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previously unknown associations with several key clinicopathological features.
 Importantly, focused analyses of the multi-omics data unveiled two *N*-glycans and three *N*-glycopeptides that were closely associated with patient survival. This study provides novel
 insight into the complex OSCC tissue *N*-glycoproteome forming an important resource to
 further explore the underpinning disease mechanisms and uncover new prognostic glyco markers for OSCC.

#### 55 **Teaser**

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56 Deep survey of the dynamic landscape of complex sugars in oral tumours paves a way for 57 new prognostic disease markers.

#### 59 ABBREVIATIONS

ACN: acetonitrile; DTT: dithiothreitol; EIC: extracted ion chromatogram; EPPS: N-(2-60 hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-(3-propanesulfonic acid); FA: formic acid; FDR: false 61 discovery rate; FFPE: formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded; FWHM: full width half 62 63 maximum; HCD: higher energy collision-induced dissociation; HLB: hydrophilic lipophilic-balanced; IAA: iodoacetamide; LC: liquid chromatography; LTQ: linear trap 64 quadrupole; MS: mass spectrometry; NO: absence of lymph node metastasis; N+: presence 65 of lymph node metastasis; NCE: normalised collision energy; OSCC: oral squamous cell 66 carcinoma; PGC: porous graphitised carbon; PMSF: phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride; PSM: 67 peptide-to-spectrum match; PVDF: polyvinylidene fluoride; SPE: solid phase extraction; 68 TFA, trifluoroacetic acid; TIC: total ion chromatogram; ZIC-HILIC: zwitterionic 69 hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography. 70

#### 72 MAIN TEXT

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#### 74 Introduction

Oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) is the most common type of head and neck cancer 75 (1). With more than 377,000 new cases and 170,000 deaths annually worldwide, OSCC is an 76 aggressive disease with a dishearteningly low five-year survival rate of 50% (2, 3), mainly due to 77 lymph node metastasis and loco-regional failures. OSCC prognostication is currently based on the 78 clinical staging system of tumour-lymph node-metastasis (TNM system) of the disease. However, 79 this system has several flaws, as patients assigned with the same TNM stage may present with 80 different clinical features and experience different outcomes (4, 5). Thus, identification of 81 82 molecular signatures that may assist in a more precise staging and prognosis of patients with OSCC is urgent needed. 83

84 Histopathological analysis of formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissues remains the 85 principal method for diagnosis and prognosis of OSCC patients (6, 7). FFPE tissue slides preserve the cellular morphology and molecular features of the tumour tissues, and have therefore been 86 explored as a source for biomarker investigations (8, 9). We recently used sensitive mass 87 88 spectrometry (MS)-based proteomics to map different areas of FFPE tissues from OSCC patients, which revealed key proteins with potential prognostic value as demonstrated by their associations 89 90 with various clinicopathological parameters; the prognostic value of these proteins was also 91 demonstrated by targeted proteomics of saliva from OSCC patients with and without lymph node 92 metastasis (10). Our findings also revealed that specific glycoproteins i.e. ITGAV and COL6A1 from the tumour stroma, and COL1A2 from tumour cells associate with lymph node metastasis and 93 94 type of disease treatment, which collectively point to the involvement of protein glycosylation in 95 OSCC and suggest that glycoprofiling may augment OSCC prognostication.

Despite the growing list of candidate biomarkers reported for oral cancer, none has to date been implemented to aid the clinical decision-making, but further evaluation studies are underway and may eventually provide a path towards clinically robust biomarkers for improved disease management (11).

Evidence is emerging that not only the protein abundance, but also the glycosylation 100 patterns and levels of the underlying glycosylation enzymes, are altered in OSCC (12, 13). 101 Moreover, glycosylation changes have previously been associated with altered adhesion behaviour, 102 103 migration and metastasis of oral cancer cells as well as OSCC disease progression (13-15). Aberrant N-glycosylation of E-cadherin, a key marker of epithelial mesenchymal transition in 104 105 cancer development (16), and reduced adhesion of human salivary epidermoid carcinoma cells were found to result from the overexpression of dolichol-P-dependent N-acetylglucosamine-1-phosphate 106 transferase (DPAGT1), an enzyme that initiates the synthesis of the lipid-linked oligosaccharide 107 precursor for protein N-glycosylation in the endoplasmic reticulum (17). Overexpression of 108 DPAGT1 detected in specimens from resected OSCC tumours in the oral cavity was also found to 109 be associated with an aberrant activation of the canonical Wnt signalling pathway that contributes 110 to the development and progression of many human cancers (14, 18, 19). Moreover, site-specific 111 glycoprofiling of a gingival carcinoma cell line uncovered elevated sialylation and reduced 112 fucosylation relative to a non-cancerous oral epithelial cell line from gingiva (20). The study also 113 114 revealed that B7-H3 (also known as B7 homolog 3 or CD276 isoform 1) knockdown suppresses tumour cell proliferation, and that B7-H3 restoration enhances tumour growth. Finally, elevated 115 sialidase activity was observed in saliva of oral cancer patients as compared to healthy individuals 116 and patients with precancerous conditions (21). While these studies collectively indicate that 117 aberrant protein glycosylation is linked to the onset and progression of oral cancer, altered 118 glycosylation has not previously been associated with patient prognosis including lymph node 119 metastasis status and survival outcome. 120

Herein, we employ an integrative glyco-centric multi-omics approach to quantitatively 121 profile the heterogenous N-glycoproteome in tumour tissues from OSCC patients with (N+) or 122 123 without (N0) lymph node metastasis to establish the glycan fine structures, their site-specific microheterogeneity, and their disease dynamics. Our study is the first to unpick the OSCC N-124 glycoproteome; we report on novel associations between altered N-glycosylation and key clinical 125 features including lymph node metastasis and patient survival, and provide a comprehensive 126 resource to further explore the underpinning disease mechanisms and uncover new disease markers 127 for OSCC. 128

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#### 131 **Results**

## Comprehensive *N*-glycoprofiling of OSCC tumours from patients with and without lymph node metastasis

This study applied an integrative MS-driven multi-omics approach comprising both quantitative glycomics and glycoproteomics to comprehensively profile the protein *N*-glycosylation in FFPE tumour tissues surgically removed from 31 patients operated with curative intent due to OSCC, including patients with (N+, n = 19) and without (N0, n = 12) lymph node metastasis, Figure 1 and Supplementary Figure S1. See Supplementary Table S1-S2 for patient metadata and overview of the generated LC-MS/MS datasets, respectively.

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#### 141 Comparative *N*-glycome profiling of OSCC tissues from N+ and N0 patients

State-of-the-art quantitative *N*-glycomics of proteins extracted from the OSCC tumour tissues was used to profile, with glycan fine structural resolution, a total of 83 *N*-glycan structures spanning 52 *N*-glycan compositions (denoted Glycan 1-52 with isomers denoted a, b, c...). See Supplementary Figure S2 for a map of the identified *N*-glycan structures and Supplementary Table S3 and Supplementary File S1 for tabulated glycomics data and spectral evidence, respectively.

Mainly complex (38.7-61.5%), oligomannosidic (18.3-36.5%) and paucimannosidic (9.8-147 31.9%) N-glycans were identified across the OSCC tumour tissues, Figure 2A and Supplementary 148 Figure S3. Despite minor fold-change differences between N+ and N0 patients (-0.82 to 0.94), no 149 prominent differences were observed in the N-glycan type distribution nor in the common N-glycan 150 structural features such as the degree of branching and levels of fucosylation and sialylation (all p 151 152  $\geq$  0.05), Figure 2B. Uniform global N-glycosylation across the N0 and N+ tissues was further demonstrated using pair-wise N-glycome correlation analysis, PCA and hierarchical clustering 153 analysis, Supplementary Figure S4 and Supplementary Table S4. 154

Despite notable *N*-glycome similarities, differential expression was observed for six individual *N*-glycan structures (p < 0.05) including one down-regulated *N*-glycan (Glycan 34) and five up-regulated *N*-glycans (Glycan 20a, Glycan 40a, Glycan 45b, Glycan 46a, Glycan 49b) in N+ compared to N0 tissues, Supplementary Table S3. Interestingly, these differentially expressed *N*glycans were able to accurately stratify the N0 and N+ patients with confidence using a logistic regression model (AUC values ranging from 67.5-85.5%), and, in part, also by a random forest model (AUC values from 49.1% to 70.2%), Supplementary Figure S5.

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#### 163 **Comparative** *N*-glycoproteome profiling of OSCC tumour tissues from N+ and N0 patients

Guided by the acquired *N*-glycomics data, we then explored the glycoproteome complexity of the OSCC tumour tissues using our recently developed glycomics-informed glycoproteomics method (22). A total of 3,117 unique *N*-glycopeptides (i.e. glycopeptides carrying a discrete glycan composition at a discrete site) displaying 55 different *N*-glycan compositions from 419 different source *N*-glycoproteins spanning a wide dynamic range were profiled across the OSSC tissue cohort, Figure 3A and Supplementary Table S5-S6.

In line with the N-glycome data, most N-glycopeptides carried complex/hybrid (67.9%) or 170 oligomannosidic (28.6%) N-glycans, Figure 3B. The under-representation of paucimannosidic N-171 glycopeptides in the glycoproteomics data (1.8%) relative to the considerable levels found in the 172 N-glycome (18.4%) can likely be attributed to inefficient HILIC-SPE enrichment of these less 173 hydrophilic N-glycopeptides (unpublished observation). Recapitulating findings from the N-174 glycome data, the glycoproteomics data did not reveal any consistent differences in the N-glycan 175 type distribution, Figure 3C, and the global N-glycoproteome, Supplementary Figure S6, between 176 the N0 and N+ patients. Providing further insights into the OSCC tumour tissue N-glycoproteome 177 complexity, the glycoproteomics data also revealed that most *N*-glycosites (70%) carried more than 178 one discrete N-glycan composition (25% of sites were decorated with  $\geq$ 5 glycan compositions) 179 while most N-glycoproteins (58%) were identified with only one occupied N-glycosylation site, 180 Figure 3D. 181

Despite the relatively uniform N-glycoproteome across the N0 and N+ patients, a total of 182 79 N-glycopeptides from 56 source N-glycoproteins were found to be quantitatively altered between 183 the two patient groups (p < 0.05) including 57 N-glycopeptides from 43 source N-glycoproteins that 184 were elevated and 22 N-glycopeptides from 14 source N-glycoproteins of lower abundance in N+ 185 relative to N0 tissues, Supplementary Table S5. Excitingly, all 79 N-glycopeptides demonstrated a 186 notable potential to stratify N0 and N+ OSCC patients (AUC-ROC >60% by logistic regression 187 model), Supplementary Table S7. In support, a high proportion of these N-glycopeptides (50 N-188 glycopeptides, 63.3%) were also found to stratify the patient groups with an AUC-ROC >60% using 189 a random forest model. 190

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### 192 N-glycosylation-guided clustering of OSCC patients

To further investigate the relatively subtle yet consistent differences in *N*-glycosylation found within the investigated OSCC tumour tissue cohort, the obtained *N*-glycome and *N*glycoproteome data were then interrogated using advanced data analysis and visualisation methods. Unsupervised hierarchical clustering of the *N*-glycome data revealed two major tumour clusters (T-C1 and T-C2) and two major *N*-glycan clusters (NG-C1 and NG-C2), Figure 4A. Within the NG-C1 cluster, altered distribution of all *N*-glycan classes were found between T-C1 and T-C2, while in NG-C2 differences in the distribution of paucimannosidic and complex *N*-glycans, but not oligomannosidic *N*-glycans, were observed between the two tumour clusters (p < 0.05) (note that the other glycan classes were not observed in NG-C2), Figure 4B.

Similarly, unsupervised hierarchical clustering of the *N*-glycoproteome data revealed two main tumour clusters (T-C1 and T-C2) and two *N*-glycopeptide clusters (IG-C1 and IG-C2), Figure 5A. Differences in expression of highly truncated, oligomannosidic and complex/hybrid *N*-glycans were identified between T-C1 and T-C2 in IG-C1, while only the highly truncated *N*-glycans exhibited differences between the two tumour clusters in IG-C2, Figure 5B.

To explore potential biological roles of the source N-glycoproteins identified within each 207 N-glycopeptide cluster, pathway enrichment analyses were performed. Extracellular matrix 208 209 organisation was the most enriched biological process in both N-glycopeptide clusters (FDR adjusted  $p = 9.4 \times 10^{-36}$  in IG-C1 and  $p = 3.6 \times 10^{-45}$  in IG-C2), followed by platelet degranulation 210 in IG-C1 (FDR adjusted  $p = 1.1 \times 10^{-20}$ ) and neutrophil degranulation in IG-C2 (FDR adjusted p =211 2.0 x 10<sup>-21</sup>) when comparing T-C1 and T-C2, Supplementary Figure S7A. We then tested for 212 differential N-glycan class distribution within these highly enriched pathways, which demonstrated 213 altered expression of highly truncated N-glycans decorating proteins involved with platelet 214 215 degranulation within IG-C1, and showed altered pauci- and oligomannosidic N-glycosylation on proteins involved in neutrophil degranulation within IG-C2, Supplementary Figure S7B. 216

Associations between *N*-glycoproteome components, clinical features and biological processes
 The six *N*-glycans and 79 *N*-glycopeptides found to be differentially expressed in N0 and
 N+ patients were then evaluated for associations with a range of clinical features.

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Unsupervised hierarchical clustering of the expression data of the six *N*-glycan structures revealed two new distinct tumour groups that displayed differences in vascular invasion (p = 0.049, Fisher's Exact Test) and lymph node (N) status (p = 0.039, Pearson Chi-Square test), Figure 6A-B. In contrast, the two tumour groups formed by the 79 *N*-glycopeptides differed in terms of N status (p = 0.0078), tumour size (p = 0.0169, both Fisher's Exact Test) and type of treatment received by the OSCC patient (p = 0.0354, Pearson Chi-Square), Figure 6C-D.

227 To investigate whether N-glycosylation was associated to specific biological processes, cellular compartments and molecular function, we searched for enriched gene ontology (GO) terms 228 within the IG-C1 and IG-C2 N-glycopeptide clusters. This analysis revealed significant enrichment 229 of extracellular matrix organisation and cell-matrix adhesion in IG-C1, while 'negative regulation 230 of blood coagulation' and 'fibrinolysis' were enriched in IG-C2, Figure 6E. Proteins from IG-C1 231 were enriched in 'focal adhesion' and 'collagen-containing extracellular matrix' compartments, and 232 were involved in 'protease binding' and 'cell-matrix adhesion mediator activity', whereas proteins 233 234 from IG-C2 showed trends of being of platelet and secretory granule origins, and involved in protein binding. 235

#### 237 Specific OSCC *N*-glycans and *N*-glycopeptides associate with key clinical outcomes

In total 25 of the 79 N-glycopeptides that displayed differential abundance between N0 and 238 N+ patients were found to correlate with distinct clinicopathological features, Supplementary 239 Figure S8. Amongst them were five N-glycopeptides all carrying Glycan 40a (but arising from five 240 different source glycoproteins), which associated with lymph node status and surgical margin 241 involvement (23), Figure 7A. Surprisingly, three of the source N-glycoproteins (BTN3A1, 242 SIGLEC1 and PLTP) were not identified in the global proteomics data, Supplementary Table S6. 243 Moreover, while the *N*-glycopeptide from COL6A3 was less abundant in tumours from N+ patients, 244 the source glycoprotein was found in higher levels in these individuals. Finally, ITGB6, whose 245

glycopeptide was more abundant in N+ patients, displayed reduced protein abundance in this
condition, observations that collectively indicate separate protein and glycan regulation in OSCC,
Figure 7B.

Notably, Kaplan-Meier plots showed that relatively high levels of Glycan 40a and Glycan 46a were associated with a relatively poor patient survival, Figure 7C. The potential prognostic value of Glycan 40a and 46a was supported by their ability to stratify N0 and N+ patients as demonstrated by high ROC-AUC values (AUC 78.1 for Glycan 40a and AUC 85.5 for Glycan 46a, both by logistic regression model), Supplementary Figure S5.

Similarly, three *N*-glycopeptides that displayed abundance differences between N0 and N+ 254 showed an association with patient survival, Figure 7D. Specifically, higher abundance of a 255 fibronectin peptide (P02751) carrying an M9 oligomannosidic N-glycan (Glycan 14) was found to 256 associate with lower patient survival, while reduced levels of a CD59 peptide (P13987) carrying a 257 fucosylated complex N-glycan (Glycan 35) and an afamin peptide (P43652) carrying a related non-258 259 fucosylated N-glycan variant (Glycan 31) were associated with lower patient survival. These three *N*-glycopeptides also demonstrated an ability to stratify N0 and N+ patients as demonstrated by 260 ROC analysis, Supplementary Figure S9. 261

Taken together, unbiased and global as well as targeted interrogations of our quantitative N-glycome and N-glycoproteome data pointed to previously unknown associations between OSCC tumour N-glycosylation and key clinical outcomes including, most importantly, lymph node metastasis and patient survival.

## 267268 **Discussion**

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Previous studies have investigated the glycosylation patterns in oral cancer within diverse 269 biological specimens including in cell lines (12, 20), tumour tissues (24), saliva (13, 21, 25), blood 270 271 (13), plasma (26) and serum (27, 28) in attempts to uncover changes related to cell transformation (12) and with disease progression (13). Most of those studies evaluated the total levels of specific 272 glycans or glycan features (13, 21, 24, 26) using relatively simple analytical techniques such as 273 274 lectin-based strategies (24, 26, 27) and MALDI-MS profiling (12, 20, 27, 28) not able to survey the glycoproteome in an unbiased and quantitative manner with glycan fine structure and site-specific 275 information (29). Our study is the first to use integrated glycomics and glycoproteomics to provide 276 277 detailed insights into the heterogenous N-glycoproteome of OSCC tumour tissues obtained from a valuable cohort of patients with and without lymph node metastasis, a principal prognostic factor 278 in OSCC (3, 30, 31). 279

To allow for a comprehensive examination of the global *N*-glycosylation of OSCC tumour 280 tissues using our glycomics-informed glycoproteomics method (22), we firstly obtained 281 quantitative N-glycomics data which served to establish a detailed N-glycome profile and inform a 282 customised *N*-glycan database to aid the challenging downstream glycoproteomics data analysis. 283 284 Intuitively, tailoring the glycan database reduces the search space resulting in lower glycopeptide FDRs and reduced search times (32) and ultimately more accurate quantitative information of the 285 protein carriers, site occupancy (macroheterogeneity), and site distribution (microheterogeneity) of 286 287 *N*-glycosylation, Figure 1 and Supplementary Figure S1.

We found surprisingly few global differences in the *N*-glycome between the N+ and N0 patient groups including in the *N*-glycan class distribution and *N*-glycosylation features (core fucosylation, sialylation and branching) suggesting a relative stable glycosylation machinery during lymph node metastasis, Figure 2B. Related studies have reported more dramatic glycan differences including altered sialylation, fucosylation and branching when comparing OSCC patients with healthy donors (*24*, *28*) suggesting that disease onset rather than disease progression (involving lymph node metastasis) has a stronger influence on glycan remodelling. 295 Six sialic acid-capped N-glycans (displayed in Figure 6A) showed different expression between N+ and N0 tumour tissues. These six N-glycans appeared structurally (and thus 296 biosynthetically) unrelated, suggesting that alteration in the abundance and/or activity of multiple 297 glycosylation enzymes from a diversity of cellular/tissue origins may contribute to the subtle glycan 298 remodelling observed upon lymph node metastasis. While their altered expression patterns remain 299 300 mechanistically unexplained, the six differentially expressed N-glycans exhibited an interesting capacity to accurately stratify the N+ and N0 patient groups with confidence (AUC values > 60%), 301 302 Supplementary Figure S5.

Bisecting GlcNAcylated N-glycans were consistently observed in the OSCC tumour tissue 303 N-glycome (albeit at relatively low abundance) as confirmed by their early PGC-LC elution and 304 prominent D- and D-GlcNAc fragment ions (33). Aberrant expression of bisecting N-glycans has 305 repeatedly been reported as a feature of human cancers (34) including in colorectal cancer (35), 306 prostate cancer (22), breast cancer (36) and, importantly, in oral cancer (37). Contrasting these 307 308 reports, our N-glycome and N-glycoproteome data did not reveal any differences in bisecting GlcNAcylation across the N0 and N+ tumour tissues indicating that bisecting GlcNAc is not 309 involved directly in the risk of lymph node metastasis in OSCC. 310

311 With a total of 3,117 identified N-glycopeptides from 419 source glycoproteins, the OSCC tumour tissue N-glycoproteome displayed an extreme complexity and dynamic range, Figure 3. 312 Recapitulating the stable N-glycome, no striking global N-glycoproteome differences were 313 314 observed between the N0 and N+ tumour tissues. Only 79 N-glycopeptides (~2.5%) were found to be altered between the N0 and N+ patient groups and, similarly to the regulated N-glycans, these 315 appeared biosynthetically unrelated spanning all N-glycan classes and belonging to different source 316 proteins supporting that lymph node metastasis is a complex process that is not limited to the 317 dysregulation of only a single glycosylation enzyme from a single cellular origin. Importantly, the 318 79 N-glycopeptides demonstrated a notable potential to accurately stratify N+ from N0 patients, 319 320 Supplementary Table S7.

Seeking to mine the information-rich N-glycome and N-glycoproteome data further, 321 unsupervised clustering revealed distinct tumor clusters that displayed interesting differences in the 322 *N*-glycan class distribution including pauci- and oligomannosidic *N*-glycans, Figure 4A-B. While 323 less explored relative to the more widely recognised cancer-associated changes in the 324 complex/hybrid-type N-glycans and related features such as fucosylation and sialylation (15, 38, 325 39), we and others have recently shown that both pauci- and oligomannosylation are important N-326 glycan features altered in a wide range of human cancers (40, 41). The altered expression of these 327 mannose-terminating N-glycans across the tumour clusters implies regulation, and possibly 328 functional involvement, of the family of  $\alpha$ -mannosidases (40, 42) and  $\beta$ -hexosaminidases (43, 44) 329 in OSCC, speculations which require further exploration. 330

Through enrichment analysis, we investigated biological functions of the glycoproteins 331 localising to each glycopeptide cluster, and observed extracellular matrix (ECM) organisation, and 332 333 platelet and neutrophil degranulation being enriched processes, Supplementary Figure S7. ECM remodelling has repeatedly been linked to cancer development and progression, including changes 334 in the abundance and composition of ECM components, post-translational modifications (e.g. 335 glycosylation) (38, 45), and proteolytic activity, with several studies pointing to tumour-driven 336 changes in the ECM supporting tumour growth, tumour cell migration and metastatic processes 337 (46, 47). Further, platelet degranulation has been associated with cancer metastasis, possibly 338 through the release of platelet factors that can enhance vascular permeability, and consequently 339 promote tumour cell extravasation (48, 49). Finally, elevated neutrophil degranulation observed in 340 a subset of the OSCC tumour tissues not only aligns with robust literature pointing to the 341 involvement of neutrophils in tumour progression (50), but also provide a possible mechanistic 342 explanation for the N-glycan differences observed between the tumour clusters including altered 343 expression of paucimannosidic and highly truncated (chitobiose core) N-glycans. Neutrophils are 344

namely known to store and upon activation secrete bioactive and highly unusual *N*-glycoproteins carrying paucimannosidic and chitobiose core type *N*-glycans as we have demonstrated (51-54). Infiltration of neutrophils in tumours (tumour-associated neutrophils) has been described in many cancers (55), including oral cancer, in which high neutrophil counts have been associated with poor clinical outcomes (56). In an early study, Wang *et al.* (57) identified that tongue squamous cell carcinomas exhibiting high neutrophil infiltration displayed increased lymph node metastasis, more advanced clinical stage and increased risk of tumour recurrence.

352 Interesting associations between key clinical features and two well-separated N-glycan- and N-glycopeptide-guided tumour clusters were identified through advanced clustering analysis. In 353 addition to the association with the lymph node status, the N-glycan-guided tumour clusters 354 informed by Glycan 20a, Glycan 34, Glycan 40a, Glycan 45b, Glycan 46a, and Glycan 49b were 355 associated with vascular invasion, Figure 6A-B. Likewise, the two N-glycopeptide-informed 356 tumour clusters contained patients that exhibited different tumour size and that received different 357 358 treatments, Figure 6C-D. Moreover, correlation analysis of the 79 differentially expressed Nglycopeptides revealed associations with 1) the presence of perineural invasion, an important 359 indicator of poor prognosis in oral cancer (58), 2) extracapsular extension, which is associated with 360 361 poor prognosis and increased risk of recurrence and survival in head and neck cancers (1, 59), 3) the WPOI (worst pattern of invasion) score used for histological risk assessment in oral cancer (60), 362 amongst other key clinical patient features, Supplementary Table S8 and Supplementary Figure S8. 363

Amongst the 25 N-glycopeptides associated with clinicopathological features, five were 364 identified to carry Glycan 40a (a mono- $\alpha 2$ ,6-sialylated core fucosylated complex-type N-glycan), 365 Figure 7A. One of the five Glycan 40a-carrying glycopeptides belongs to BTN3A1 (butyrophilin 366 subfamily 3 member A1 or CD277) and was identified to associate with lymph node status. 367 BTN3A1 plays a well-known role in T-cell activation and in the adaptive immune response, and 368 altered BTN3A1 expression has been reported in different human cancers including in head and 369 370 neck squamous cell carcinoma and in breast cancer (61). Remarkably, BTN3A1 was not detected in our OSCC proteome profile, Figure 7B, but only identified in HILIC-enriched glycoproteome 371 analysis, highlighting the importance of employing multi-omics approaches to obtain a 372 comprehensive coverage and holistic insights in the disease complexity and dynamics. 373

Interestingly, focused analysis of the N-glycome and N-glycoproteome data demonstrated 374 an association between two N-glycans (Glycan 40a and 46a, both mono- $\alpha$ 2,6-sialylated core 375 fucosylated complex-type N-glycans) and three seemingly unrelated neutral N-glycopeptides and 376 low patient survival rate, Figure 7C-D. Powered by our glycomics-assisted glycoproteomics 377 method, the identification of several survival-associated glycans and glycopeptides expands on 378 similar findings made in colorectal cancer (62) and gastric cancer (63), and represents an extremely 379 exciting discovery as it opens for previously unexplored avenues to better prognosticate, monitor 380 and manage patients diagnosed with OSCC. 381

In summary, this is the first study to report on the complexity and dynamics of the OSCC tumour tissue *N*-glycoproteome in patients with and without lymph node metastasis. Our comprehensive and quantitative *N*-glycomics and *N*-glycoproteomics data have unveiled a range of previously unknown associations between protein *N*-glycosylation in OSCC tumour tissues and key patient clinical features and survival outcome, and provide an important publicly-available resource to explore the underpinning disease mechanisms and to uncover potential prognostic glyco-markers for OSCC.

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#### 390 Materials and Methods

#### 391 **OSCC tumour tissues**

The study was approved by the Ethics Review Board of the Cancer Institute of São Paulo (ICESP), Octavio Frias de Oliveira, ICESP, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, and Plataforma Brasil (protocol CAAE 61402116.8.0000.0065). Informed consent was obtained from all patients included in the study. The methods and experimental protocols were performed in accordance with the approved guidelines and regulations. Surgically removed oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) tissues provided as formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissues from a 31-patient cohort collected over a two-year period (2017-18) were investigated. In total, 19 patients presented lymph node metastasis (N+) and 12 patients presented without lymph node metastasis (N0) as determined by histopathology. See Supplementary Table S1 for key clinicopathological data.

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#### 402 **Tissue sample preparation**

Eight histological sections (each 10 µm thick) were prepared for each of the 31 OSCC FFPE tissues. 403 Paraffin blocks were cut using a microtome and the tumour area was assigned by a trained 404 pathologist for manual excision. A total tumour area of 7-8 cm<sup>2</sup> were excised from 3-8 histological 405 sections from each tumour tissue sample and transferred to a microtube for deparaffinization and 406 protein extraction using a published protocol with modifications (64). For paraffin removal, 1 mL 407 408 xylene was added to each sample, mixed for 1 min and centrifuged at 12,000 x g for 15 min at room temperature. The pellet was washed with 1 mL ethanol, mixed for 30 s, centrifuged as above and 409 dried in a vacuum concentrator. Samples were resuspended in 300 µL lysis buffer containing 0.1 410 411 M N-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-(3-propanesulfonic acid) (EPPS), 0.1 M dithiothreitol (DTT), 1 x protease inhibitor cocktail (cOmplete ULTRA Tablets, Mini, EDTA-free, Roche; 1:10), pH 8.5. 412 SDS was added to a final concentration of 4% (w/v) and the samples incubated for 60 min at  $99^{\circ}C$ 413 414 with agitation (400 rpm). Samples were then centrifuged at 15,000 x g for 30 min at 4°C and submitted to ice-cold acetone precipitation with three-fold (v/v) excess acetone for 16 h at -20°C. 415 Following centrifugation at 15,000 x g for 30 min at 4°C, protein pellets were resuspended in 30 416 µL buffer containing 8 M urea, 50 mM EPPS, protease inhibitor cocktail, 1 mM sodium fluoride, 417 1 mM sodium orthovanadate, 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF), 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.5. 418 Protein concentrations were determined by a bicinchoninic acid (BCA) protein assay kit (Thermo 419 420 Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and stored at -20°C until further handling.

