

# The edible mushroom *Albatrellus ovinus* contains a $\alpha$ -L-fuco- $\alpha$ -D-galactan, $\alpha$ -D-glucan, a branched (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucan and a branched (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan

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## Abstract

*Albatrellus ovinus*, the sheep polypore, is a large, dense mushroom being rich in cell wall material. Polysaccharides were isolated by sequential extraction, enzymatic treatment and analyzed with respect to monosaccharide composition, glycosidic linkages by methylation and GC-MS as well as NMR spectroscopy. A fucogalactan composed of an (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\alpha$ -D-galactan backbone with single  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp residues attached at O-2 was identified in the hot water extract obtained after treatment with a protease and size exclusion chromatography. Both the hot water extract and the hot alkali extract contained an (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucan whereas  $\beta$ -D-glucans were mainly present in the latter. Structural analysis suggested the presence of two different  $\beta$ -D-glucan backbone structures; a (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-linked  $\beta$ -D-glucan with single  $\beta$ -D-Glcp residues at O-3 and also a (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-linked  $\beta$ -D-glucan with branches in O-6. In addition there were identified short (1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-linked  $\beta$ -D-xylan and (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-mannan chains.

Keywords: *Albatrellus ovinus*, fucogalactan,  $\beta$ -glucan,  $\alpha$ -glucan

## 1. Introduction

Wild edible mushrooms have been part of the human diet for centuries due to their availability in nature as well as their culinary and nutritional aspects. Common edible mushrooms are rich in proteins (16-37% of dry weight (dw)), dietary fibre (24-47 % dw), and contain low amounts of fat (1-2 % dw) [1]. Mushrooms are also sources of minerals and vitamins [1, 2], phenolic compounds and terpenoids [2, 3]. *Albatrellus ovinus* (sheep polypore) is a polypore and a mycorrhizal fungus that lives in symbiosis with conifers, most often the Norwegian spruce. It is an edible mushroom with a white to tan fruiting body cap that can grow quite large, up to 25 cm in diameter. The flesh appears brittle, quite dense, and becomes yellow upon frying or scratching. This mushroom does not have any distinct odor or taste and is not

37 considered amongst the most valuable mushrooms. However, due to its mild taste, it is quite useful to mix  
38 with other mushrooms. The size of the fruiting body also indicates that this mushroom could be a rich  
39 source of cell wall components.

40 In general, the fungal cell wall is composed of inner layers of chitin and  $\beta$ -D-glucans [4, 5]. The  $\beta$ -D-  
41 glucans are typically (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- and/or (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-linked chains with varying amounts of side chains in position  
42 O-6 or O-3 as listed in several review articles [6-9].  $\beta$ -D-glucans have attracted special interest as they are  
43 potentially recognized by the human immune system and considered immune modulating substances [10-  
44 13]. Several other activities have been reported including hypoglycaemic effect[14], effect against  
45 obesity[15], antiviral activity[7], antitumor [8] and even antioxidant activity [16]. The outer layers of the  
46 fungal cell wall contain branched polymers in which structures are species dependent; branched D-  
47 mannans are found in microfungi such as *Candida albicans* [4] and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* [17] as well  
48 as in the fruiting bodies of for instance *Cantharellus cibarius* [18]. Other species contain D-galactans or  
49 hetero-D-glycans typically composed of D-xylose, D-mannose, D-galactose and L-fucose monomers [8].  
50 Specific examples include the fucogalactan found in *Agaricus bisporus* [19], the fucomannogalactan from  
51 *Amanita muscaria* [20] and a heterogalactan found in *Flammulina velutipes* reported to contain both D-  
52 mannose, D-glucose and L-fucose in the side chains [21]. In addition,  $\beta$ -D-glucans with (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-, (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- or  
53 (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-linkages have been identified in several fungi [6].

54 *A. ovinus* is considered non-poisonous and contains massive amounts of unexplored cell wall material,  
55 which is why we wanted to map the different types of polysaccharide structure motives present in its  
56 fruiting bodies. This in-depth separation and characterization of the polysaccharides will also potentially  
57 reveal if it contains rare or new structures not reported previously. Previous studies on *A. ovinus* (syn.  
58 *Polyporus ovinus* Schaeff.) polysaccharides are limited, we only identified one single study from 1969  
59 that reported on a fucogalactan from the water extract [22]. Here we present the sequential extraction of  
60 dried *A. ovinus* fruiting bodies using solvents of increasing polarity followed by structure elucidation  
61 revealing that there are at least four different types of non-chitin-polysaccharides in this mushroom.

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## 63 **2. Results and Discussion**

64 Dried and milled fruiting bodies of *Albatrellus ovinus* were extracted according to the flow diagram in  
65 Fig. 1. The hot water extract (WAO) yielded 1.9% while the alkali extract (AAO) constituted 12.5 % of the  
66 dry starting material. The AAO extract was further fractionated into a water insoluble fraction AAOI  
67 (58 %) and a water soluble fraction AAOS (42 %) that was recovered by ethanol precipitation. AAOS was  
68 further fractionated by re-solubilization in water.

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### 70 **2.1 The fucogalactan in WAOF1**

71 The hot water extract WAO consisted of two main size populations (Fig 2a, upper trace) that could be  
72 separated and prepared by SEC on a preparative Sephacryl S-500 column to fraction WAOF1 and  
73 WAOF2.

74 Analytical SEC on a TSK-Gel column revealed that the molecular weight of WAoF1 at the highest peak  
75 (Mp) was 251 kDa relative to pullulan standards. The second fraction, WAoF2 (Fig. 2a, lower trace)  
76 contained the lower molecular weight fraction (Mp 12.4 kDa) of the water extract.

77 Analysis of WAo on SEC-MALLS (Fig 2b) of WA0 showed higher weight average molecular mass ( $M_w$ )  
78 of both fractions; 665 kDa and 34 kDa, respectively, both with a narrow molecular mass distribution  
79 ( $M_w/M_n = 1.001$  and  $1.07$ ). The low intensity RI signals in front of the main peak of WAoF1 were from  
80 aggregates due to the combination of the very large light scattering signal and a small RI signal in SEC-  
81 MALLS.

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83 Fraction WAoF1 and WAoF2 contained D-Gal, L-Fuc, D-Glc and D-Man, in the ratio (60:15:20:5) and  
84 (22:6:69:3), respectively. Linkage analysis by methylation and GC-MS revealed that all monomers were  
85 in the pyranose form (*p*). The D-Galp residues were (1→6)-linked with branching in position *O*-2 in about  
86 one third of the monomers (Table 1). However, only very small amounts of non-reducing D-Galp-(1→  
87 residues were detected which strongly indicated the presence of a heterogalactan. The amounts of L-Fucp-  
88 (1→ residues corresponded well to the amounts of D-Galp-branching residues. Based on these results it  
89 was proposed that the water extract, and in particular SEC-fraction WAoF1, contained a fucogalactan  
90 which was also in accordance to the mentioned previous study [22].

91 Small amounts of D-Glcp residues in WAoF1 were identified having several different types of linkages;  
92 →3)-D-Glcp-(1→, →3,6)-D-Glcp-(1→, and →6)-D-Glcp-(1→, →4)-D-Glcp-(1→, and →4,6)-D-Glcp-  
93 (1→, and were attributed to co-extracted (1→3)-/(1→6)- and (1→4)-/(1→6)-D-glucans. SEC-HPLC of  
94 WAoF1 (Fig 2.) indicated that the isolated material contained small amounts of WAoF2. WAoF2  
95 contained 70% D-Glc residues with the same type of linkages as those found in trace amounts in WAoF1.

96 NMR experiments supported the presence of a fucogalactan in WAoF1. Its structure was identified  
97 through 1D  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR as well as 2D COSY, TOCSY, NOESY, HSQC and HMBC experiments.  
98 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Fig 3a) showed three signals at 5.08, 5.05 and 4.99 ppm in the  $\alpha$ -anomeric region  
99 [23]. The signal at 5.08 ppm was from  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp while signals at 5.05 and 4.99 ppm appeared from two  
100 differently linked  $\alpha$ -D-Galp residues. Two main anomeric signals at 104.3 and 101.0 ppm were detected  
101 in the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum (Fig 3b). In addition, a signal at 18.6 ppm was also observed being typical for  
102 the methyl group of a 6-deoxy sugar. The methyl signal was also observed in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, as a  
103 doublet at 1.25 ppm. Based on GC retention times of TMS derivatives after methanolysis this deoxy sugar  
104 was identified as L-Fucp.

105 Further assignments of the individual sugar residues were performed by analyzing COSY and TOCSY  
106 spectra (not shown) with aid of literature values for similar structures [19, 24, 25]. TOCSY correlations  
107 identified confirmed the H-1, H-2, H-3 and H-4 signals of an  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp spin system (not shown). The  
108 Nuclear Overhauser Effect (NOE) correlation peaks observed (Table 2) were consistent with those  
109 required for an  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp residue.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals at 71.3, 72.6, 74.7 and 70.1 ppm were identified as C-  
110 2, C-3, C-4 and C-5 on  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp-(1→, respectively via correlations observed in a HSQC spectrum (Fig.  
111 4a). There were no indications of glycosidic linkages to other sugar moieties other than through the  
112 anomeric carbon of the  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp residues which was in agreement with linkage analysis by methylation  
113 (Table 1).

