

Supplementary Information: Cell-specific Bioorthogonal Tagging of Glycoproteins

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Supplementary Methods

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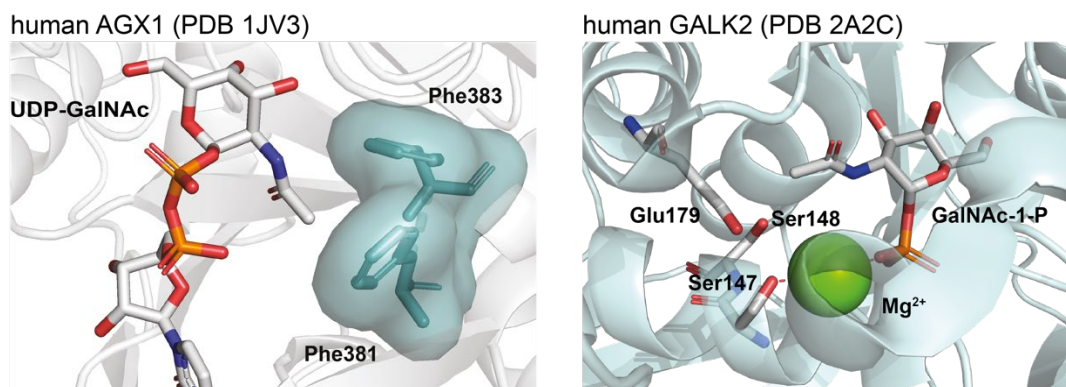
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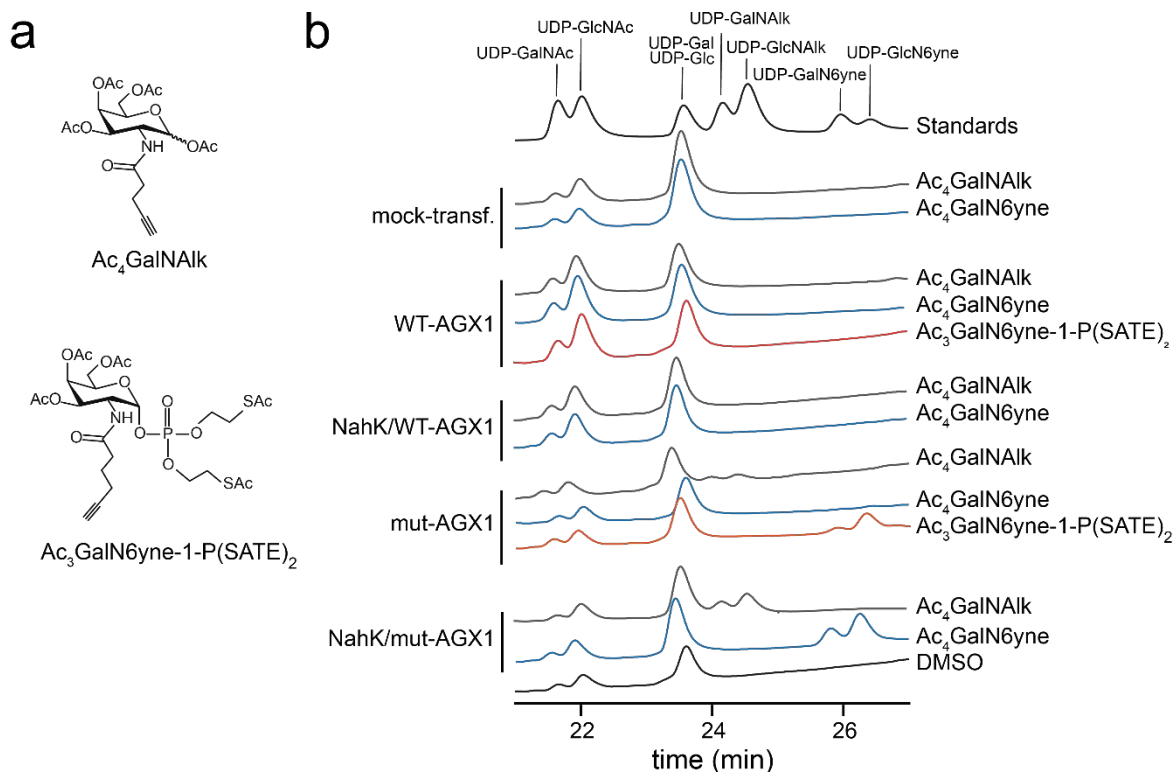
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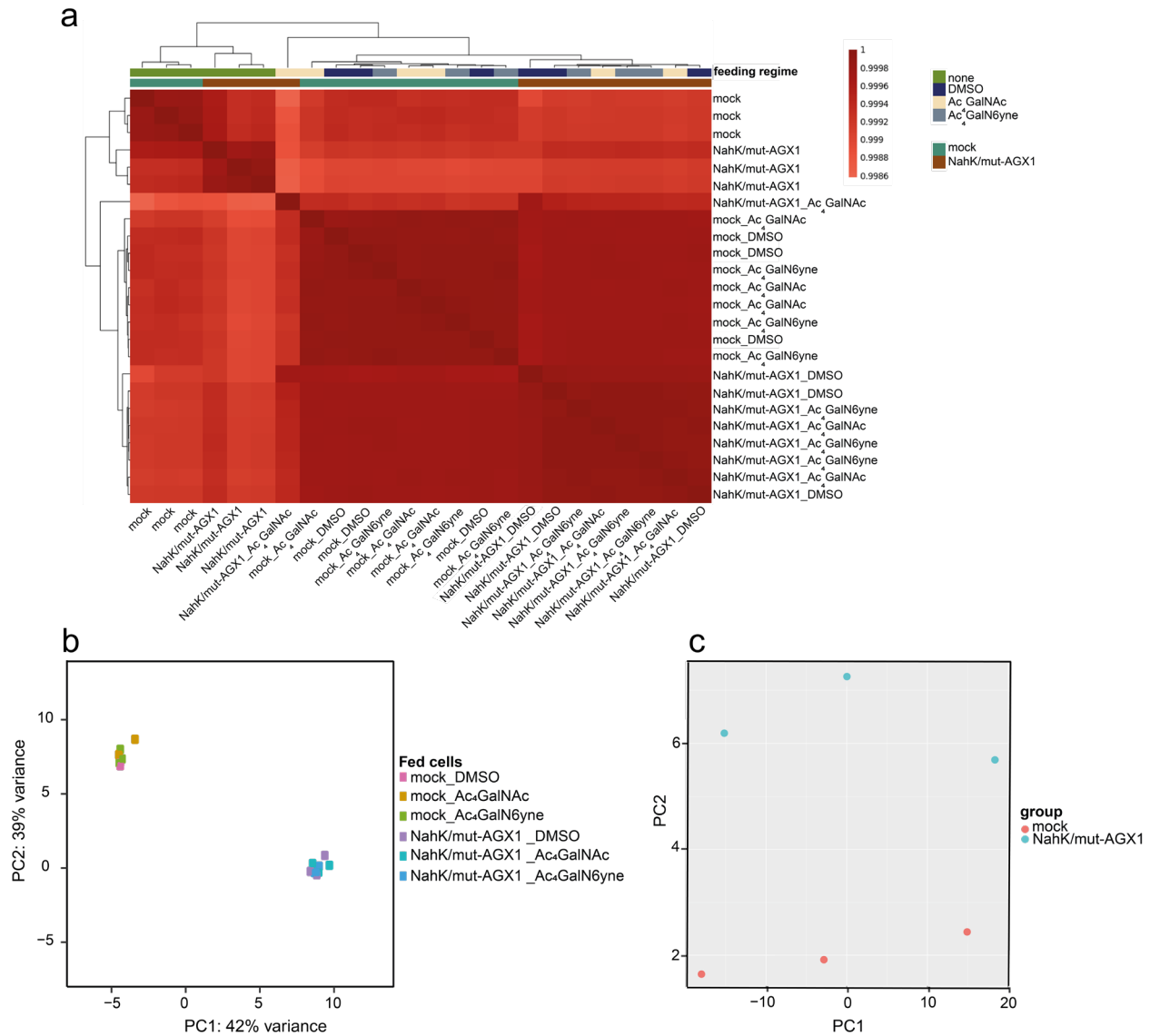
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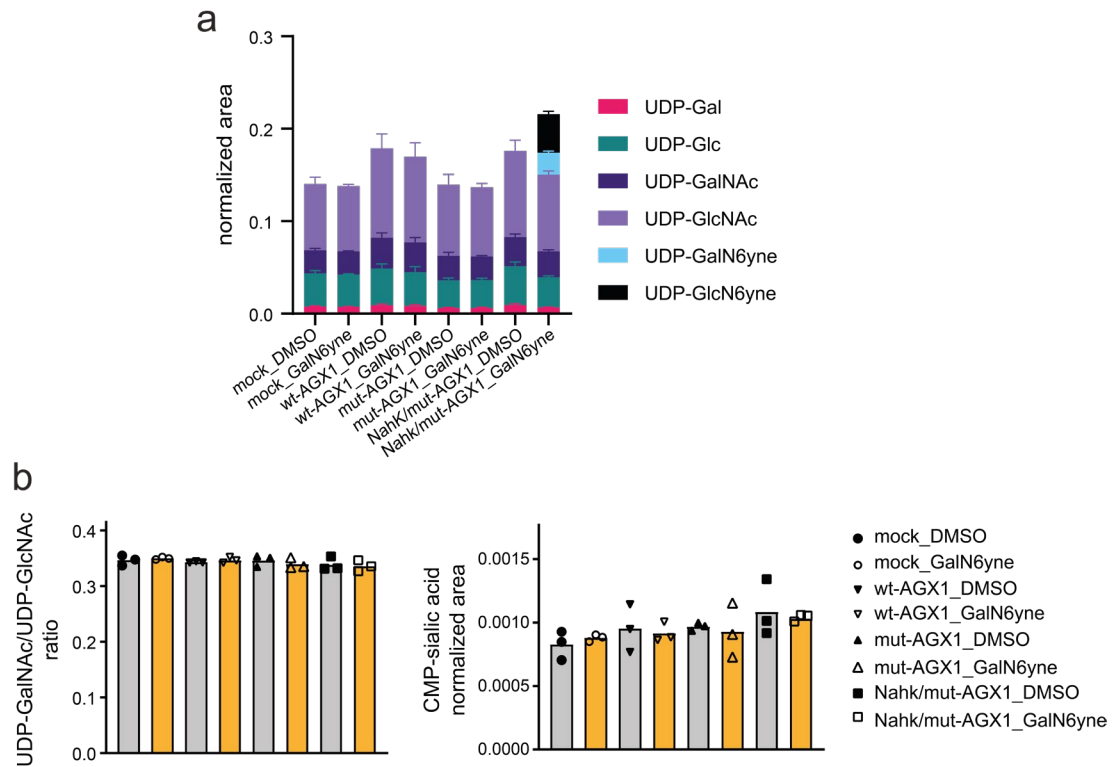
Supplementary Figure 1: Active site architectures of human enzymes of the GalNAc salvage pathway. In AGX1, the *N*-acyl side chain in UDP-GalNAc is in proximity to Phe381 and