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#### 422 *N*-glycan release

Glycans were prepared as described (65). Briefly, the protein extracts (15  $\mu$ g/sample) were 423 blotted on a primed 0.45 µm polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane (Merck-Millipore). Protein 424 spots were stained using Direct Blue (Sigma-Aldrich, Australia), excised and transferred to a flat 425 bottom polypropylene 96-well plate (Corning Life Sciences, Australia), blocked with 1% (w/v) 426 polyvinylpyrrolidone in 50% (v/v) methanol and washed with MilliO water. The N-glycans were 427 then released using 10 U recombinant *Elizabethkingia miricola N*-glycosidase F (Promega, V4831, 428 10 U/ $\mu$ L) for 16 h at 37°C. The detached N-glycans were reduced with 1 M sodium borohydride in 429 50 mM aqueous potassium hydroxide for 3 h at 50°C. The reaction was stopped using glacial acetic 430 acid and the N-glycans desalted sequentially using strong cation exchange (AG 50W X8, Bio-Rad), 431 C18 and porous graphitised carbon (PGC, Thermo Fisher Scientific) solid phase extraction. The 432 desalted *N*-glycan samples were stored at -20°C until analysis. 433

#### 435 *N*-glycome profiling

N-glycomics data were acquired using an established PGC-LC-MS/MS method (65, 66), 436 see Supplementary Table S2 for experimental overview and details of all generated 'omics datasets. 437 The *N*-glycans were separated on an UltiMate 3000 HPLC system (Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA, USA) 438 interfaced with a linear ion trap quadrupole (LTQ) Velos Pro (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA, 439 USA). The glycan samples (3 µL injection volume) were loaded on a PGC HPLC capillary column 440 (Hypercarb KAPPA, 5 µm particle size, 200 Å pore size, 180 µm inner diameter x 100 mm length, 441 442 Thermo Scientific) operated at 50°C with a constant flow rate (4 µL/min) supplemented with a postcolumn make-up flow supplying pure acetonitrile (ACN) delivered by the HPLC system. Aqueous 443 ammonium bicarbonate (10 mM), pH 8.0 (solvent A) and 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate in 70% 444

ACN (solvent B) were used as mobile phases with the following 86 min-gradient: 8 min at 2.6% B, 445 2.6-13.5% B over 2 min, 13.5-37.3% B over 55 min, 37-64% B over 10 min, 64-98% B over 1 min, 446 5 min at 98% B, 98-2.6% B over 1 min and 4 min at 2.6% B. The ESI source was operated in 447 negative ion polarity mode with source potential of 3.6 kV. Full MS1 scans were acquired in the 448 range m/z 570-2,000 using 1 microscan, m/z 0.25 full width half maximum (FWHM) resolution, 5 449  $\times 10^4$  automatic gain control (AGC) and 50 ms maximum accumulation time. MS/MS data were 450 acquired using m/z 0.35 FWHM resolution;  $2 \times 10^4$  AGC, 300 ms maximum accumulation time, 451 and 2 m/z precursor ion isolation window. The five most abundant precursors in each MS1 full scan 452 were selected for collision-induced dissociation (CID)-based MS/MS using a normalised collision 453 energy (NCE) of 33% with an activation Q of 0.250 and 10 ms activation time. To prevent 454 instrument bias, the injection order of the glycan samples from the OSCC patient cohort was 455 randomised (67), using the *psych* package (68) under R (v3.6.0). 456

#### 458 *N*-glycan data analysis

Xcalibur v2.2 (Thermo Scientific) was used to browse and interrogate the raw LC-MS/MS 459 data. Putative glycan precursor ions were extracted using RawMeat v2.1 (Vast Scientific) (22, 69). 460 Common contaminants not matching known N-glycan compositions and redundant precursors were 461 manually removed. The monoisotopic precursors were searched against GlycoMod (70) with a 462 mass tolerance of 0.5 Da to identify putative monosaccharide compositions. Only compositions 463 containing Hex, HexNAc, dHex, NeuAc, and NeuGc were considered and N-glycans already 464 reported in the UniCarbKB database were prioritised. The N-glycan fine structures were manually 465 elucidated using monoisotopic mass, absolute and relative PGC-LC retention time and MS/MS 466 fragmentation patterns as described (33, 71). EIC-based relative quantification of the identified N-467 glycans was performed using Skyline v.20.1.0.31 as described (22, 72). GlycoWorkBench v2.1 (73) 468 was used to aid the manual annotation of the glycan fragment spectra and to generate glycan 469 470 cartoons. Poorly expressed N-glycans with a relative abundance below 0.1% were excluded from the relative quantitation due to poor spectral signal-to-noise ratios. 471

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#### 473 **Protein digestion and peptide desalting**

Protein samples (35  $\mu$ g/sample) were reduced with 5 mM DTT (final concentration) for 25 474 min at 56°C and alkylated using 14 mM iodoacetamide (IAA) for 30 min at room temperature in 475 the dark. Urea was added to a final concentration of 1.6 M in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate and 476 1 mM calcium chloride prior to digestion with 1 µg sequencing grade porcine trypsin (Promega) 477 for 16 h at 37°C (74). The reaction was quenched with a final concentration of 0.4% (v/v) 478 trifluoroacetic acid (TFA). The resulting peptides were desalted using Oasis HLB 1 cc (30 mg) SPE 479 cartridges (Waters) using an established protocol with modifications (74). Columns were activated 480 with 1 mL methanol, washed twice with 1.5 mL 1% formic acid (FA) in 70% ACN (both v/v) and 481 equilibrated with 1.5 mL 1% (v/v) aqueous FA prior to sample loading. After washing twice with 482 1.5 mL 1% (v/v) aqueous FA, peptides were eluted twice with 250 µL 1% FA in 70 % ACN (both 483 v/v) and dried. 484

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### 486 TMT labelling of peptides

A reference sample was prepared to allow for quantitative comparisons across multiple TMT 487 experiments by pooling 3 µg digested protein from each sample. In total, 25 µg from this pool and 488 25 µg protein extract from each sample were used for TMT labelling (22). The peptide samples 489 were randomised before being labelled using three separate TMT-11plex sets. The reference sample 490 was consistently labelled with the 131 Da (131C) reporter ion channel in all three sets. In total, 30 491 492 peptide samples were labelled with TMT for quantitative proteomics including 12 N0 and 18 N+ samples (one random N+ sample from the sample cohort was excluded in TMT experimental design 493 due to limited channels available), Supplementary Table S2. For the TMT labelling, 100 µL 100 494

mM triethylammonium bicarbonate buffer (final concentration) was added to each peptide sample that was labelled individually with 0.4 mg TMT-11plex mass tags (Thermo) in 41  $\mu$ L anhydrous ACN over a 1 h incubation period at room temperature. The labelling reactions were quenched using 8  $\mu$ L 5% (v/v) hydroxylamine for 15 min at room temperature. After TMT labelling, all peptide samples were mixed 1:1:1 (w/w/w), desalted using HLB SPE cartridges (Waters) and dried. Aliquots of the TMT-labelled peptide mixtures from the three TMT-11plex experiments were analysed without any pre-fractionation by LC-MS/MS, Supplementary Table S2.

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#### 503 Glycopeptide enrichment

TMT-labelled peptides (from 275 µg protein extract from 10 tumour tissue samples + one 504 pool) was reconstituted in 50 µL loading/washing solvent containing 1% TFA in 80% ACN (both 505 v/v). Five microliters (~18 µg protein digest) were allocated to the proteome analysis. The 506 remaining peptides were loaded onto primed custom-made HILIC SPE micro-columns packed with 507 ZIC-HILIC resin (10 µm particle size, 200 Å pore size, kindly provided by Sequant/Merck, Umea, 508 Sweden) onto supporting C8 disks (Empore) in p10 pipette tips (75). The flow-through fractions 509 were collected. The HILIC-SPE micro-columns were then washed with 50 µL loading/washing 510 511 solvent and the wash fraction combined with the flow-through fraction for separate downstream analysis, as this fraction contained the non-glycosylated peptides. The retained N-glycopeptides 512 were eluted in three sequential steps, firstly with 50  $\mu$ L 0.1% (v/v) aqueous TFA, followed by 50 513 514 µL 25 mM aqueous ammonium bicarbonate and then 50 µL 50% (v/v) ACN. The three Nglycopeptide fractions were combined to form the enriched glycopeptide mixture, which was dried 515 and desalted on a primed Oligo R3 reversed phase SPE micro-column. R3 resin suspended in ACN 516 was packed into a p10 pipette tips, washed three times with 50 µL ACN, and then washed with 517 0.1% (v/v) aqueous TFA before sample loading. The sample loading was repeated once to ensure 518 high recovery ahead of three washing steps with 0.1% (v/v) aqueous TFA and elution with 50  $\mu$ L 519 520 0.1% TFA in 50% ACN (both v/v) and then with 50  $\mu$ L 0.1% TFA in 70% ACN (both v/v). The desalted glycopeptide fractions were combined, dried and stored at  $-20^{\circ}C(22)$ . 521

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#### 523 High-pH reversed phase prefractionation

The HILIC enriched N-glycopeptides and HILIC flow-through fractions containing the non-524 glycosylated peptides were resuspended separately in 50  $\mu$ L 25 mM aqueous ammonium 525 bicarbonate for high pH pre-fractionation using Oligo R2 reversed phase SPE micro-columns 526 packed on supporting C18 discs (Empore) in standard p10 pipette tips. The SPE micro-columns 527 were primed three times with 50 µL ACN and then washed with 50 µL 25 mM aqueous ammonium 528 bicarbonate. Samples were loaded on the columns followed by two washing steps with 50 µL 25 529 mM aqueous ammonium bicarbonate. The peptides were eluted in three fractions i.e. fraction 1: 25 530 mM ammonium bicarbonate in 10% (v/v) ACN; fraction 2: 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate in 20% 531 (v/v) ACN, and fraction 3: 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate in 60% (v/v) ACN. Each eluted fraction 532 533 was dried and resuspended in 0.1% (v/v) aqueous FA for separate LC-MS/MS analysis.

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#### 535 (Glyco)proteome profiling by LC-MS/MS

Approximately 1 µg (glyco)peptide material was injected per LC-MS/MS run. The 536 (glyco)peptides were loaded on a trap column (2 cm length x 100 µm inner diameter) custom packed 537 with ReproSil-Pur C18 AQ 5 µm resin (Dr. Maisch, Ammerbuch-Entringen, Germany) and 538 separated at a constant flow rate of 250 nL/min on an analytical column (Reprosil-Pur C18-Aq, 25 539 cm length x 75 um inner diameter, 3 um particle size. Dr. Maisch, Ammerbuch-Entringen, 540 Germany) using an UltiMate<sup>™</sup> 3000 RSLCnano System. The mobile phases were 0.1% FA in 541 99.9% (both v/v) ACN (solvent B) and 0.1% (v/v) aqueous FA (solvent A). The gradient was 2-542 30% B over 100 min, 30-50% B over 18 min, 50-95% B over 1 min and 9 min at 95% B. The 543 nanoLC was connected to a O-Exactive HF-X Hybrid Ouadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer 544

(Thermo Fisher Scientific) operating in positive ion polarity mode. The Orbitrap acquired full MS1 545 scans with an AGC of  $3 \times 10^6$  ions and 50 ms maximum accumulation time. Full MS1 scans were 546 acquired at high-resolution (60,000 FWHM at m/z 200) in the m/z 350-1,800 range. The 20 most 547 abundant precursor ions were selected from each MS1 full scan using data-dependent acquisition 548 and were fragmented utilising higher energy collision-induced dissociation (HCD) with a NCE of 549 35%. Only multicharged precursors ( $z \ge 2$ ) were selected for fragmentation. Fragment spectra were 550 acquired at 45,000 resolution with an AGC of 1 x  $10^5$  and 90 ms maximum accumulation time using 551 a precursor isolation window of m/z 1.0 and a dynamic exclusion of 30 s after a single isolation and 552 fragmentation of a given precursor ion. 553

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#### 555 N-glycoproteomics data analysis

The HCD-MS/MS data of intact N-glycopeptides were searched with Byonic v2.6.46 556 (Protein Metrics Inc, CA, USA) (76) using 10/20 ppm as the precursor/product ion mass tolerance, 557 558 respectively. Cys carbamidomethylation (+57.021 Da) and TMT (+229.163 Da) at N-term and lysine (K) were considered fixed modifications. Trypsin specific cleavages were considered with a 559 maximum of two missed cleavages allowed per peptide. The following variable modifications were 560 considered: Met oxidation (+15.994 Da), and N-glycosylation of sequon-localised Asn with a 561 glycomics-informed N-glycan database comprising the N-glycan compositions identified in the 562 OSCC tissue N-glycome data (Supplementary Table S3) and HexNAc<sub>1</sub>, HexNAc<sub>1</sub>Fuc<sub>1</sub> and 563 HexNAc<sub>2</sub> that were manually added to the database. A maximum of two common modifications 564 and a maximum of one rare modification were allowed. The HCD-MS/MS data were searched 565 against a protein database composed of all reviewed UniProtKB human proteins (20,300 sequences, 566 released December 11, 2019). All searches were filtered to <1% false discovery rate (FDR) at the 567 protein level and 0% at the peptide level by using a protein decoy database (77). Only N-568 glycopeptides confidently identified with PEP 2D scores < 0.001 were considered (22). 569 570 Glycopeptides identified with low confidence, and those in the reverse database and contaminant database were excluded. The identified N-glycopeptides were quantified using the 'Report Ion 571 Quantifier' available as a node in Proteome Discoverer v2.2 (Thermo Scientific) and the reporter 572 ion intensities from the MS/MS scans were extracted from the QuantSpectra table (22). 573 574 Glycopeptides were manually grouped by summing the reporter ion intensities from the glycopeptide spectral matches (glycoPSMs) belonging to the same UniProtKB identifier, same 575 glycosylation site within the protein, and same glycan composition. The abundances of the unique 576 glycopeptides from each channel were first normalised by dividing each unique glycopeptide 577 reporter ion intensity by the reference reporter intensity (from the peptide pool, see above) within 578 that specific experiment and further normalised by the total sum intensity of each channel to correct 579 for any inter-sample variation in the total yield during the labelling reactions. 580

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#### 582 **Proteomics data analysis**

LC-MS/MS-based proteomics data were acquired of both unenriched peptide samples not 583 subjected to glycopeptide enrichment as well as to the HILIC flow-through fractions. All data were 584 processed using MaxQuant v1.6.12.0 (78). The HCD-MS/MS data were searched against the 585 reviewed UniProtKB Human Protein Database (20,300 sequences, released December 11, 2019) 586 using the Andromeda search engine (79) with a tolerance of 4.5 ppm for precursor ions and 20 ppm 587 for product ions. Report fragment ions "10plex TMT" were enabled in the quantification settings 588 and the enzyme specificity was set to trypsin with a maximum of two missed cleavages permitted. 589 Carbamidomethylation of Cys (+57.021 Da) was considered a fixed modification, and oxidation of 590 Met (+15.994 Da) and protein N-terminal acetylation (+42.010 Da) were considered variable 591 modifications. Both the protein and peptide identifications were filtered to 1% FDR. Processing 592 and statistical analyses (Student's t-test) of the resulting data table (MaxQuant output) were 593 performed in Perseus v1.6.14.0 (78). Proteins identified using the reverse database, proteins only 594

identified through modified peptides and proteins identified from the MaxOuant contaminant 595 database were excluded (except human keratins, which were not excluded since they are of interest 596 in the study of squamous tissues (80)). The identified proteins were quantified by their reporter ion 597 intensities using at least one razor/unique peptide per protein. Protein abundances of each channel 598 were first normalised by dividing the reporter ion intensity by the reference protein reporter ion 599 intensity (131C channel of peptide pool) within that specific LC-MS/MS run and further normalised 600 by dividing by the sum of total intensity of each channel to correct for any inter-sample variation 601 602 in the total yield during the labelling reactions.

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#### 604 Statistical analysis

For the glycome profiling and glycosylation site analyses, statistical significance was assessed using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-tests in which p < 0.05 was used as the confidence threshold. For the glycoproteome profiling, the statistical significance of the summed intensities of the glycopeptides grouped based on their *N*-glycan classes or tissue cluster was assessed using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-tests in which p < 0.05 was used as the confidence threshold. For data visualisation, heat maps with z-score values of normalised intensities were generated using the open-source statistical programming language R.

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#### 613 Clinical association and survival analysis

Linear regression analysis was performed using the R code to evaluate the linear 614 relationship between glycan or glycopeptide abundance and the following clinicopathological 615 variables: age (>63 or  $\leq$ 63, mean age of patient cohorts chosen as the threshold), sex, smoking 616 habit, alcohol consumption, tumour size, lymph node metastasis (N+, N0), clinical stage, type of 617 treatment (surgery, surgery and radiotherapy, or a combination of surgery, radiation and 618 chemotherapy), disease-free survival, presence of the worst pattern of invasion (60), presence of 619 inflammatory infiltrate, and perineural invasion. Linear regressions with p < 0.05 were considered 620 significant. The Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient (R) was also calculated to 621 measure the strength of the association between variables. Only associations with R < -0.5 or 0.5 <622 R with at least six valid values per group and at least three valid values per clinical feature were 623 considered (81). For cluster analysis and associations to clinical features, Fisher's Exact Test (for 624 two group comparisons) or Pearson Chi-Square test (for comparisons of more than two groups) 625 were performed using IBM SPSS Statistics v 28.0.0.0 (190). Furthermore, a survival analysis was 626 calculated on GraphPad Prism v.9.1.2 using the Kaplan-Meier methodology and compared with the 627 log-rank test, evaluating the survival probability comparing a higher and lower abundance of 628 specific glycoproteins, glycopeptides and glycans. 629

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#### 631 **ROC curve analysis by logistic regression and random forest models**

The potential of select N-glycans and N-glycopeptides to stratify N0 and N+ patients was 632 evaluated by the area-under-the-curve (AUC) of the constructed receiver operating characteristic 633 (ROC) curves generated using random forest and logistic regression models. The area-under-the-634 curve (AUC-ROC) with a 95% confidence interval was used for comparison. Optimal cut-off by 635 highest sensitivity (true positive rate) as a function of the specificity (false positive rate) was 636 calculated, and 60% was chosen as the decision threshold. For all statistical comparisons, an 637 ANOVA p < 0.05 was considered as significance threshold. The data analysis was performed using 638 the package pROC (82) and the R environment version 3.6.0. 639

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#### 641 Enrichment analysis of gene ontology (GO) terms

GO enrichment analysis was performed using the DAVID (83) or Enrichr (84) with corrected p < 0.05 chosen as the significance threshold. The entire human proteome GO annotation file was used as a reference set.

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#### 952 **Competing interests**

953 The authors declare no conflict of interest.

#### 955 **Data and materials availability:**

All proteomics and glycoproteomics LC-MS/MS raw data files supporting the conclusions presented herein have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE (85) partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD037134. All glycomics LC-MS/MS raw data files are available via the GlycoPOST (86) with the identifier GPST000296.

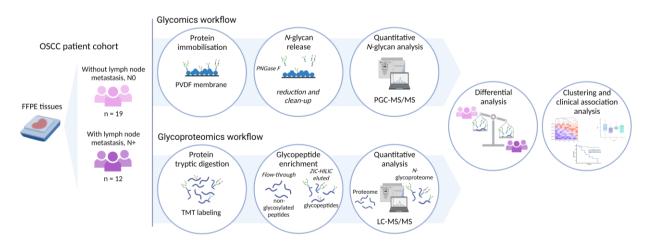
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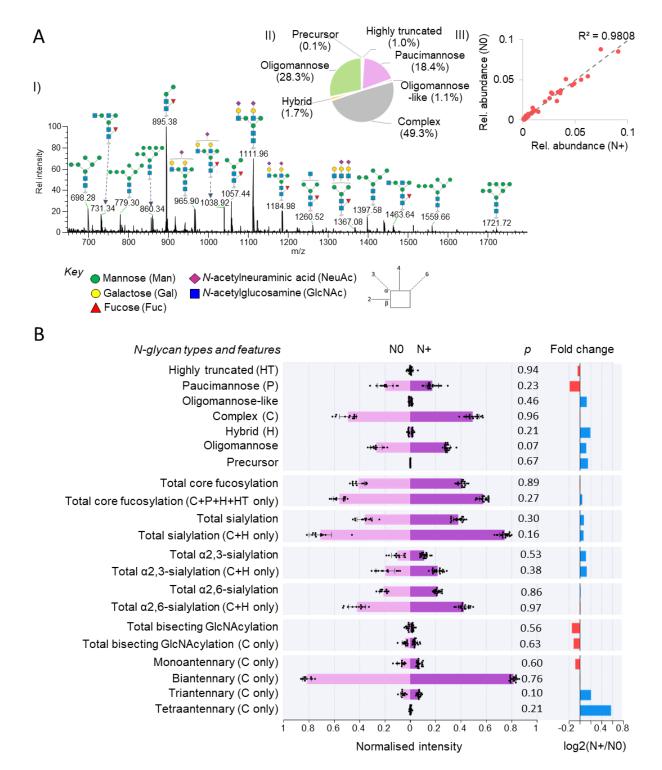
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Figure 1. Study overview. Protein *N*-glycosylation was investigated using quantitative glycomics (top) and glycoproteomics (bottom) from resected tumour tissues from 31 OSCC patients with (N+, n = 19) or without (N0, n = 12) lymph node metastasis. The resulting *N*-glycome and *N*glycoproteome data were quantitatively compared between patient groups using advanced statistical tests including clustering analysis and associations to a range of clinicopathological features were explored using patient metadata.



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- 982 H: hybrid, C: complex, see Supplementary Figure S2 for structures and classification. Data are
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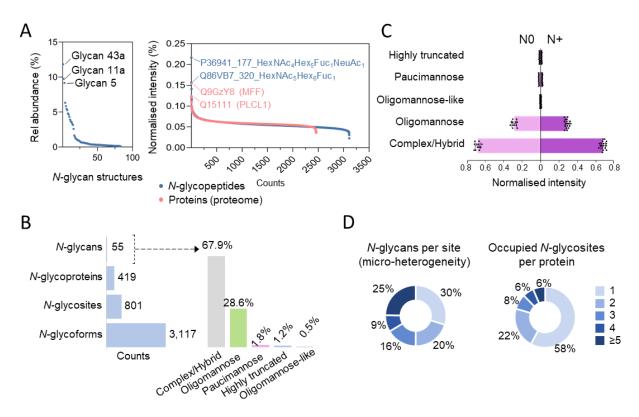
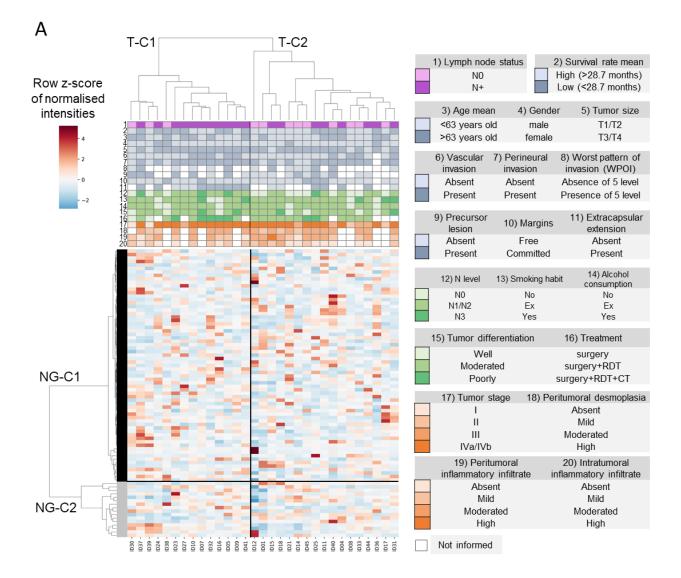
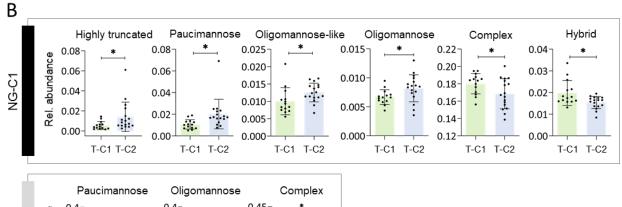




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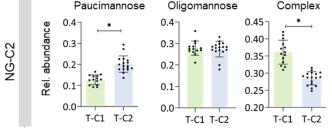


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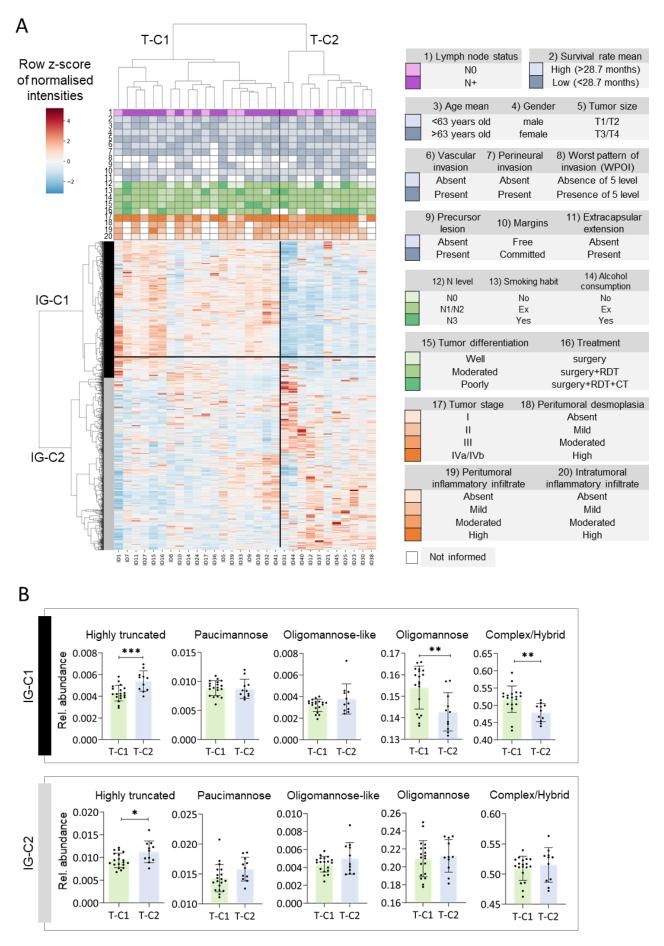
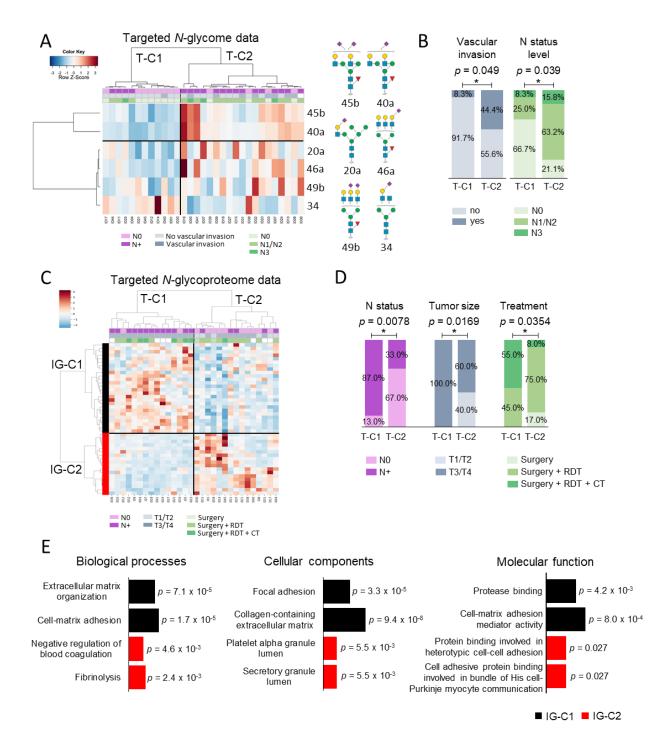


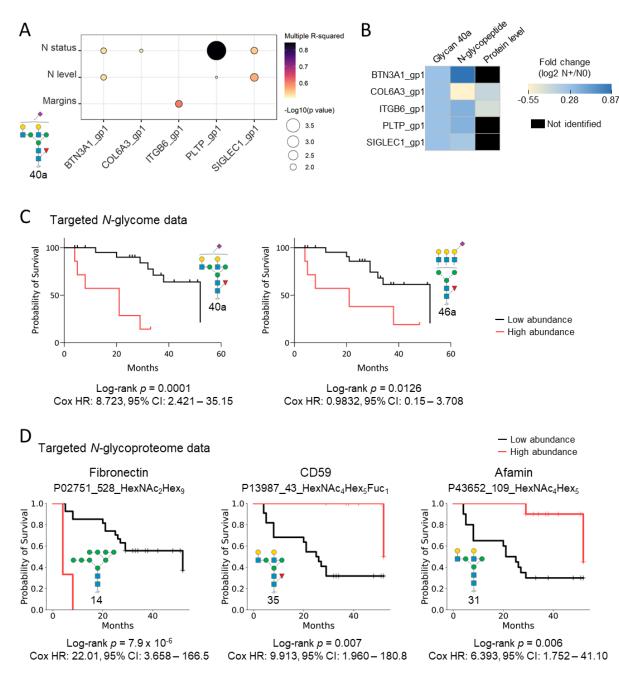
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Figure 6. N-glycan and N-glycopeptide-guided tumour clusters associate with clinical 1017 features. A) Unsupervised hierarchical clustering analysis of six N-glycans found to be 1018 differentially abundant in OSCC tumour tissues from N0 and N+ patients. Plots are made with the 1019 'heatmap.3' function under the R environment using Euclidean distance and Ward linkage. B) 1020 Cluster association analysis with clinical features (p < 0.05, Fisher's Exact Test for two group 1021 comparisons; or Pearson Chi-Square test for more than two group comparisons) performed using 1022 IBM SPSS Statistics. C) Unsupervised hierarchical clustering analysis of 79 N-glycopeptides found 1023 to be differentially expressed between the N0 and N+ tumour tissues. Plots were performed with 1024 the 'cluster map' function in the Saborne package under Python using Ward and correlation for 1025 clustering, D) Cluster association analysis with clinical features. E) The two most enriched Gene 1026 Ontology biological processes, cellular components and molecular function in the IG-C1 (black) 1027