114 The  $\alpha$ -Galp residues were the main constituents in WAoF1. The  $^1\text{H}$ -signals from H-2 in monomer type b  
115 at 3.86 ppm (b2 in Fig.4a) and monomer type c (c2) at 3.84 ppm were identified through COSY  
116 correlations with their respective anomeric protons. Other signal assignments (Fig 4a and Table 2) were  
117 elucidated via COSY and TOCSY correlations and are consistent with those found in literature for similar  
118 structures [19, 24, 25]. TOCSY correlations confirmed the identification of H-2, H-3 and H-4. The  
119 absence of an observable correlation between H-4 and H-5 can be attributed to the small coupling  
120 between H-4 and H-5 in D-Galp [23]. Intra-residual NOE correlations between protons on b1 and b2 as  
121 well as b3-b5 and b3-b4 were consistent with the  $\alpha$ -anomeric configuration of the galactose residues [23].  
122  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals at 71.2, 72.6, 72.5 and 71.8 ppm were identified as carbons b2, b3, b4 and b5,  
123 respectively. The b6 signal was identified in the multiplicity-edited HSQC spectrum at 69.6 ppm (Fig.  
124 4a). The chemical shift of this signal showed that O-6 was involved in a glycosidic linkage [26].  
125 Furthermore, NOE correlations between the anomeric proton on b1 (4.99 ppm) and the pair of b6 protons  
126 (3.92 and 3.70 ppm) across the glycosidic linkage as well as an inter-residual HMBC three bond  
127 correlation between protons on b1 and carbon b6 (Fig.4b) demonstrated the presence of  $\rightarrow 6$ - $\alpha$ -D-Galp-  
128 (1 $\rightarrow$  residues in a polymer. Thus, monomer b was identified as  $\rightarrow 6$ - $\alpha$ -D-Galp-(1 $\rightarrow$  occurring in a  
129 (1 $\rightarrow 6$ )-linked  $\alpha$ -D-galactan.  
130  $^{13}\text{C}$ -signals appearing at 80.8, 71.4, 72.6, 72.2 and 70.3 ppm were assigned to carbons on residue c; c2,  
131 c3, c4, c5 and c6, respectively. The glycosylation shifting of the C-2 and C-6 signals downfield indicated  
132 substitution in these positions. Thus, monomer c was identified as  $\rightarrow 2,6$ - $\alpha$ -D-Galp-(1 $\rightarrow$ . Interestingly,  
133 there was observed NOE and HMBC inter-residue correlations between c1 and c6 showing that  $\rightarrow 2,6$ - $\alpha$ -  
134 D-Galp-(1 $\rightarrow$  residues occurred adjacent to one another in the polymer. In addition, it was found that  
135 residues b and c occurred next to one another in the polymer as well, due to NOE correlations between b1  
136 and c6 and HMBC correlations between c1 and b6. Additional partly resolved H/C-6 cross peaks were  
137 observed at 3.89/69.8 and 3.74/69.8 ppm (Fig.4b) which probably are correlation between residue c being  
138 substituted by b. Taken together, the (1 $\rightarrow 6$ )-linked  $\alpha$ -D-galactan seemed to have a random pattern of  
139 substitution in position O-2. The HMBC correlation peak at 5.08/80.8 ppm (Fig.4b) showed that c was  
140 substituted by  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp-(1 $\rightarrow$  in O-2. This was further supported by NOE correlations between the  
141 protons at c2 and a1 (a=  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp) (Table 2).

142 The three types of monomers  $\alpha$ -L-Fucp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  $\rightarrow 6$ - $\alpha$ -D-Galp-(1 $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightarrow 2,6$ - $\alpha$ -D-Galp-(1 $\rightarrow$  occurred in  
143 the ratio 1:2:1 in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum. Based on the above data, a representative structure of the  
144 fucogalactan is proposed (Fig 4c). According to the extraction yields, the dry fruiting body of *A. ovinus*  
145 contains about 1 % (w/w) fucogalactan.

146 A previous study described a fucogalactan isolated from *A. ovinus* having Fuc:Gal ratio 1:3.5 [22] which  
147 is close to the ratio found in fraction WAoF1 in the present study (1:3 in  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, 1:4 by methanolysis).  
148 However, the distribution of L-Fucp branches was interpreted somewhat differently in our present study  
149 where NMR correlations revealed that O-2 substituted (1 $\rightarrow 6$ )-linked  $\alpha$ -D-Galp monomers occurred both  
150 as neighbors and separated by non-substituted D-Galp residues.

151 *A. ovinus* is not the only *Basidiomycota* containing a fucogalactan. Fucogalactans have been isolated from  
152 the edible *Coprinus comatus* (Fuc:Gal ratio 1:4) [25] and the Chinese medicinal mushroom *Hericium*  
153 *erinaceus* (Fuc:Gal 1:4) [24]. Fucogalactans that contain an O-methylated residue have been described in  
154 *Lactarius rufus* [27] and *Agaricus bisporus* [19, 27, 28], and even more complex heterogalactans such as

155 the fucomannogalactan from *Grifola frondosa* [29] have been reported. Heterogalactans and other  
156 mushroom derived heteropolysaccharides appear quite common, and previously reported structures are  
157 listed in a recent review [30].

## 158 2.2 D-glucans

159 AAoS and AAoI both contained 80 % Glcp while WAo contained 40 % Glcp according to GC analysis of  
160 its methylglycosides after methanolysis. Linkage analysis showed presence of 4)-D-Glcp-(1→, 4,6)-D-  
161 Glcp-(1→, →3)-D-Glcp-(1→, →6)-D-Glcp-(1→, and →3,6)-D-Glcp-(1→ residues (Table 1a and b).

### 162 2.2.1 α-D-glucan

163 The water extract WAo as well as both alkali extracts AAoS and AAoI, contained significant amounts of  
164 →4)-D-Glcp-(1→ residues. The extracts reacted with the iodine-KI reagent which is the classical chemical  
165 test for presence of starch or glycogen. In essence, the reagent forms polyiodides ( $I_n^{m-}$ ) which enter the  
166 (1→4)-α-D-glucan helix forming a blue-black colored complex [31]. The reaction therefore indicated that  
167 the detected →4)-D-Glcp-(1→ residues were of the α-anomeric configuration. Furthermore, the →4)-D-  
168 Glcp-(1→ residues were susceptible to hydrolysis with amylase (EC 3.2.1.1) which hydrolyses (1→4)-  
169 linkages of α-D-glucans. Treatment with amylase hydrolysed 50-60 % of the →4)-D-Glcp-(1→ residues  
170 present. Incomplete enzymatic hydrolysis with the amylase was attributed to the presence of hydrolysis  
171 resistant side chains in position O-6 as well as possible interactions and entanglements with other  
172 polysaccharides. However, the enzymatic activity confirmed the presence of a starch- or glycogen-like  
173 polysaccharide.

174 It was found that a fraction of the water extract (WAo) could bind to immobilized Concanavalin A  
175 (ConA) by affinity chromatography. ConA is a lectin that binds molecules containing D-Glcp residues of  
176 the α-anomeric configuration [32] rather than β-D-Glcp residues. Analysis of the ConA binding fraction  
177 of WAo (designated WAoConA+, Table 1a) revealed high amounts of →4)-D-Glcp-(1→ and →4,6)-D-  
178 Glcp-(1→ residues. This method was not applicable to the alkali extracts due to limited water solubility.  
179 NMR analysis of the ConA binding fraction could confirm the presence of a (1→4)/(1→4,6)-linked  
180 glycogen-like polysaccharide (Table 3). There were two main anomeric signals in the α-anomeric region  
181 of HSQC spectrum; at 5.36/103.2 ppm and at 5.36/103.2 ppm appearing from H/C-1 of →4)-α-D-Glcp-  
182 (1→ and →4,6)-α-D-Glcp-(1→, respectively (Spectra not shown). <sup>13</sup>C signals from C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5 and  
183 C-6 in →4)-α-D-Glcp-(1→ residues appeared at 74.9, 76.6, 81.2, 74.5 and 64.0 ppm, respectively. NOE  
184 inter-residual correlations between H-1 and H-4 and HMBC three bond correlations between H-1 and C-4  
185 confirmed the (1→4)-linkages. Weak C-6 signals appeared at 70.7 ppm due to side chains at O-6 of the  
186 (1→4)-linked backbone. An additional HSQC cross peak at 3.43/72.8 ppm was from H/C-4 in α-D-Glcp  
187 non-reducing ends. All signals were identical to those detected in reference spectra obtained from  
188 purchased amylose (Table 3) as well as previously reported chemical shift values from HSQC analysis of  
189 amylose [33] and chemical shift predictions of amylose provided by the Widmalm Research Group [34].  
190 The degree of branching was estimated from the →4)-α-D-Glcp-(1→ / →4,6)-α-D-Glcp-(1→ ratio. This  
191 ratio was found to be 3.4 by integration of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR anomeric signals and 4.3 by methylation analysis,  
192 indicating that side chains were appearing in average on every 4<sup>th</sup> →4)-α-D-Glcp-(1→ unit (Fig. 6a).

193 According to linkage analysis lyophilized *A. ovinus* fruiting bodies contain 1.9 % (w/w)  $\alpha$ -D-glucan. The  
194  $\alpha$ -D-glucan appeared in all fractions, suggesting it to be present in the mushroom from the innermost  
195 water insoluble  $\beta$ -D-glucan layer to the water soluble branched fucogalactan in the cell wall outer region.

196 (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucans have been identified in other edible mushrooms such as the oyster mushroom  
197 (*Pleurotus ostreatus*) [35], and the common champignon (*Agaricus bisporus*) [36] while maitake (*Grifola*  
198 *frondosa*) is reported to contain a branched glycogen-like D-glucan [37].

199 The fraction of WAo which did not bind ConA (designated WAoConA- in Table 1.) contained  
200 fucogalactan as well as  $\rightarrow$ 3)-D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  residues which turned out to be of the  $\beta$ -anomeric  
201 configuration.

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### 203 2.2.2 $\beta$ -D-glucans

204 The water insoluble and water soluble alkali extracts (AAoI and AAoS) both contained about 80 % Glc in  
205 addition to 10 % Man, 4 % Xyl, 2 % Fuc and 2 % Gal. For further fractionation, a procedure of re-  
206 dissolving and re-precipitation was conducted (Fig.1). Briefly, AAoS was dissolved in hot water,  
207 sonicated, precipitated with ethanol, followed by repeatedly washing of the precipitate with 70% ethanol.  
208 The obtained fraction was designated AAoSP and appeared to contain 93 % Glc. Linkage analysis  
209 revealed presence of D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  $\rightarrow$ 3)-D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  $\rightarrow$ 6)-D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , and  $\rightarrow$ 3,6)-D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$   
210 residues (Table 1b).