Phe383. In GALK2, the *N*-acyl side chain of GalNAc-1-phosphate is in proximity to the peptide backbone and amino acids forming a hydrogen network (Glu179, Ser147 and Ser148). Structures are modelled based on protein databank acquisition numbers 1JV3¹ and 2A2C.²



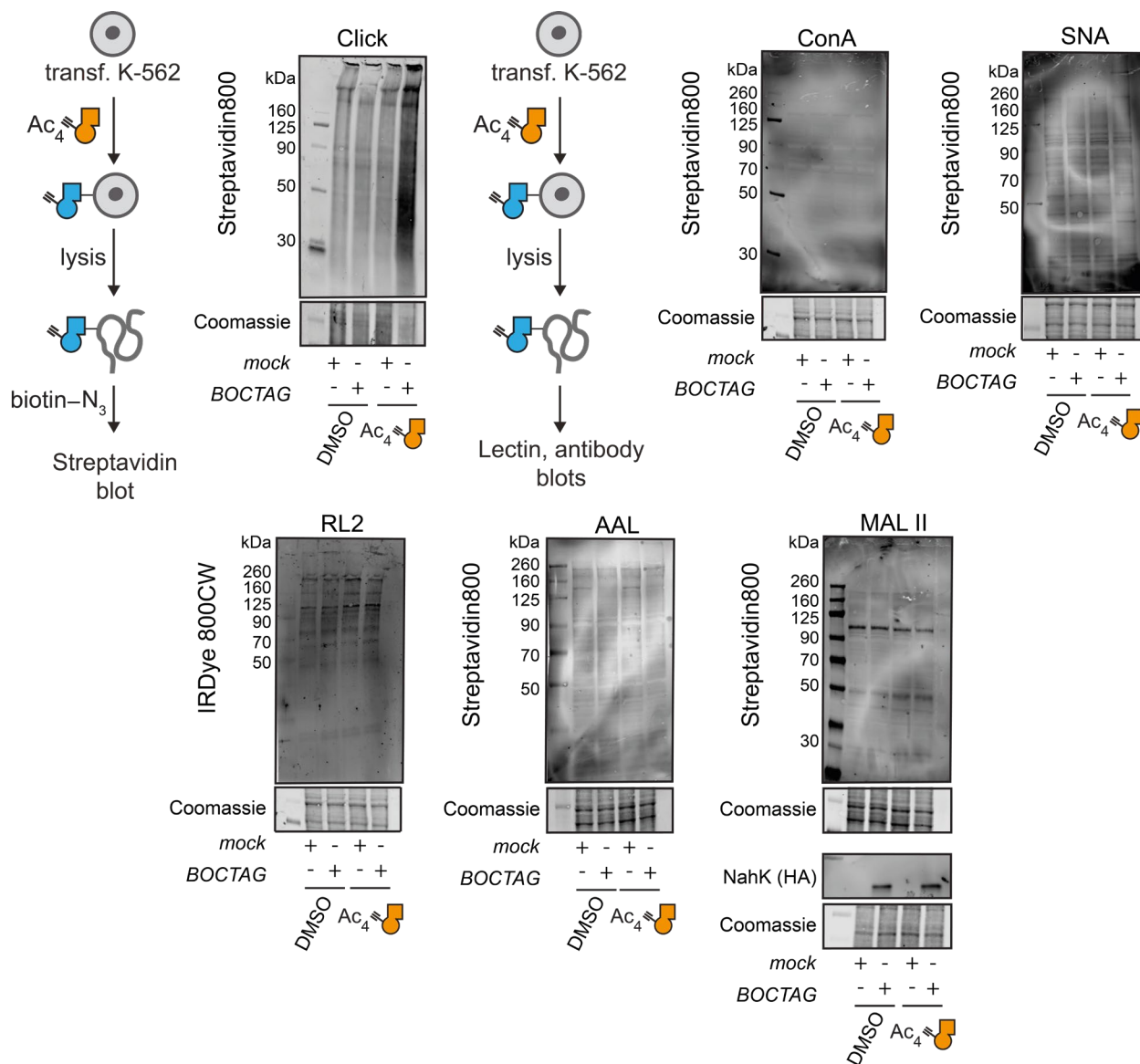
Supplementary Figure 3: Biosynthesis of chemically tagged UDP-sugars by metabolic engineering. **a**, structures of two MOE reagents used herein. Ac₃GalN6yne-1-P(SATE)₂ is a caged precursor of GalN6yne-1-phosphate. **b**, biosynthesis of UDP-sugars in cells mock or stably transfected with metabolic enzymes, as assessed by High Performance Anion Exchange Chromatography (HPAEC). Retention times were normalised