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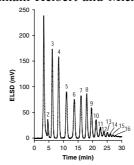
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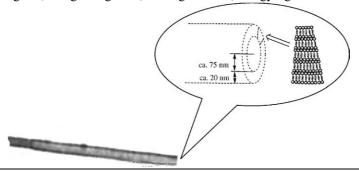
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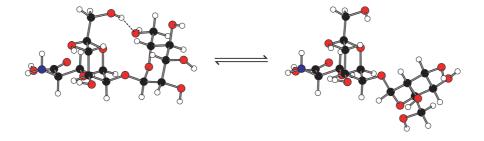
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Fucan sulfates were isolated from sea cucumber Stichopus japonicus. One type consists of $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -linked linear fucosyl residues that are substituted at C-4 with fucosyl residues. Another type is largely composed of unbranched (1→3)-linked fucosyl residues. Both types were substituted at C-2 and/or C-4 with sulfates and shown to be potent inhibitors of osteoclastogenesis.

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Structure of the O-polysaccharide of *Proteus mirabilis* CCUG 10701 (OB) classified into a new *Proteus* serogroup, O74

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$$\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\beta\text{-}D\text{-}GlcpNAc6Ac\text{-}(1\rightarrow 2)\text{-}\beta\text{-}D\text{-}GalpA4Ac\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpNAc\text{-}(1\rightarrow 4)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpA\text{-}(1\rightarrow 3)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpNAc\text{-}(1\rightarrow 4)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpA\text{-}(1\rightarrow 4)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpA\text{-}(1\rightarrow 4)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpNAc\text{-}(1\rightarrow 4)\text{-}\alpha\text{-}D\text{-}GalpNAc\text{-}(1$$

Based on the unique structure of the O-polysaccharide and serological data, it is proposed to classify *Proteus mirabilis* CCUG 10701 (OB) into a new *Proteus* serogroup, O74.

Structural characterization of the antigenic O-polysaccharide in the lipopolysaccharide produced by Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae serotype 14

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Transglycosylation reaction of *Mucor hiemalis* endo-β-*N*-acetylglucosaminidase using sugar derivatives modified at C-1 or C-2 as oligosaccharide acceptors

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