211 2D NMR (HSQC, HMBC, TOCSY and COSY) spectra of AAoSP were interpreted with the support from  
212 reference spectra of a yeast derived  $\beta$ -D-glucan [18] and literature data [18, 34, 38, 39]. The HSQC  
213 spectrum of AAoSP in Fig. 5a is shown with somewhat reduced signal intensity to highlight the  
214 dominating  $\beta$ -D-Glcp signals and make other minor sugars less prominent. The anomeric  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$   
215 NMR signals at 4.72/106.1, 4.79/105.8, 4.53/106.2 and 4.56/106.0 ppm corresponded to  $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  
216  $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , and  $\rightarrow$ 3,6)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , respectively (labelled d1, e1, f1  
217 and g1 in Fig. 5a) [18]. Complete assignments of the individual sugar residues are presented in Table 4  
218 and Fig 5a.

219 HSQC spectra data indicated the presence of significant amounts of  $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  residues (labeled  
220 fin Fig. 5a). Substitution in position *O*-6 leads to more deshielded chemical shift of C-6 signals at 72.2  
221 ppm (f6 Fig.5a), and HMBC correlations between H-1 and C-6 across the glycosidic linkage (Table 4)  
222 confirmed the presence of (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-linked chains. The (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-linked  $\beta$ -D-glucan chains appeared to be  
223 branched with single D-Glcp residues: H-1 of the D-Glcp non-reducing ends (d1) showed three bond  
224 HMBC correlations with C-3 on  $\rightarrow$ 3,6)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  (g3). In addition, there were d1-g3 inter-residue  
225 NOE correlations. Thus, single D-Glcp residues appeared linked to *O*-3 on the (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucan chain.  
226 Additional inter-residue NOE correlations between g1-g6 indicated presence of branched  $\beta$ -D-Glcp  
227 residues adjacent to one another in the main chain.

228 According to methylation analysis,  $\rightarrow$ 3)-D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  was the dominating sugar monomer in AAoSP. In  
229 NMR, the characteristic  $^{13}\text{C}$ -signals from *O*-3 substituted D-Glcp results in a more deshielded chemical  
230 shift at 87.8 ppm. The corresponding H/C-3 cross peak in HSQC is labeled e3 in Fig 5a. HMBC three

231 bond correlations between the proton on e1 and carbon on e3, and also e1-e3 NOE correlations (Table 4)  
232 confirmed presence of a (1→3)-linked β-D-glucan. H-1 of D-Glcp non-reducing ends (d1 Fig.5a) showed  
233 HMBC correlation to C-3 on →3)-β-D-Glcp(1→ (e3) as well as NOE correlations between d1 and e3  
234 indicating a moderate degree of polymerization.

235 The <sup>13</sup>C signal at 88.3 ppm was assigned to C-3 of →3,6)-D-Glcp-(1→ (g3 Fig.5a). HMBC correlations  
236 between proton on g1 and carbon on e3 indicated that the (1→3)-linked main chain had certain degree of  
237 branching in O-6. However, the nature of those side chains could not be identified at since neither HMBC  
238 nor NOE correlations were observed between the →3,6)-β-D-Glcp-(1→ branching points and other sugar  
239 residues were detectable.

240 Small amounts of D-Xyl and D-Man appeared in several fractions and in particular in the alkali fractions.  
241 The highest amounts were detected in AAoSSp which, according to methanolysis and GC, contained  
242 25 % D-Man and 7 % D-Xyl in addition to D-Glc. Methylation analysis revealed that all monomers were  
243 in the pyranose form, and the D-Manp residues were →3)-D-Manp-(1→ linked whereas the D-Xylp  
244 residues were D-Xylp-(1→ and →2)-D-Xylp-(1→ -linked (Table 1b).

245 In the HSQC spectrum the anomeric H/C correlation peak at 5.16/104.9 ppm was assigned to D-Manp  
246 (h1 Fig.5b) [34]. The anomeric <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H-coupling constant <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C1,H1)</sub> was 169 Hz, i.e. close to 170 Hz which  
247 is characteristic for the equatorial position of H1. Thus, the D-Manp residues were in the α-anomeric  
248 configuration [23]. The H/C-2 cross peak at 4.25/73.0 ppm was identified by COSY and TOCSY whereas  
249 the peak from substituted O-3 on D-Manp at 4.03/81.4 ppm was deduced from COSY correlations as well  
250 as by comparisons with theoretical predicted values [34] and data from literature [40]. Strong inter-  
251 residual NOE correlations, selective NOESY and ROESY between h1 and h3 (not shown) and the  
252 observed h1/h3 HMBC cross peak (Fig 5b) confirmed this linkage. The identification of H/C-5 in →3)-α-  
253 D-Manp-(1→ was confirmed by a strong HMBC correlation signal between h1 and h5. Selective 1D  
254 NOESY experiments were performed in order to reveal the nature of the weak additional upper HMBC  
255 cross peak at 5.16/72.8 ppm (Fig. 5b). The corresponding HSQC signals were overlapping and could  
256 either be from h2 or f/g6. In selective 1D NOESY, only the <sup>1</sup>H-signals that correlate with the signal  
257 selected (e.g. H on h1) are seen, and in this case we found that the proton on h1 correlated with h2, not  
258 f/g6. Thus, the upper HMBC cross peak from h1 was a four bond correlation to C-2 on h2.

259 D-Manp-(1→ non-reducing ends tend not to be separated from non-reducing ends of D-Glcp in  
260 methylation analysis. However, H/C cross peaks in HSQC indicated presence of α-D-Manp-(1→ residues  
261 (h' in Fig. 5b) were h'1 appeared at 5.18/104.5 ppm and h3 from α-D-Manp residues linked to the non-  
262 reducing ends at 4.05/72.8 ppm [40]. HMBC correlation between H-1 on h'1 and C-3 of →3)-α-D-Manp-  
263 (1→ showed that the non-reducing D-Manp residues were attached to O-3 in mannan chain, thereby  
264 indicating that the (1→3)-linked α-D-mannan chains were relatively short.

265 In addition there were anomeric H/C-signals at 4.43/106.7 ppm appearing from D-Xylp-(1→ residues  
266 (residue i) (i1 Fig.5b), with <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C1,H1)</sub> = 160.6 Hz which is close to 160 Hz and characteristic for the β-  
267 anomeric configuration [23]. The i2 HSQC cross peak was identified by COSY correlations (3.3/76.8  
268 ppm), and i3 appeared at 3.47/78.9 ppm. NOE correlations between i1 and i3 and i5 are typical for the β-  
269 D-Xylp conformation. The protons on i1 also showed both 2D NOE-correlations as well as in selective  
270 1D NOE with j2 (Table 4). Cross peak j2 appeared from H-2 of →2)-β-D-Xylp-(1→ residues (j). These  
271 residues were detected, both by methylation analysis as well as by NMR. Anomeric signals from j

272 appeared at 4.47/104.6 ppm (j1 Fig.5b) [34], and j2 signals (3.48/81.6 ppm, Fig.5b) were identified by  
273 COSY. Observed HMBC inter-residue correlations between j1 and j2 could indicate that the  $\rightarrow 2$ - $\beta$ -D-  
274 Xylp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ) residues occurred in chains, and correlation with i1 showed that the  $\beta$ -D-xylan chain had a  $\beta$ -D-  
275 Xylp residue in the non-reducing end. However, sufficient evidence of the (1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-linked  $\beta$ -D-xylan chains  
276 being part of the mannan and/or the  $\beta$ -D-glucans present could not be found.

277 AAoSSp contained significant amounts (27 %) of  $\beta$ -glucan (Table 1b), and NMR analysis revealed  
278 presence of  $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  $\rightarrow 3$ )- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ ,  $\rightarrow 6$ )- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightarrow 3,6$ )- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  residues  
279 (d-g Fig.5b), i.e. the same type of  $\beta$ -glucan linkages as those identified in AAoSP (Fig. 5a). Two separate  
280 H/C-3 cross peaks from *O*-3 substituted  $\beta$ -D-Glcp residues were identified by in a band selective HSQC  
281 spectrum (inlay Fig. 5b). A low intensity cross peak (g3) from H/C-3 on  $\rightarrow 3,6$ - $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  correlated  
282 with H1 on non-reducing D-Glcp ends in HMBC. Thus, the non-reducing D-Glcp residues appeared to be  
283 linked to *O*-3 on a (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-linked  $\beta$ -D-glucan chain. This was the same polysaccharide structure that was  
284 found in AAoSP, and its proposed structure is presented in Fig.6b.

285 The upper cross peak (e3 in Fig. 5b) from H/C-3 of  $\rightarrow 3$ - $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  showed intra- and inter-residual  
286 HMBC correlations with H-1 on  $\rightarrow 3$ - $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$  due to presence of (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan chains. These  
287 chains appeared to be relatively short since additional HMBC correlations between e3 and d1 were  
288 observed. As in the above discussion of  $\beta$ -D-glucans in AAoSP, there were no indications of single  $\beta$ -D-  
289 Glcp or polymeric  $\beta$ -D-glucan branches linked to the (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan main chain found. We believe  
290 that the (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-linked glucan was of the same type in AAoSP and in AAoSSp, but the nature of the side  
291 chains remain unknown due to lack of significant correlation signals in NMR. Theoretically side chains  
292 may be  $\beta$ -D-xylans and/or  $\alpha$ -D-mannans, but this remains to be determined in detail in future.