on an external standards. Synthetic UDP-sugars served as standards. Data are from one representative out of two independent experiments performed on two different days. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



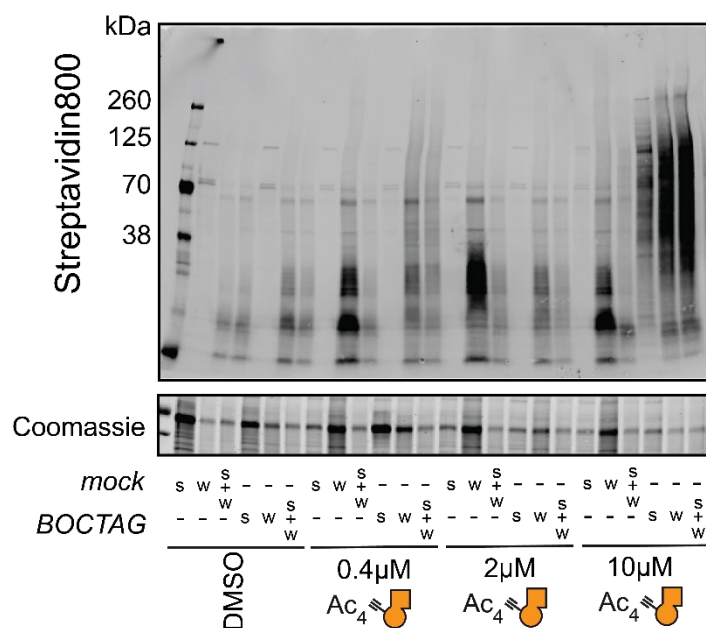
Supplementary Figure 4: Transcriptomic analysis of K-562 cells at different transfection conditions and feeding regimes. RNAs were extracted from K-562 cells transfected with either pSBbi-GH (mock) or pSBbi-NahK/mut-AGX1 at different feeding regimes (either unfed, DMSO, 10 μ M Ac₄GalNac or 10 μ M Ac₄GalN6yne). **a**, Correlation plot and **b**, Principal component analysis (PCA) plot of transcribed K-562 cells at different feeding regimes. Data