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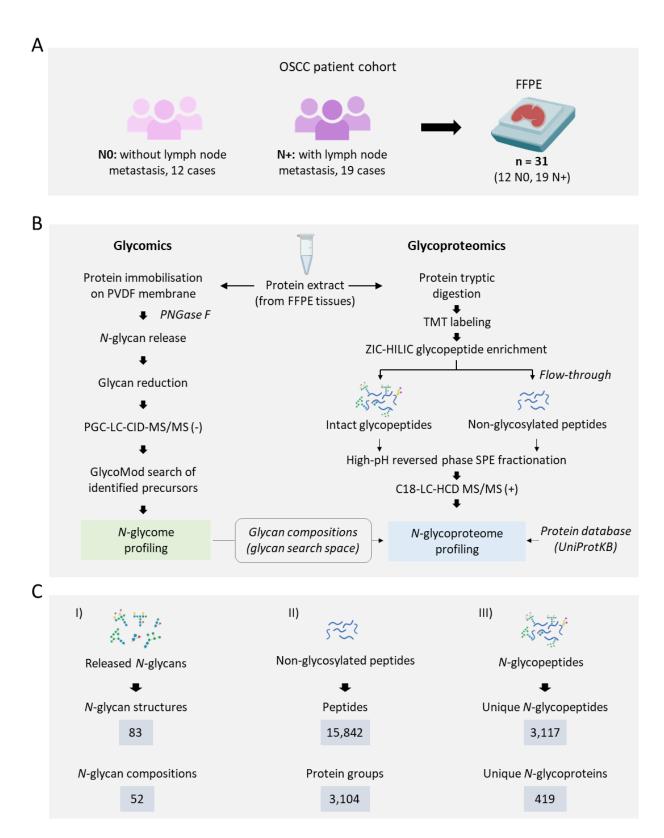
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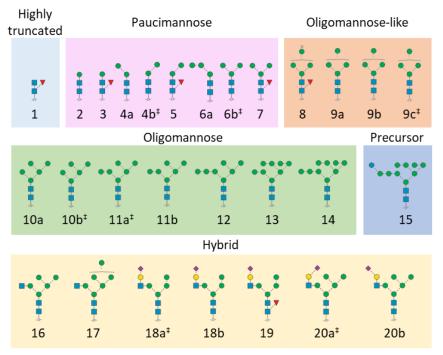
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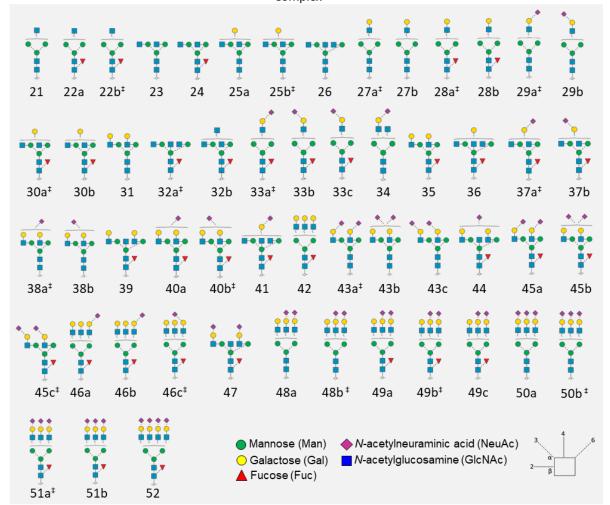


Supplementary Figure S1. Study design and overview of the integrated glycomics and glycoproteomics approach. A) Overview of the sample cohort comprising resected tumour

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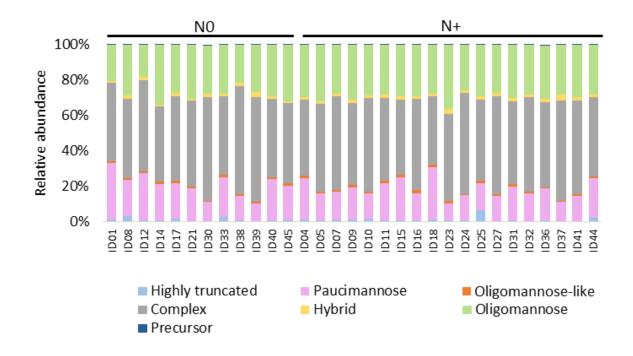




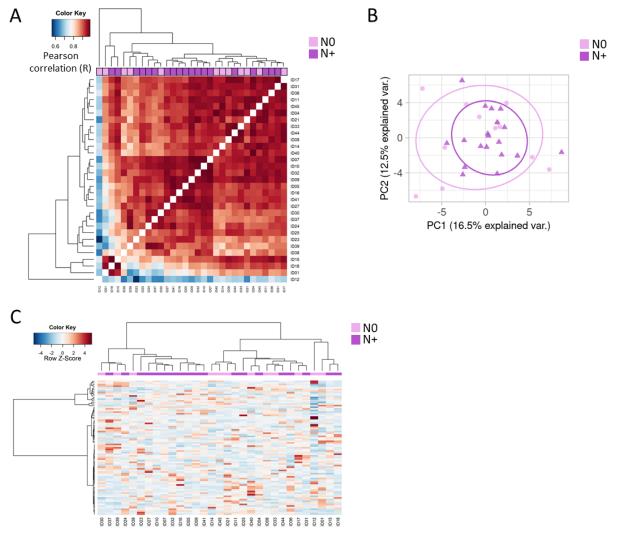


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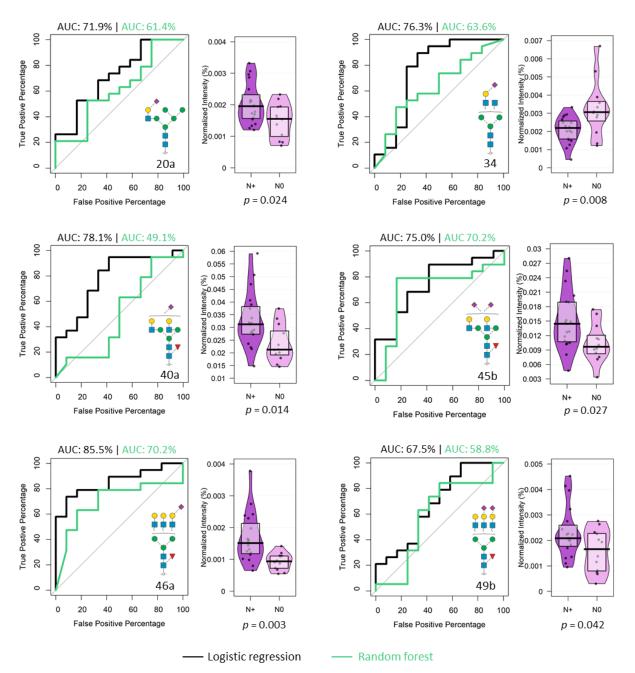
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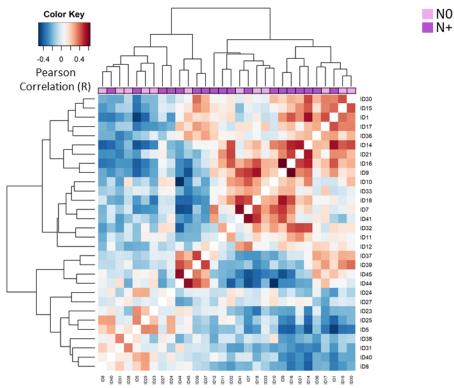
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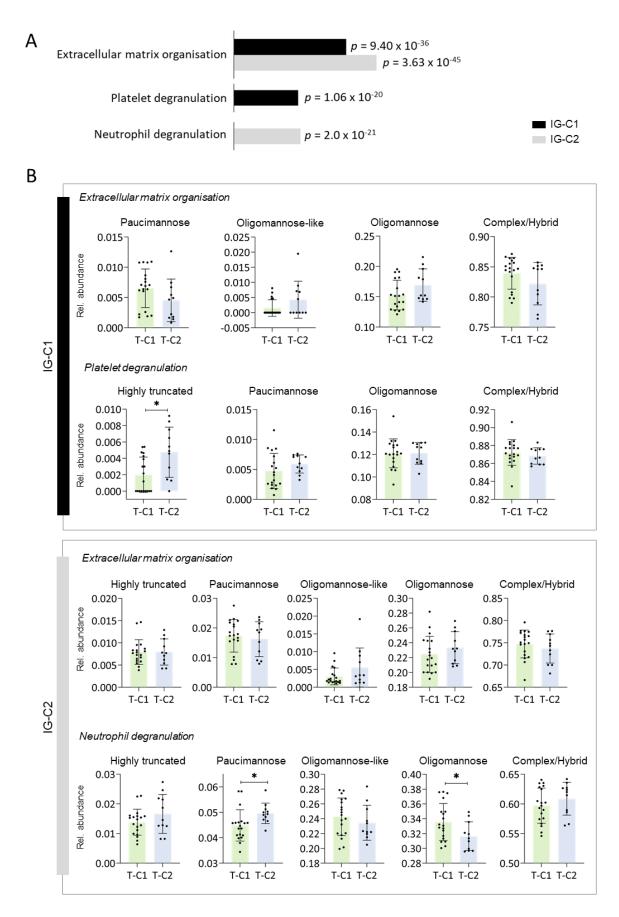
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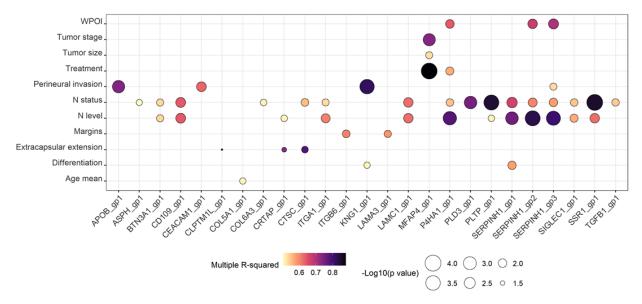
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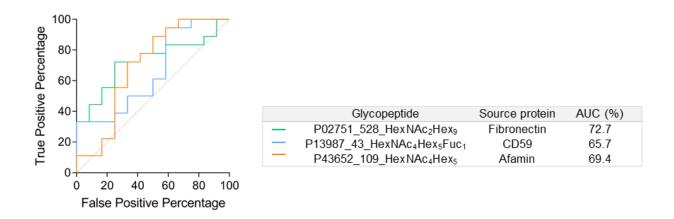
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Supplementary Figure S7. Enriched biological processes and altered glycan class distribution in the *N*-glycopeptide clusters. A) The most enriched biological processes in both *N*-glycopeptide clusters (IG-C1 and IG-C2). B) *N*-glycan class distribution of *N*-glycoproteins involved in the two most enriched biological processes in IG-C1 and IG-C2 within the T-C1 and T-C2 tumour clusters (Figure 5). Student's t test, two-sided,  $\alpha = 0.05$ , \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01, \*\*\*p < 0.001.



Supplementary Figure S8. Association of specific *N*-glycopeptides with distinct clinicopathological features. In total 25 of the 79 *N*-glycopeptides that displayed differential abundance between the N0 and N+ patients (plotted on the x axis) were found to associate with a range of clinicopathological features (plotted on the y axis) as measured using Pearson correlation (R). Minimum correlation coefficient +0.7/-0.7, multiple R<sup>2</sup> > 0.5.



**Supplementary Figure S9. ROC analysis of three** *N*-glycopeptides associated with patient survival. *N*-glycopeptides that displayed differential abundance between the N0 and N+ patients and associations with patient survival were evaluated for their potential to stratify patients with and without lymph node metastasis using a logistic regression model. Three *N*-glycopeptides from three different source glycoproteins (fibronectin, green trace; CD59, blue trace; afamin, orange trace) displayed an AUC-ROC > 60%. AUC-ROC: area-under-the-curve of the receiver operating characteristic.

**Supplementary Table S1-8.** (provided as a separate .xlsx file) Information of data composition and analysis.

Supplementary File S1. (provided as a separate .pptx file)

Spectral evidence of the reported *N*-glycans observed from the OSCC tissue samples.

# **Supplementary File S1**

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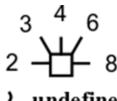
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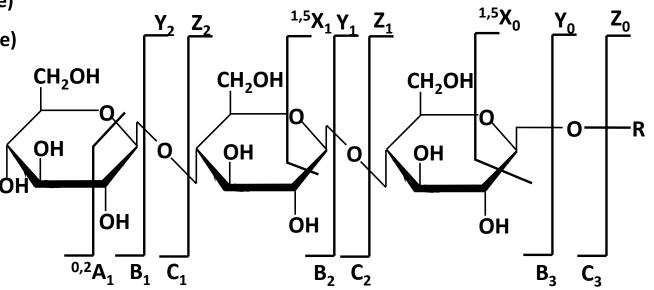
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- N-Acetylneuraminic acid (291.0954 Da)
- > N-Glycolylneuraminic acid (307.0903 Da)
- Fucose (146.0579 Da)
- Cross-ring fragment (unspecified)
- Indicates mostly Y ions (includes oxygen of glyosidic linkage)
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Note: All glycans contain reducing end which is not depicted in the *N*-glycan structure cartoon



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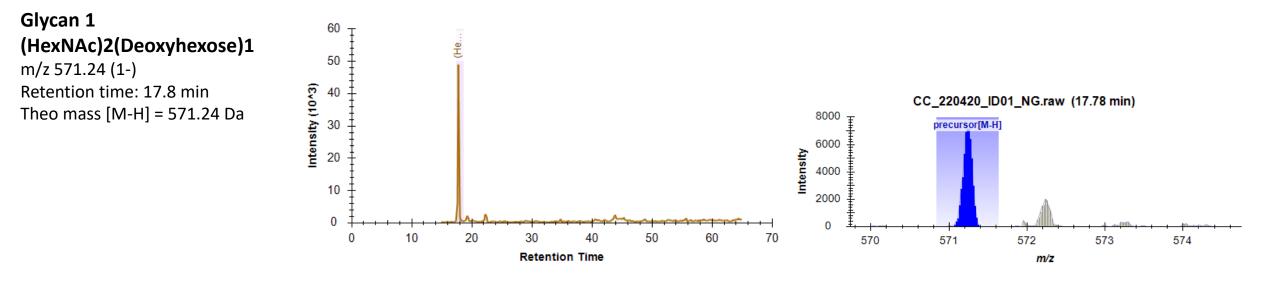
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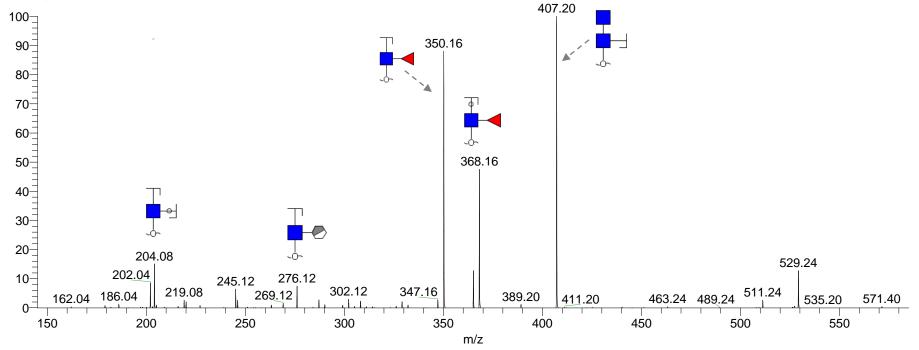
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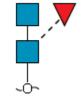
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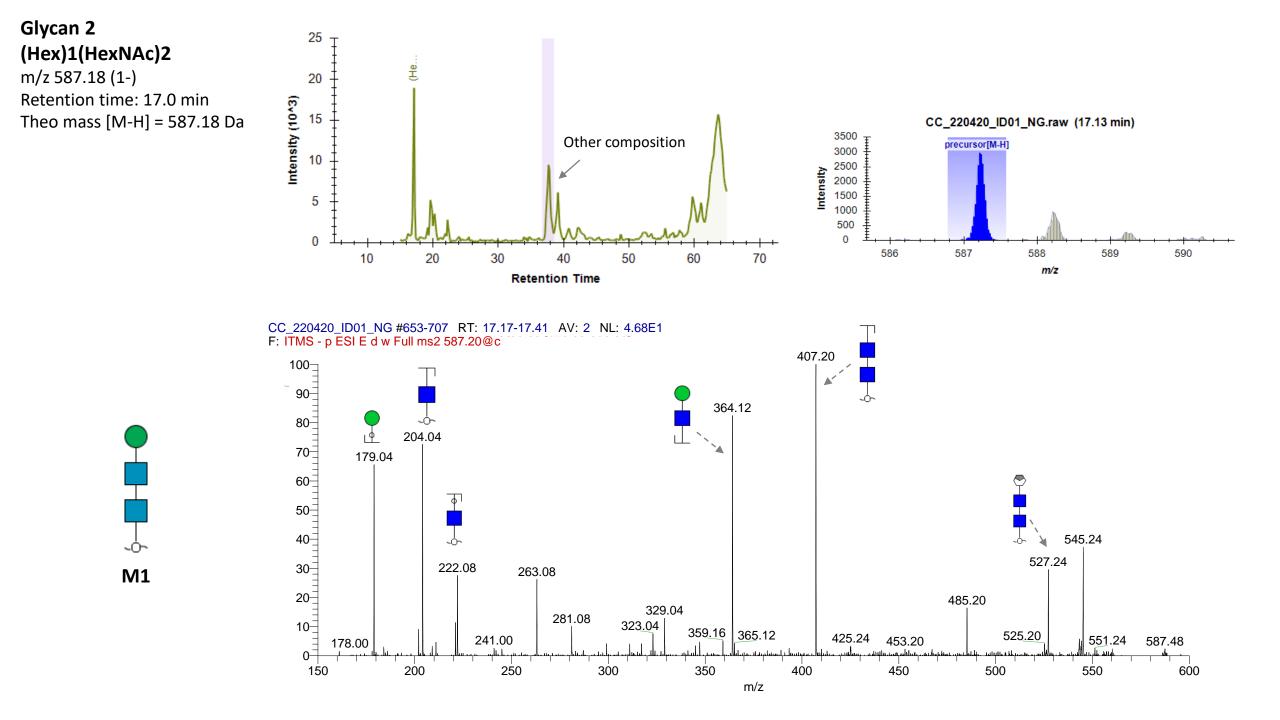
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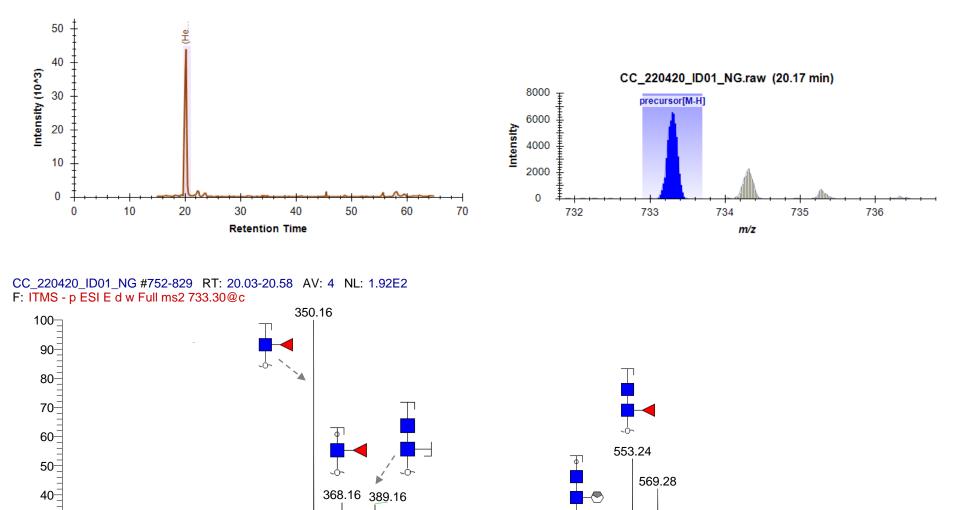






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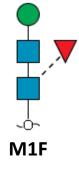
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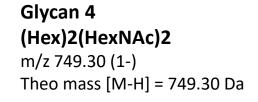
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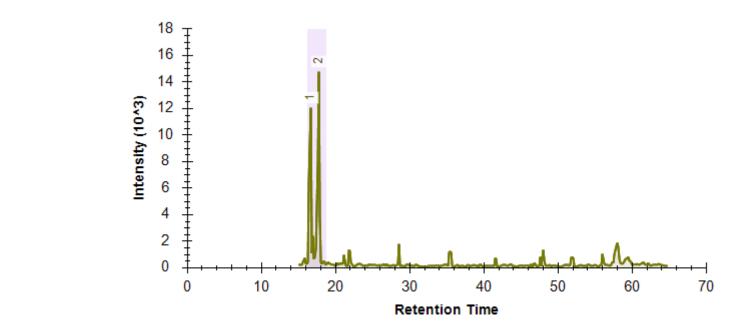
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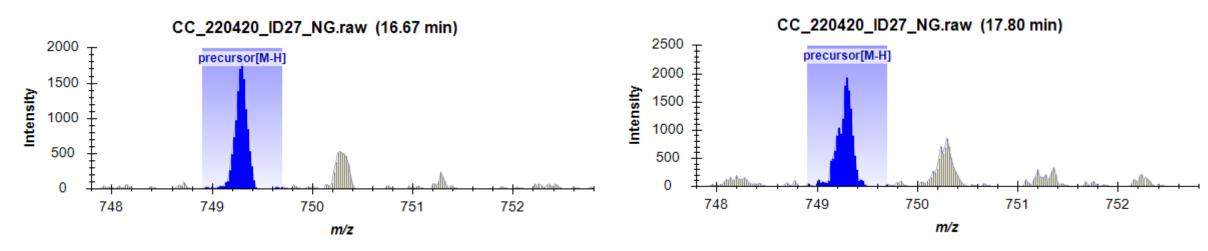
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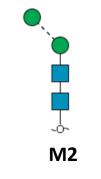
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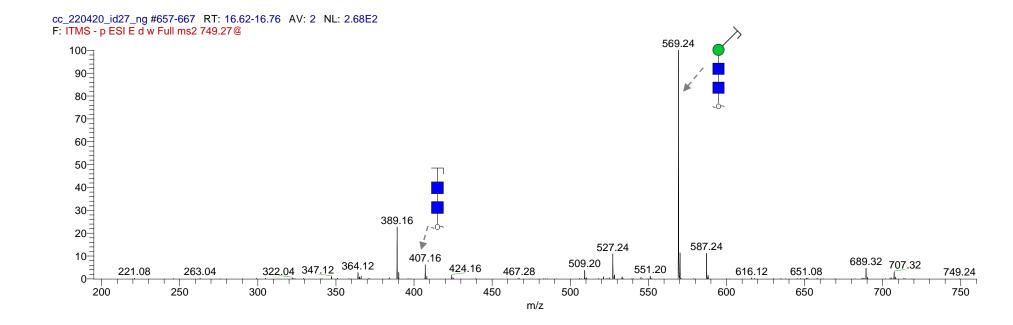




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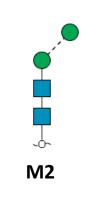
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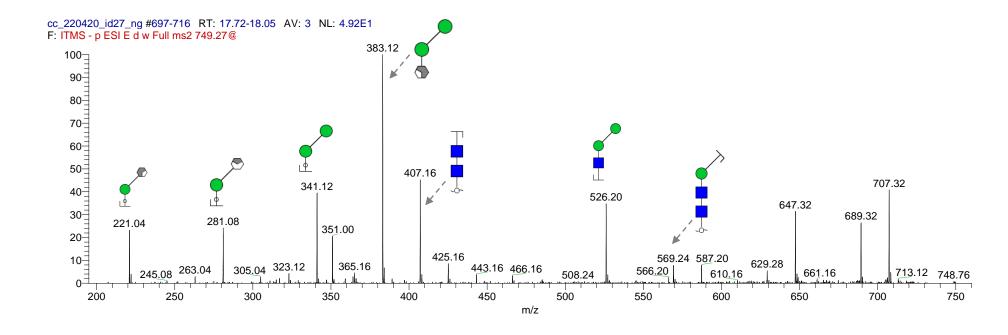




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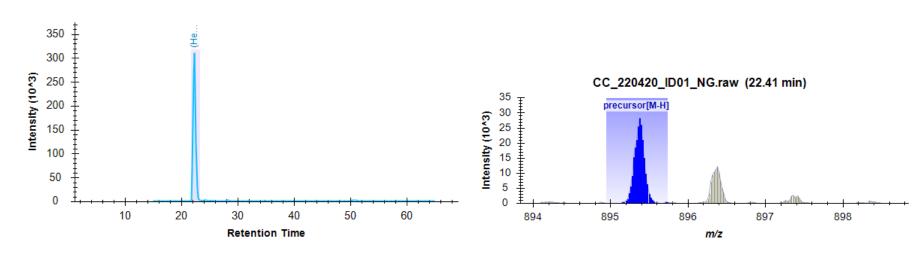
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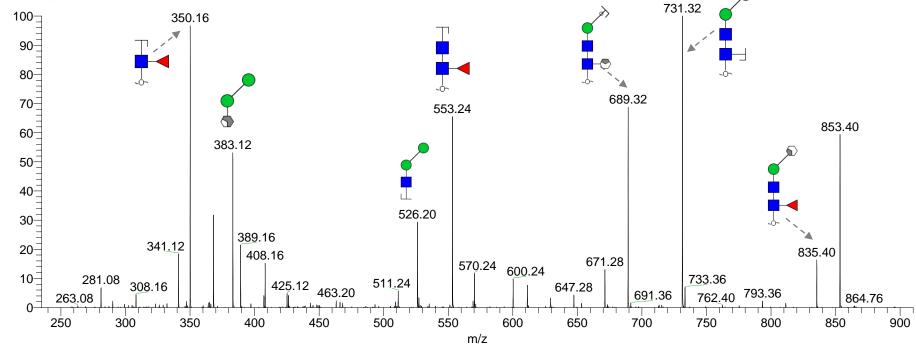


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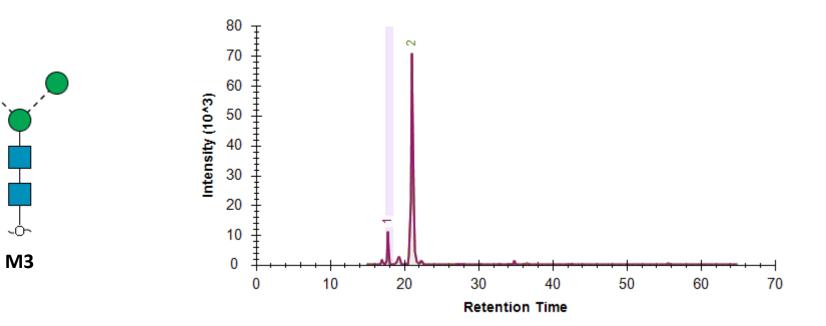




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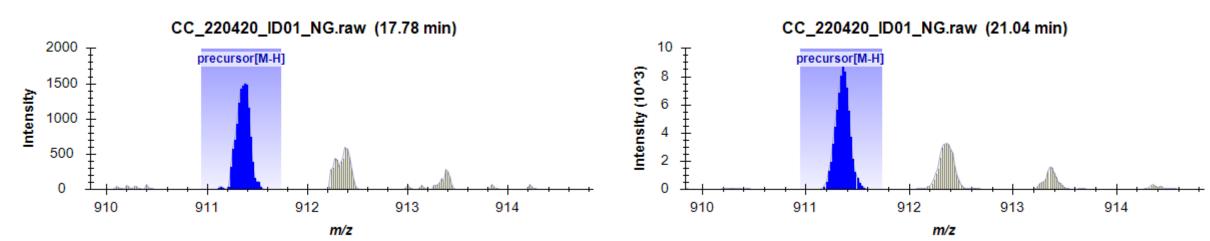
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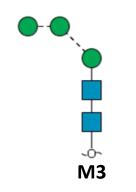
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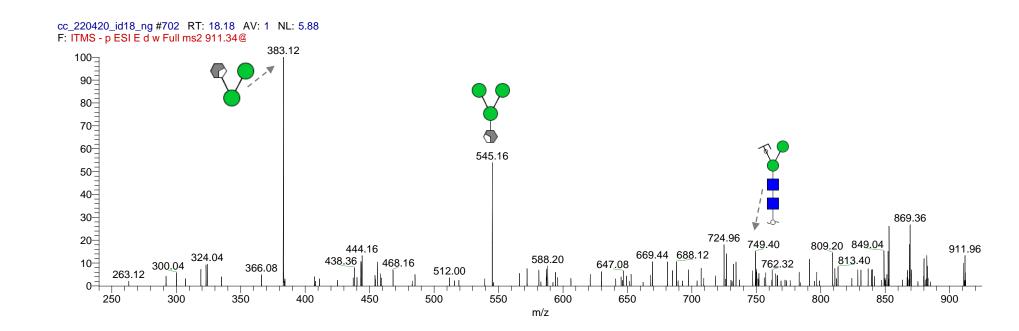
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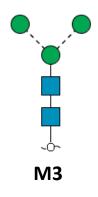
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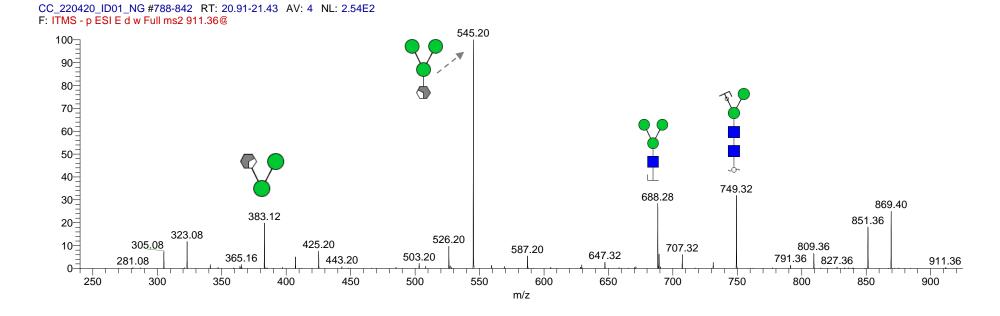