293 Mushroom hetero (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan structures have been proposed previously; e.g. a xyloglucan from  
294 *Cantharellus cibarius* [18] and a galactoglucan from *Pleurotus ostreatus* [41]. There are almost infinite  
295 possibilities of sidechain compositions in a hetero (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan even with the limited number of  
296 contributing monomers that are commonly found in mushrooms (D-Man, D-Gal, D-Glc, D-Xyl, L-Fuc).  
297 Sidechains may occur at different positions (*O*-2, *O*-4 or *O*-6), having different types of glycosidic  
298 linkages, monosaccharide compositions as well as in length and distribution. Mushroom derived (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-  
299  $\beta$ -D-glucans are often described as (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-linked  $\beta$ -D-glucans with single sidechains in position *O*-6,  
300 such as lentinan [16], schizophyllan [42] and pleuran [43]. However, this structure appears not to be  
301 universal amongst the Basidiomycota, as there are mushrooms such as *A. ovinus* that does not contain this  
302 type of  $\beta$ -D-glucan. In fact, it turns out from the present study and others that the structural diversity of  
303 cell wall polysaccharides in macro fungi is enormous. Furthermore, future activity studies on new  
304 polysaccharide structures may reveal effects other than those previously reported from lentinan and  
305 schizophyllan [16, 42].

306 In general, the fungal cell wall is composed of  $\beta$ -D-glucans and chitin as well as glycoproteins forming a  
307 network [44] which makes it extremely rigid and resistant to enzymatic attack and large differences in  
308 osmotic pressure [45]. Isolation of cell wall polysaccharides is therefore seldom straightforward and  
309 requires glycosidic linkages to be broken and strong inter-molecular forces to be disrupted. Additional  
310 challenges occur due to low water solubility of polymers such as the  $\beta$ -D-glucans and in particular the  
311 (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucans with low degree of branching. To overcome these issues, cell wall material is treated



312 with hot alkali solutions after extraction with water for isolation of water soluble polymers such as  
313 (1→6)- $\alpha$ -D-mannans [18] or (1→6)- $\alpha$ -D-galactans. Due to strong interactions and associations or even  
314 covalent linkages between polysaccharides, it is almost impossible to isolate a single type of  
315 polysaccharide totally free of co-extracted material from other types of polymers [18]. However, even not  
316 completely separated, it was still possible to determine the structural composition of four different types  
317 of polysaccharides present in the *A. ovinus* cell wall including a well characterized fuco-(1→6)- $\alpha$ -D-  
318 galactan, a (1→4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucan, a (1→6)- $\beta$ -D-glucan and a (1→3)-linked  $\beta$ -D-glucan with yet undefined  
319 side chains appearing in *O*-6.

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### 321 **3. Material and Methods**

322 The fruiting bodies of *Albatrellus ovinus* were collected in the Oslo forest and identified by Prof. Klaus  
323 Høiland at University of Oslo. A voucher sample was lyophilized and deposited for future reference.

#### 324 **3.1 Extraction**

325 Fruiting bodies were rinsed mechanically, cut into smaller pieces, lyophilized and milled in a blender.  
326 Then 100 g of dry material was extracted twice with dichloromethane (1000 mL) under gentle stirring at  
327 25°C for 24h in order to remove non-polar components (Fig.1). The residue was then subjected to Soxhlet  
328 extraction with ethanol until colorless extraction solvent, and the remaining residue was dried in air  
329 before treatment twice with boiling water (2000 mL) under reflux for 6h each time. The water extract was  
330 treated with 100 mg pancreatin from porcine pancreas (Sigma-Aldrich) for 3h at 40°C, and then the  
331 enzyme activity was terminated by boiling for 10 min, three volumes of ethanol was added and the  
332 mixture was left for precipitation at 4°C over night. The precipitate was isolated by centrifugation at 3000  
333 rpm for 15 min on a Multifuge® 4KR Heraeus centrifuge with LH-4000 rotor (Kendro Laboratory  
334 Products), washed twice with 70 % ethanol, re-dissolved in water and dialyzed against water (Molecular  
335 weight cut-off (MWCO) 3500 Da) at 4°C for 72h while the water was replaced several times. The  
336 remaining polymeric material was freeze dried and designated WAo (Water extract of *A. ovinus*). The  
337 residue after water extraction was treated twice with 1M NaOH added 0.135M NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1000 mL) at  
338 100°C under reflux for 4h. The combined alkali extracts were precipitated with three volumes of ethanol  
339 and treated as described above. The isolated polymeric material was designated AAo (Alkali extract of *A.*  
340 *ovinus*). AAo was further separated into a water soluble fraction (AAoS<sub>w</sub>) and a remaining water  
341 insoluble fraction (AAoI<sub>w</sub>): AAo (1g/100mL water) was shaken on a water bath at 70°C for 40 min then  
342 sonicated (40 sec + 20 sec x 3 min, 90% amplitude) with a Sonics Vibra-cell™ CV18 sonicator. The  
343 procedure was repeated once and left at 4°C over night and then centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 10 min. The  
344 pellet was washed twice with 70 % ethanol, dialyzed and finally lyophilized (AAoS<sub>P</sub>) while the  
345 supernatant was re-precipitated with 3 volumes of ethanol, dialyzed and freeze dried (AAoS<sub>SP</sub>).

#### 346 **3.2 SEC-HPLC**

347 Size exclusion chromatography on HPLC was performed on a TSK-Gel® G5000PW<sub>XL</sub> column (7.8 x 300  
348 mm) with a PW<sub>XL</sub> Guard column (6.0 x 40 mm) (Tosoh Bioscience LLC) coupled to a LaChrom Elite L-  
349 2200 autosampler and L-2130 HPLC pump. Elution profiles were recorded with a L-2490 RI detector,  
350 and the equipment was controlled by EZ LaChrom Elite software (Hitachi High Technologies America,  
351 Inc). Samples (1 mg/mL) were dissolved in 0.05M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered (0.45  $\mu$ m) and aliquots of 95  $\mu$ L were

352 injected onto the column and run at 0.5 mL/min with 0.05M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as the eluent. Molecule weights were  
353 determined using pullulan standards (Mp 853, 380, 186, 100, 48, 23.7, 12.2 and 5.8kDa; Polymer  
354 Laboratories LTD, Church Stretton, UK) measuring their peak retention times found under conditions as  
355 described and plotted vs lgMp preparing a standard curve ( $R^2=0.9969$ ) used for Mp determination.

### 356 **3.3 SEC-MALLS**

357 The weight-average molecular weight of the water soluble fraction WAoF1 was determined by size  
358 exclusion chromatography with multi-angle laser light scattering (SEC-MALLS) as described previously  
359 [18]. This analysis was performed at Nofima, Norwegian Institute of Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture  
360 Research, Aas, Norway.

### 361 **3.4 Preparative SEC**

362 Preparative size exclusion chromatography (SEC) was performed on a Sephacryl S-500 column (26 x 940  
363 mm) (GE-Healthcare Bio-sciences, Uppsala, Sweden) coupled to a Valve IV-7 (Pharmacia Biotech,  
364 Uppsala Sweden) and a P-50 pump (Pharmacia Biotech). The sample (WAo) was dissolved (1 mg/mL) in  
365 0.05M NaCl, filtered (0.45  $\mu$ m), injected onto the column and eluted with 0.05M NaCl at 1 mL/min.  
366 Fractions were collected with a SuperFrac fraction collector (Pharmacia Biotech) and pooled according to  
367 the elution profile recorded by a RID-6A detector (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) monitored by Chromelion  
368 software version 7.0 (Dionex Corporation, Sunnyvale, California, US). The fractionation was repeated  
369 several times. Pooled fractions were dialyzed against water and lyophilized.

### 370 **3.5 Monosaccharide composition**

371 Monosaccharide composition was determined by methanolysis as described by Nyman et al.[18]

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### 373 **3.6 Linkage analysis**

374 Analysis of glykosidic linkages was performed by methylation and GC-MS based on previously described  
375 methods [18, 46, 47].

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### 377 **3.7 Alpha-amylase treatment**

378 Polysaccharide samples were dissolved in distilled water (2 mg/mL) and added alpha-amylase from  
379 barley malt (EC 3.2.1.1) (Sigma-Aldrich, Darmstadt, Germany), 0.5U/mg polysaccharide sample and 2  
380 drops of toluene/50 mL solution as an antibacterial agent. Samples were incubated at 37°C for 2 h, then  
381 boiled on a hot water bath to terminate the reaction and added 3 volumes of ethanol for precipitation and  
382 left over night at 4°C then centrifuged at 3000 rpm (Multifuge® 4KR Heraeus centrifuge with LH-4000  
383 rotor) for 10 min. The precipitate was washed 3 times with 70 % ethanol and centrifuged each time. The  
384 precipitate was finally dissolved in distilled water and freeze dried.

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### 386 **3.8 ConA Sepharose 4B Affinity chromatography**

387 ConA Sepharose 4B (GE Healthcare) (5 mL) was washed with the Starting buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl,  
388 0.5M NaCl, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7.4) according to the producers instructions, and 15 mg  
389 sample dissolved in 2 mL starting buffer was then added to the column. The non-binding fraction of the  
390 sample (ConA-) was washed from the column with 10 volumes of starting buffer while the ConA binding  
391 fraction (ConA+) was removed from the column with 5 volumes of Eluting buffer (0.2 M methyl- $\alpha$ -D-  
392 Manp, 20 mM Tris-HCl, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 7.4). The column material was regenerated and stored according  
393 to the producers instructions.

### 394 **3.9 NMR**

395 Polysaccharide samples (10 mg) were dissolved in 600  $\mu$ L D<sub>2</sub>O 99.9 % (Chiron, Trondheim, Norway)  
396 and added 5  $\mu$ L 3-(trimethylsilyl)propionic 2,2,3,3,-d<sub>4</sub> acid (Sigma Aldrich) as an internal reference. All  
397 homo- and heteronuclear NMR experiments were carried out on either a Bruker Avance IIIHD 800 MHz  
398 or Avance 600 MHz spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin AG, Fallanden, Switzerland) equipped with 5-mm  
399 cryogenic CP-TCI z-gradient probes at 339.6K.

