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# AQS104: Biochemistry

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AQS104 BIOCHEMISTRY: Weekly Programme	
<b>1. Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The foundations of biochemistry</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>	<b>8. Week:</b> Principles of metabolic regulation The citric acid cycle
<b>2. Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amino acids, peptides, and proteins</li> <li>The three-dimensional structure of proteins</li> </ul>	<b>9. Week:</b> Fatty acid catabolism Aino acid oxidation and the production of urea
<b>3. Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protein function</li> <li>Enzymes</li> </ul>	<b>10. Week:</b> Oxidative phosphorylation and photophosphorylation Carbohydrate biosynthesis in plants and bacteria
<b>4. Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carbohydrates and Glycobiology</li> <li>Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids</li> </ul>	<b>11. Week:</b> Lipid biosynthesis Biosynthesis of amino acids, nucleotides, and related molecules
<b>5. Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNA-based information technologies</li> <li>Lipids</li> </ul>	<b>12. Week:</b> Hormonal regulation and integration of mammalian metabolism Genes and chromosomes
<b>6. Week:</b> Biological membranes and transport Biosignaling	<b>13. Week:</b> DNA metabolism RNA metabolism
<b>7. Week:</b> Bioenergetics and biochemical reaction types Glycolysis, gluconeogenesis, and the pentose phosphate pathway	<b>14. Week:</b> Protein metabolism Regulation of gene expression

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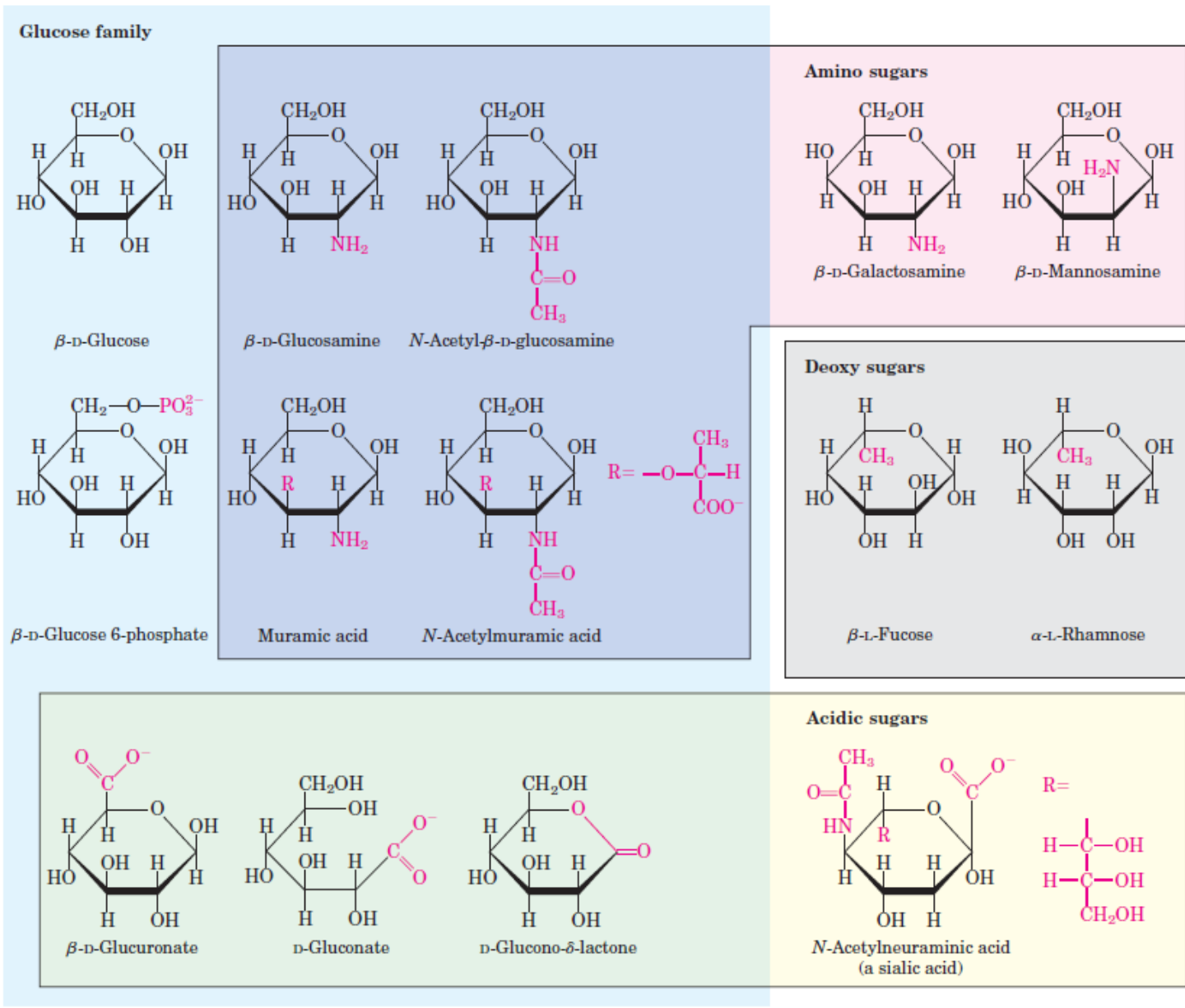
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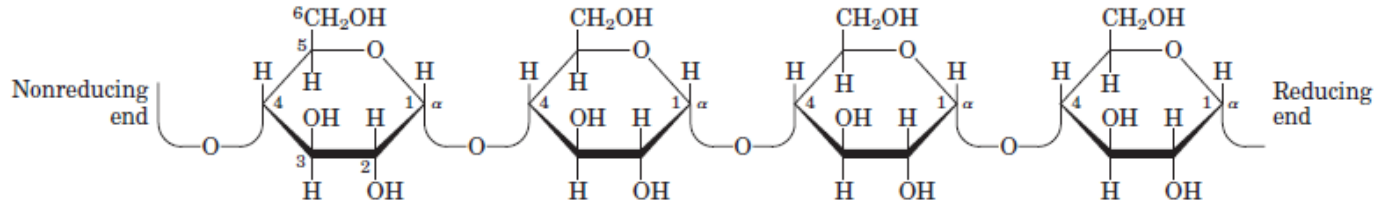
Carbohydrates and Glycobiology

Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids

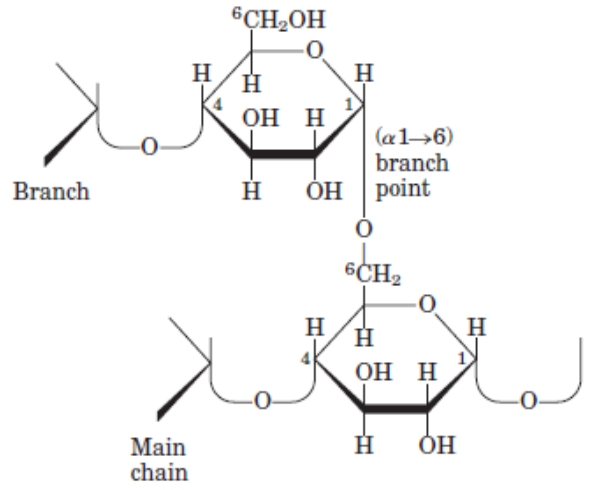
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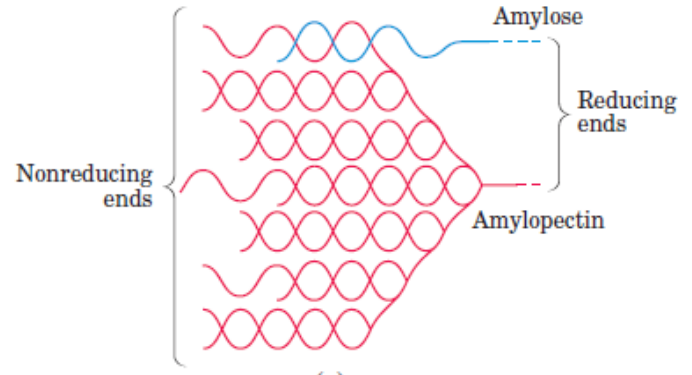