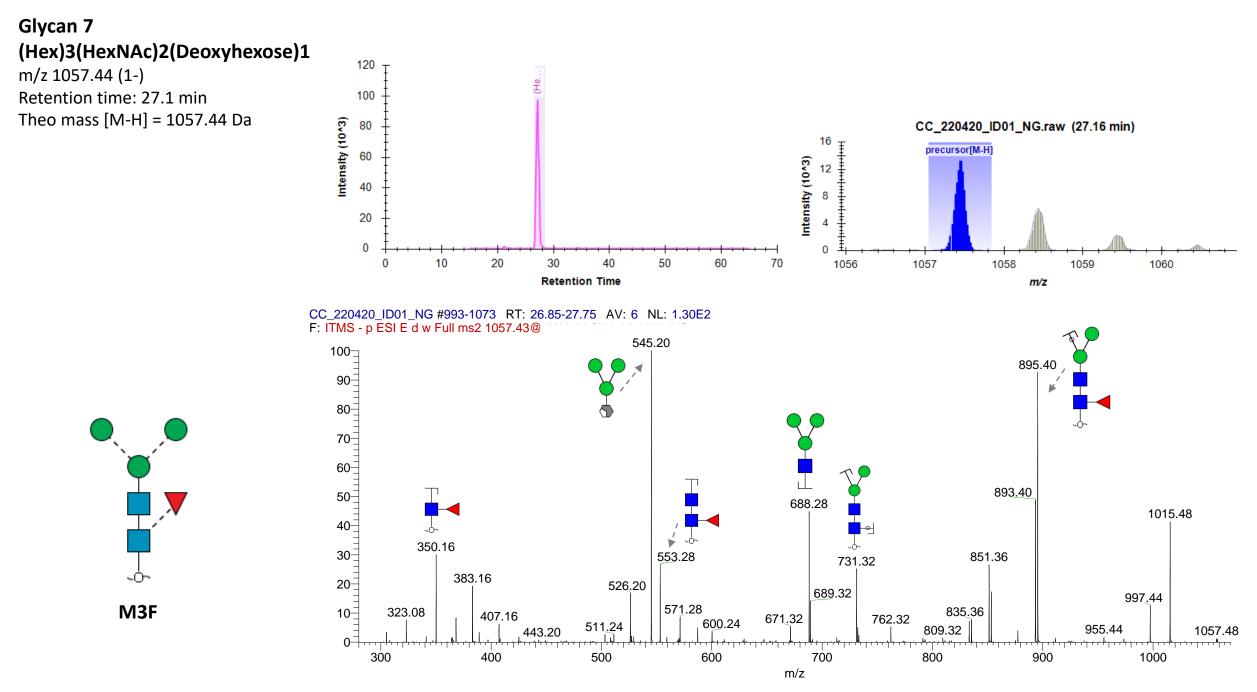


#### Glycan 6b

m/z 911.34 (1-) Retention time: 19.9 min Theo mass [M-H] = 911.34 Da





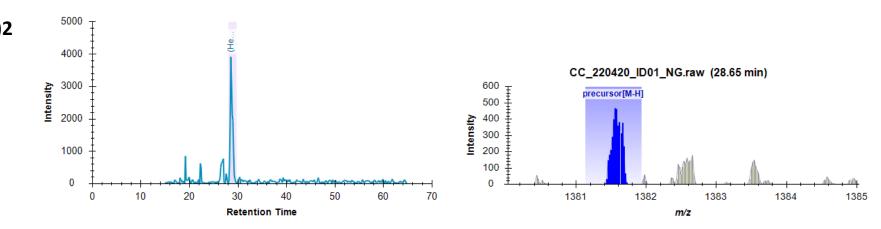


Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

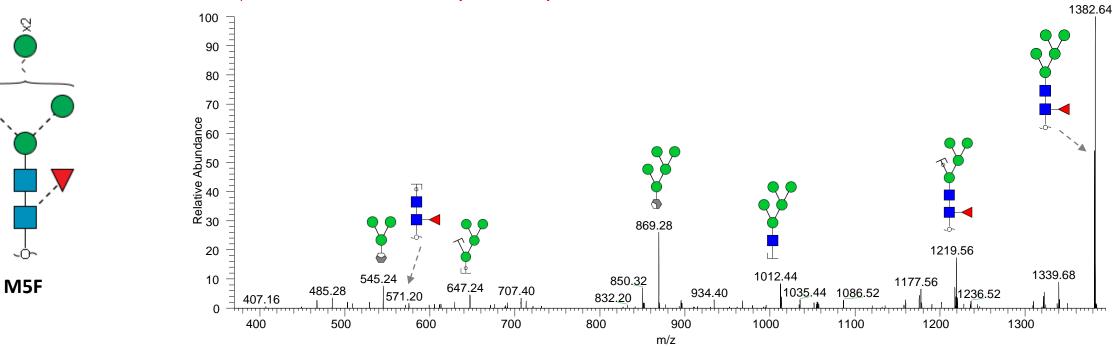
Glycan 8 (Hex)2(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1381.53 (1-) Retention time: 28.7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1381.53 Da

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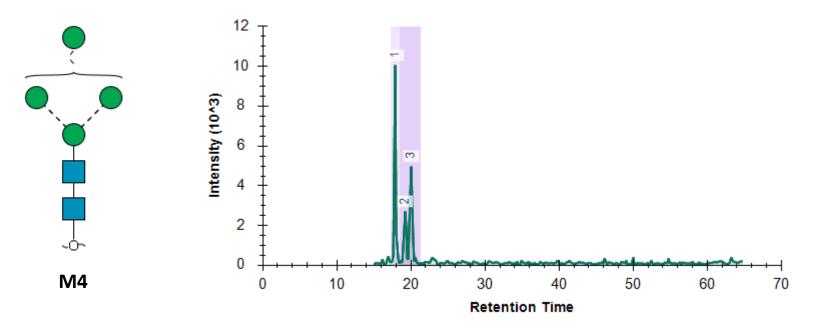


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Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

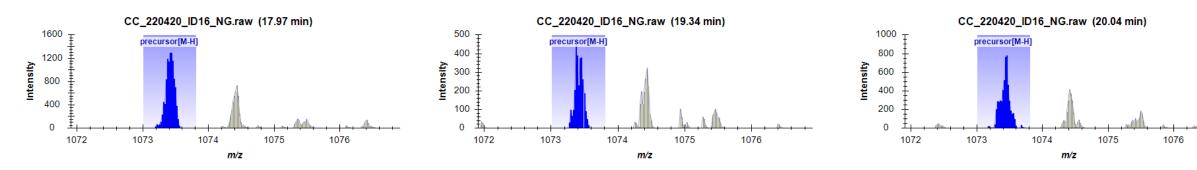
**Glycan 9** (Hex)4(HexNAc)2 m/z 1073.41 (1-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1073.41 Da

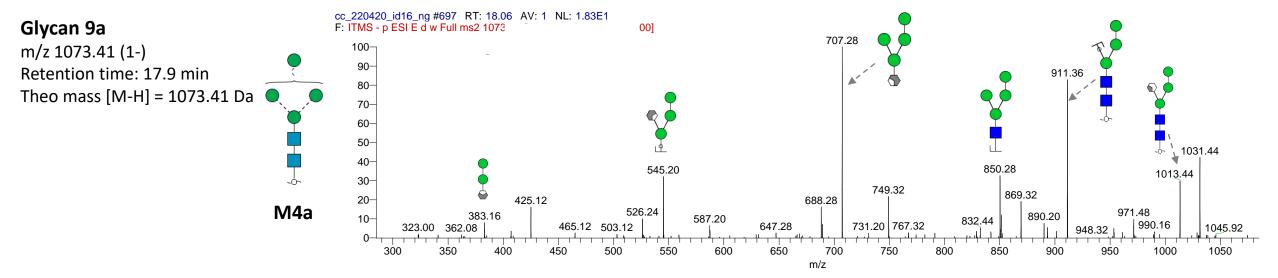


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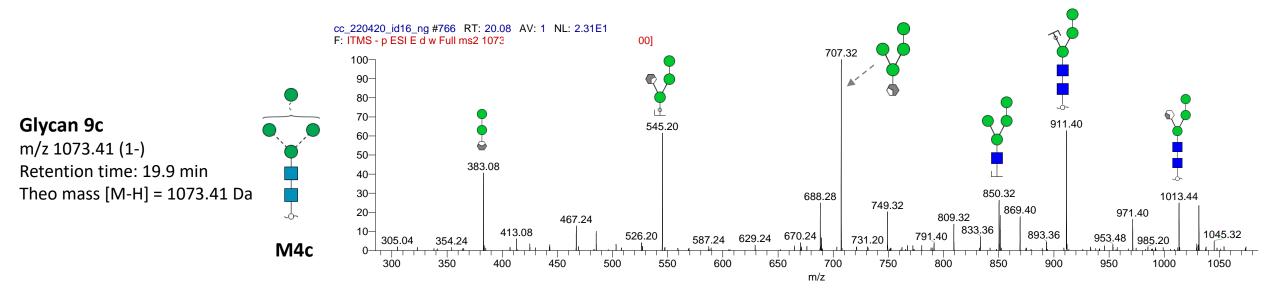




#### **Glycan 9b**

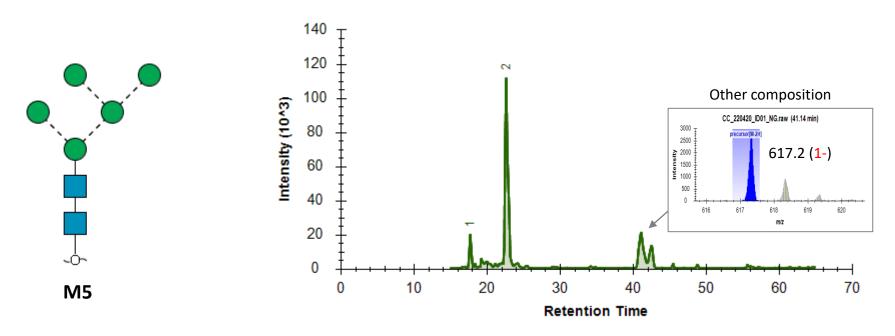
m/z 1073.41 (1-) Retention time: 19.1 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1073.41 Da

Structure not confirmed by MS/MS.



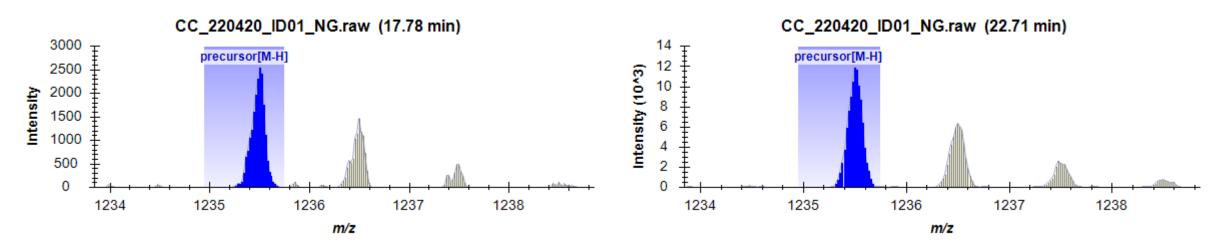
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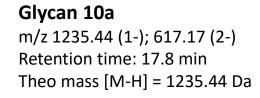
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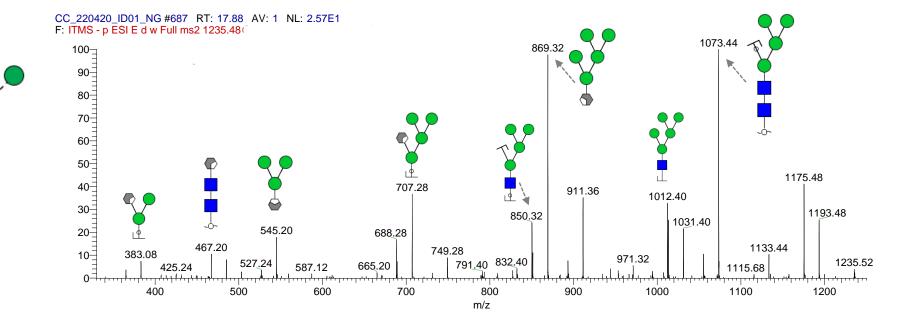


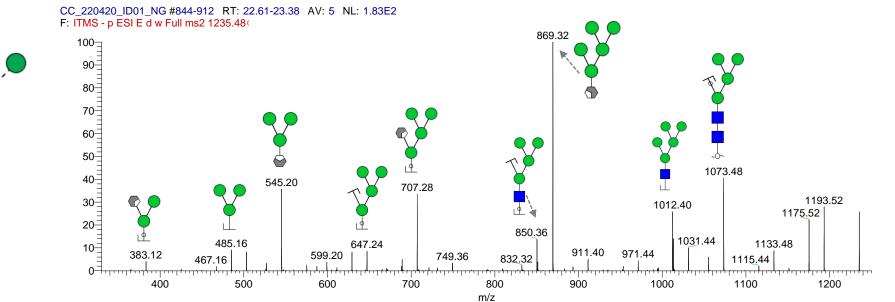
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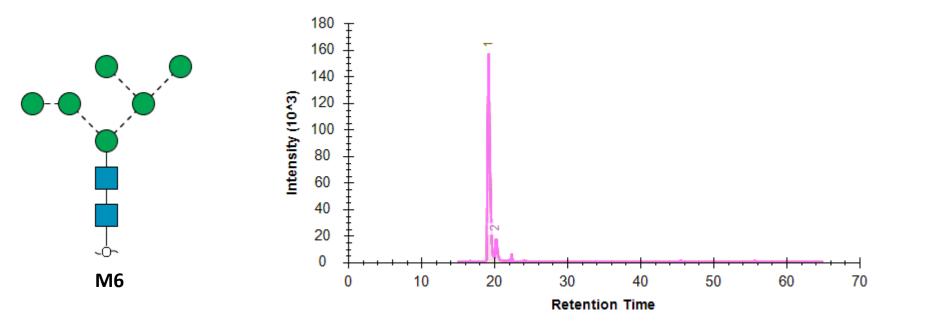


**Glycan 10b** m/z 1235.44 (1-); 617.17 (2-) Retention time: 22.7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1235.44 Da

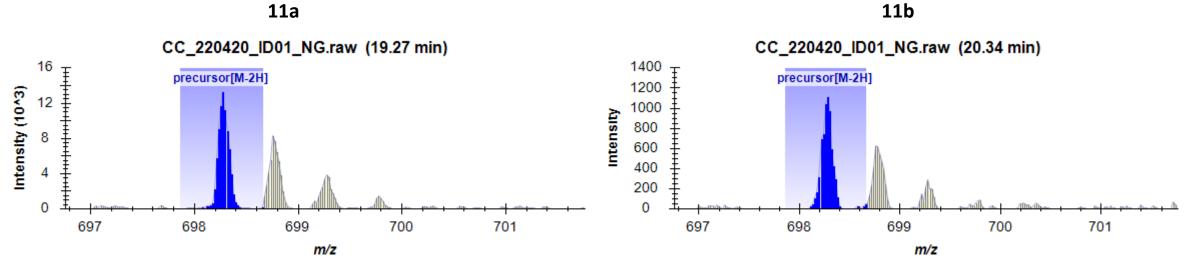
M5b

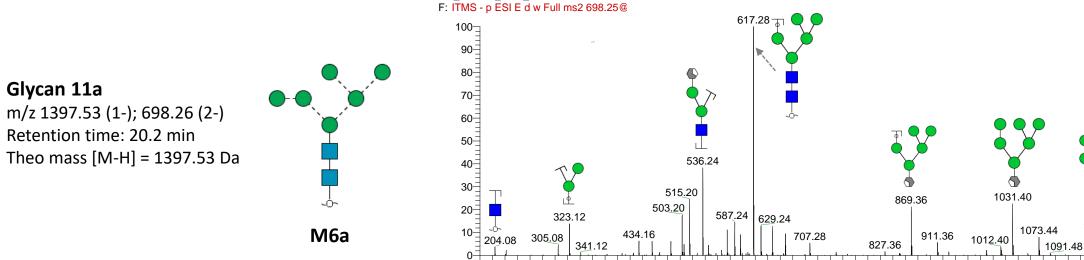
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Glycan 11 (Hex)3 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1397.53 (1-); 698.26 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1397.53 Da



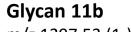
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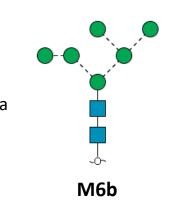


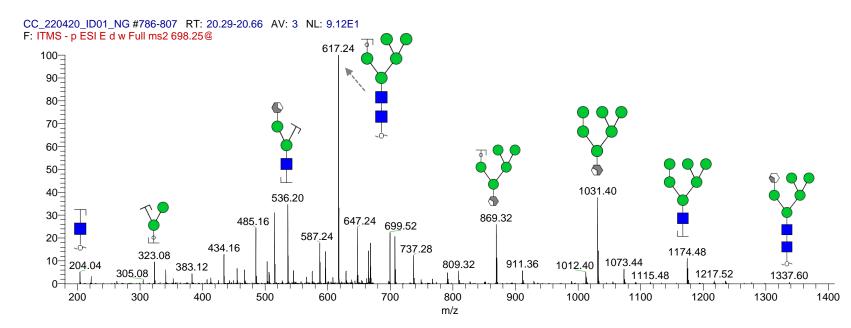
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m/z



m/z 1397.53 (1-); 698.26 (2-) Retention time: 19.3 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1397.53 Da





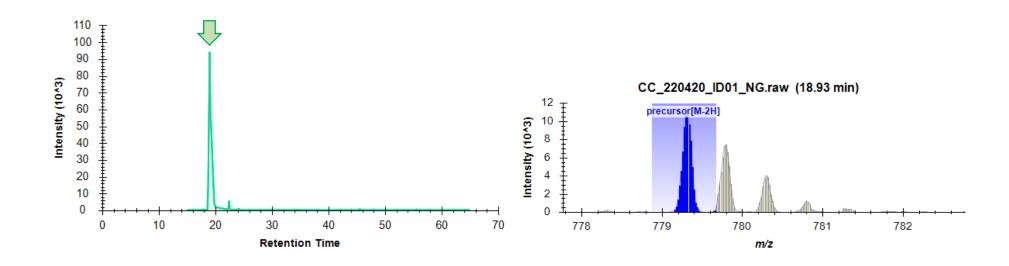
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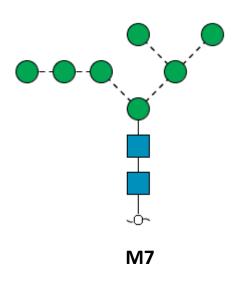
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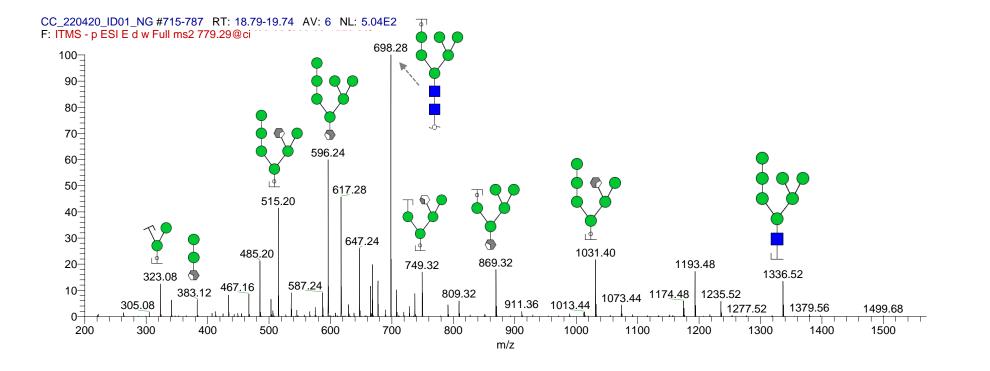
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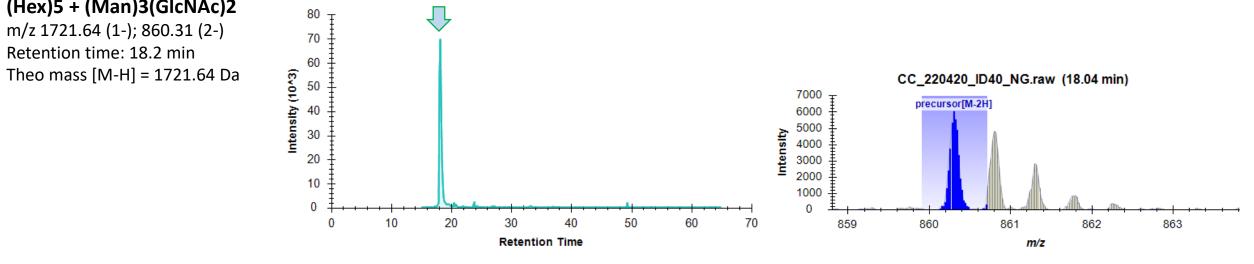
m/z 1559.62 (1-); 779.27 (2-) Retention time: 18.1 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1559.62 Da



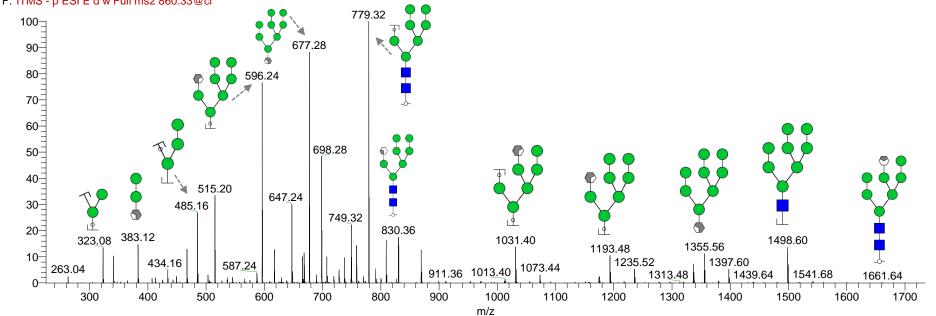


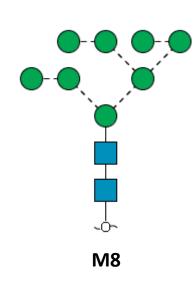


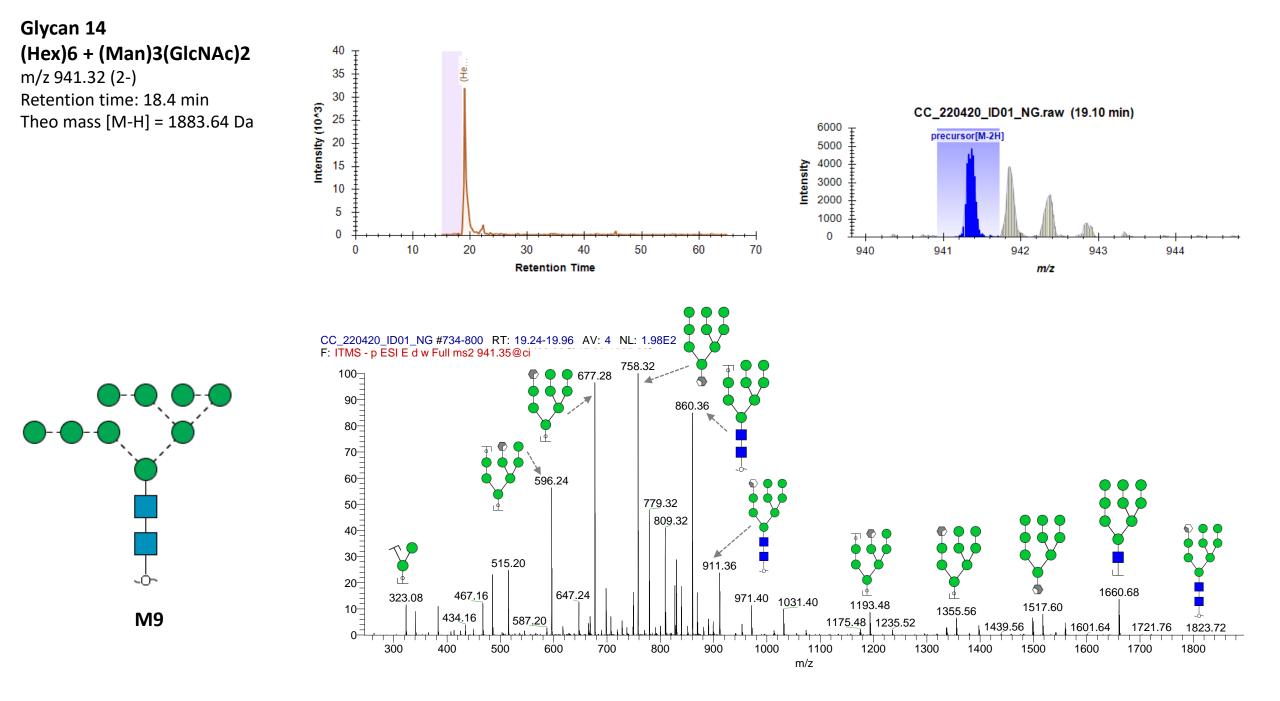
#### Glycan 13 (Hex)5 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1721.64 (1-); 860.31 (2-) Retention time: 18.2 min



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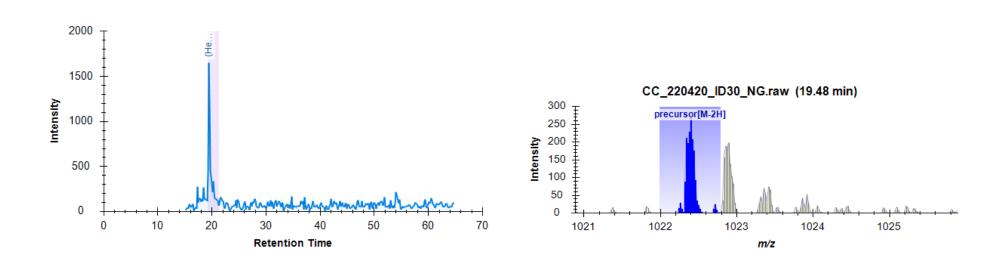


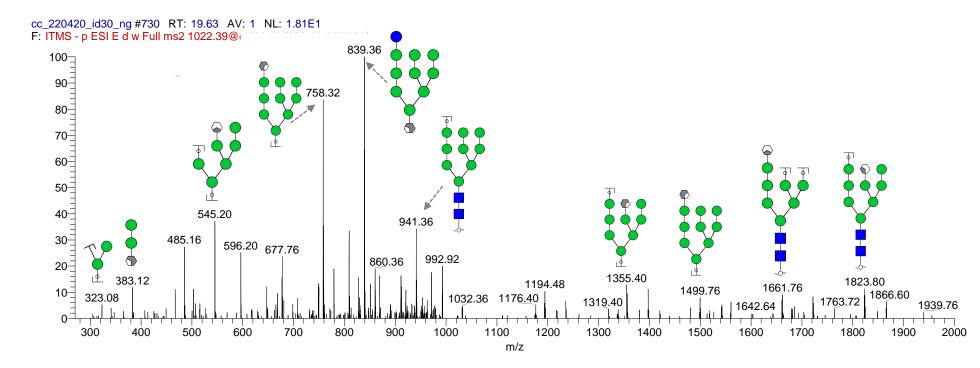


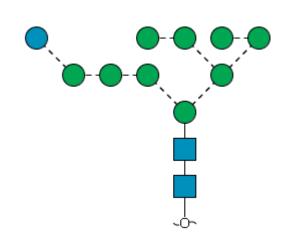


# Glycan 15 (Hex)7 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1022.39 (2-) Retention time: 19.5 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2045.78 Da

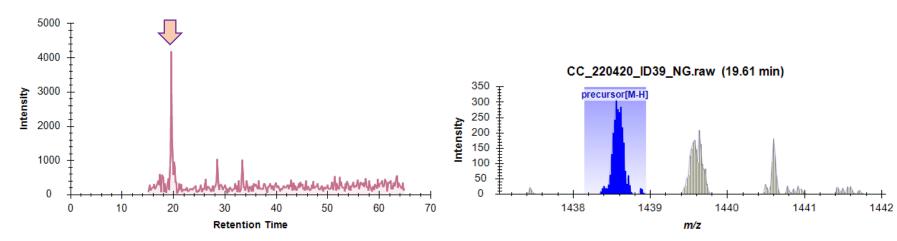


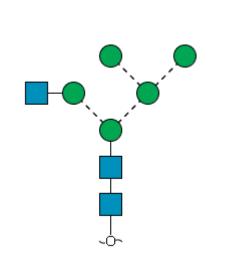


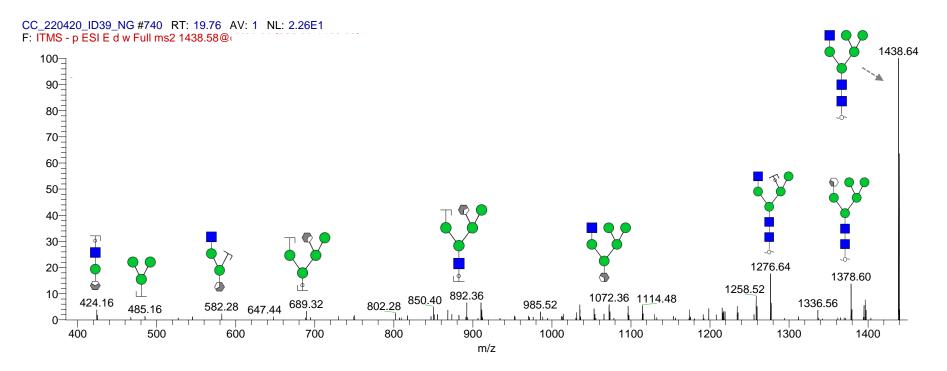


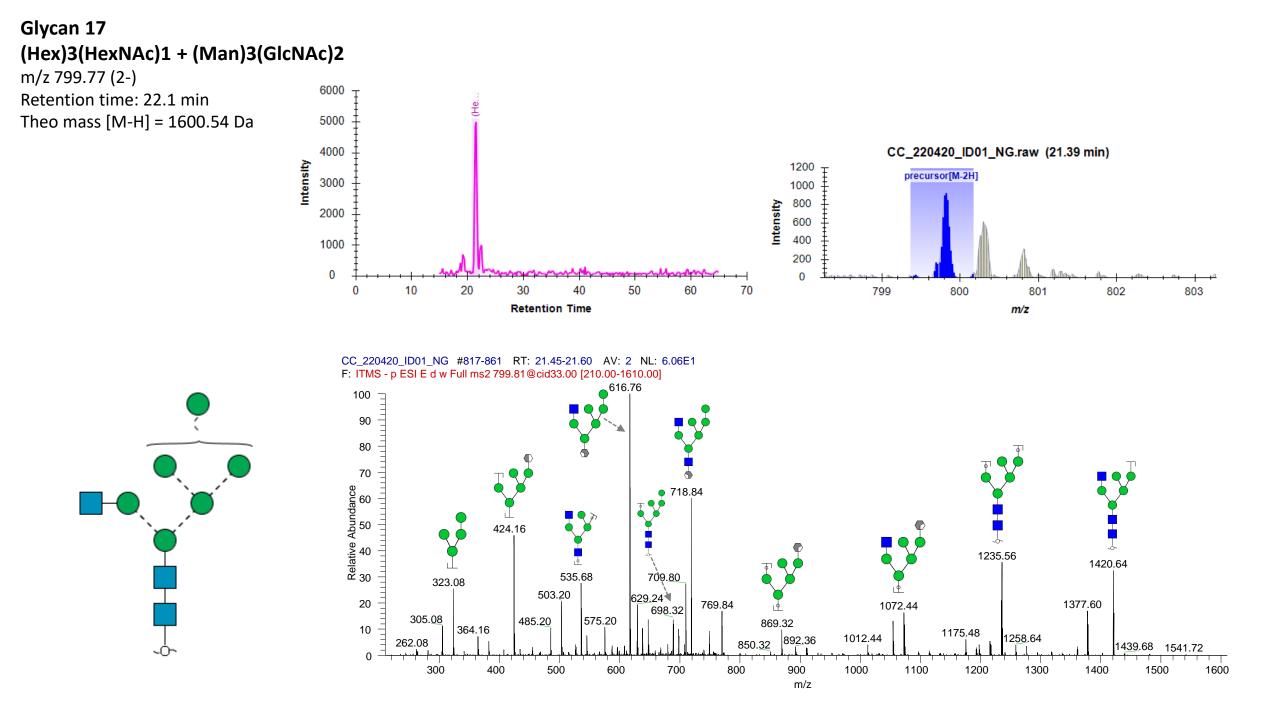
### Glycan 16 (Hex)2(HexNAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1438.58 (1-); 718.77 (2-) Retention time: 18.5 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1438.58 Da