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401 For chemical shift assignment, the following spectra were recorded: 1D <sup>1</sup>H, 1D <sup>1</sup>H using the excitation  
402 sculpting scheme for water suppression, 1D <sup>13</sup>C, 2D double quantum filter correlated spectroscopy (DQF-  
403 COSY), 2D total correlation spectroscopy (TOCSY) with 70 ms mixing time and using the excitation  
404 sculpting scheme for water suppression, 2D nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) with 50 ms  
405 mixing time, 2D <sup>13</sup>C heteronuclear single quantum coherence (HSQC) with multiplicity editing and 2D<sup>13</sup>C  
406 heteronuclear multiband correlation (HMBC) with BIRD filter to suppress first order correlation (with a  
407 1J bond suppression filter optimized for 145 Hz).

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409 The NMR-experiments used in the current investigations were generally not those supplied by Bruker. In  
410 house modified parameter files containing pulse programs adapted for solvent suppressions were  
411 employed. Description of the individual experiments can be found at [48, 49].

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413 In house modified experiments with solvent suppression were applied, using the following pulse  
414 programs: zgpr, zgesgp, awcosygpprqf, mlevphpr, dipsi2phpr, awhsqcedetgpsisp2.3-135pr,  
415 awhmbcgpdpndqfpr. The three pulse programs awcosygpprqf, awhsqcedetgpsisp2.3-135pr and  
416 awhmbcgpdpndqfpr include solvent presaturation not supplied by Bruker[48, 50]. Copies of three  
417 modified pp's are available from the authors on request.

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419 Band selective 2D experiments were used to improve resolution on the <sup>13</sup>C axis. The general description  
420 of these experiments is available in [49, 51]. The pulse programs: shsqcetgpsisp2.3-135 and  
421 shmbcq3.800 were employed.

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423 The anomeric <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H-coupling constant <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C1,H1)</sub> was determined by band selective HSQC without proton  
424 decoupling using the homemade parameter file; awshsq135 (pulse program awshsqcetgpsisp2.3-135.)  
425 [49, 51].

426 1D-SELNOESY and SELROESY spectra were acquired using standard Bruker pulse programmes modified  
427 by the inclusion of CW presaturation of the HOD signal on F2 during d1 = 2.5 sec. Gradient assisted 2D-  
428 NOESY and CW spin locked ROESY spectra were acquired with presaturation of the HOD signal during d1  
429 = 2 sec. 1D-SELNOESY and 2D-NOESY expts were performed with a mixing time (d8) of 0.07 sec. 1D-  
430 SELROESY and 2D-ROESY expts were performed with a CW spin locked time (P15) of 250000 usec.

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432 The spectra were recorded using TopSpin 3.5 patch level 7 software (Bruker BioSpin) and processed and  
433 analyzed with TopSpin 3.2 software (Bruker BioSpin).

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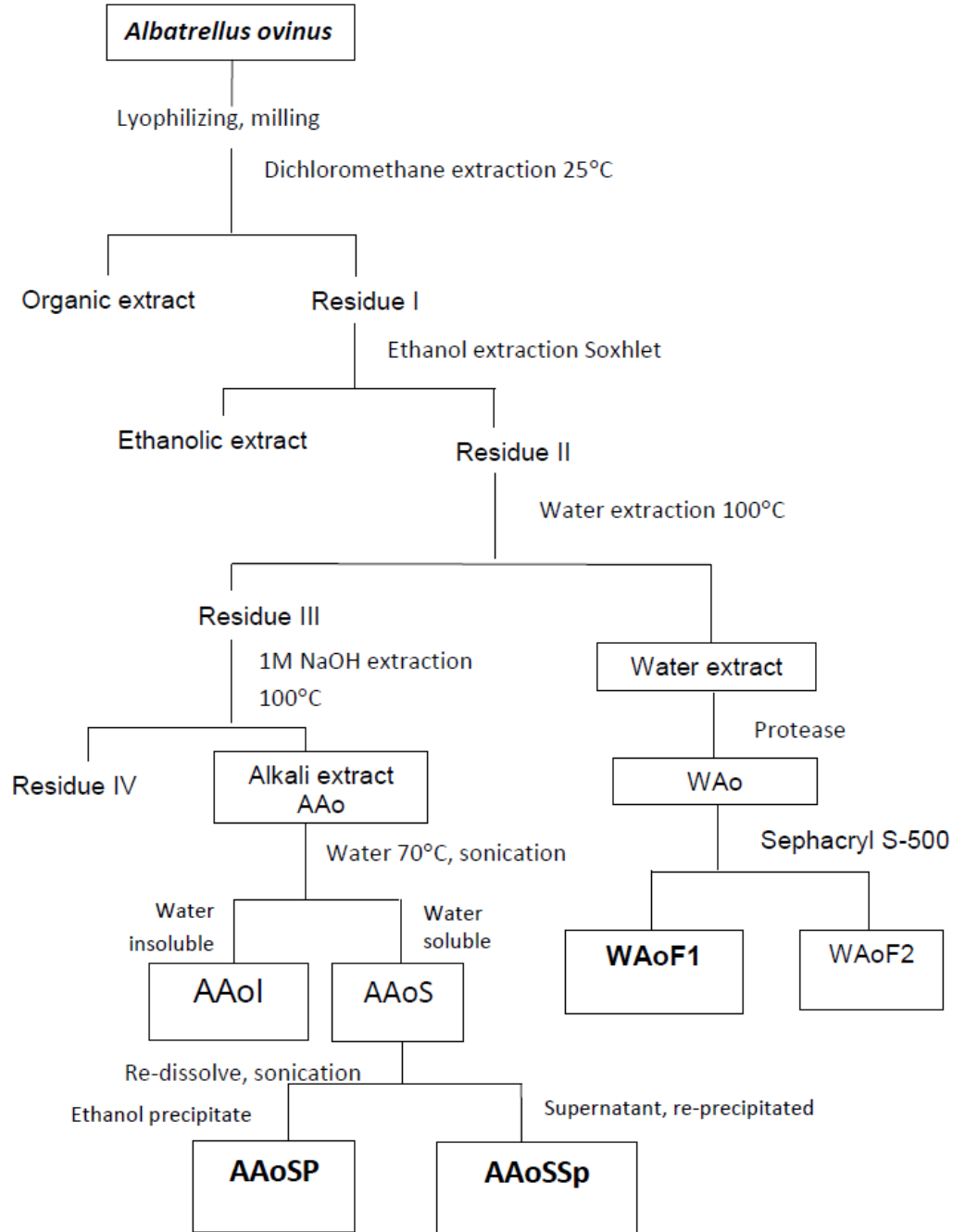
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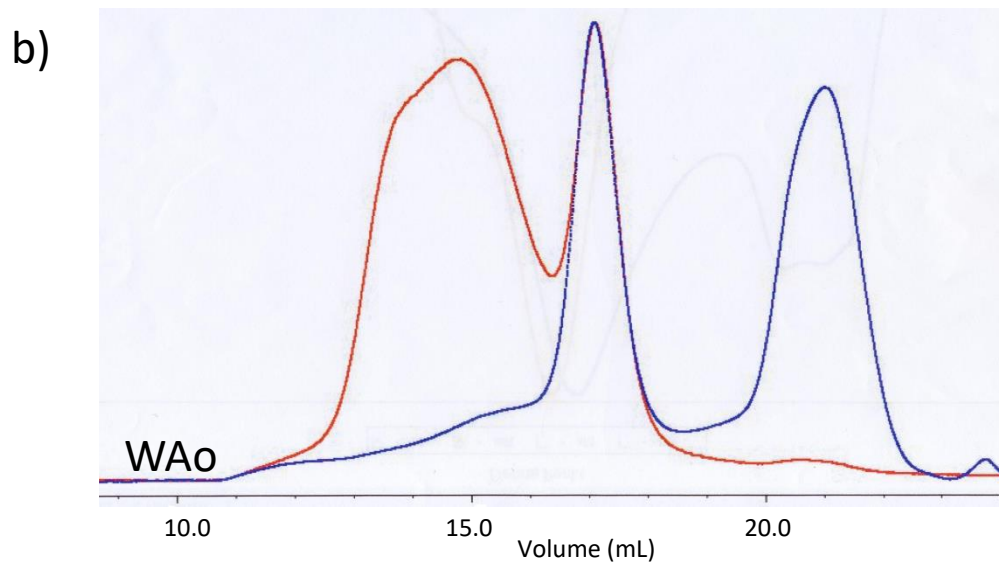
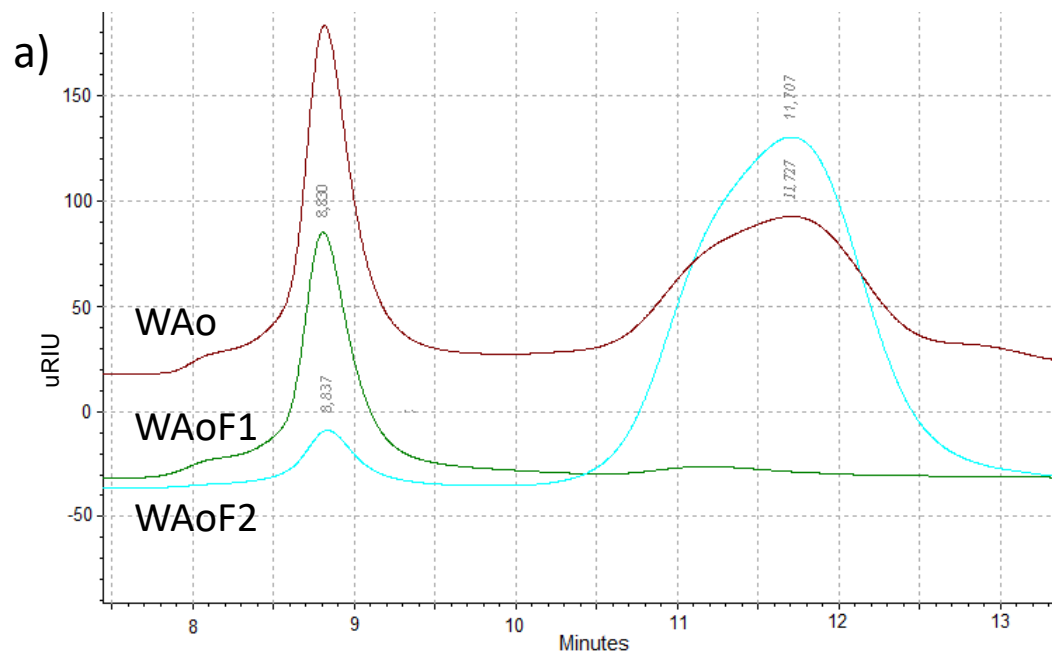
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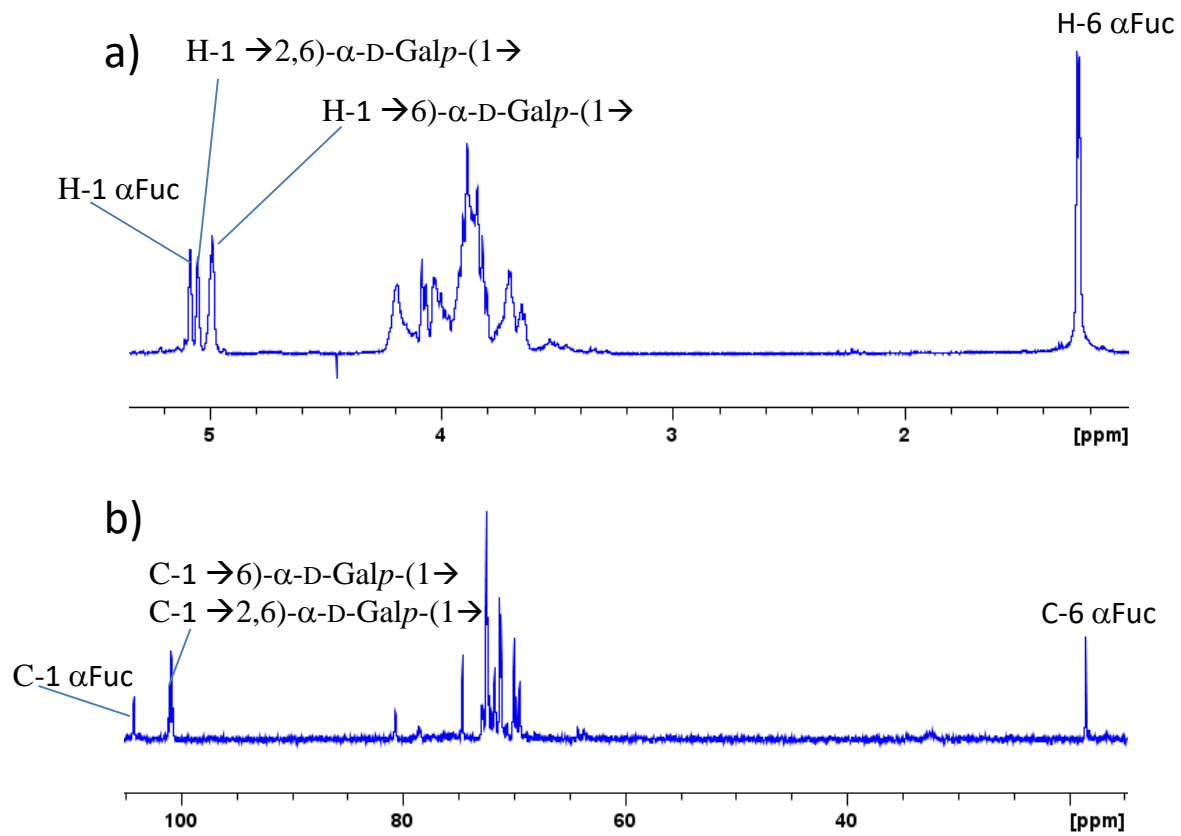