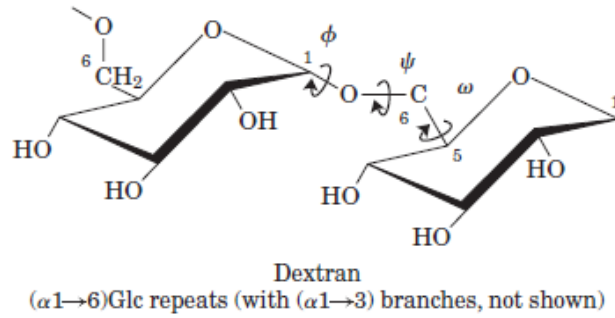
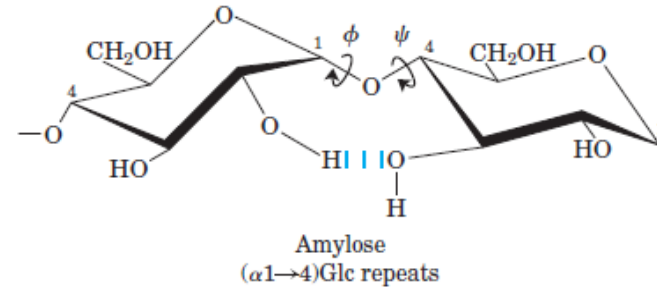
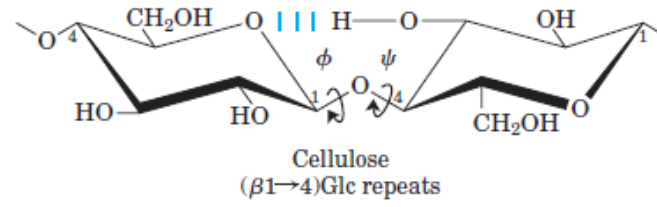
(a) Amylose