are from one representative out of a total of three replicates collected on the same day. **c**, Previous experiment performed on RNA extracted from K-562 cells, transfected with either pSBbi-GH (mock) or pSBbi-NahK/mut-AGX1, showed significant variation in PCA associated with the different day of collection.



Supplementary Figure 5: Quantification of UDP-sugars assessed by High Performance Ion-pair Reversed-Phase Chromatography (IP RP HPLC). **a**, total amount of UDP-Hex, UDP-HexNAc and modified UDP-HexNAc in pSBbi-transfected K-562 cells fed with either 10 μ M Ac₄GalN6yne or DMSO. Data are from three biological replicates, collected on the same day, depicted as means + standard deviation (SD). **b**, UDP-GalNAc/UDP-GlcNAc ratio and CMP-sialic acid levels across the different K-562 cell lines and feeding regimes. Data are from three biological replicates, collected on the same day, depicted as individual data points and means. UDP-sugar areas were normalised against the total area between 0 and 65 min. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

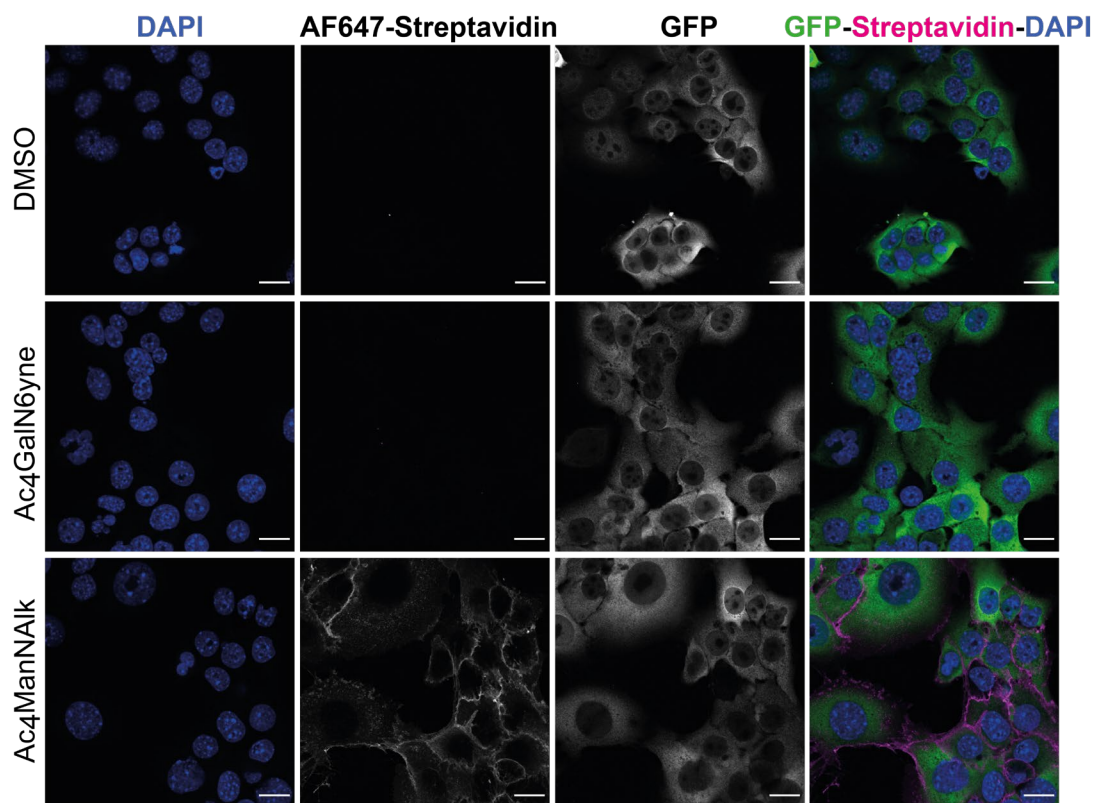


Supplementary Figure 6: Lectin and immunoblot analyses: BOCTAG and mock-transfected K-562 cells. Evaluation of whole lysate tagging and glycoproteins profile after treating K-562 stably expressing NahK/mut-AGX1 or an empty plasmid with either 10 μ M Ac₄GalN6yne or DMSO. Data are from one experiment. ConA: Concanavalin A; AAL: Aleuria Aurantia Mushrooms; MAL II: Maackia Amurensis II, SNA: Sambucus Nigra; RL2: O-GlcNAc Antibody. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

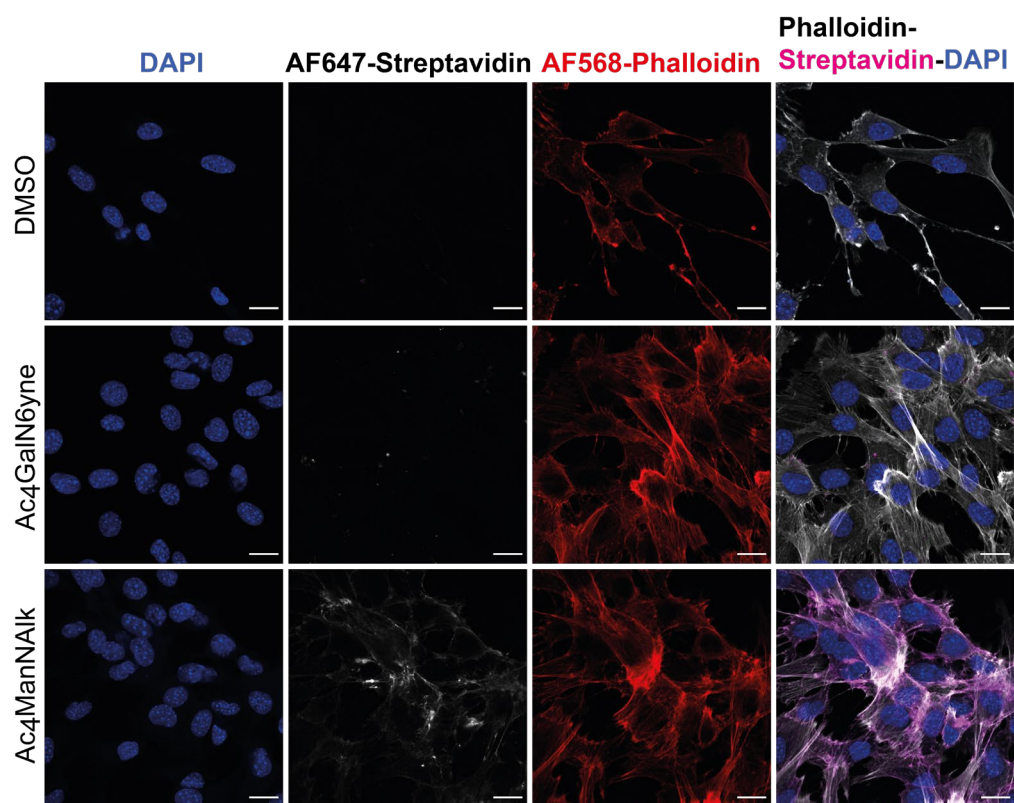


Supplementary Figure 7: Evaluation of chemical tag incorporation on cell surface, in cell lysate or both by feeding mock- and NahK/mut-AGX1-transfected K-562 cells with either different concentrations of Ac₄GalN₆yne or DMSO. Glycoproteins were visualised by streptavidin blot after treating cells with biotin-picolyl azide under CuAAC conditions followed by streptavidin blot. Cell surface labelling was performed prior to cell lysis while whole lysate labelling was performed after lysis.