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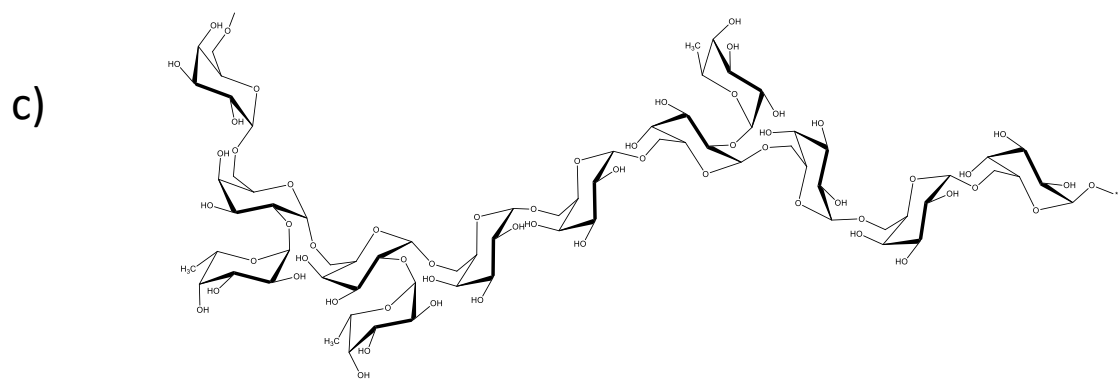
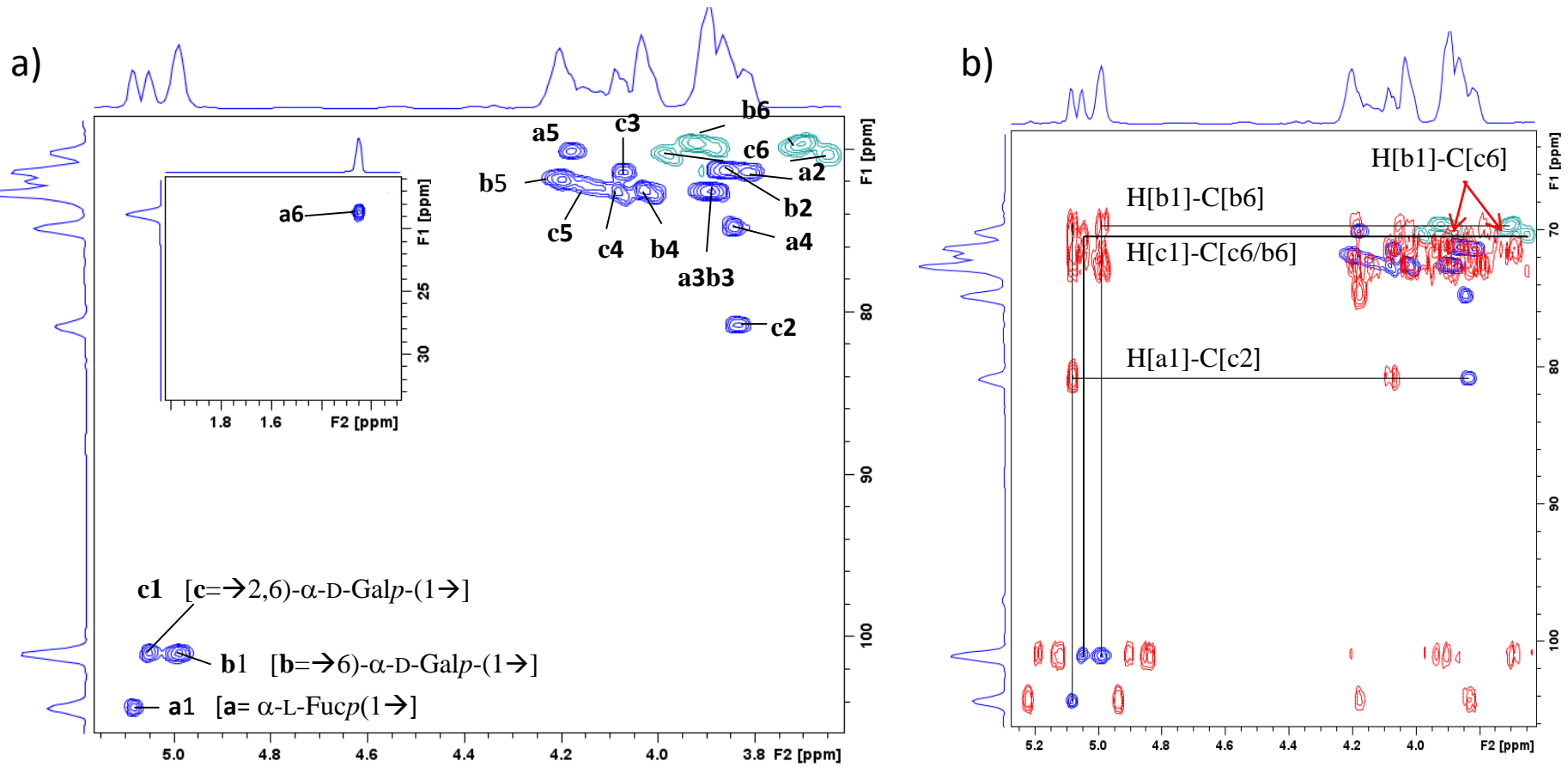