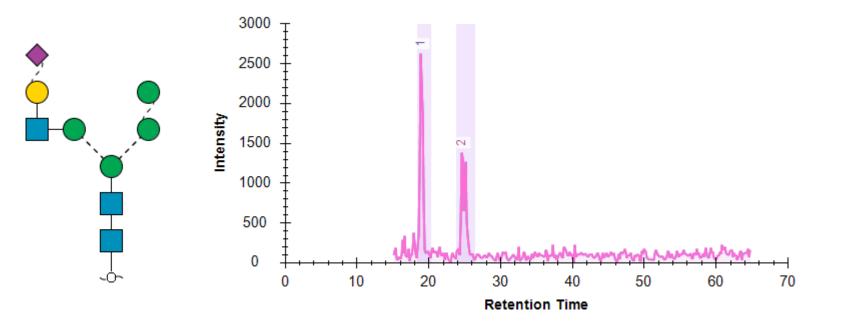






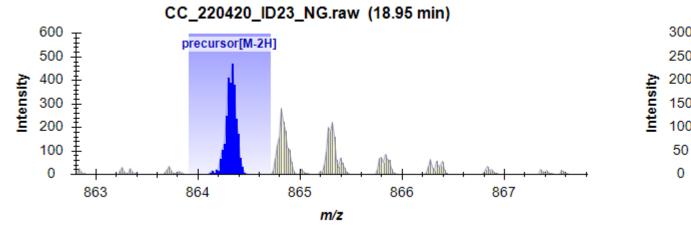


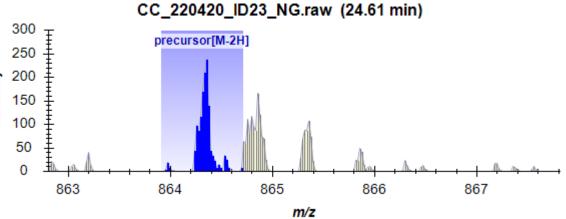
#### **Glycan 18** (Hex)2(HexNAc)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 864.31 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1729.62 Da

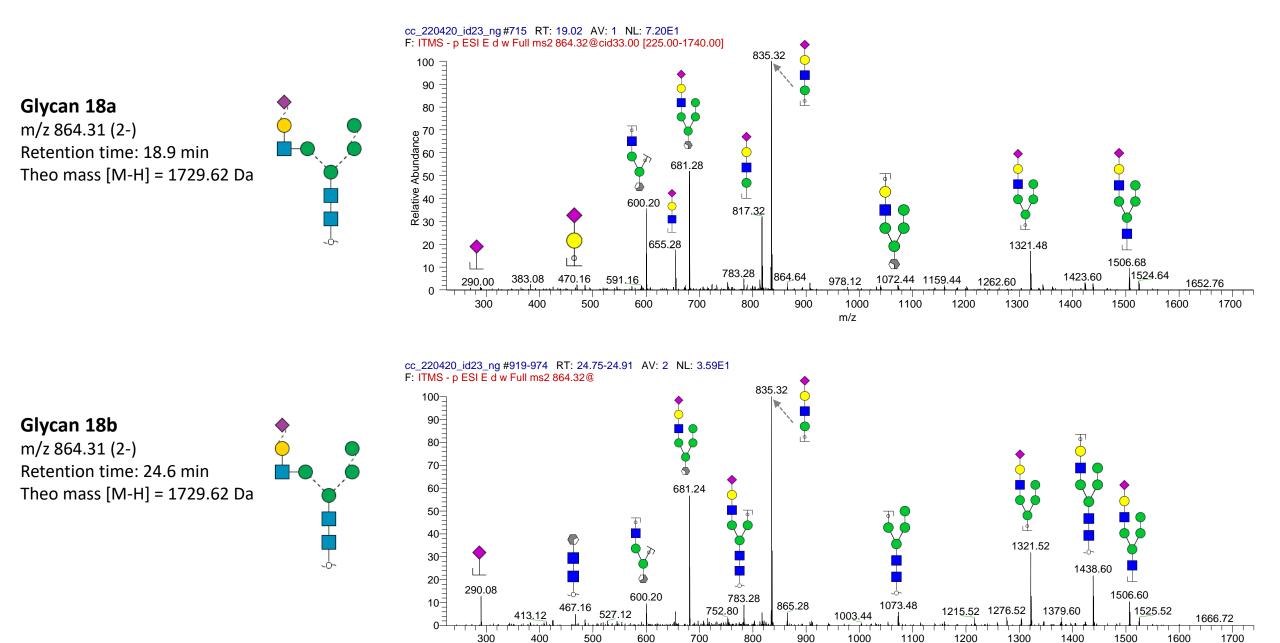


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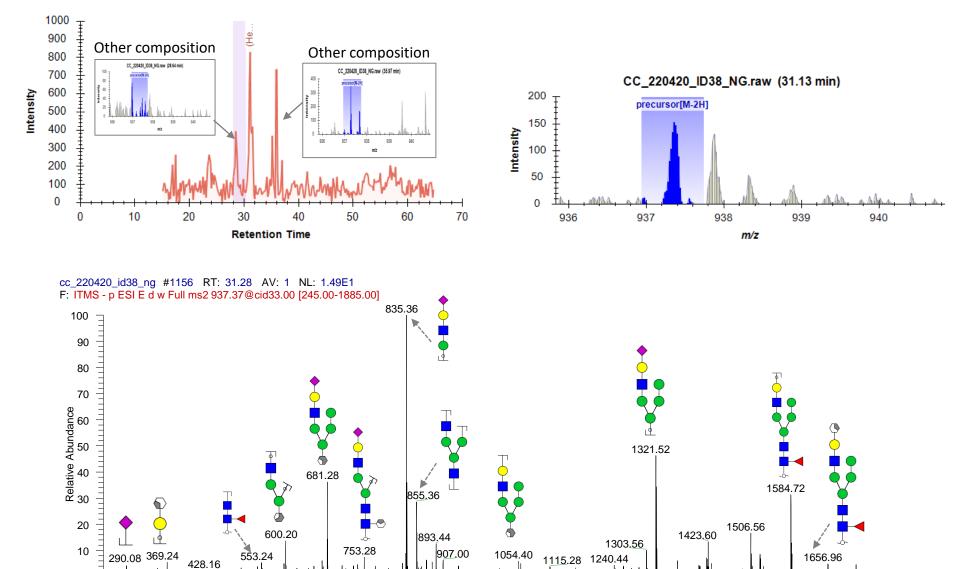




m/z

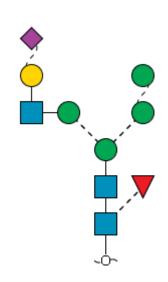
# Glycan 19 (Hex)2(HexNAc)1(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 937.34 (2-) Retention time: 29.5 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1875.68 Da

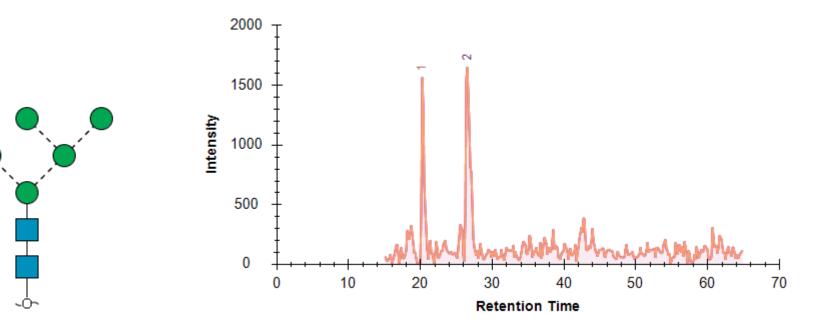


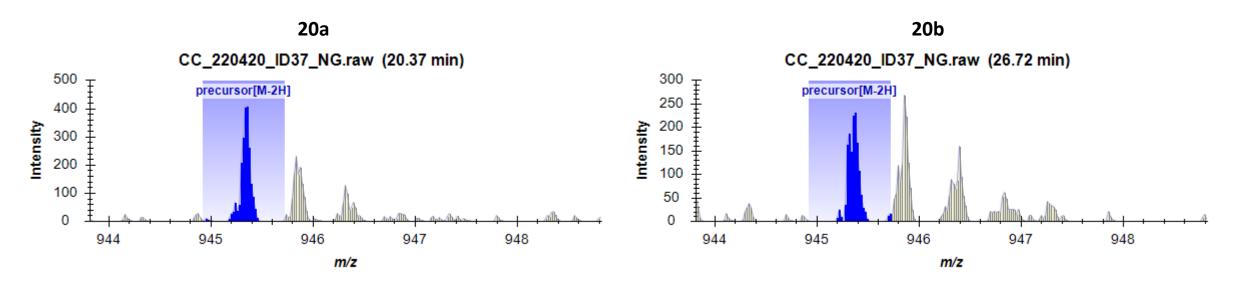
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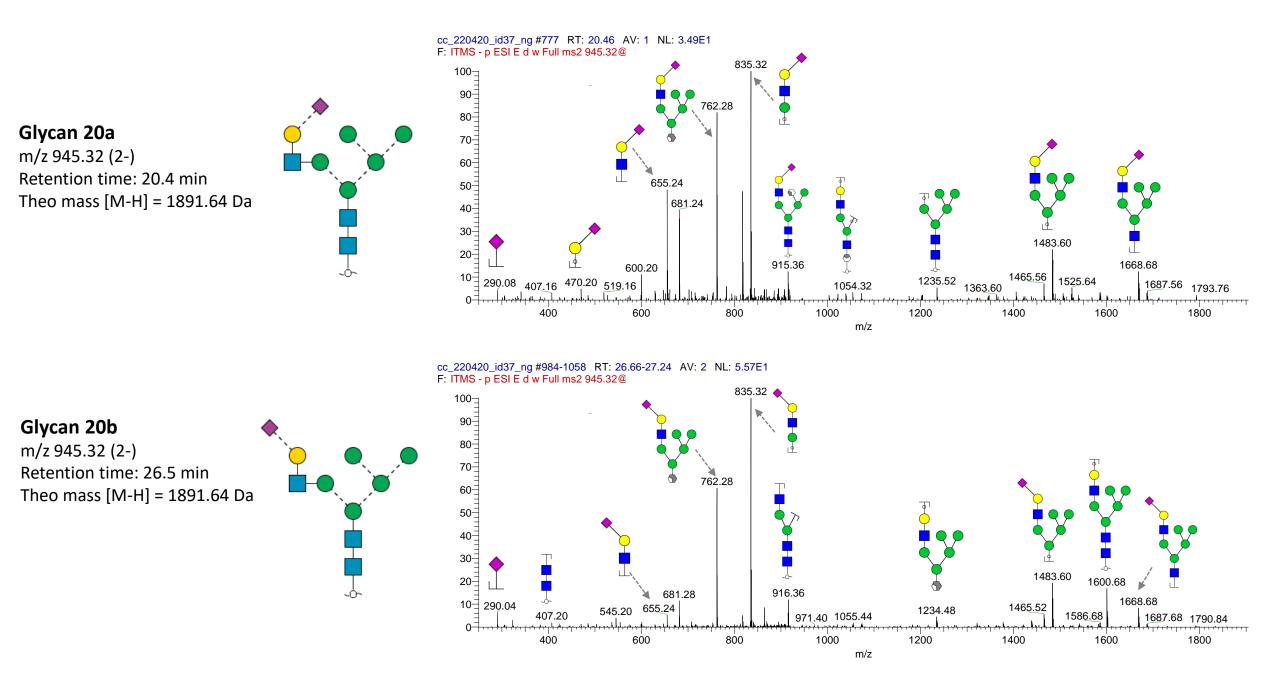
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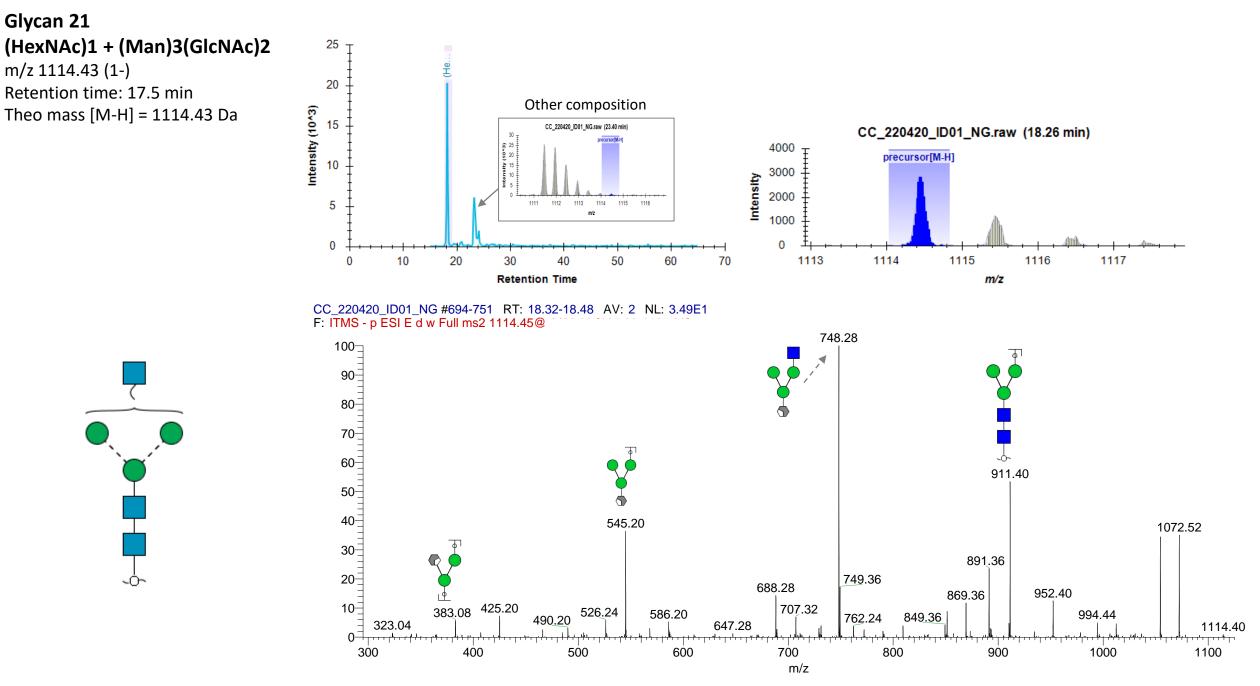
#### Glycan 20 (Hex)3(HexNAc)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 945.32 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1891.64 Da





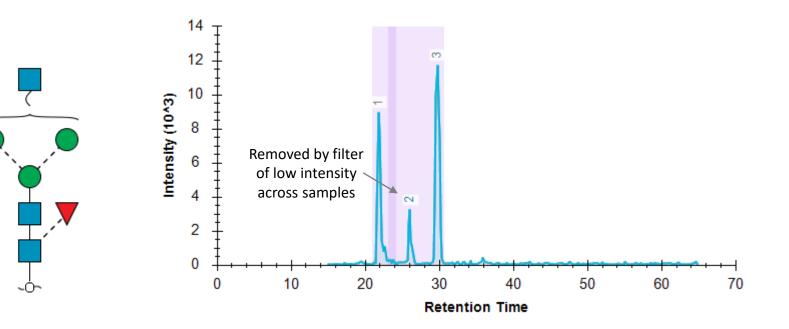


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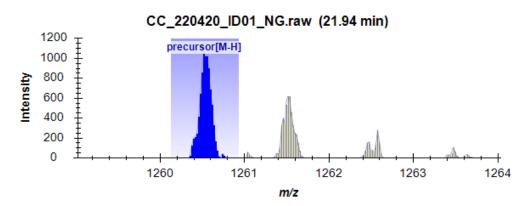


Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

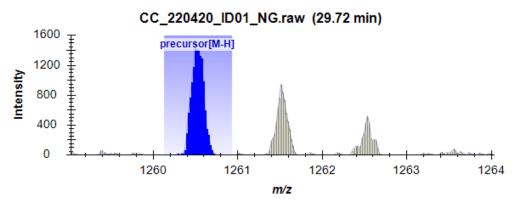
### **Glycan 22** (HexNAc)1(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1260.53 (1-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1260.53 Da

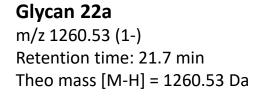


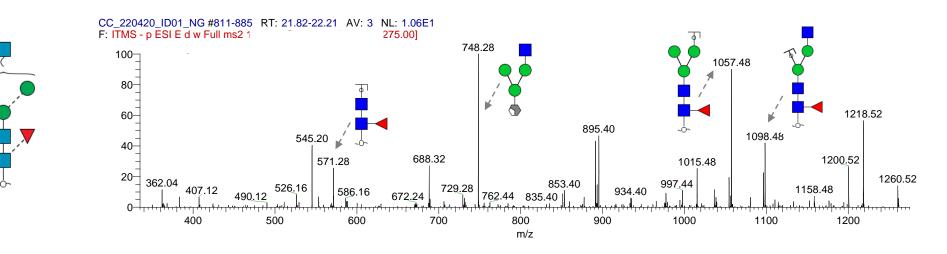
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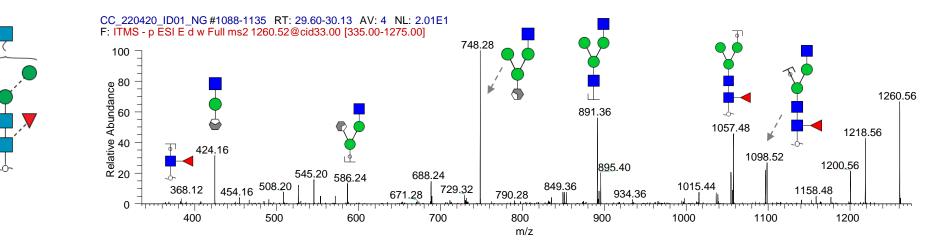
22b



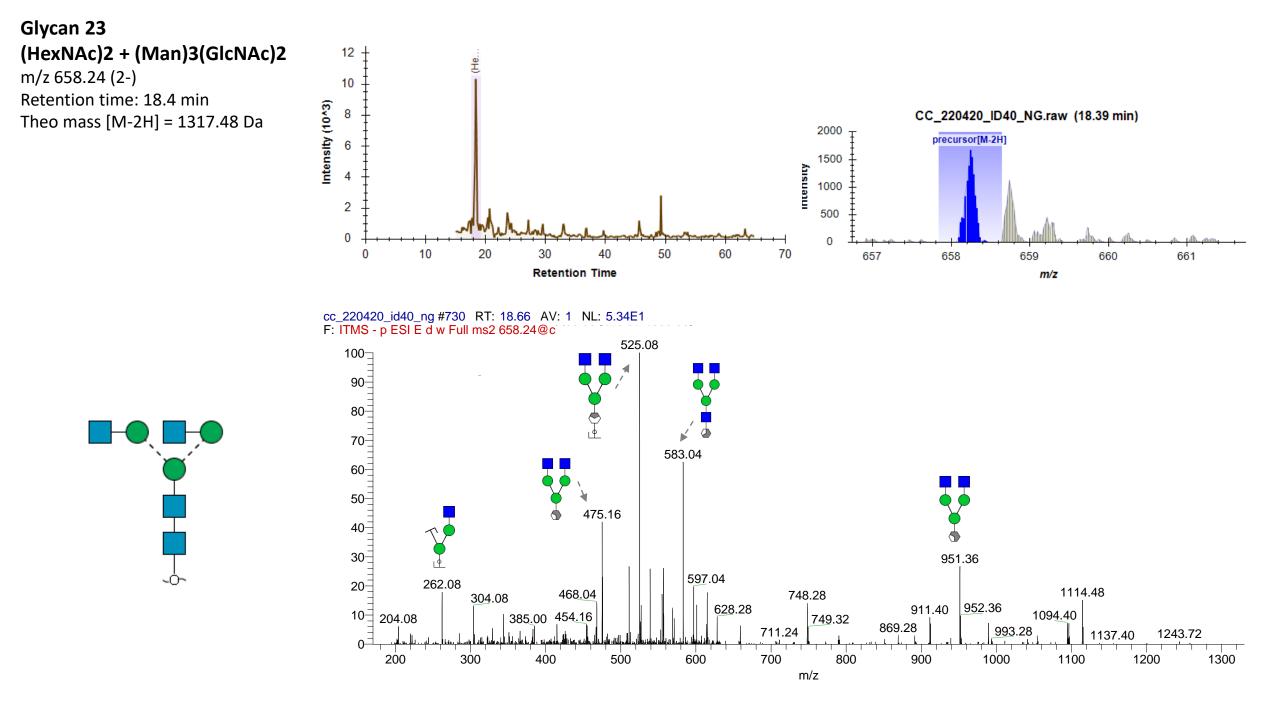




### **Glycan 22b** m/z 1260.53 (1-) Retention time: 29.7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1260.53 Da

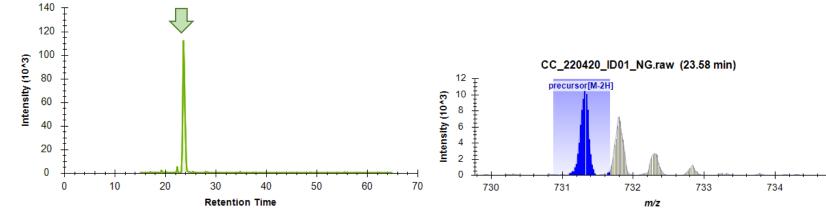


Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

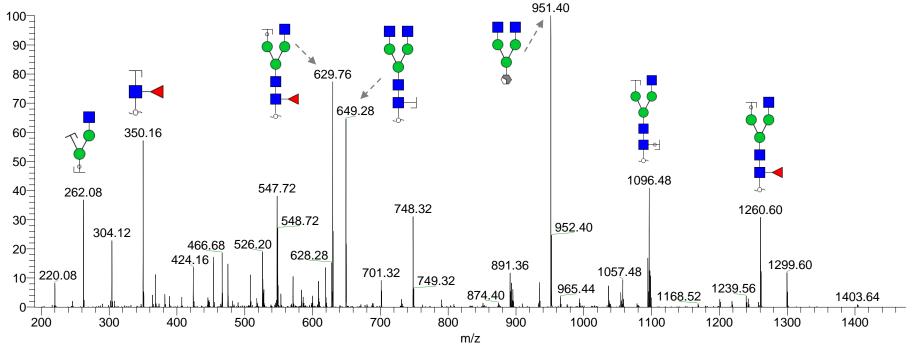


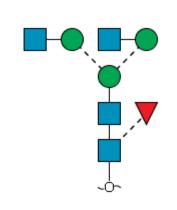
### Glycan 24 (HexNAc)2(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1463.63 (1-), 731.27 (2-) Retention time: 23.6 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1463.63 Da



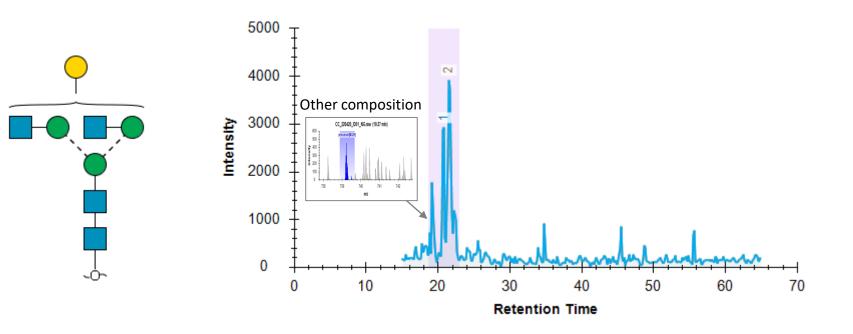
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Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

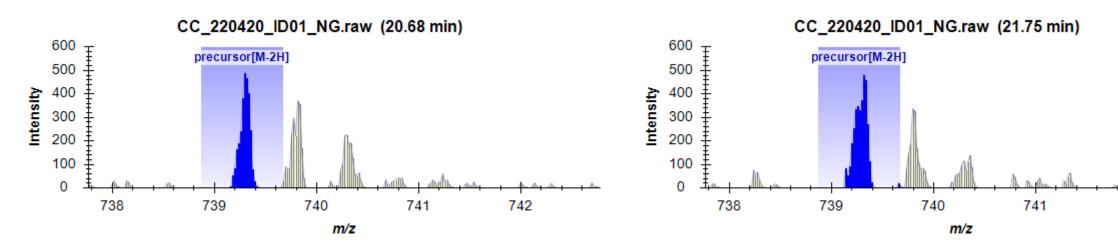
### **Glycan 25** (Hex)1(HexNAc)2 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 739.27 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1479.54 Da

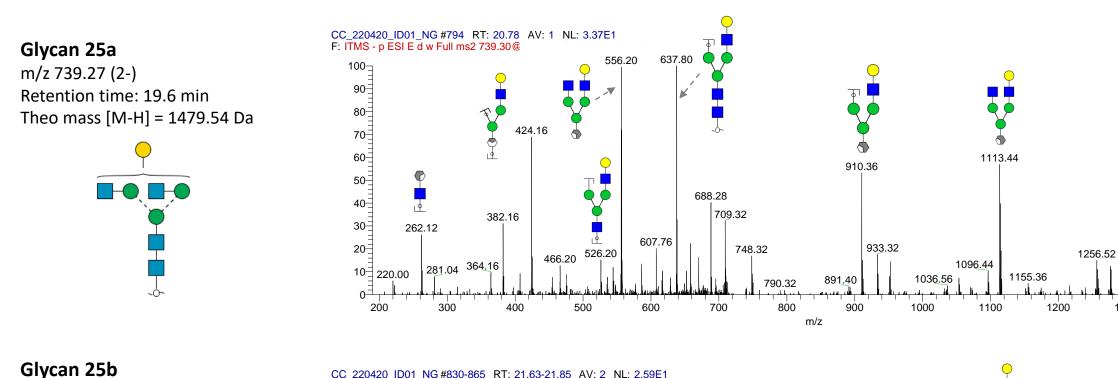


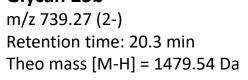
25a

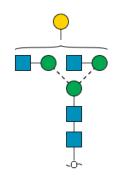


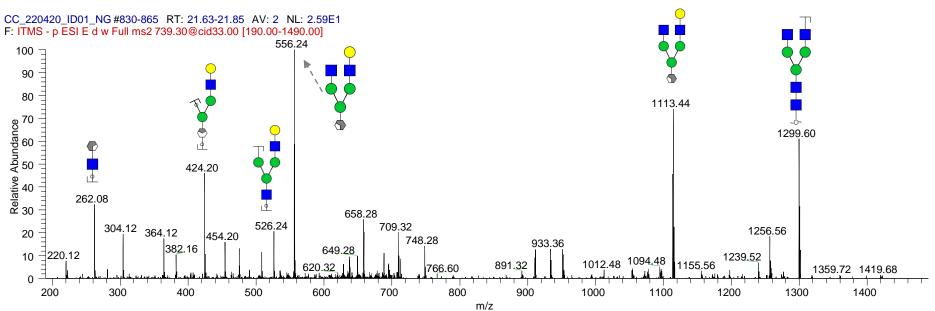
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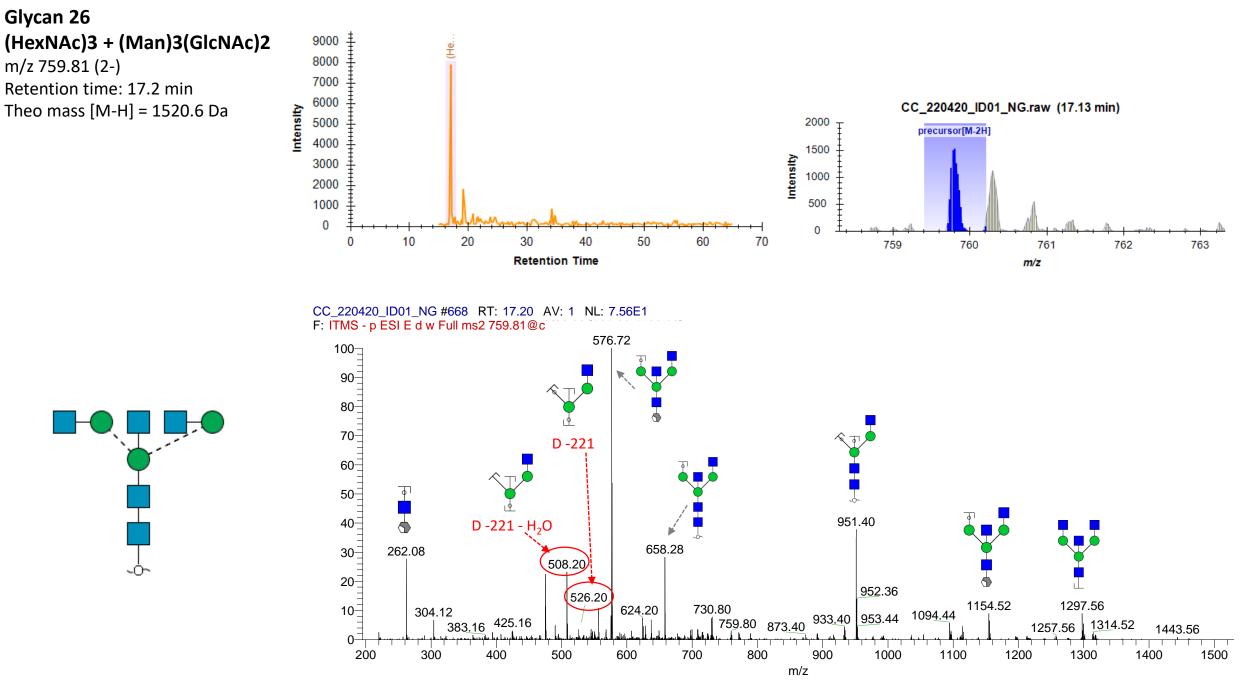
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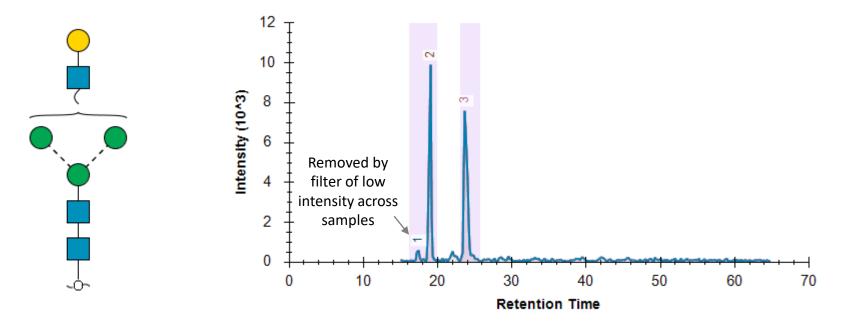
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Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.



