

WORKSHOP IN GLYCOBIOLOGY – STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS OF GLYCANS IN HUMAN PATHOLOGIES



Yann Guérardel, 51 years



Senior Research at CNRS
Director of Institute for Structural and Functional
Glycobiology, CNRS, Lille
Prof. iGCORE Nagoya University Japan
170 publications, 4 patents



- **Structural analyses** of animal and prokaryotic glycans – MS, NMR, GC/MS
- Understand the relation between **structure and functions of complex glycans**
- Function of **glycosylation enzymes**
- Role of glycans in **infection**
- Glycan-Protein **interactions**



José Alexandre Ferreira, 44 years

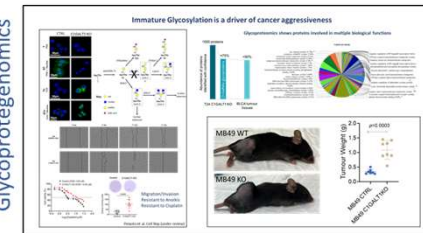


Principal Investigator at IPO-Porto
Director of the Proteomics Core Unit at IPO-Porto
CEO de GlycoMatters Biotech
65 publications, 4 patents on glycans for clinical applications (POC, moAbs, vaccines)

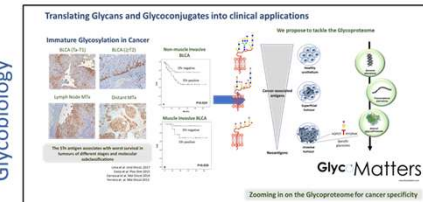
- Glycomics and Glycoproteomics for **Precision Medicine**
- Cancer **Glycobiology**
- Glycan-based **cancer immunotherapies**



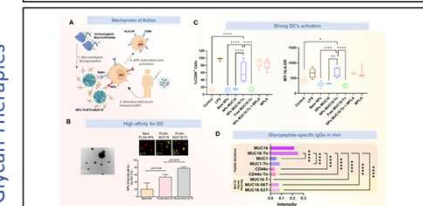
Functional
Glycoproteogenomics



Translational
Glycobiology



Glycan
Therapies



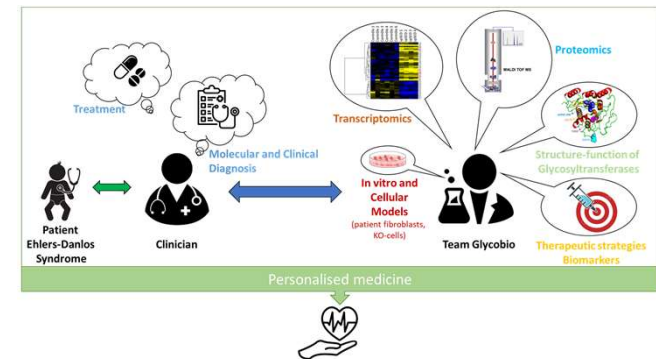
Catherine Bui, 43 years



Professor Associate at University of Lorraine
UMR7365 IMoPA, Team GlycoBio
14 publications



- **Proteoglycans** and structure-function of **glycosyltransferases**
- Study of proteoglycans and collagen interaction
- Rare connective tissue disorders with **glycosaminoglycans deficiencies**



Networks for Communication

- Groupe Français des Glucides
- GDR Modifications Post-Traductionnelle des Bactéries
- GDR GAGosciences
- GDR Chemical Biology
- IRN UGSF-iGCORE GlycoNetwork

- Association portugaise de protéomique
- Division des glucides - Société portugaise de chimie
- European Glycosciences Community
- GLYCOTwinning
- Canadian Glycomic Network (GlycoNet)

- GlycoEst Glycobiology Network in Grand Est
- Groupe Français des Glucides

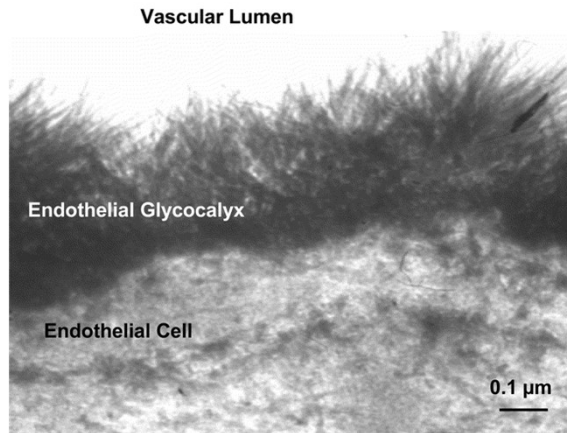
Organization experience

- EMBO Workshop Glycoscience and Development
- SialoGlyco2024
- Joint Glycobiology Meeting (every 4 years)
- Ecoles thématiques (GDR BPTM & ChemBiol)
- UGSF-iGCORE GlycoNetwork meetings
- Advances in Glycosciences workshop 2024

- IPO-Porto International Scientific Meetings (since 2022)
- IPO-Porto young researcher's symposia (2023)
- P.ccc entrepreneurship courses (since 2023)
- Thematic workshops on mass spectrometry, glycomics, glycoproteomics (since 2015)

- Joint workshop of the international associated laboratory Nancy-Dundee (2017) on Glycans and Proteoglycans
- IMoPA scientific seminars (since 2023)