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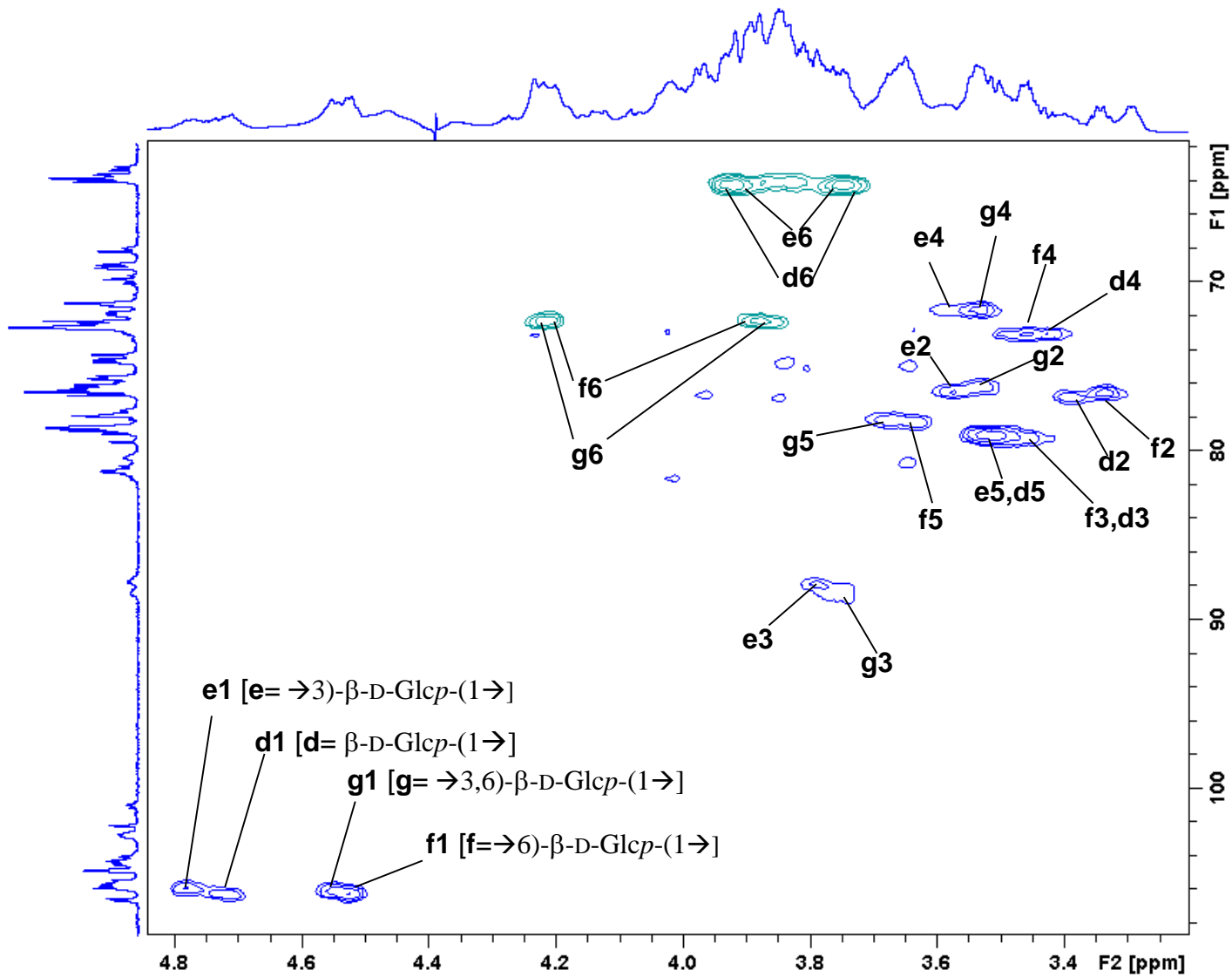
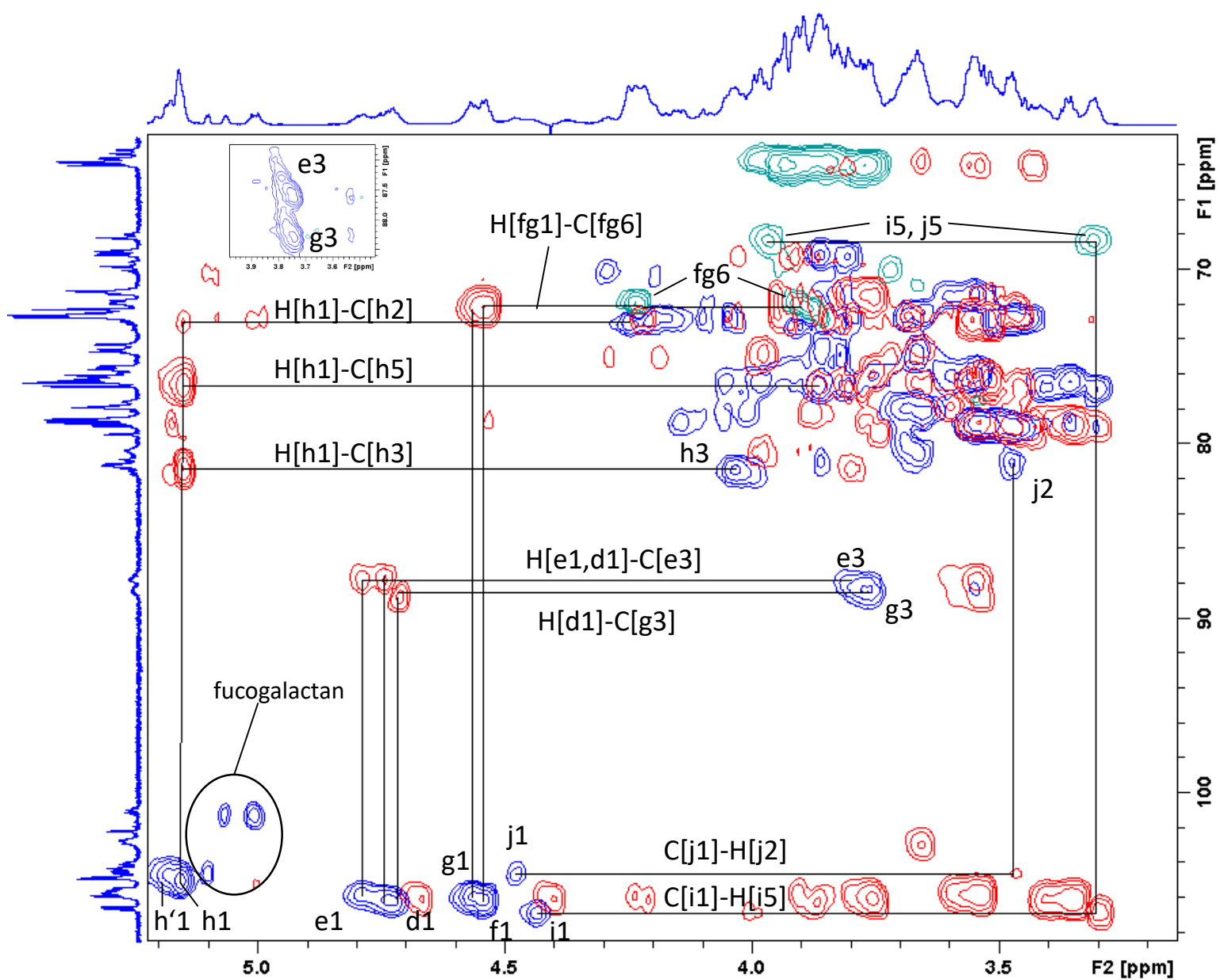


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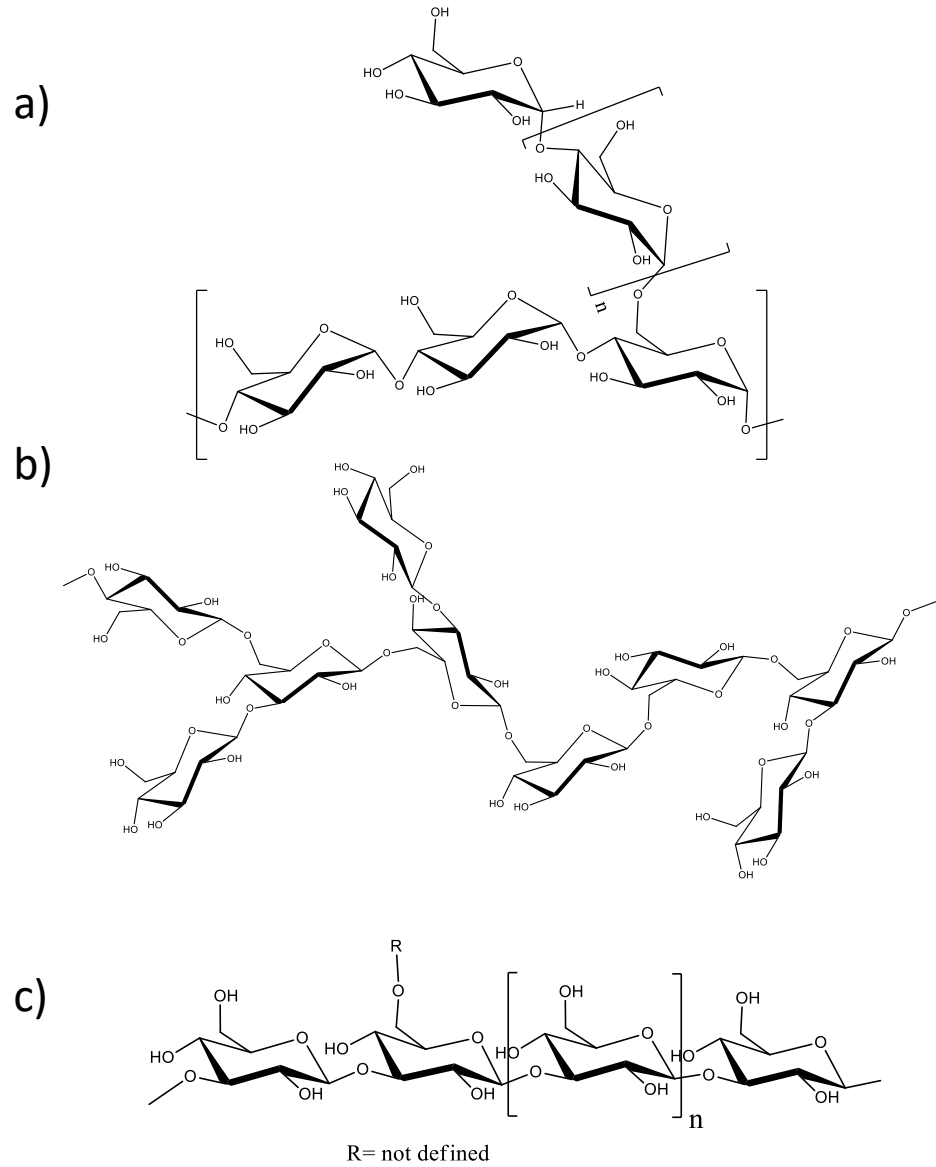