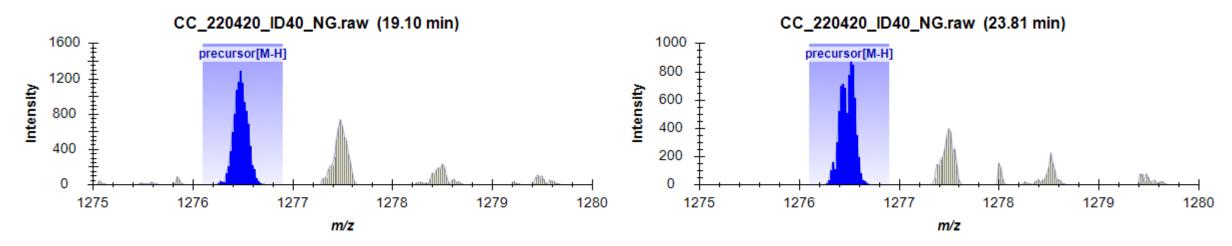
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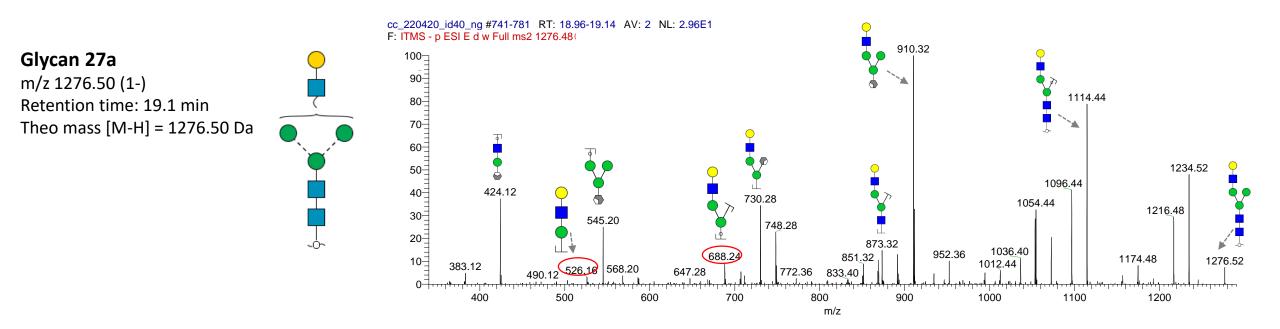
### **Glycan 27** (Hex)1(HexNAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1276.50 (1-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1276.50 Da

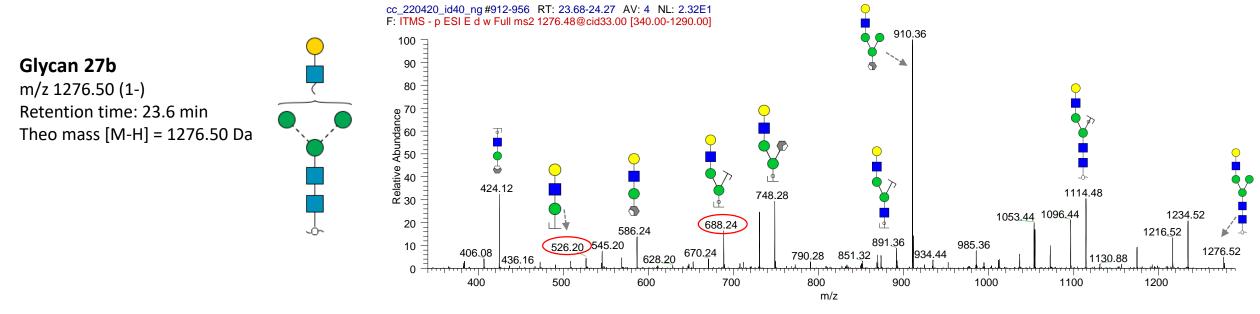


27a



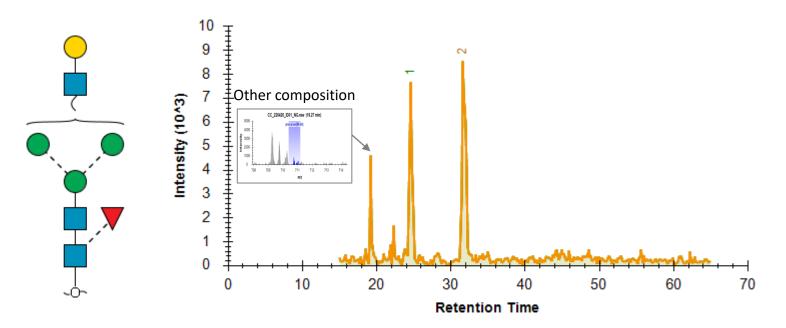






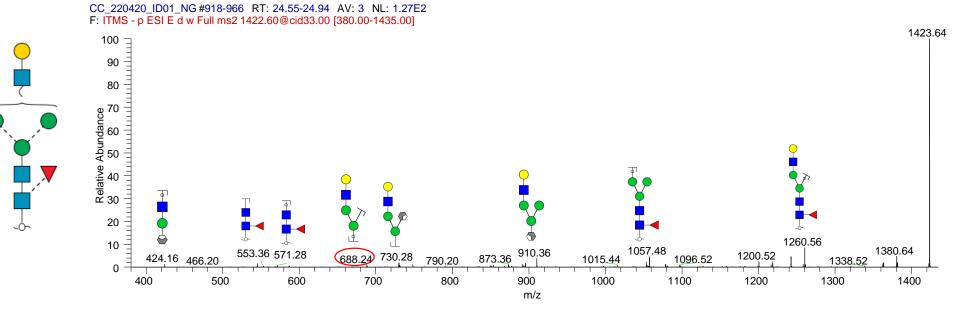
Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

### **Glycan 28** (Hex)1(HexNAc)1(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1422.61 (1-); 710.82 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1422.61 Da

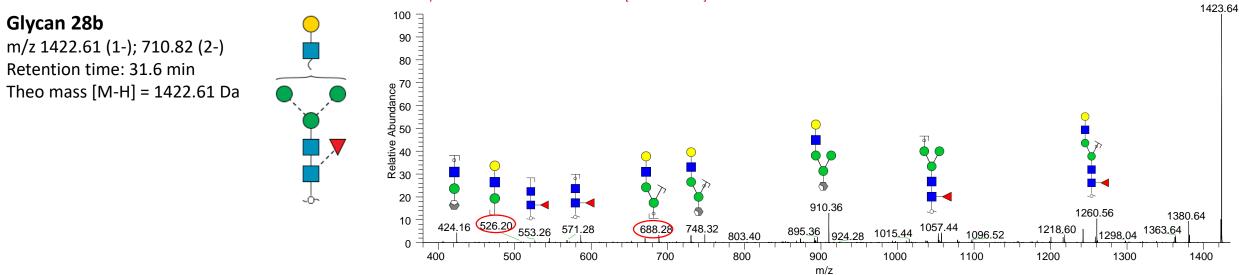


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**Glycan 28a** m/z 1422.61 (1-); 710.82 (2-) Retention time: 24.6 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1422.61 Da



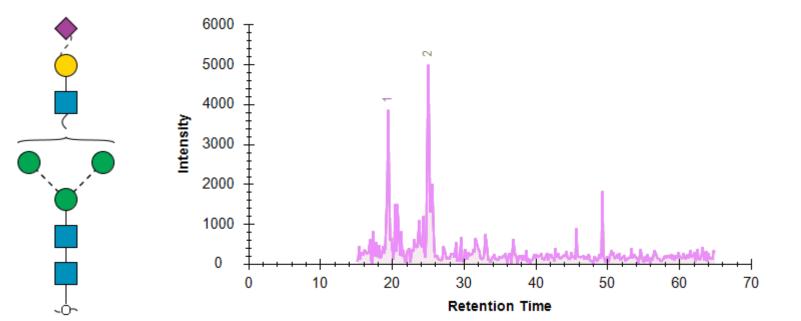
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Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

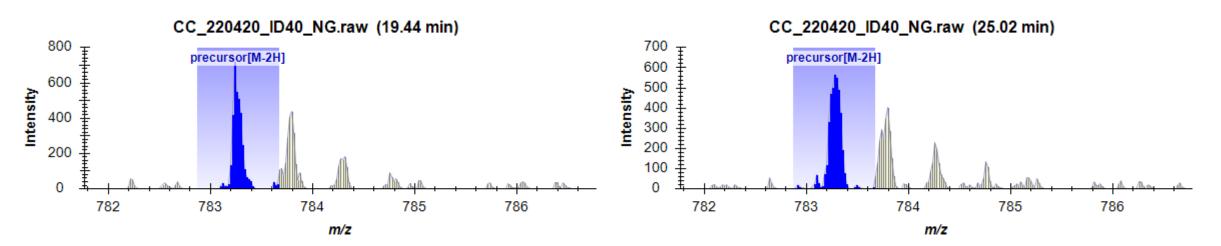
## Glycan 29 (Hex)1(HexNAc)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1567.67 (1-), 783.27 (2-)

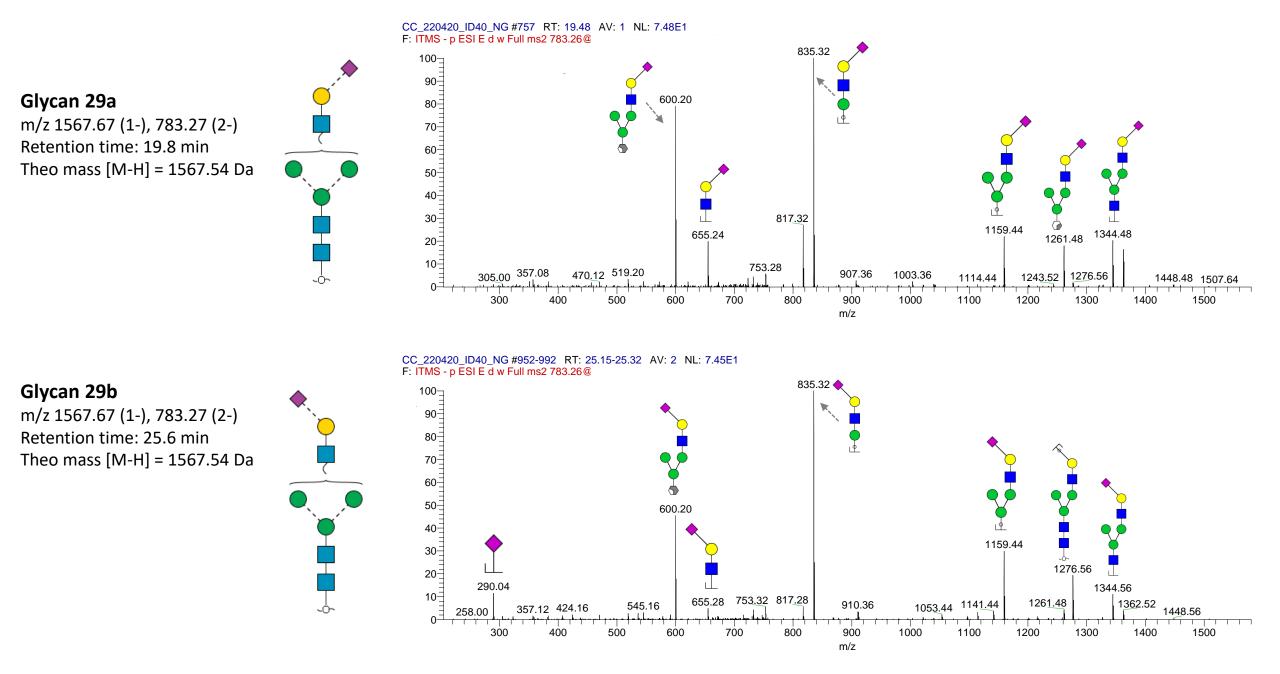
Theo mass [M-H] = 1567.54 Da



29b

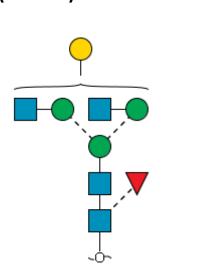
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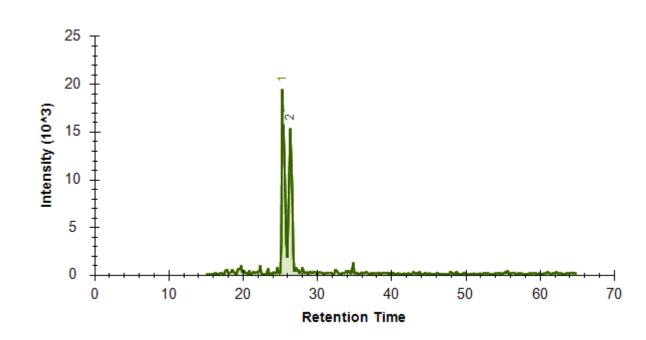




Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as α2,6 or α2,3-sialyl isomer based on their elution time.

### Glycan 30 (Hex)1(HexNAc)2(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1625.7 (1-), 812.32 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1625.64 Da

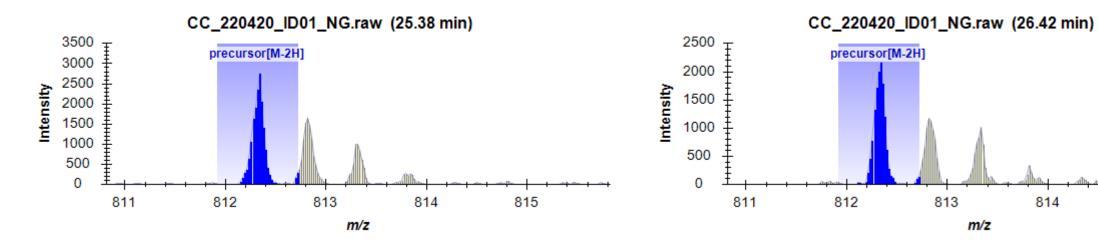


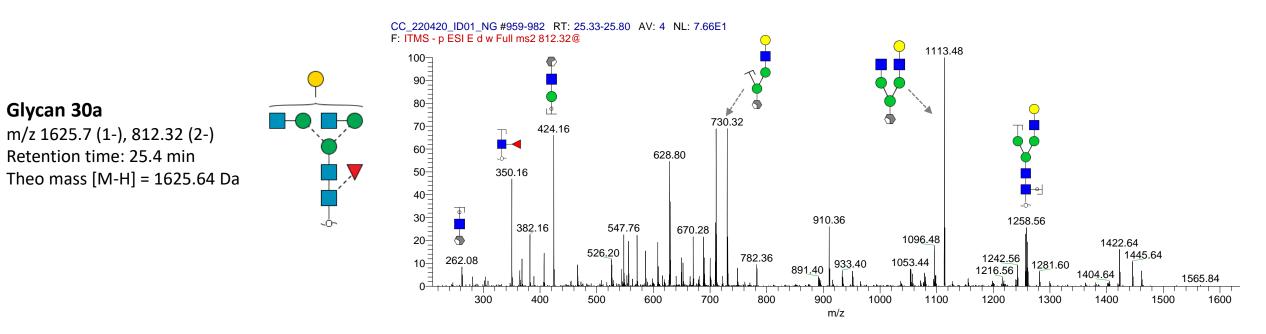


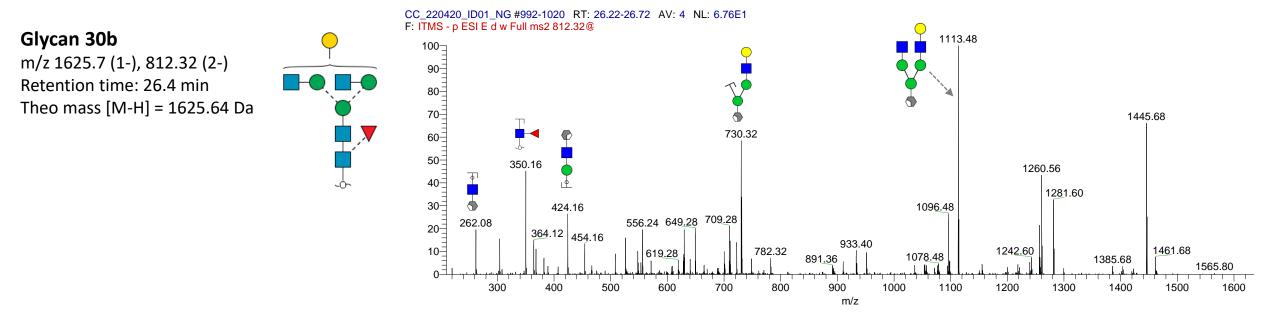
**30**a



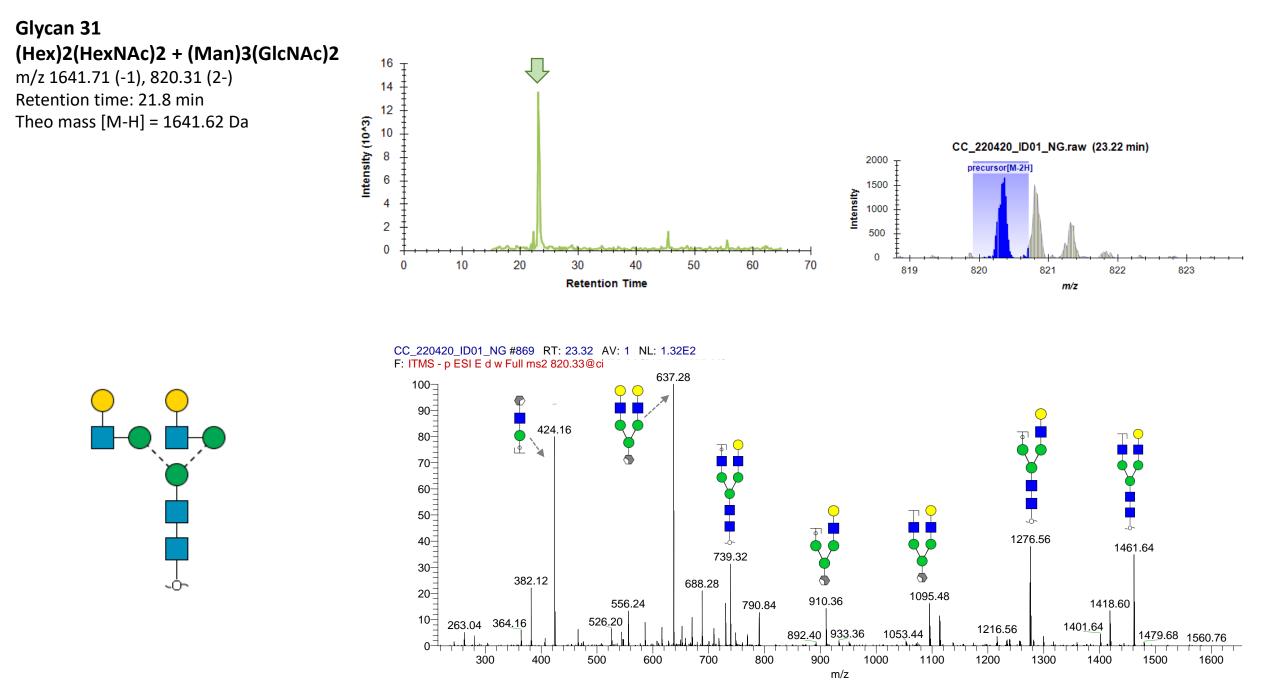
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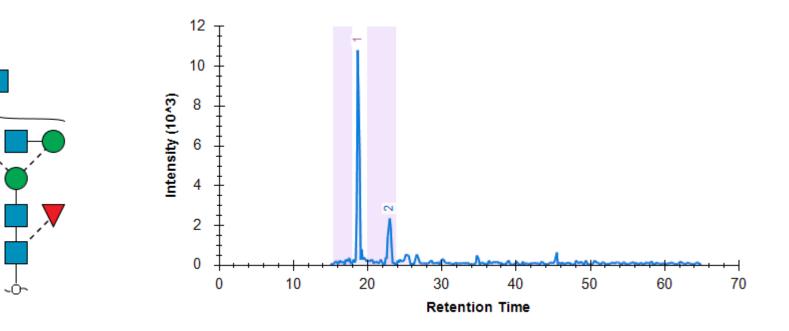


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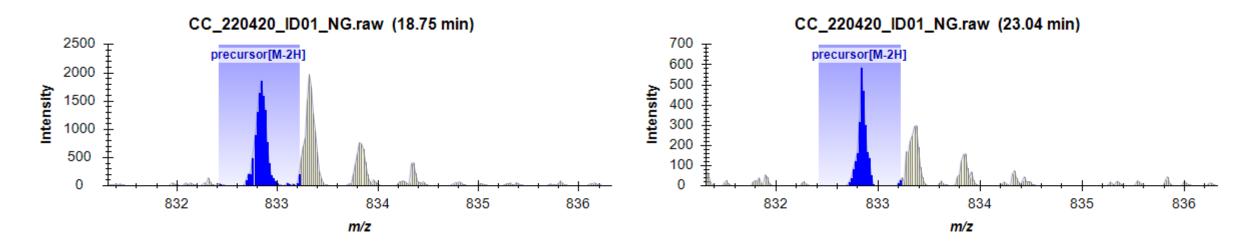
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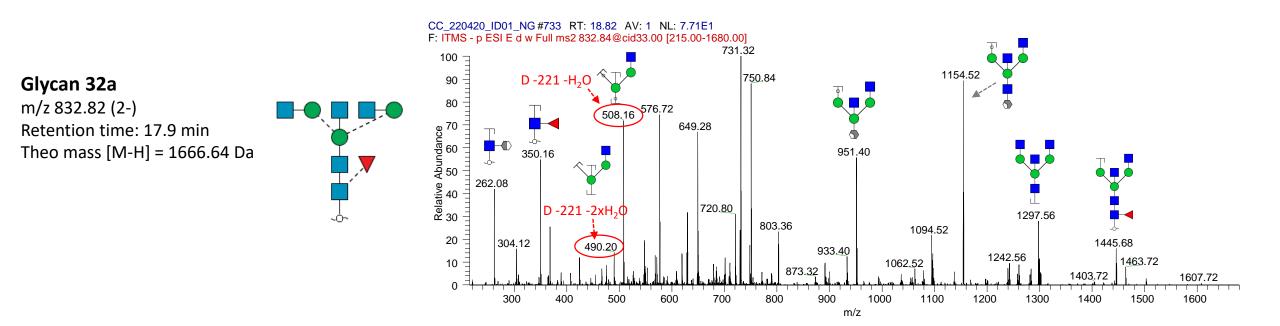
**Glycan 32** (HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 832.82 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1666.64 Da

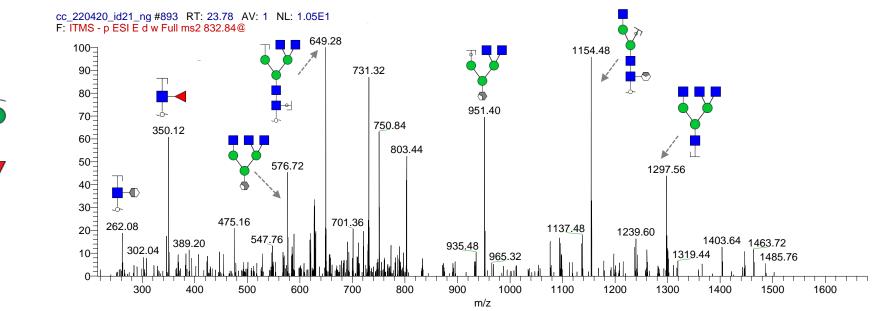


32a









Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

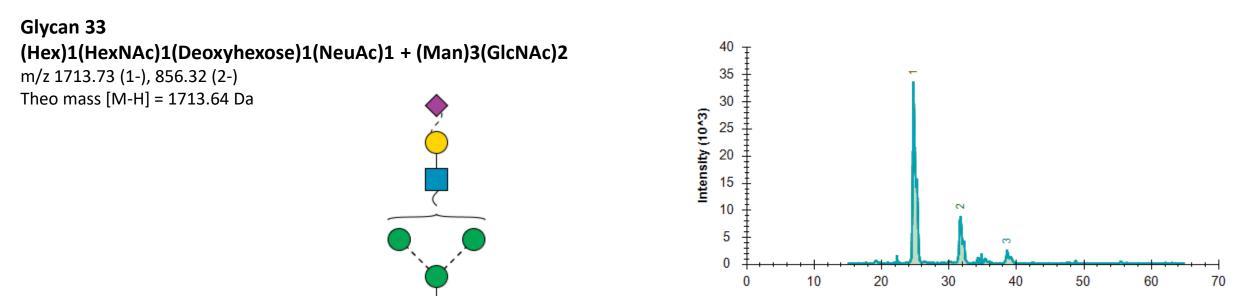
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Glycan 32b

m/z 832.82 (2-)

Retention time: 23.7 min

Theo mass [M-H] = 1666.64 Da

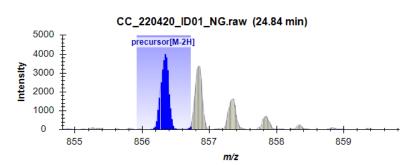


**Retention Time** 

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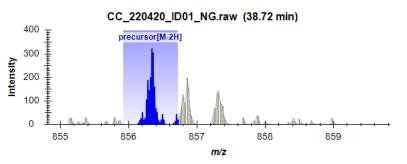
Intensity



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33b

#### 33c



#### Glycan 33a

m/z 1713.73 (1-), 856.32 (2-) Retention time: 24.9 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1713.64 Da

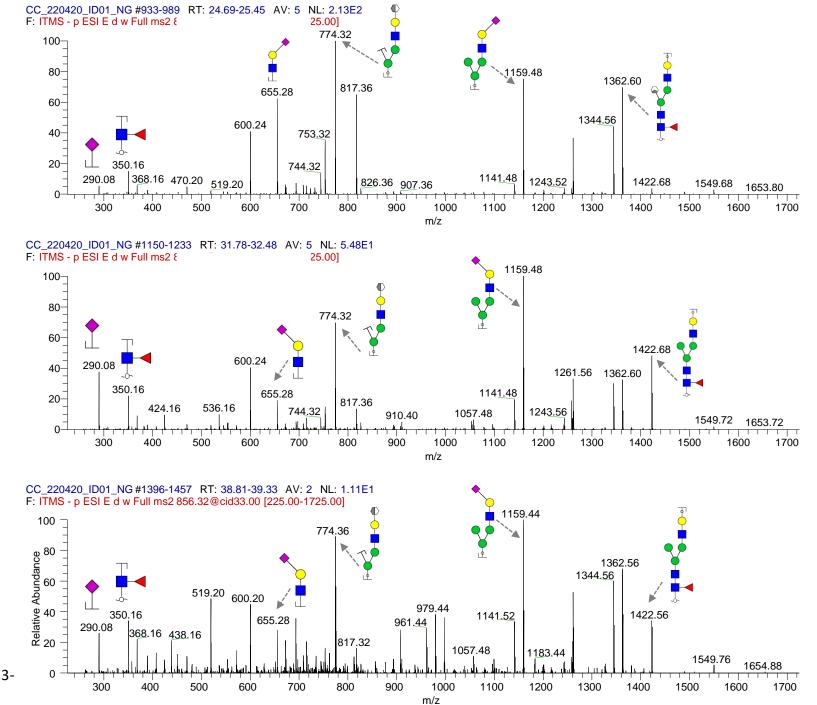
#### Glycan 33b

m/z 1713.73 (1-), 856.32 (2-) Retention time: 31,7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1713.64 Da

**Glycan 33c** m/z 1713.73 (1-), 856.32 (2-)

Retention time: 38,7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1713.64 Da

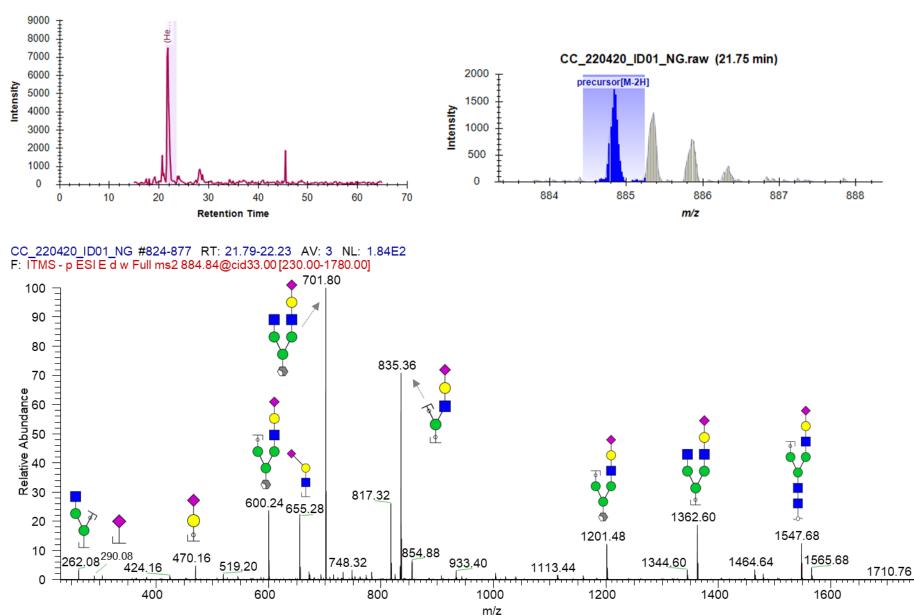
Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as  $\alpha 2,6$  or  $\alpha 2,3$ -sialyl isomer based on their elution time and 655/290 ions.