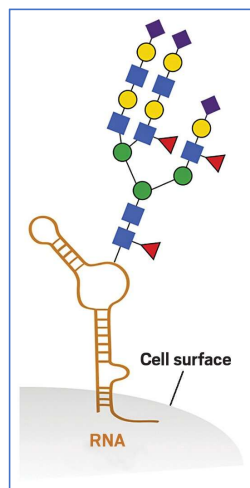
The Glycosylation of Eukaryotic Cells



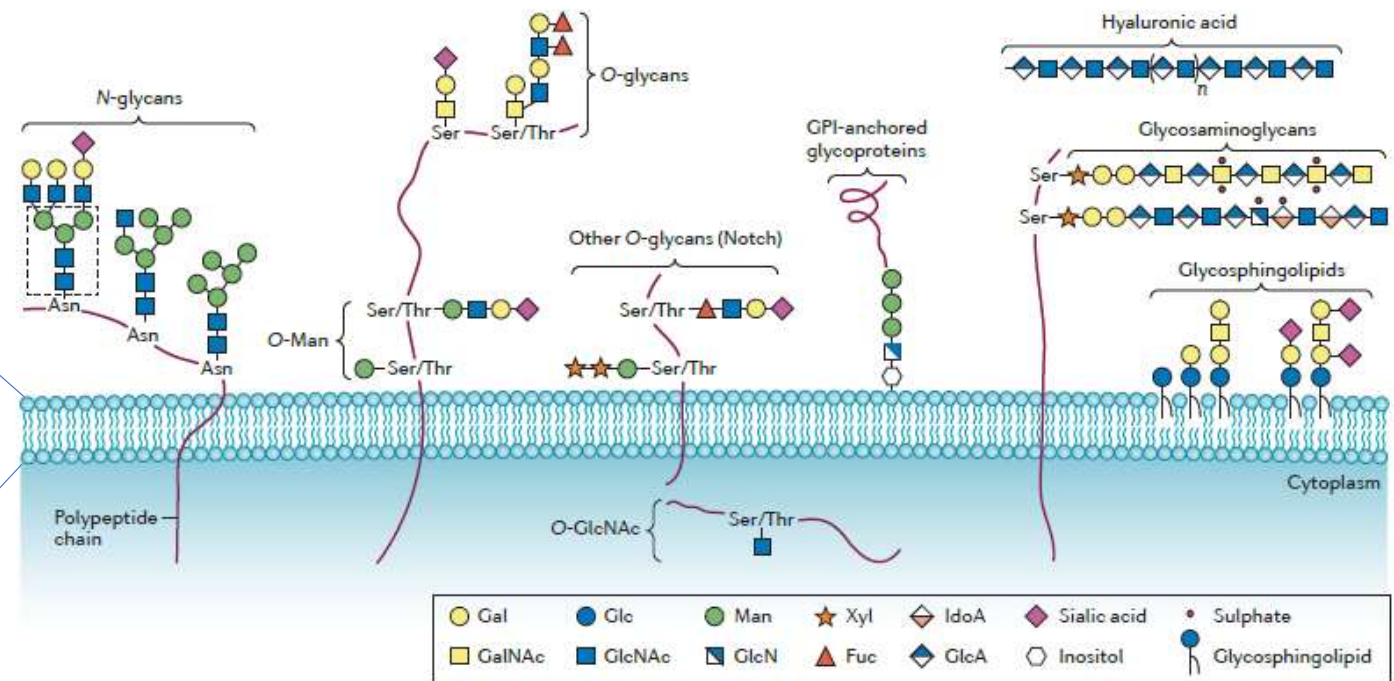
Every Living Cell in Nature is Covered with a Dense and Complex Array of Sugar Chains (Glycans)

Varki A et al. Cell 2006

glycoRNA



Flynn et al. Cell 2021

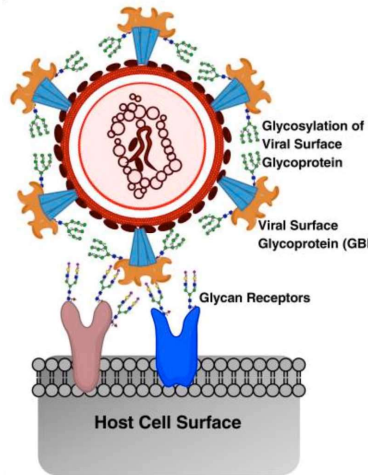


Pinho and Reis Nat Rev Cancer 2015

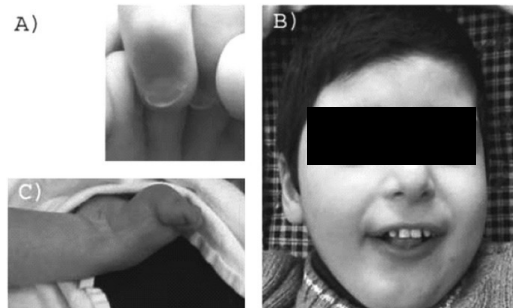
Glycosylation provides identity and function to molecules and cells



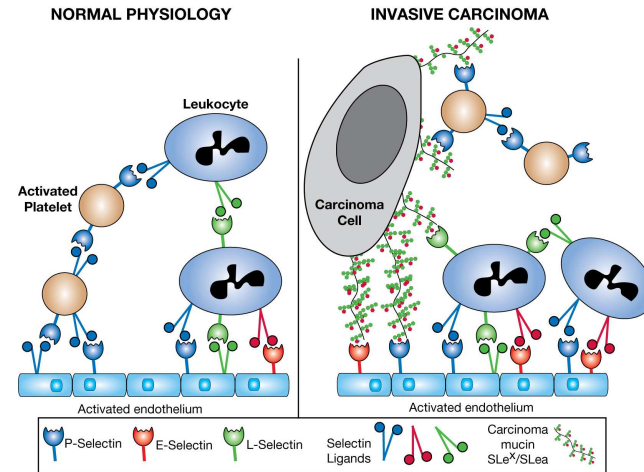
Glycans are essential to the comprehension of pathologies



