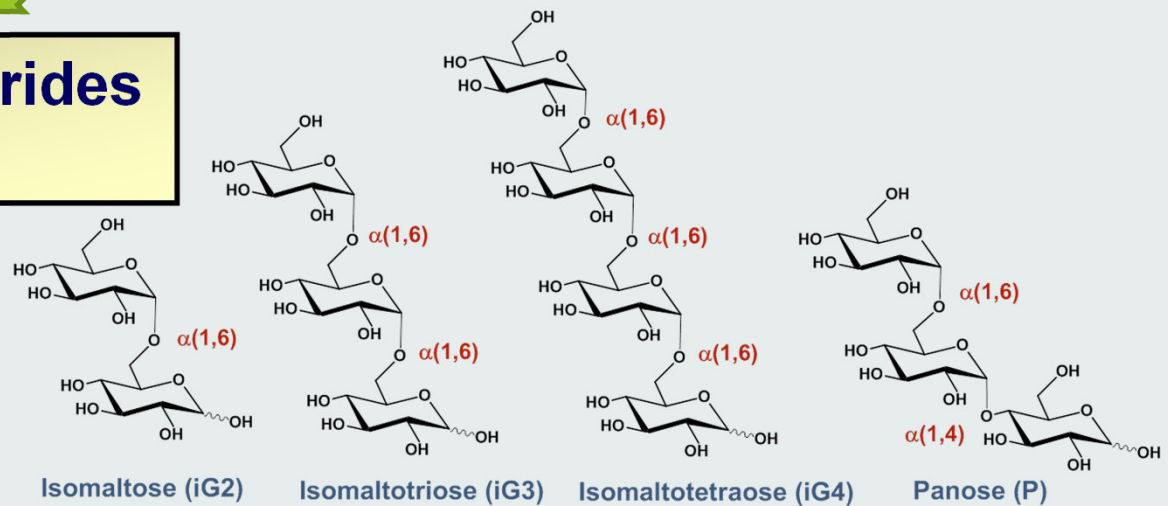
*Maltogenic enzyme  
( $\beta$ -amylase)*



**Maltose-enriched syrup**

*$\alpha$ -glucosidase*

**Isomaltooligosaccharides  
(IMOS)**



1. We have developed several processes for fructooligosaccharides (FOS) production from sucrose or inulin using  $\beta$ -fructofuranosidases or inulinases, respectively.
2. Operational stability of  $\beta$ -fructofuranosidase from *A. aculeatus* entrapped in dried alginate beads is very significant
3. For galactooligosaccharides (GOS) synthesis, *K. lactis*  $\beta$ -galactosidase forms basically  $\beta(1\rightarrow6)$  linkages and gives rise to a mixture of di- and trisaccharides.
4. *K. lactis*  $\beta$ -galactosidase forms maximum GOS yield in milk of 7 g/L at 95% lactose removal, a value close to the HMOs content of human milk.
5. We have develop cascade strategies for isomaltooligosaccharides (IMOS) from starch involving several amylytic enzymes.

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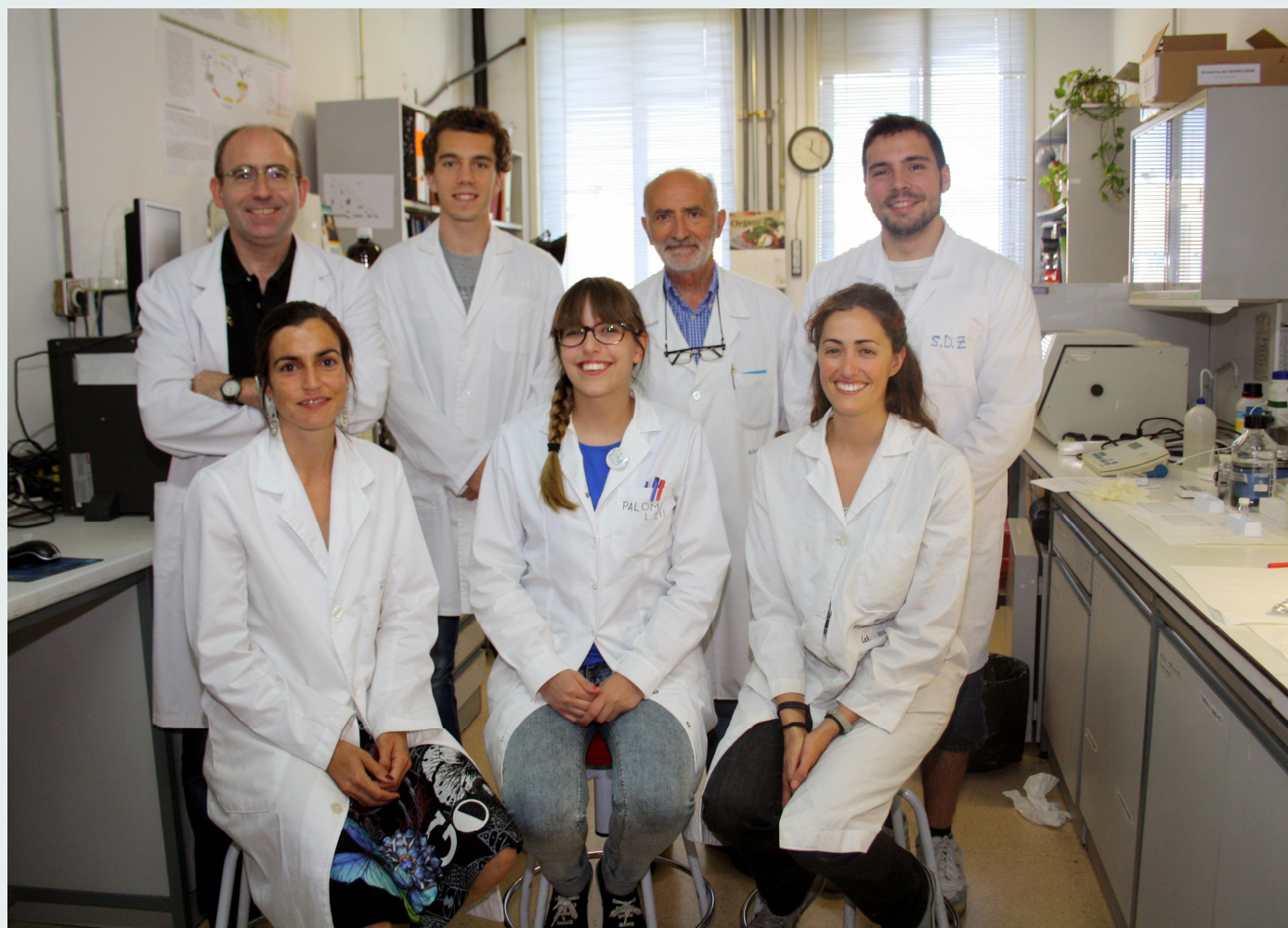
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