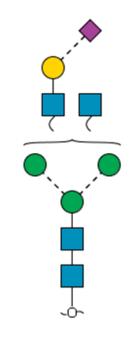


# Glycan 34 (Hex)1(HexNAc)2(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 884.84 (2-)

Retention time: 21.7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1770.68 Da

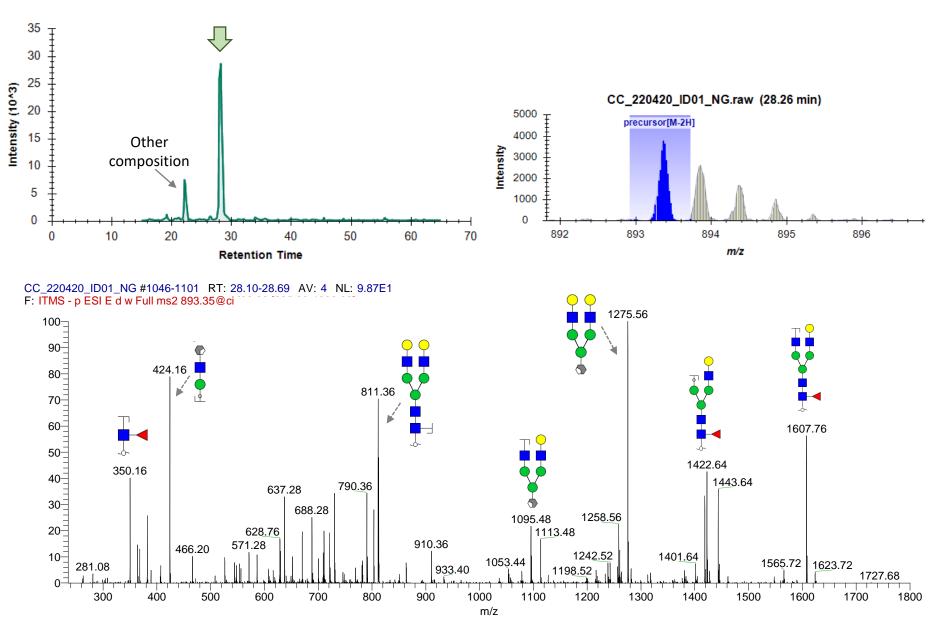


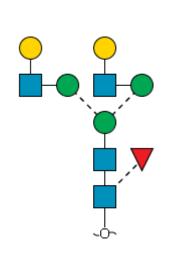


Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

### Glycan 35 (Hex)2(HexNAc)2(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1787.73 (1-), 893.32 (2-) Retention time: 28.2 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1787.64 Da



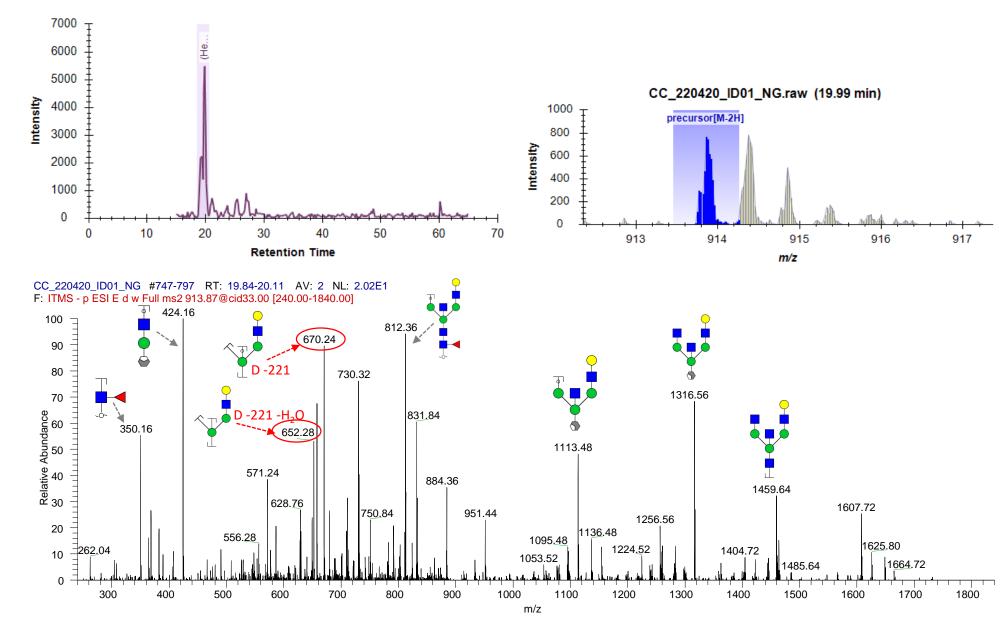


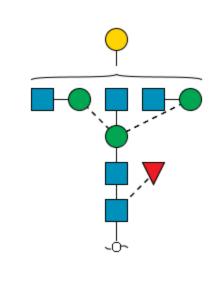
Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

## Glycan 36 (Hex)1(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 913.86 (2-) Retention time: 19.2 min

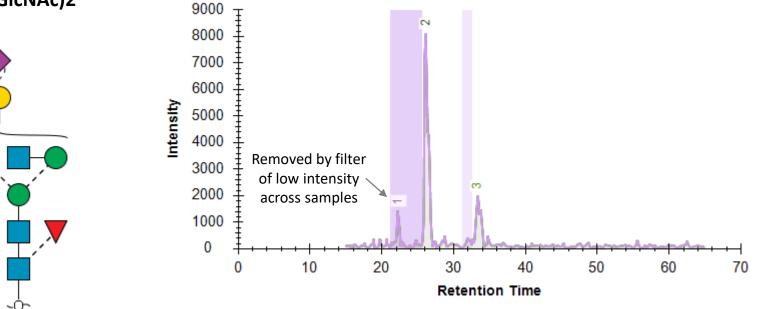
Theo mass [M-H] = 1828.72 Da





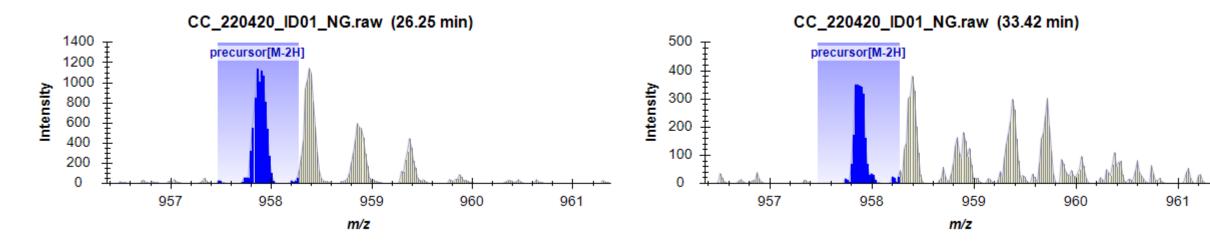
Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

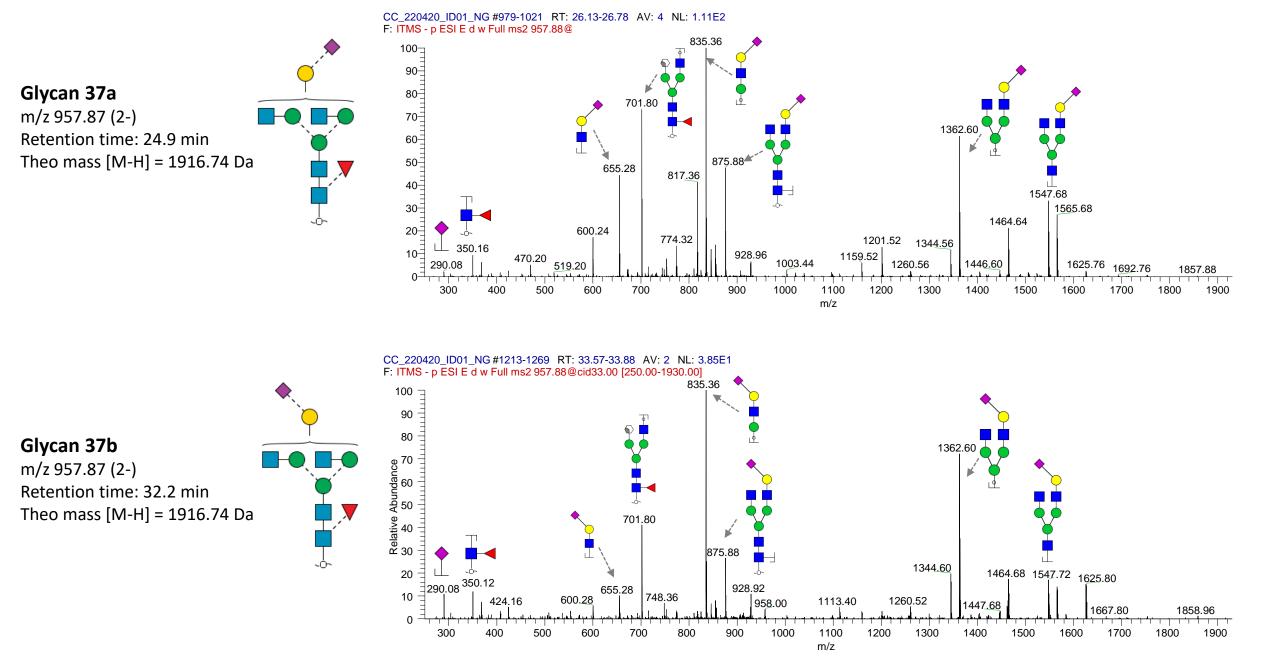
### Glycan 37 (Hex)1(HexNAc)2(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 957.87 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1916.74 Da





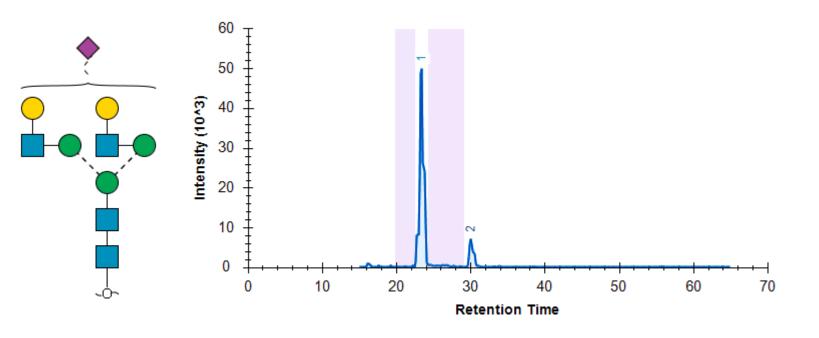






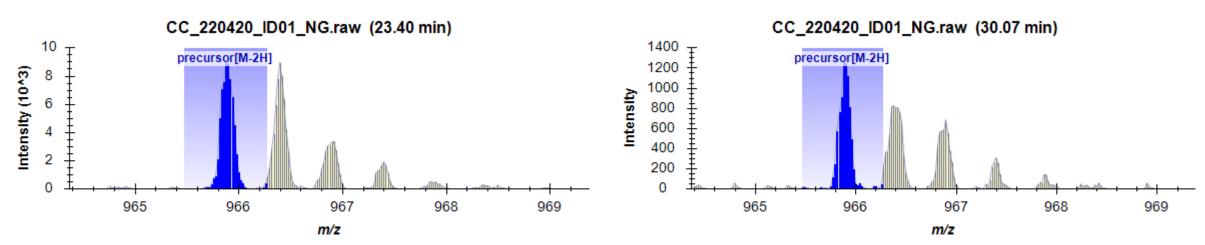
Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as  $\alpha 2,6$  or  $\alpha 2,3$ -sialyl isomer based on their elution time and 655/290 ions.

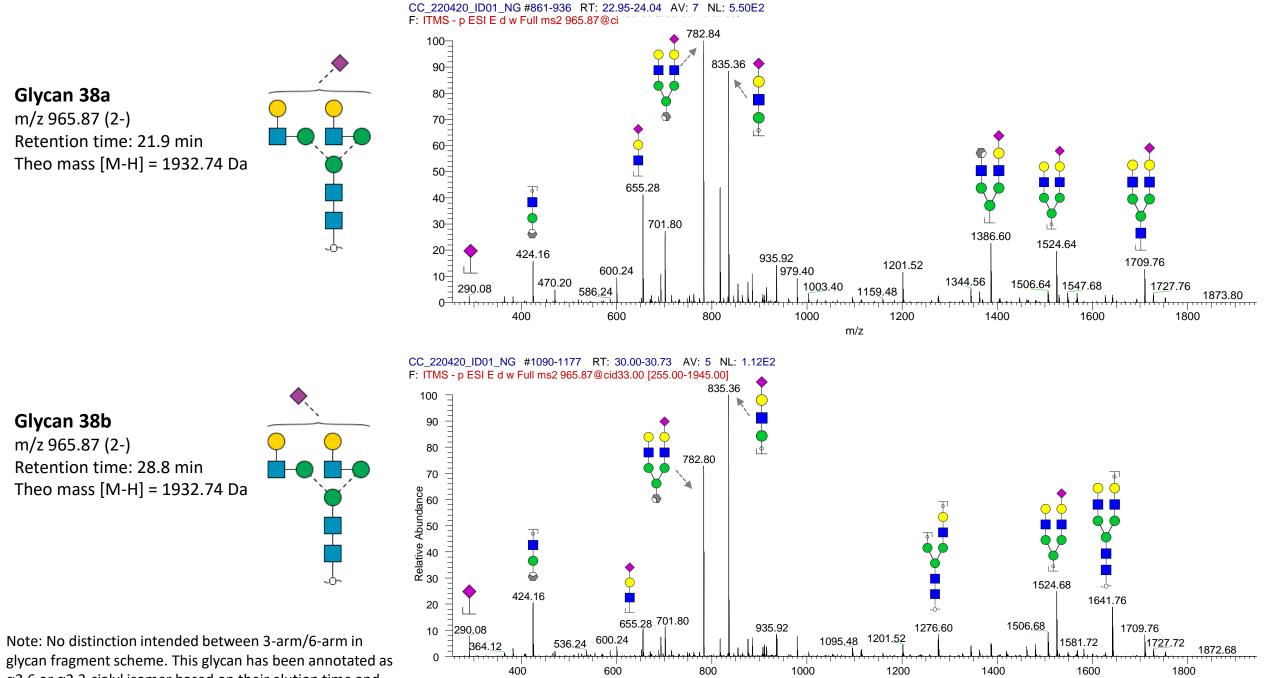
### **Glycan 38** (Hex)2(HexNAc)2(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 965.87 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 1932.74 Da



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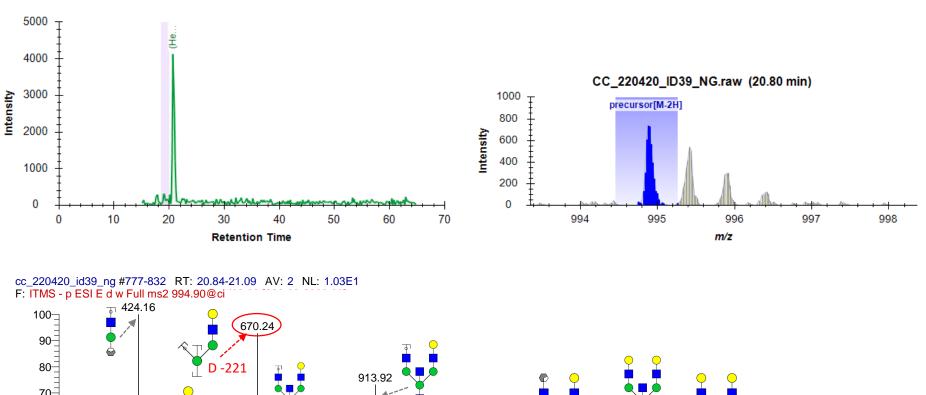


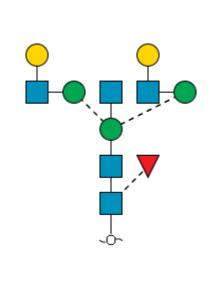
m/z

glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated a  $\alpha 2,6$  or  $\alpha 2,3$ -sialyl isomer based on their elution time and 655/290 ions.

## Glycan 39 (Hex)2(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 994.86 (2-) Retention time: 19.5 min Theo mass [M-H] = 1990.72 Da

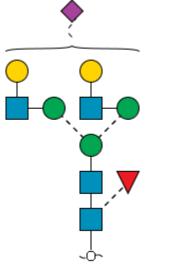


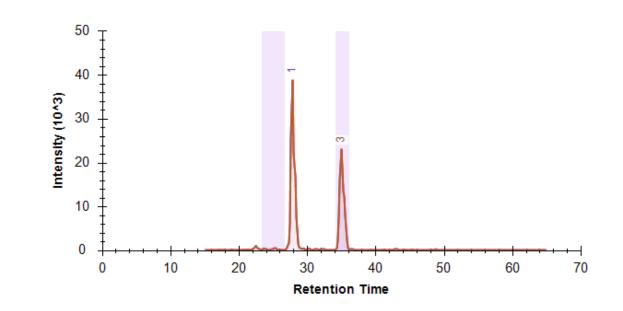


80 70 60 50 40 738.80 1478.64 893.36 652.24 1621.68 1298.56 350.16 30 571.28 1445.68 1810.84 964.92 1257.48 1113.40 1095.40 1607.72 1316.60 1769.76 553.24 10 1418.60 1137.48 996.00 1648.76 1590.68 299.20 1828.80 ----6<u>0</u>0 800 1000 1200 2000 400 1400 1600 1800 m/z

Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

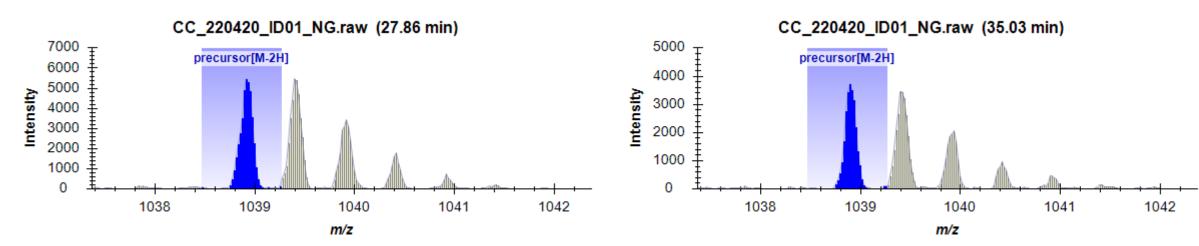
### Glycan 40 (Hex)2(HexNAc)2(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1038.87 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 2078.74 Da

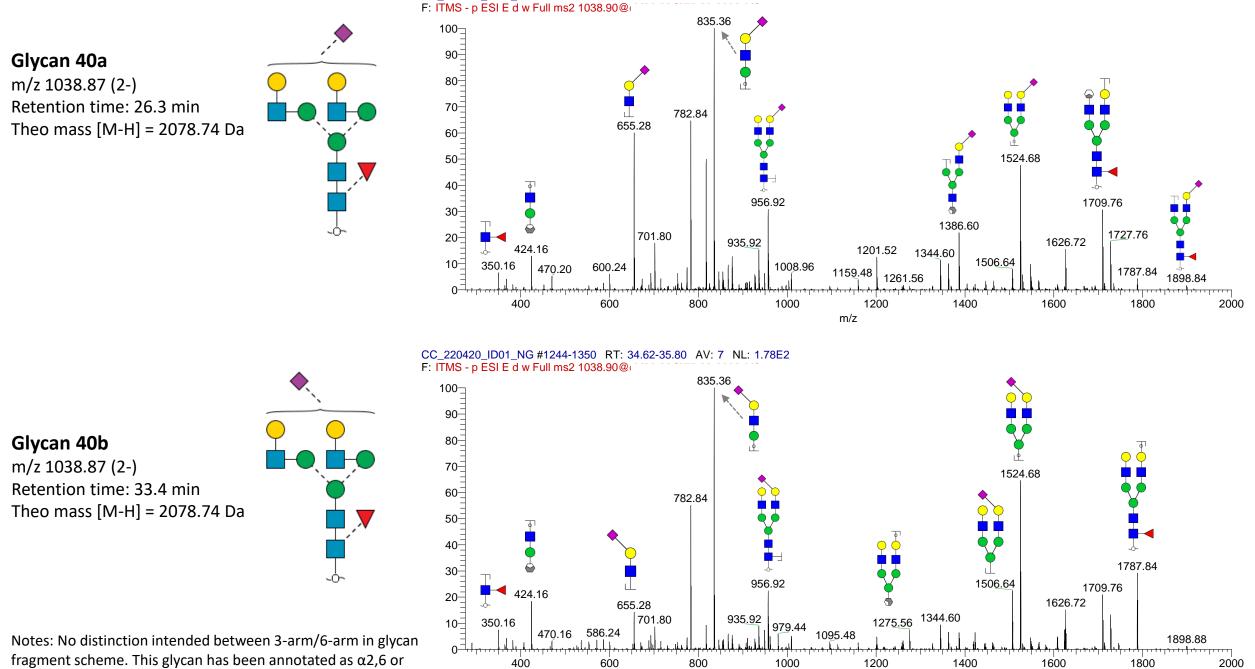




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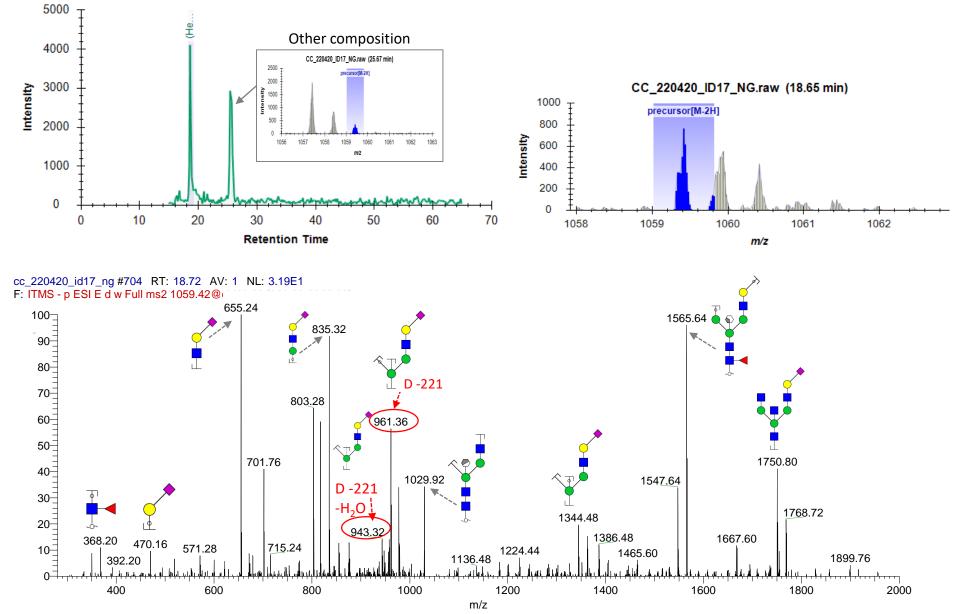
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 $\alpha$ 2,3-sialyl isomer based on their elution time and 655/290 ions.

## Glycan 41 (Hex)1(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1059.42 (2-) Retention time: 18.6 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2119.84 Da

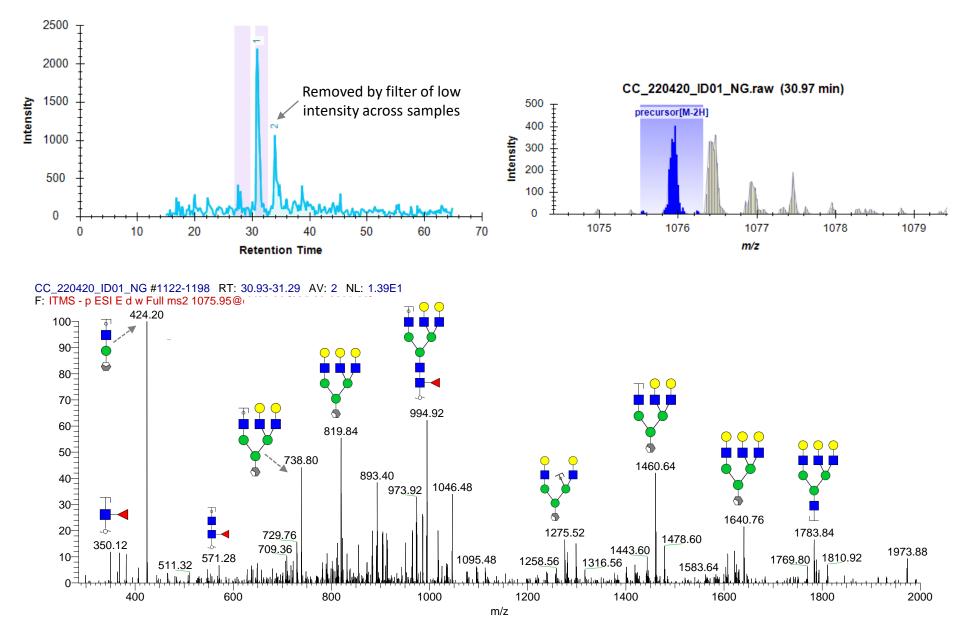
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Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as α2,6-sialyl isomer based on 655/290 ions.

# Glycan 42 (Hex)3(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

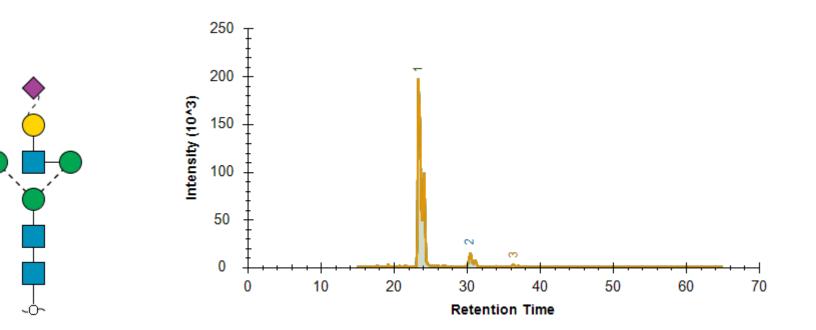
m/z 1075.92 (2-) Retention time: 29.3 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2152.84 Da



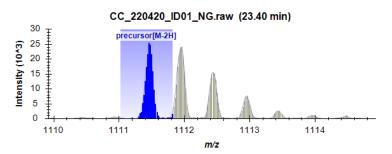
Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

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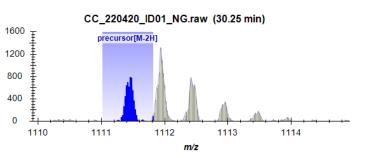
### Glycan 43 (Hex)2(HexNAc)2(NeuAc)2 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1111.42 (1-); 740.61 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 2223.83 Da



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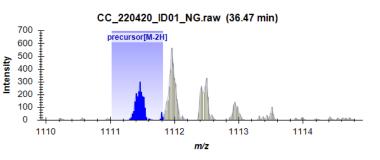


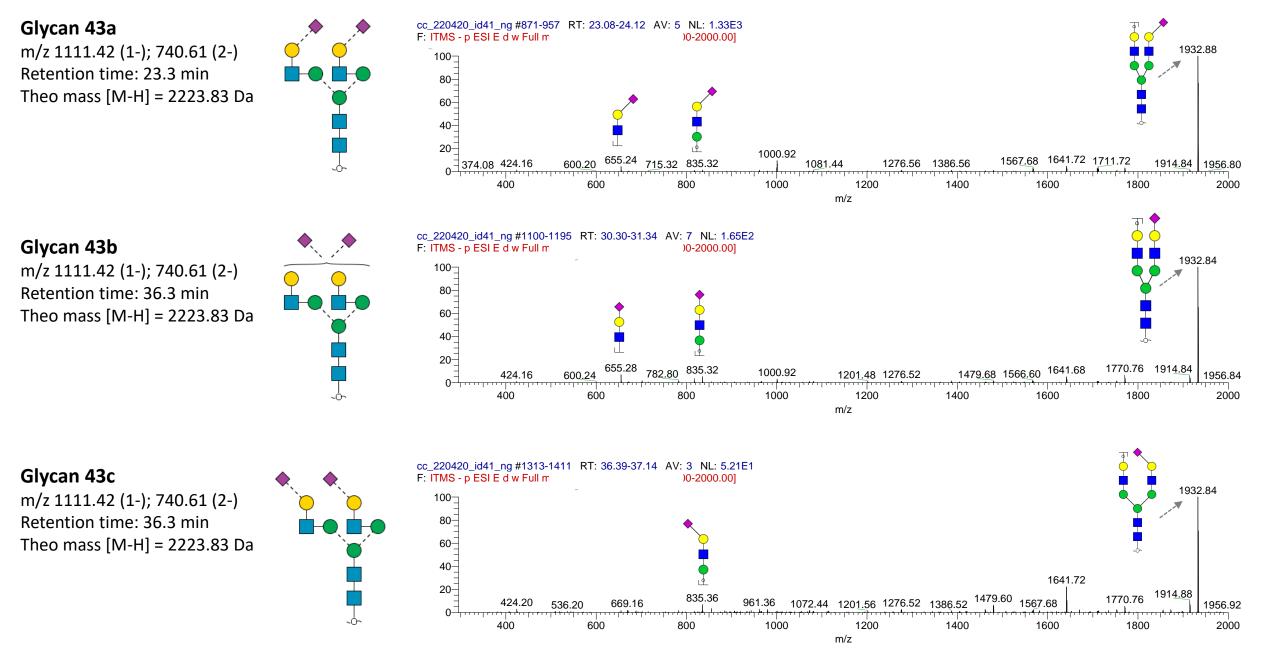
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Intensity



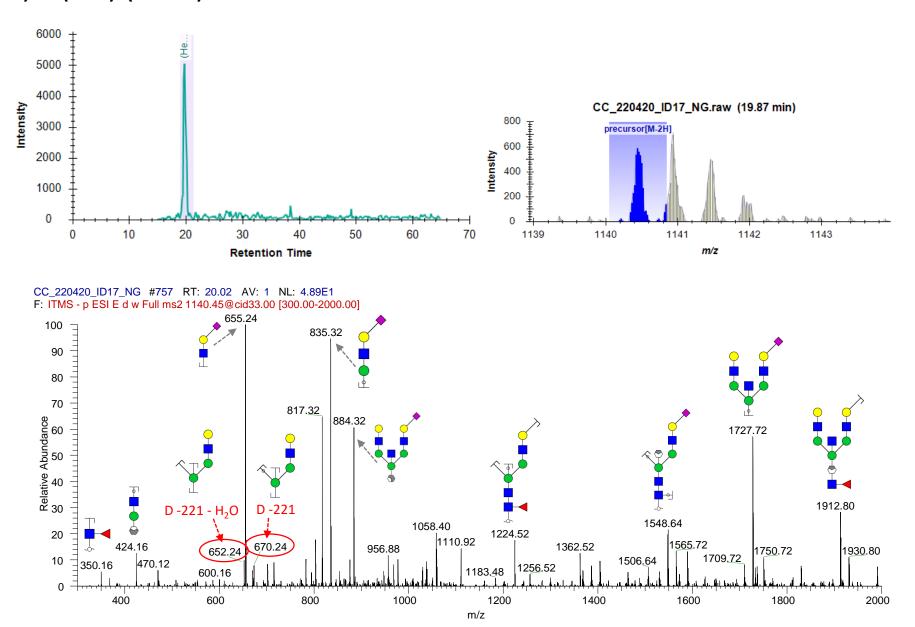


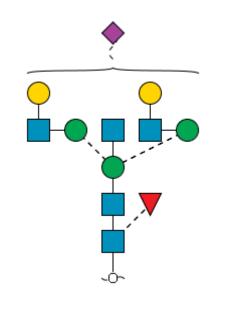


Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as  $\alpha 2,6$  or  $\alpha 2,3$ -sialyl isomer based on their elution time.