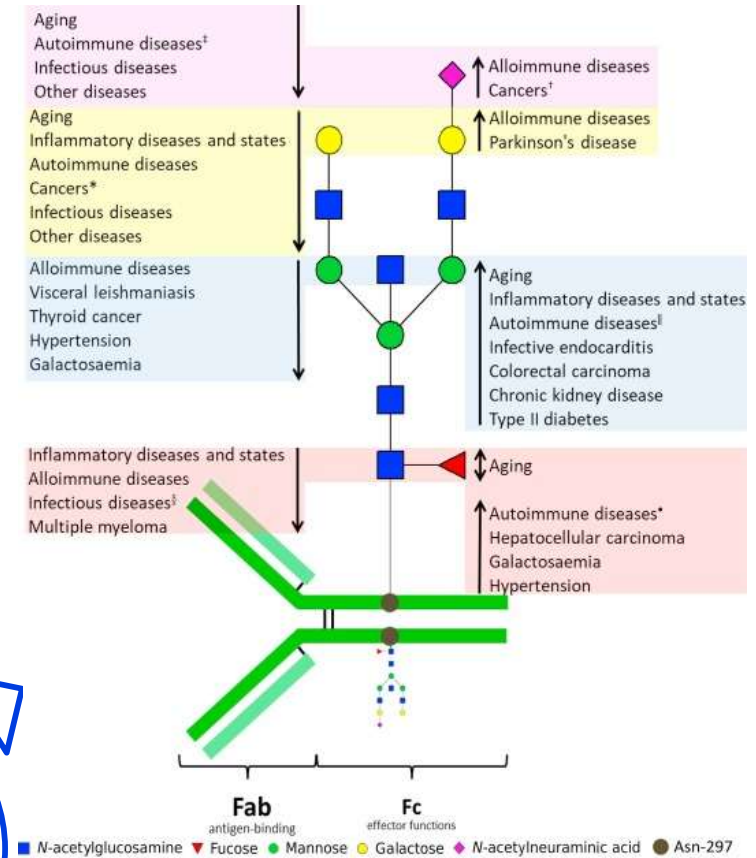
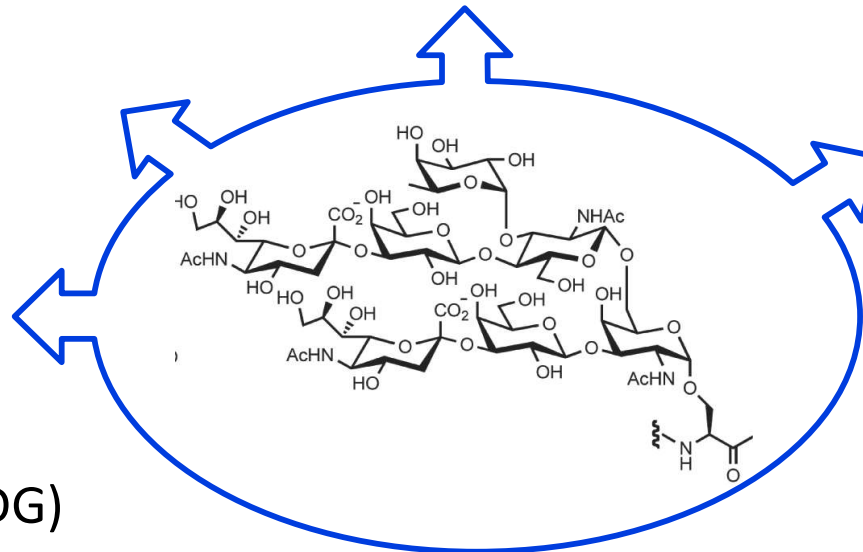
Bacterial and Viral Infections



Genetic Disorders (CDG)



Cancer



Regulation of Ig functions

Science Behind Glycans

“Glycans are directly involved in the pathophysiology of every major disease... Additional knowledge from glycoscience will be needed to realize the goals of personalized medicine and to take advantage of the substantial investments in human genome and proteome research and its impact on human health.”

- US National Academies, 2012



Why is glycomics important?

In 2020, 5 of the top 10 selling drugs are glycosylated and have a combined revenue of **US\$58B**.

Global market for glycomics drugs to reach **US\$257B by 2028**.

Glycan-based Clinical Applications

Serological Biomarkers of Cancer

CA19-9 (Sialyl-Lewis A)
Pancreatic cancer

CA72-3 (Cancer Antigen 72-3)
Gastric, colorectal, pancreatic cancers

AFP-L3 (glycoproteoform alpha-fetoprotein)
Hepatocellular Carcinoma

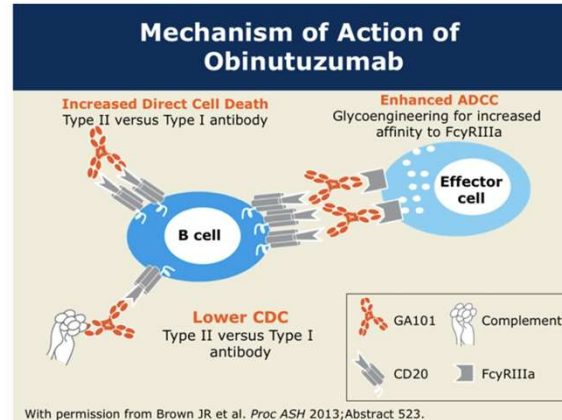
CA135 (MUC16)
Ovarian

Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA)
Prostate

CA15-3 (MUC1)
Breast cancer

CEA
Colorectal cancer

Glypican-3
Hepatocellular carcinoma



Trastuzumab (Herceptin): anti-HER2

Atezolizumab (Tecentriq): anti-PDL1



Targeted removal of Siglec ligands in the tumor microenvironment, using an **antibody-sialidase conjugate**, enhanced antitumor immunity and halted tumor progression in several murine models.