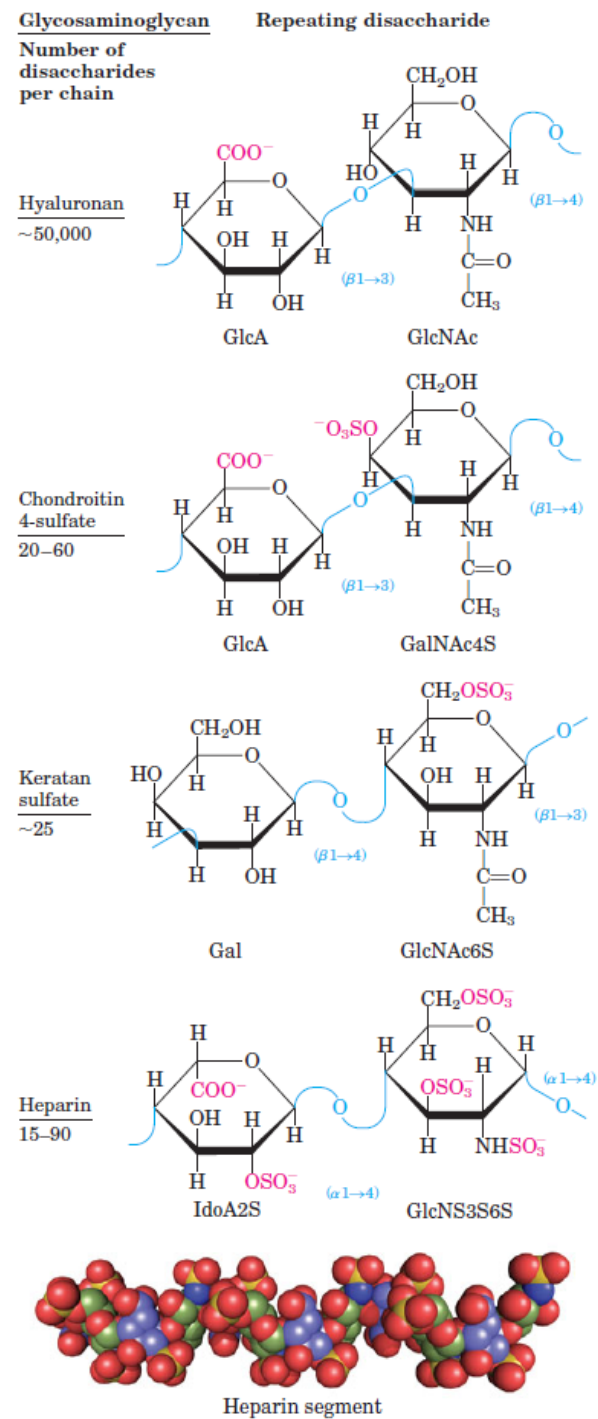


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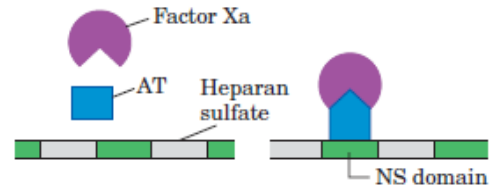


Polymer	Type*	Repeating unit†	Size (number of monosaccharide units)	Roles/significance
Starch				Energy storage: in plants
Amylose	Homo-	( $\alpha$ 1→4)Glc, linear	50–5,000	
Amylopectin	Homo-	( $\alpha$ 1→4)Glc, with ( $\alpha$ 1→6)Glc branches every 24–30 residues	Up to 10 <sup>6</sup>	
Glycogen	Homo-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

\*Each polymer is classified as a homopolysaccharide (homo-) or heteropolysaccharide (hetero-).

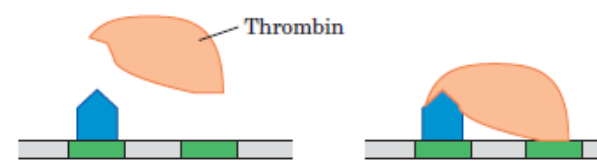
†The abbreviated names for the peptidoglycan, agarose, and hyaluronan repeating units indicate that the polymer contains repeats of this disaccharide unit. For example, in peptidoglycan, the GlcNAc of one disaccharide unit is ( $\beta$ 1→4)-linked to the first residue of the next disaccharide unit.

(a) Conformational activation



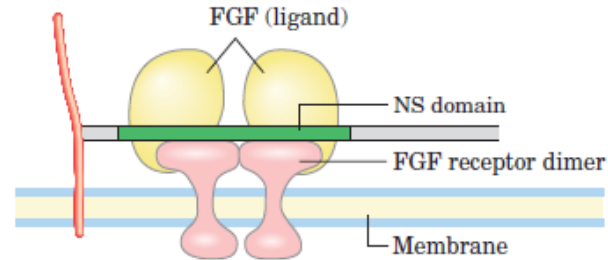
A conformational change induced in the protein antithrombin (AT) on binding a specific pentasaccharide NS domain allows its interaction with blood clotting factor Xa, preventing clotting.

(b) Enhanced protein-protein interaction



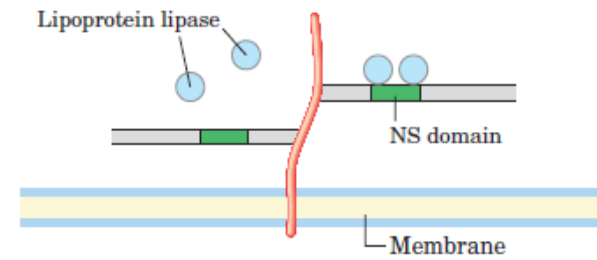
Binding of AT and thrombin to two adjacent NS domains brings the two proteins into close proximity, favoring their interaction, which inhibits blood clotting.

(c) Coreceptor for extracellular ligands



NS domains interact with both the fibroblast growth factor (FGF) and its receptor, bringing the oligomeric complex together and increasing the effectiveness of a low concentration of FGF.

(d) Cell surface localization/concentration



The high density of negative charges in heparan sulfate attracts positively charged lipoprotein lipase molecules and holds them by electrostatic and sequence-specific interactions with NS domains.

