

Glycan Biosynthesis Pathways & Glycosyltransferases — Hands-on

Learn how complex glycan structures are generated inside the cell. This module walks through N- and O-glycosylation pathways, glycosyltransferase families, compartmental organization and regulatory logic, preparing you to interpret glycan patterns, pathway defects and engineering strategies in research and biopharma settings.

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Session 1

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Cellular Glycosylation Landscape

Overview of glycosylation types and locations

[N glycosylation](#) [O glycosylation](#) [GPI anchors & glycolipids](#)

Organelle organization of glycan biosynthesis

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Activated sugar donors and transport

nucleotide sugars (UDP, GDP, CMP) **dolichol linked intermediates** **sugar nucleotide transporters**

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N-Linked & O-Linked Glycosylation Pathways

N linked glycosylation pathway

dolichol linked core assembly **OST transfer to Asn sequon** **trimming and processing in ER**

Golgi processing and branching of N glycans

high mannose to hybrid **complex multiantennary structures** **fucosylation and sialylation**

O linked glycosylation pathways

mucin type GalNAc initiation **core 1, 2 and extended cores** **other O linkages overview**

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Glycosyltransferases, Glycosidases & Regulation

Glycosyltransferase families and specificities

GT family classification **donor and acceptor recognition** **localization signals**

Glycosidases and quality control

ER glucosidases and mannosidases **Golgi trimming steps** **ERAD and folding cycles**

Regulation and pathway rewiring

enzyme expression changes **Golgi pH and trafficking**

nutrient and disease driven shifts

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Mini Capstone: Pathway Mapping & Defect Analysis

Map full biosynthetic routes for key glycans

from activated sugars to final glycan structure

Explore congenital disorders of glycosylation at pathway level

enzyme defects **predicted structural changes** **clinical phenotype connections**

Deliverables and documentation

pathway diagrams **enzyme and gene tables** **short PDF or HTML summary**