Glycan-based Vaccines



Pneumococcal capsule conjugate (PCV)

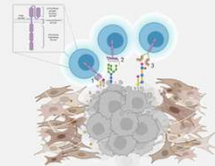


Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)

Molecular Therapy Review

Targeting glycans for CAR therapy: The advent of sweet CARs

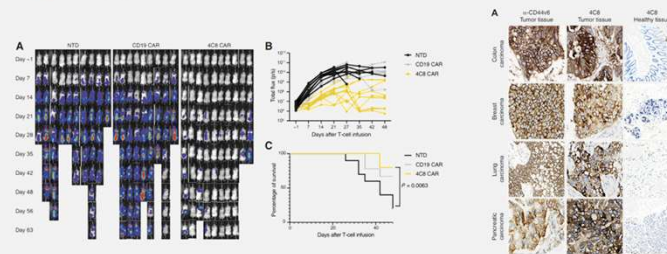
Zoe Raglow,^{1,2} Mary Kathryn McKenna,^{2,3} Chalice L. Bonifant,¹ Wenjing Wang,^{1,2} Marina Pasca di Magliano,⁴ Johannes Stadtmann,⁵ Josef M. Penninger,^{6,7} Richard D. Cummings,^{1,8} Malcolm K. Brenner,¹ and David M. Markovitz^{1,2}



MOLECULAR CANCER THERAPEUTICS | LARGE MOLECULE THERAPEUTICS

Targeting Solid Cancers with a Cancer-Specific Monoclonal Antibody to Surface Expressed Aberrantly O-glycosylated Proteins

Mikkel K.M. Aasted¹, Aaron C. Groen¹, John T. Keane¹, Sally Dabelstein¹, Edwin Tan², Julia Schnabel², Fang Liu², Hyeon-Gyu S. Lewis², Constantine Theodoropoulos², Avery D. Posey Jr^{3,4}, and Hans H. Wandall^{1,2}



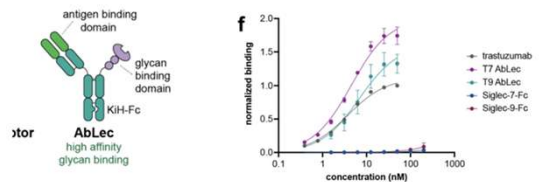
Science Translational Medicine

RESEARCH ARTICLE

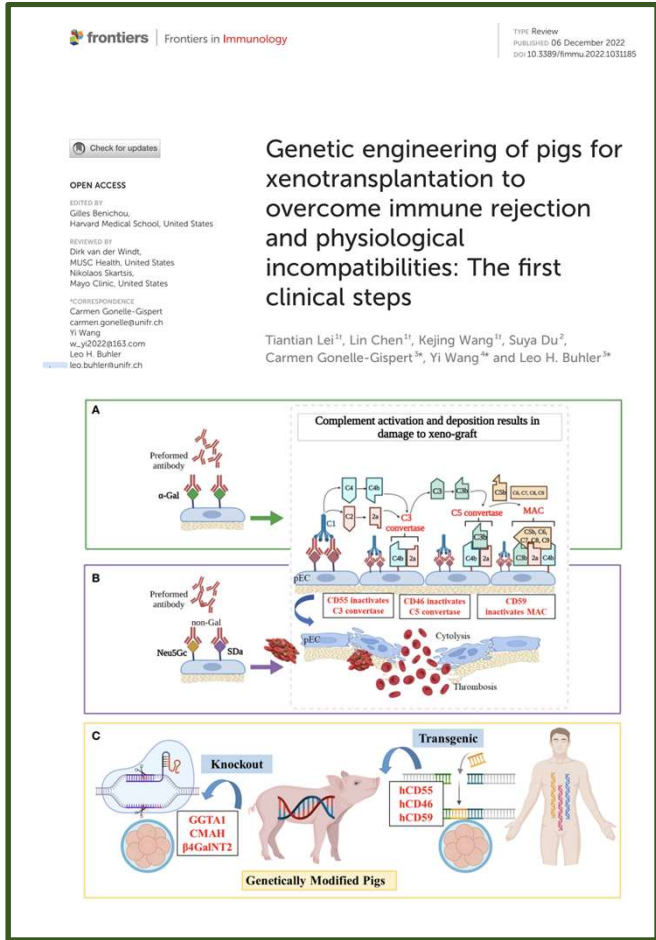
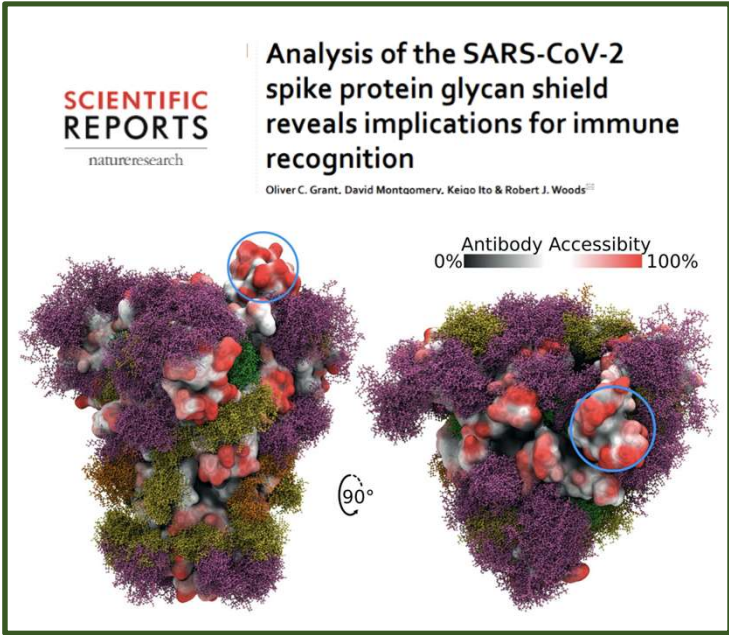
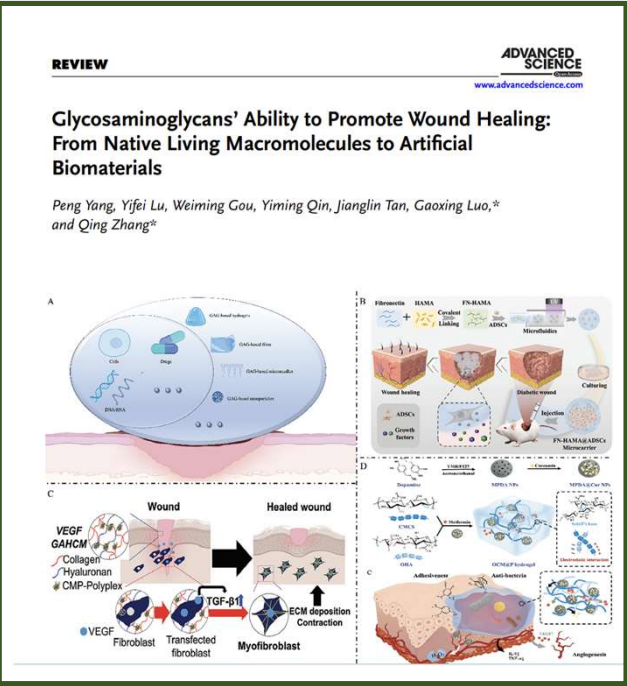
Targeting cancer glycosylation repolarizes tumor-associated macrophages allowing effective immune checkpoint blockade