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**Fig. 5b** Phase sensitive HSQC (CH<sub>2</sub>-signals green, CH-signals blue) with HMBC (red) overlay of  $\beta$ -D-xylan,  $\alpha$ -D-mannan and  $\beta$ -D-glucans in AAoSSp. d =  $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , e =  $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , f =  $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , g =  $\rightarrow$ 3,6)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , h =  $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-Manp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , h' =  $\beta$ -D-Xylp (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-Manp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , i =  $\beta$ -D-Xylp-(1 $\rightarrow$ , j =  $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-Xylp-(1 $\rightarrow$ . Numbers refer to monosaccharide H/C-numbering

**Fig. 6** Proposed representative structures of D-glucans in *Albatrellus ovinus*. a) (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucan b) (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucan c) (1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucan with undefined branches



**Table 1a.** Semi-quantitative linkage distribution (%) and molecular weight of water extracted polysaccharide fractions from *Albatrellus ovinus* (WAO). WAOConA+ = WAO components with affinity to ConA, WAOConA- = WAO components without affinity to ConA

Monomer	WAO	WAOConA+	WAOConA-	WAOF1	WAOF2
L-Fucp-(1→	14	4	14	15	6
D-Galp-(1→	2	7	4	2	0
→6)-D-Galp-(1→	27	8	33	40	15
→2,6)-D-Galp-(1→	13	0	13	18	7
→3)-D-Manp-(1→	3	2	5	5	3
D-Xylp-(1→	0	0	2	0	0
→2)-D-Xylp-(1→	0	0	0	0	0
D-Glcp-(1→	9	2	3	3	18
→3)-D-Glcp-(1→	6	3	16	7	6
→6)-D-Glcp-(1→	2	6	1	1	5
→3,4)-D-Glcp-(1→	1	4	1	0	0
→3,6)-D-Glcp-(1→	2	5	5	3	3
→4)-D-Glcp-(1→	17	46	3	3	25
→4,6)-D-Glc p-(1→	4	12	0	3	12
Mw(kDa) SEC-HPLC				251	12,4

**Table 1b.** *Semi quantitative linkage distribution (%) and molecular weight of alkali extracted polysaccharide fractions from Albatrellus ovinus (AAo). AAol=water insoluble fraction, AAoS= water soluble fraction, AAoSP= Precipitate from re-dissolved soluble alkali extract AAoSSp= supernatant from re-dissolved soluble alkali extract.*

<b>Monomer</b>	<b>AAol</b>	<b>AAoS</b>	<b>AAoSP</b>	<b>AAoSSp</b>
L-Fucp-(1→	1	2	1	4
D-Galp-(1→	trace	trace	0	trace
→6)-D-Galp-(1→	1	2	0	2
→2,6)-D-Galp-(1→	trace	1	0	1
→3)-D-Manp-(1→	12	12	4	25
D-Xylp-(1→	4	3	1	4
→2)-D-Xylp-(1→	2	trace	1	4
D-Glcp-(1→	8	12	28	3
→3)-D-Glcp-(1→	34	35	47	14
→6)-D-Glcp-(1→	3	6	2	6
→3,4)-D-Glcp-(1→	4	3	1	0
→3,6)-D-Glcp-(1→	15	7	10	3
→4)-D-Glcp-(1→	8	15	5	27
→4,6)-D-Glcp-(1→	0	2	0	0
Mw(kDa) SEC-HPLC	287	325	100	



**Table 2.** *NMR assignments of the fucogalactan in WAOF1.*

	<b>Monomer</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b><math>\delta^1\text{H}</math></b>	<b><math>\delta^{13}\text{C}</math></b>	<b>NOESY</b>	<b>TOCSY</b>	<b>HMBC</b>
<b>a</b>	$\alpha$ -L-Fuc-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	5.08	104.3	a2, c2	a2, a3, a4	c2, a3, a5
		2	3.82	71.3	a1, c3		
		3	3.89	72.6	a5		a1
		4	3.84	74.7	a5, a6		
		5	4.18	70.1	a3		a1
		6	1.25	18.6	a4, a5		
<b>b</b>	$\rightarrow$ 6)- $\alpha$ -D-Gal-(1 $\rightarrow$ *)	1	4.99	101.0	b2, b6, c6	b2, b3, b4	b3, b5, b6
		2	3.86	71.2	b1		
		3	3.89	72.6	b4, b5		
		4	4.03	72.5	b3, b5		
		5	4.20	71.8	b3, b4, b6		b6
		6*	3.92/3.70	69.6	b1, b4, c1		b5
<b>c</b>	$\rightarrow$ 2,6)- $\alpha$ -D-Gal-(1 $\rightarrow$ **	1	5.05	101.0	c2, c6, b6	c2, c3, c4	c6
		2	3.84	80.8	c1, a1		a1
		3	4.07	71.4			
		4	4.08	72.6			
		5	4.15	72.2			
		6**	3.98/3.65	70.3	c1, b1		

\*b and c linked to b, \*\*b and c linked to c

**Table 3.** NMR assignments of the from *Albatrellus ovinus*  $\alpha$ -glucan that binds ConcanavalinA (fraction WAoConA+)

Monomer	Position	WAoConA+		Amylose (Sigma)	
		$\delta^1\text{H}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	$\delta^1\text{H}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$
$\rightarrow 4$ )- $\alpha$ -D-Glc-(1 $\rightarrow$	1	5.36	103.2	5.39	102.6
	2	3.61	74.9	3.65	74.5
	3	3.98	76.6	3.97	76.2
	4	3.66	81.2	3.66	80.2
	5	3.86	74.5	3.85	74.2
	6	3.83/3.88	64.0	3.82/3.88	63.5
$\rightarrow 4,6$ )- $\alpha$ -D-Glc-(1 $\rightarrow$	1	5.36	103.2	5.39	102.6
	2	3.61	74.9	3.6	74.4
	3	4.02	76.6	4.02	76.4
	4	3.6	81.6	3.61	81.4
	5	4.04	73.2	4.04	73.4
	6	3.65/3.97	70.7	3.66/3.95	70.6
$\alpha$ -D-Glc-(1 $\rightarrow$	1	4.98	101.5	4.98	101.5
	2	3.61	74.9	3.65	74.5
	3	3.73	76.2	3.72	75.8
	4	3.43	72.8	3.43	72.4
	5	na*	na	na	na
	6	3.82/3.88	64.0	3.82/3.88	63.5

\*not assigned

**Table 4.** NMR assignments of  $\beta$ -glucans in *Albatrellus ovinus*. Underlined assignments were confirmed by selective NOESY.

	Monomer	position	$\delta^1\text{H}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	NOESY	HMBC	ROESY
<b>d</b>	$\beta$ -D-Glc-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	4.72	106.1	<u>g3, e3</u> , d5	d3, d5, e3, g3	e3, d5
		2	3.39	76.7			
		3	3.47	79.1			
		4	3.43	73.0			
		5	3.52	78.9			
		6	3.75/3.92	64.2			
<b>e</b>	$\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Glc-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	4.79	105.8	e3, e5	e3, g3	e3,e5
		2	3.57	76.5			
		3	3.79	87.8	e5		
		4	3.59	71.6			
		5	3.52	78.9	e3		
		6	3.75/3.92	64.2			
<b>f</b>	$\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-Glc(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	4.53	106.2	<u>f3, f5, f6,</u> <u>g3</u>	f3, f5, f6, g6	f2, f5,f6
		2	3.34	76.5			
		3	3.47	79.1			
		4	3.46	73			
		5	3.64	78.3			
		6	4.23/3.89	72.2			
<b>g</b>	$\rightarrow$ 3,6)- $\beta$ -D-Glc-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	4.56	106	<u>g3, g5, e5</u>	e3, f6,	g5,f6
		2	3.53	76.1			
		3	3.75	88.3			
		4	3.53	71.6			
		5	3.67	78.2			
		6	4.22/3.87	72.0	g1		
<b>h</b>	$\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-Man-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	5.16	104.9	<u>h2, h3, h4,</u> <u>h5</u>	h3,h5,h6,	h2,h3,h4,h 5
		2	4.25	73.0	h1, h3		
		3	4.03	81.4	h2, h5		
		4	3.81	69.1			
		5	3.87	76.6	h3		
		6	3.78/3.9	64.0			
<b>h'</b>	$\alpha$ -D-Man-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	5.18	104.5	<u>h'2, h3,</u> <u>h2, h5</u>	h'3, h'5	h3, h'2
		2	4.18	72.5	h3		
		3	4.05	72.8			

		4	3.87	69.0		
		5	3.81	76.7		
		6	3.78/3.9	64.0		
<b>i</b>	$\beta$ -D-Xyl-( $\rightarrow$ )	1	4.43	106.7	<u>j</u> <sub>2</sub> , i <sub>3</sub> , i <sub>5</sub> , h' <sub>3</sub> , h' <sub>4</sub>	i <sub>5</sub> , h' <sub>3</sub>
		2	3.3	76.8		
		3	3.47	78.9	i <sub>5</sub> , i <sub>1</sub>	
		4	3.65	72.4		
		5	3.97/3.3 1	68.2	i <sub>4</sub> , i <sub>2</sub>	
<b>j</b>	$\rightarrow$ <sub>2</sub> - $\beta$ -D-Xyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ )	1	4.47	104.6	<u>j</u> <sub>5</sub>	j <sub>2</sub>
		2	3.48	81.6	j <sub>5</sub>	
		3	3.69	78.0		
		4	3.69	72.6		
		5	3.97/3.3 1	68.2	j <sub>2</sub>	