## Glycan 44 (Hex)2(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

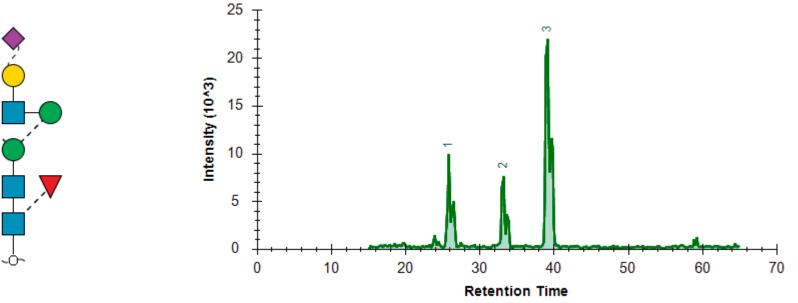
m/z 1140.45 (2-) Retention time: 19.7 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2281.92 Da





Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as α2,6-sialyl isomer based on 655/290 ions.

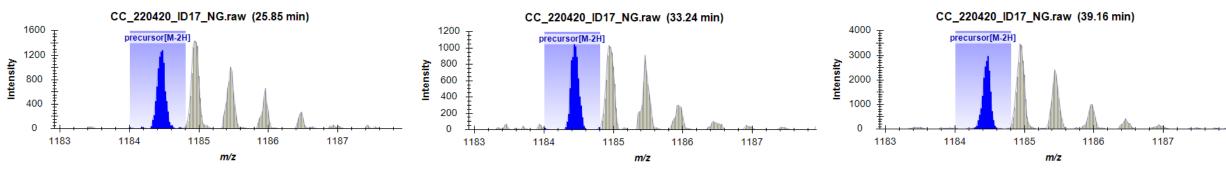
### Glycan 45 (Hex)2(HexNAc)2(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)2 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1184.42 (2-); 789.27 (-3) Theo mass [M-H] = 2369.84 Da



45a



**45c** 



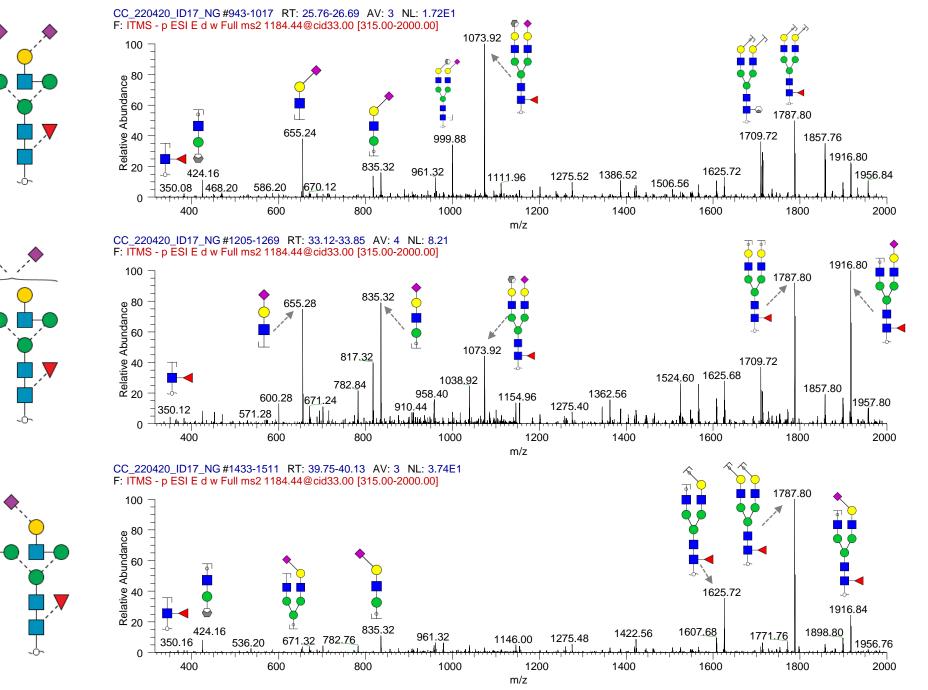
#### Glycan 45a

m/z 1184.42 (2-); 789.27 (-3) Retention time: 26 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2369.84 Da



m/z 1184.42 (2-); 789.27 (-3) Retention time: 33 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2369.84 Da

**Glycan 45c** m/z 1184.42 (2-); 789.27 (-3) Retention time: 39.2 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2369.84 Da

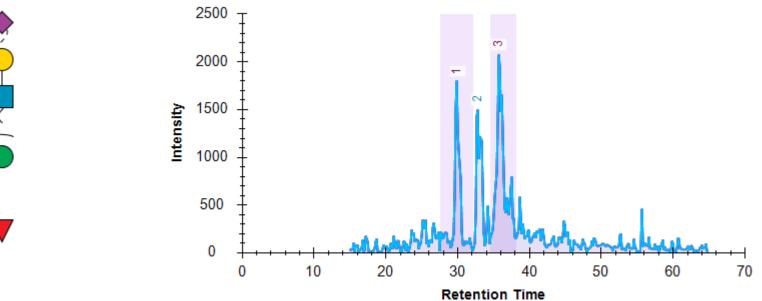


Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as α2,6 or α2,3-sialyl isomer based on their elution time and 655/290 ions.

### Glycan 46 (Hex)3(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)1 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1221.47 (2-)

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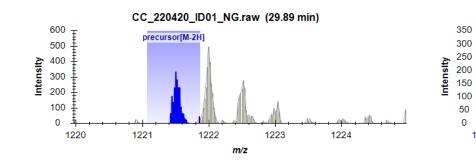
Theo mass [M-H] = 2443.94 Da

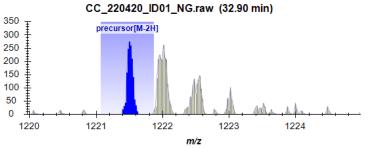


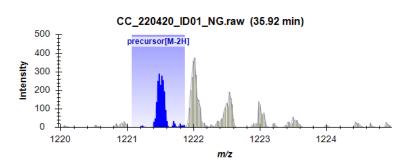
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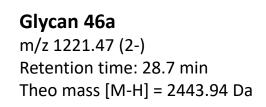


**46c** 



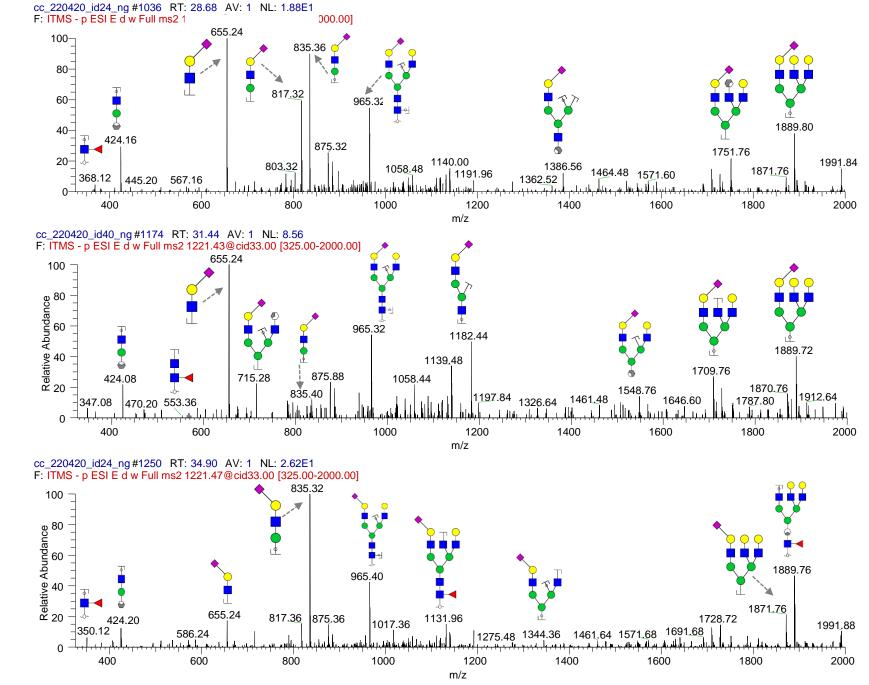






**Glycan 46b** m/z 1221.47 (2-) Retention time: 31.9 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2443.94 Da

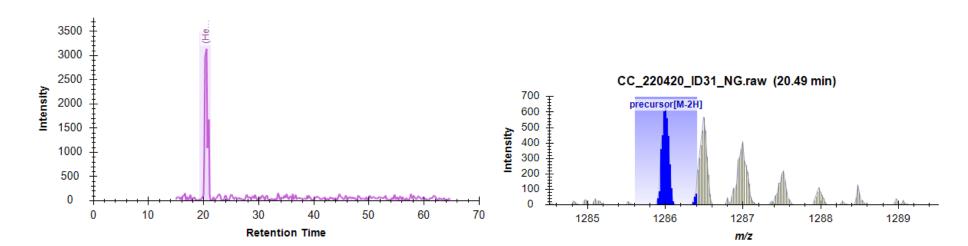
**Glycan 46c** m/z 1221.47 (2-) Retention time: 34.9 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2443.94 Da

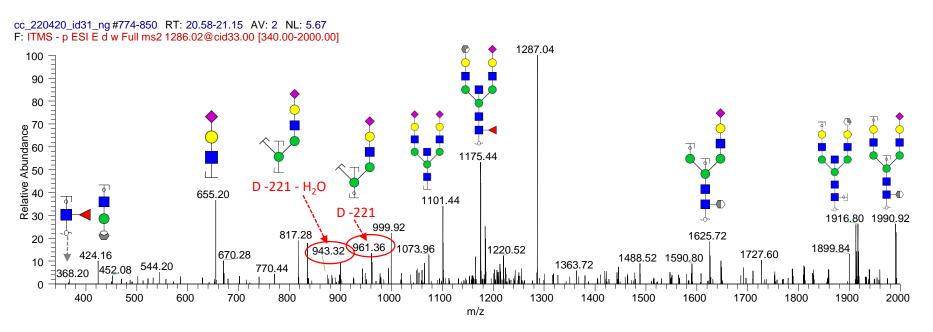


Notes: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme. This glycan has been annotated as α2,6 or α2,3-sialyl isomer based on their elution time and 655/290 ions.

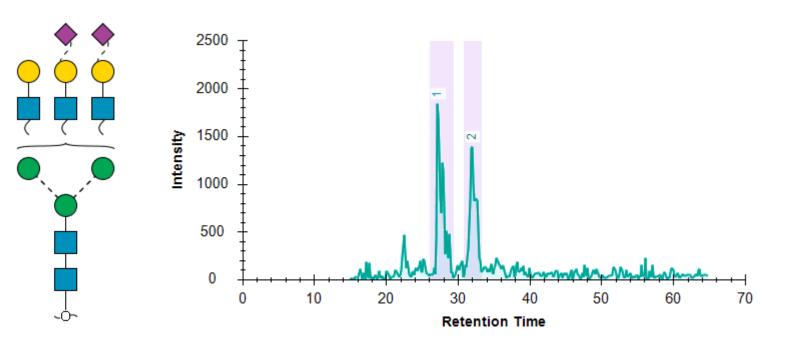
# Glycan 47 (Hex)2(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)2 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1286.01 (2-) Retention time: 19.9 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2573.02 Da



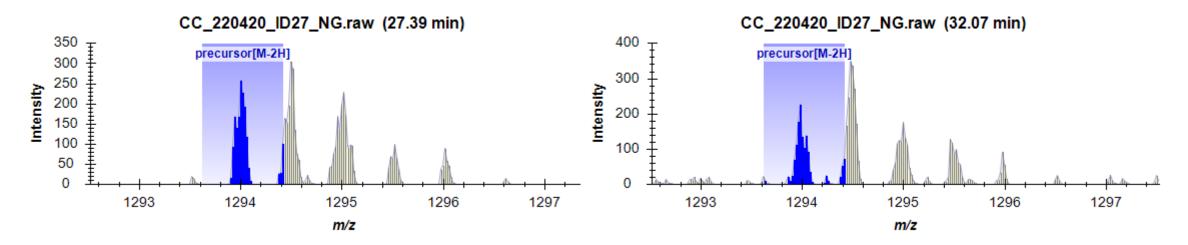


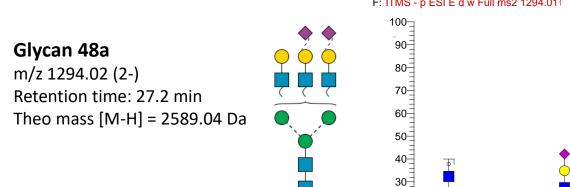
#### **Glycan 48** (Hex)3(HexNAc)3(NeuAc)2 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1294.02 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 2589.04 Da

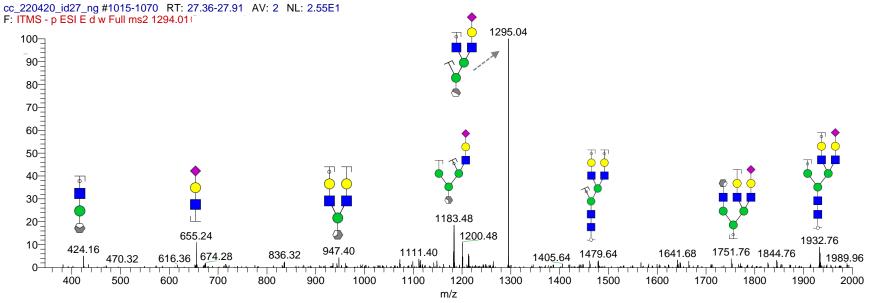


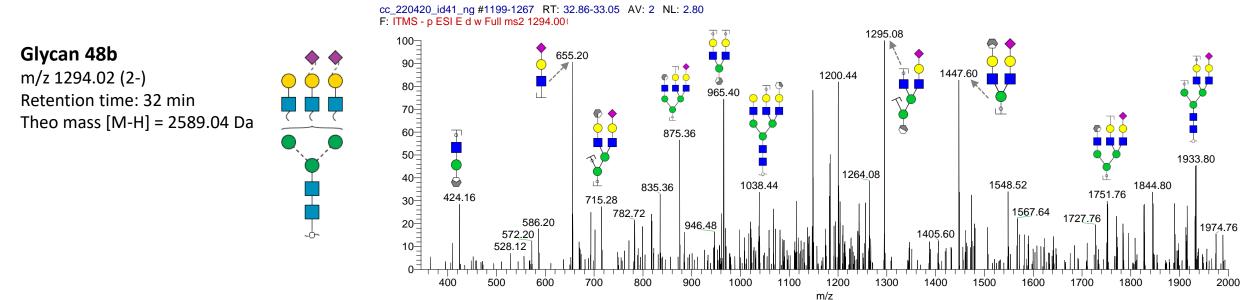
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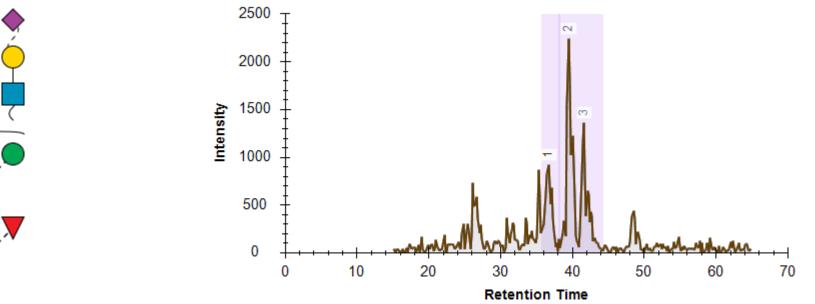






### Glycan 49 (Hex)3(HexNAc)3(Deoxyhexose)1(NeuAc)2 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1367.02 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 2735.04 Da

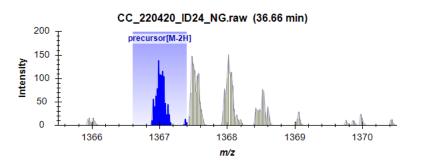
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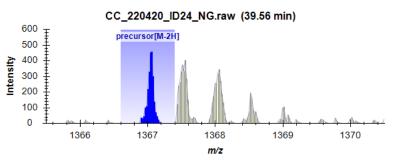


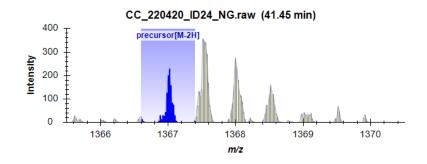
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**49c** 





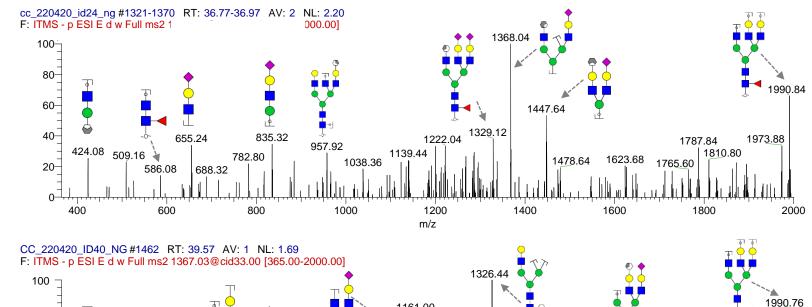


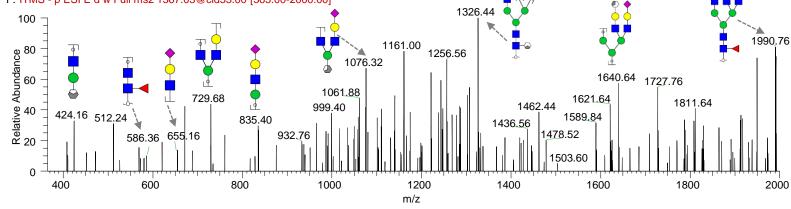
#### Glycan 49a

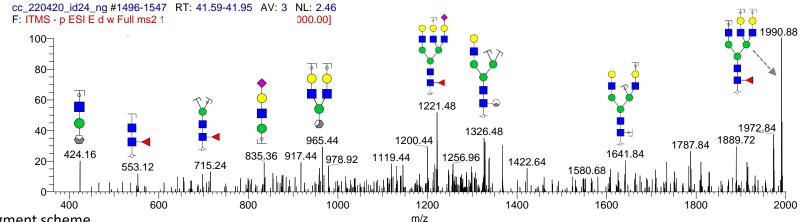
m/z 1367.02 (2-) Retention time: 36 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2735.04 Da

**Glycan 49b** m/z 1367.02 (2-) Retention time: 39.6 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2735.04 Da

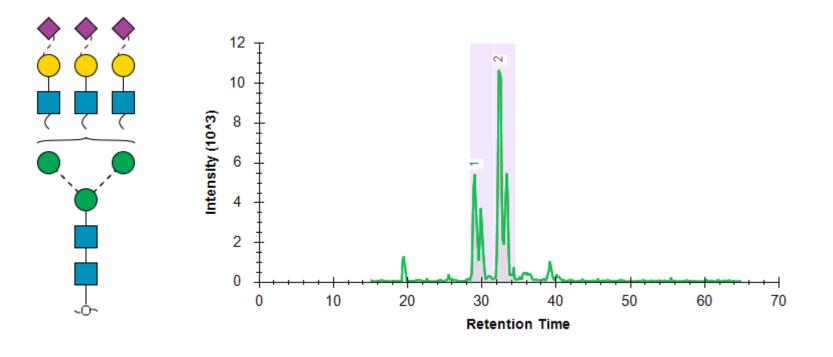
**Glycan 49c** m/z 1367.02 (2-) Retention time: 41.4 min Theo mass [M-H] = 2735.04 Da







Glycan 50 (Hex)3(HexNAc)3(NeuAc)3 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2 m/z 1439.57 (2-) Theo mass [M-H] = 2880.14 Da



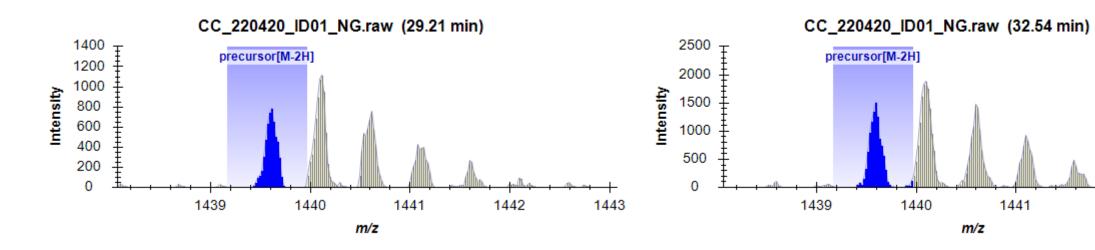


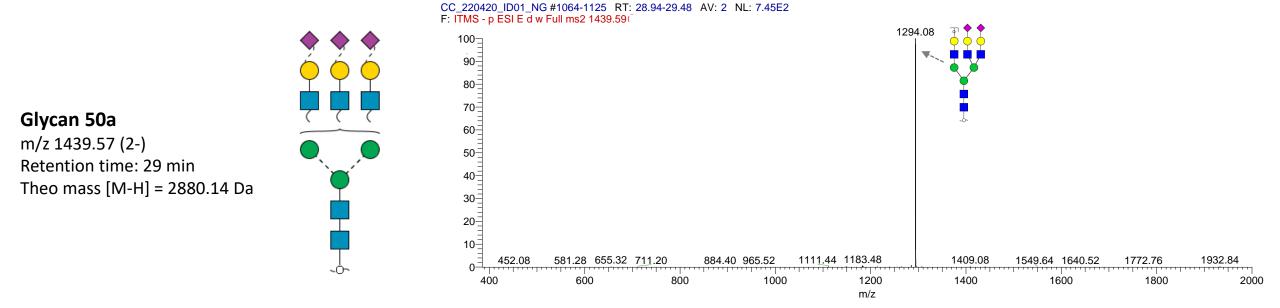
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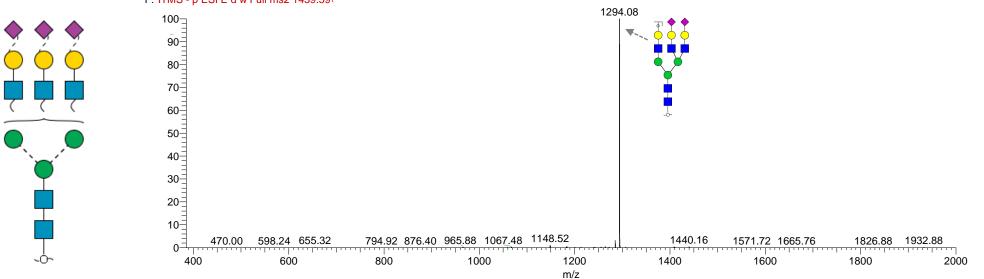
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Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.

Glycan 50b

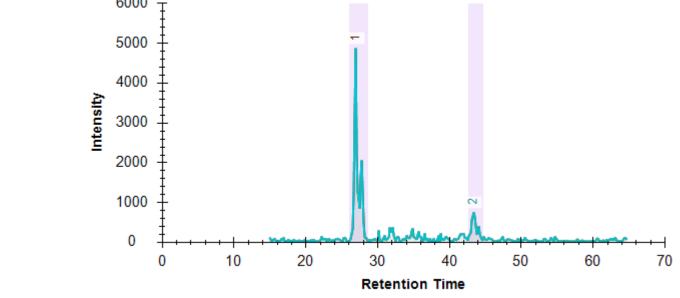
m/z 1439.57 (2-)

Retention time: 32.4 min

Theo mass [M-H] = 2880.14 Da

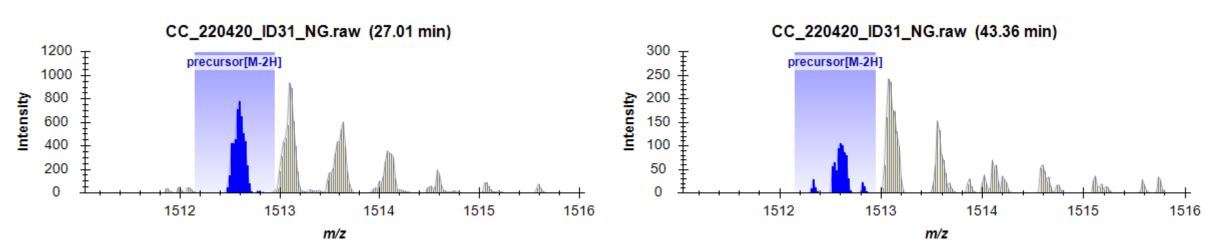


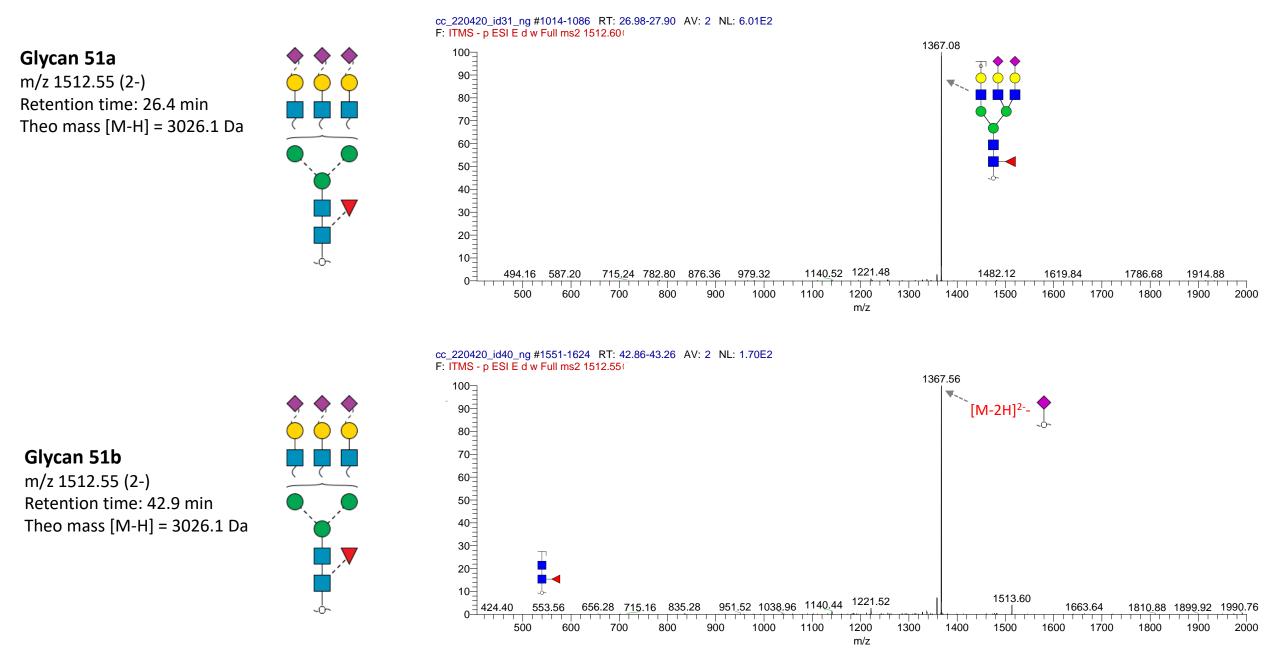
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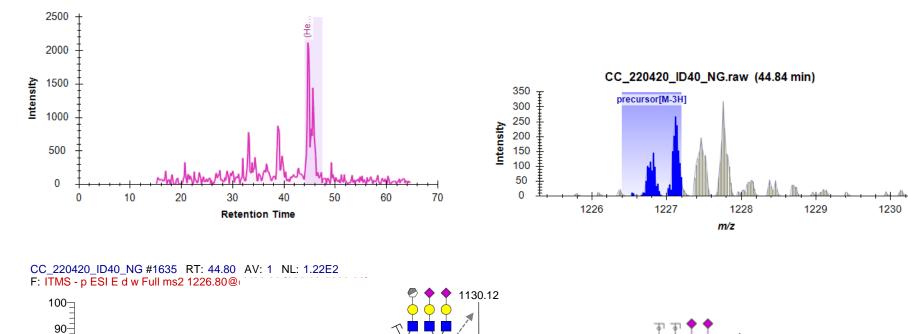
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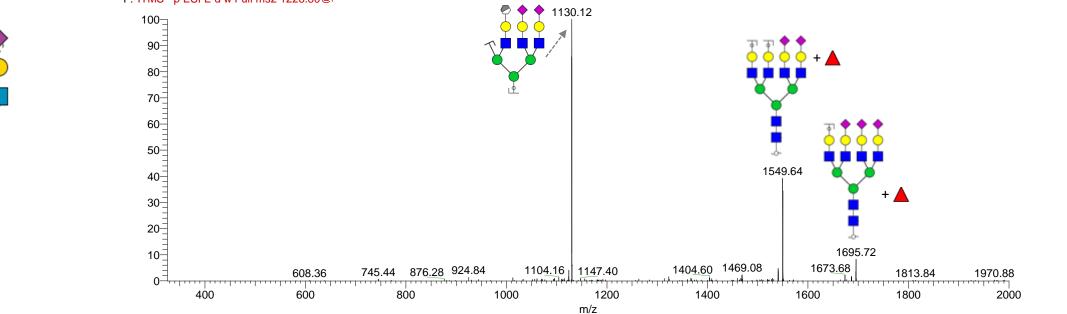




# Glycan 52 (Hex)4 (HexNAc)4 (Deoxyhexose)1 (NeuAc)4 + (Man)3(GlcNAc)2

m/z 1226.80 (3-) Retention time: 45 min Theo mass [M-H] = 3682.4 Da





Note: No distinction intended between 3-arm/6-arm in glycan fragment scheme.