Antibody-lectin chimeras for glyco-immune checkpoint blockade

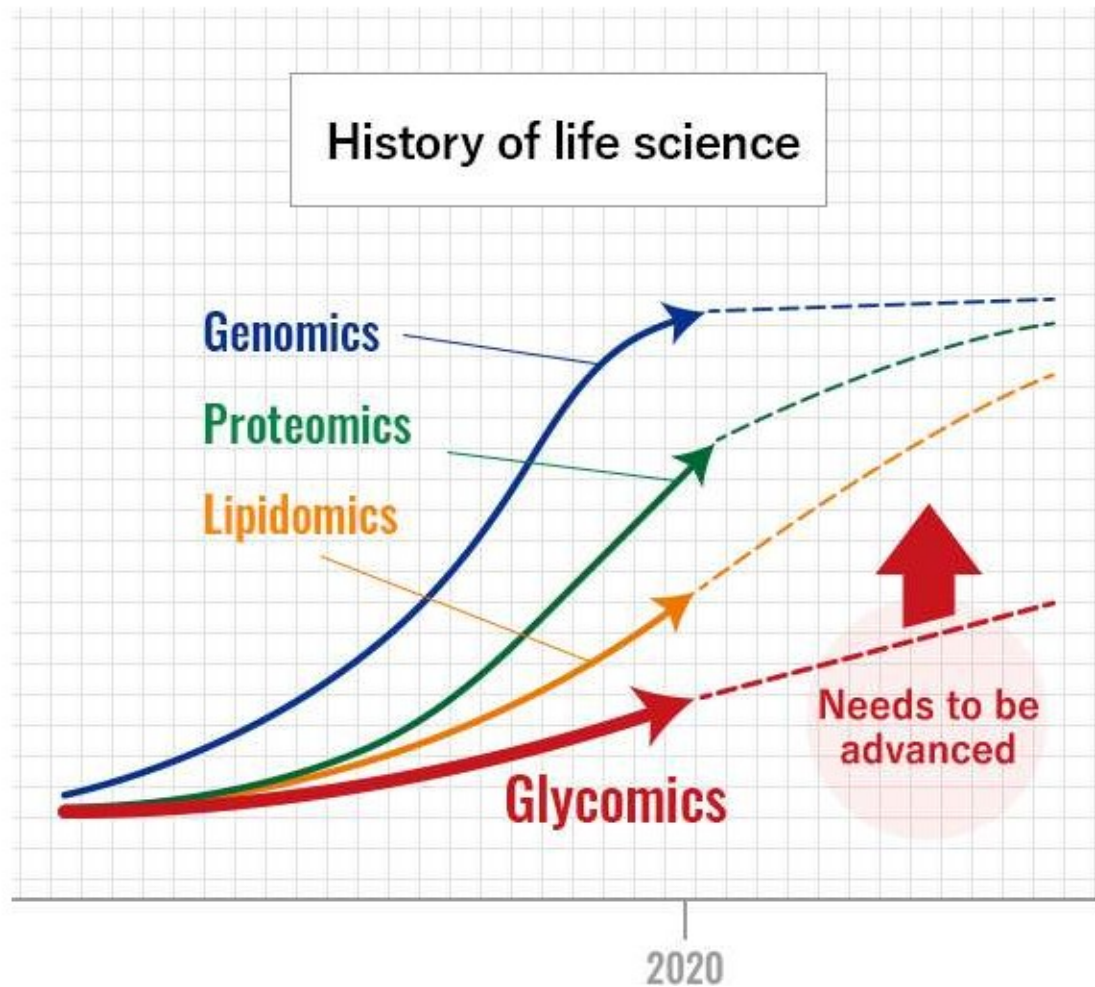
Jessica C. Stark^{1,2,*}, Melissa A. Gray^{1,2}, Simon Wisniewski³, Itziar Ibarluzea-Benitez⁴, Marta Lustig⁵, Nicholas M. Riley⁶, Mikaela K. Ribi¹, Wesley J. Errington⁶, Bence Brunicsi⁷, Casim A. Sarkar¹, Thomas Valerius⁸, Jeffrey V. Ravetch¹, Carolyn R. Bertozzi^{1,8}



Emergent Glycan Applications



GlycoSciences are struggling to develop: Advanced Training is Pressing



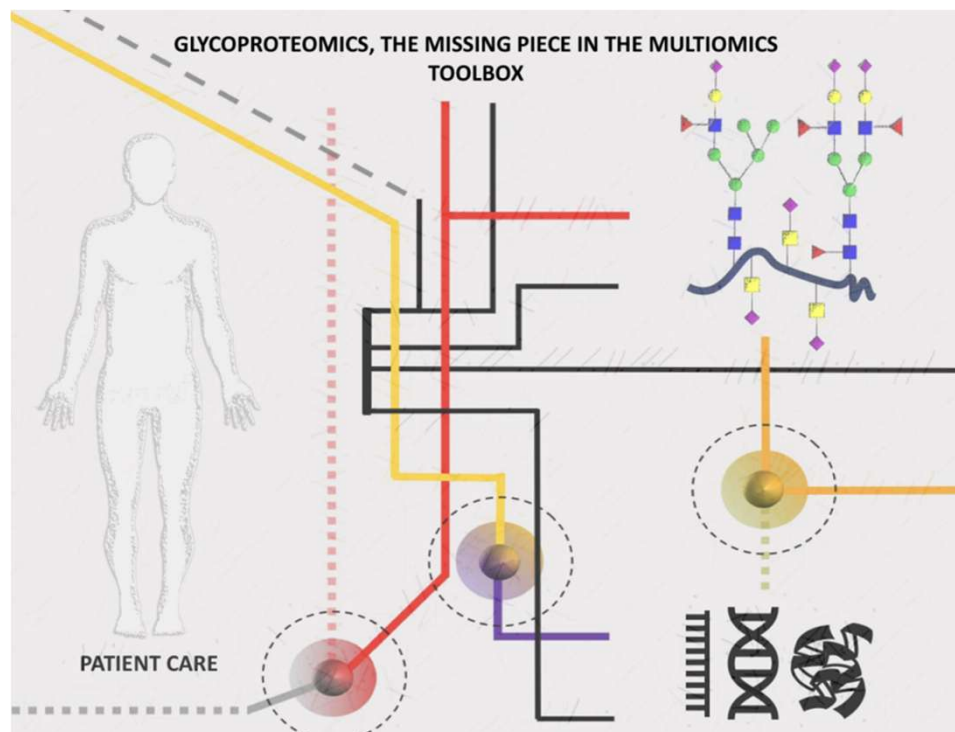
- ☐ Emerging Technologies
- ☐ Lack of knowledge in the medical community
- ☐ Few reference centers
- ☐ Few training opportunities/most are highly specialized for more educated audiences
- ☐ Glycans are not sufficiently explored in undergraduate/graduate courses



Workshop Objectives:

- **Awareness** to the relevance of glycans for biomedical sciences
- **Training** on Glycan-Related Diagnostics, Therapeutic Developments, and Research Methodologies for a Broad Audience of Non-Specialists
- **Empower** researchers and other professionals to introduce and explore glycan-related dimensions

**Comprehensive Integration of Multilayers of Biological Data is
Key to Address Complex Biomedical Challenges**

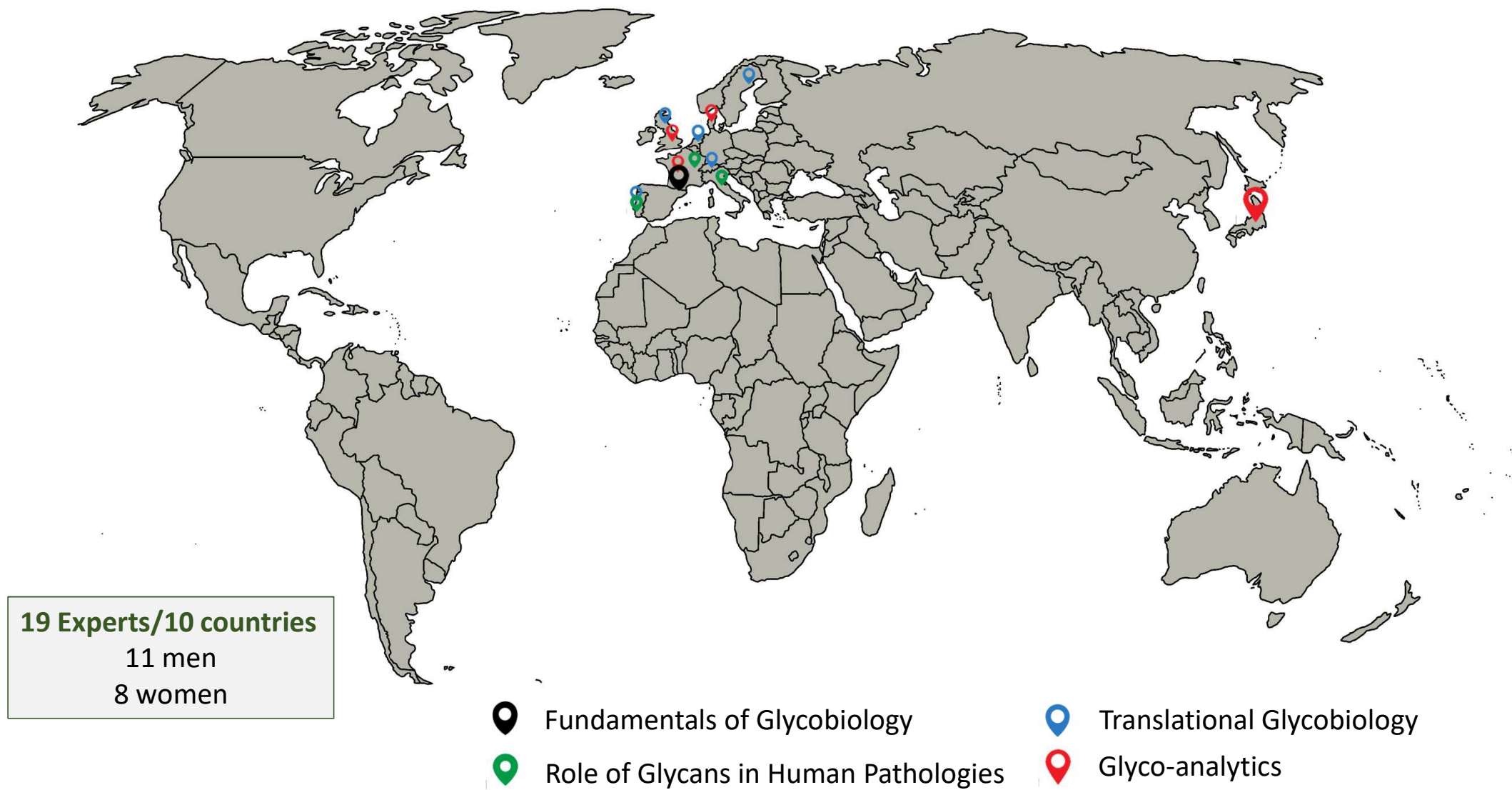


Capacitate participants to...

- i) **Recognize and detect glycans and glycoconjugates** (glycolipids, glycoproteins) markers that are crucial for the detection of diseases;
- ii) **Innovate in vaccine and target therapy creation**, including new cancer immunotherapies and other treatments for challenging communicable and non-communicable diseases;
- iii) Investigate at gene and protein levels defects in **glycosylation enzymes dysregulated in pathologies**;
- iv) Study the **structure-function relations of microorganisms' glycans** involved in pathogenicity;
- v) Identify and implement **cutting-edge tools and methodologies** for the characterization and exploration of glycan functions in health and disease;

Target Audience

Researchers and **technical staff** in the field of biomedical science from **academia** (infectiology, immunology, cancer research, genetic diseases, metabolic diseases) and **private** sector (pharmacology, therapeutics, diagnosis, cosmetics); **PhD students; post-doctorates. Entry levels in glycobiology are welcome**



Inserm Workshop

Glycobiologie - Structures et fonctions des glycanes dans les pathologies humaines

Glycobiology - Structures and functions of glycans in human pathologies

12-15 Nov 2025/12th-15th Nov 2025 ■ Bordeaux, France

DAY 1: Fundamentals of Glycobiology

15:30 - 16:00	Reception of participants
16:00 - 16:15	Welcome and presentation by the organizers
SESSION I	Fundamentals of Glycobiology: Structure, Biosynthesis, Functions of Glycans
16:15 - 17:00	Glycan Diversity and Functions Yann Guerardel (CNRS, Université de Lille, Lille, France) & Sandrine Gulberti (University of Lorraine, Nancy, France)
17:00 - 17:30	Coffee break
17:30 - 18:15	Biosynthesis of Glycans Yann Guerardel (CNRS, Université de Lille, Lille, France) & Catherine Bui (University of Lorraine, Nancy, France)
18:15 - 19:00	Principles of Glycan Recognition Anne Imberty (CERMAV, Grenoble, France)
19:30	Dinner

DAY 2 (Part I) : Roles of Glycans in Human Pathologies

Jeudi 13 Novembre 2025 ■ Thursday 13th November 2025

06:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
SESSION II	Roles of Glycans in Human Pathologies
08:30 - 09:15	Glycans in Bacterial and Viral Infections Cristina De Castro (Naples, Italy)
09:15 - 10:00	Glycans in Parasitic Infections Thierry Fontaine (Institut Pasteur, Paris, France)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:15	Genetic and Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation François Foulquier (CNRS, Université de Lille, Lille, France)
11:15 - 12:00	Glycans in Inflammation and Cancer
	José Alexandre Ferreira (IPO-Porto, Porto, Portugal) & Salomé Pinho (i3S-University of Porto, Porto, Portugal)
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch

DAY 2 (Part II) : Translational Glycobiology

SESSION III	Translational Glycobiology
14:00 - 14:45	Glycans as Clinical Biomarkers Fredrik Noborn (University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden)
14:45 - 15:30	Glycan targeting Molecules for Precise Cancer Therapy Heinz Läubli (University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:30	Glycan-based Vaccines for Infectious Diseases and Cancer Yvette van Kooyk (Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
16:30 - 17:00	Emergent Glycan-based Therapies for Cancer Celso Reis (i3S, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal)
17:00 - 17:30	Novel Drugs from complex Sugars Jeremy Turnbull (Keele University, Staffordshire, United Kingdom)
17:30 - 18:00	Application of High Throughput Glycomics Towards Biomarkers Discovery Manfred Wuhrer (Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands)
19:30 - 20:15	Panel discussions and Cocktail
20:15	Dinner

Panel Discussions for Cross-Fertilization in Glycosciences



Organized discussions led by a panel of experts for exchange of ideas, knowledge, and techniques between different disciplines or areas of expertise. This interdisciplinary approach aims to **foster innovation and new insights** in glycosciences by combining diverse perspectives and methodologies.

Three main Topics (to be surveyed upon registration):

- ❖ Roles of Glycans in Human Pathologies;
- ❖ Translational Glycobiology;
- ❖ How to approach the study of glycans.

OBJECTIVE:

Encourage collaboration and the sharing of ideas among scientists from various disciplines within glycosciences. Spur innovation and advance the field through interdisciplinary cooperation.

DAY 3: How should we approach the study of glycans

Vendredi 14 Novembre 2025 ■ Friday 14th November 2025

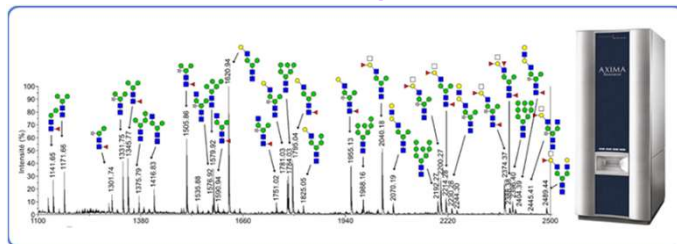
06:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
SESSION IV	How should we approach the study of glycans?
08:30 - 09:15	Reading and Writing the Human Glycocode using Genetic Tools Hans Wandall (Copenhagen Center for Glycomics, Copenhagen, Denmark)
09:15 - 10:00	Functional Glycoproteomics Towards Precision Medicine Muriel Bardor (University of Rouen, Rouen, France)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:15	Bioorthogonal Precision Tools to address the Human Glycoproteome Ben Schumann (Imperial College, London, United Kingdom)
11:15 - 12:00	Bioinformatics for Glycosciences Kiyoko Aoki-Kinoshita (Soka University, Tokyo, Japan)
12:00 - 12:15	Concluding remarks
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00	Departure

PRACTICAL PART – 20 selected participants

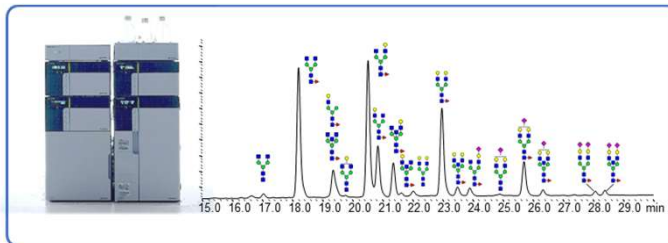
AIM: Correlate changes in patients' glycosylation profiles with different pathologies to better understand the causative agents and the pathophysiological processes involved.



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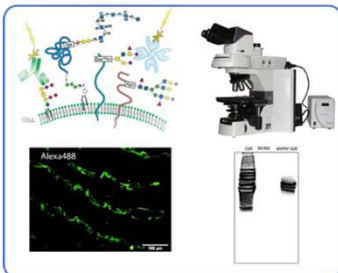


Mass Spectrometry



HPLC

Fluorescence
Microscopy



Glycan epitopes

Glycan composition

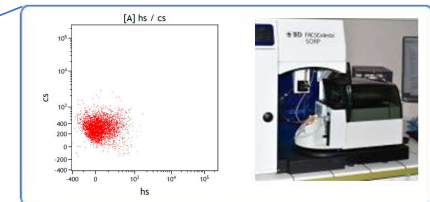
Lille
Nancy
2 sites

patient's fibroblasts

biological fluids/
tissues

GAG profiling

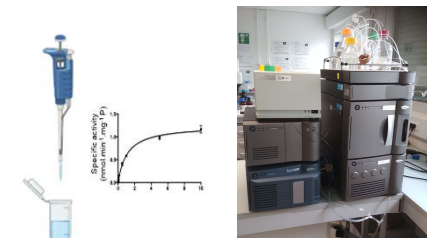
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AGAPPsi platform



Flow Cytometry



Luminometer



UPLC

HTP screening

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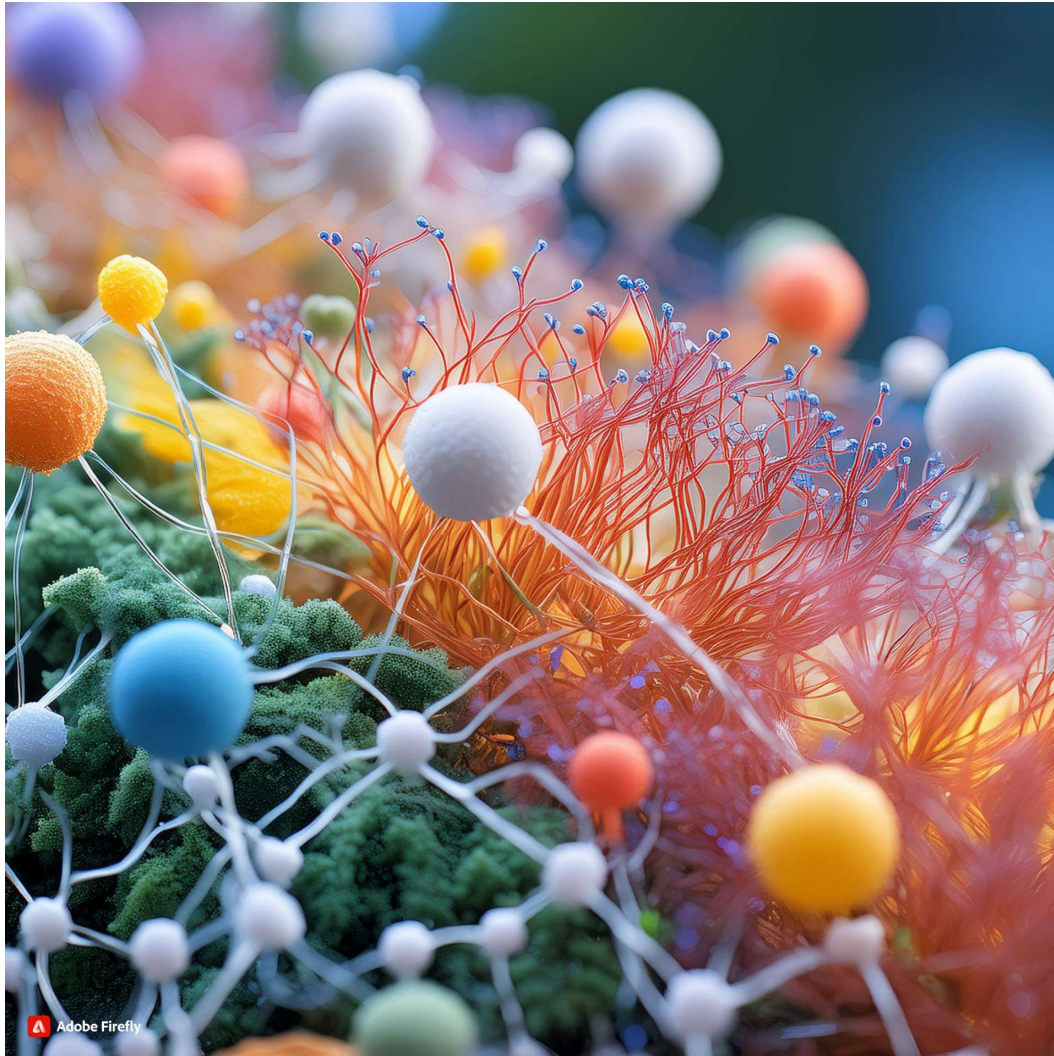
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