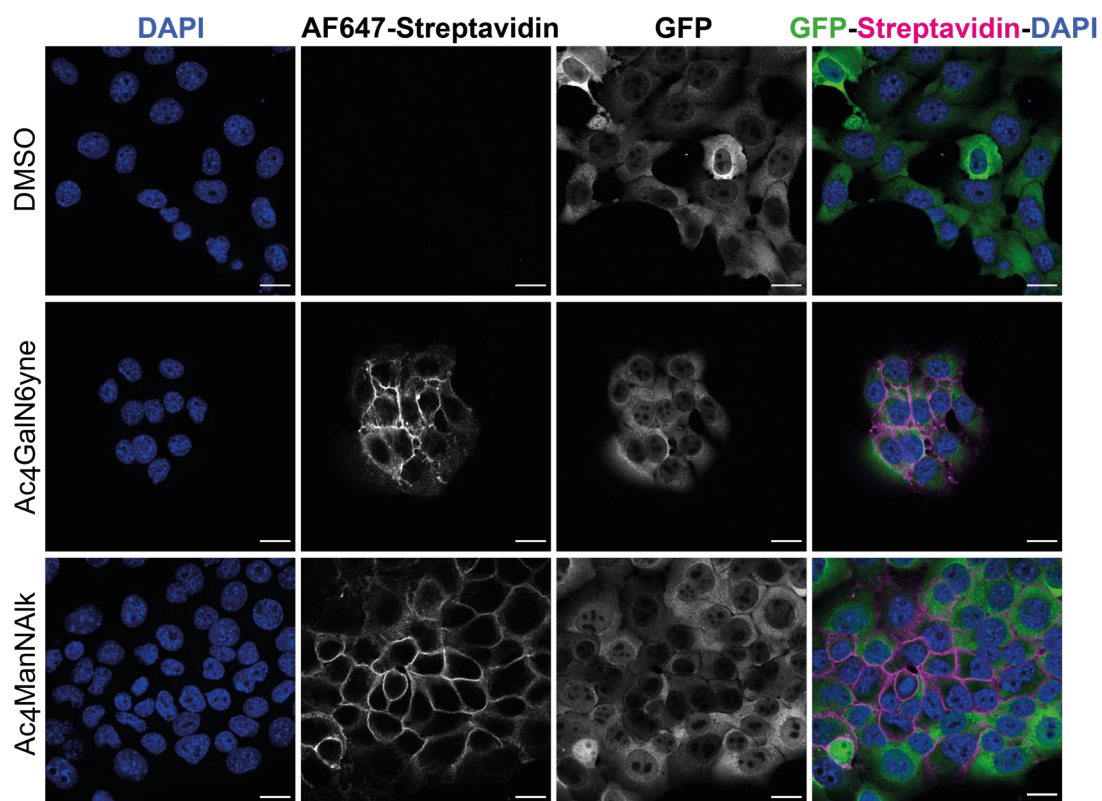
s: cell surface labelling, w: whole lysate labelling, s+w: cell surface and whole lysate labelling. Data are from one experiment. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



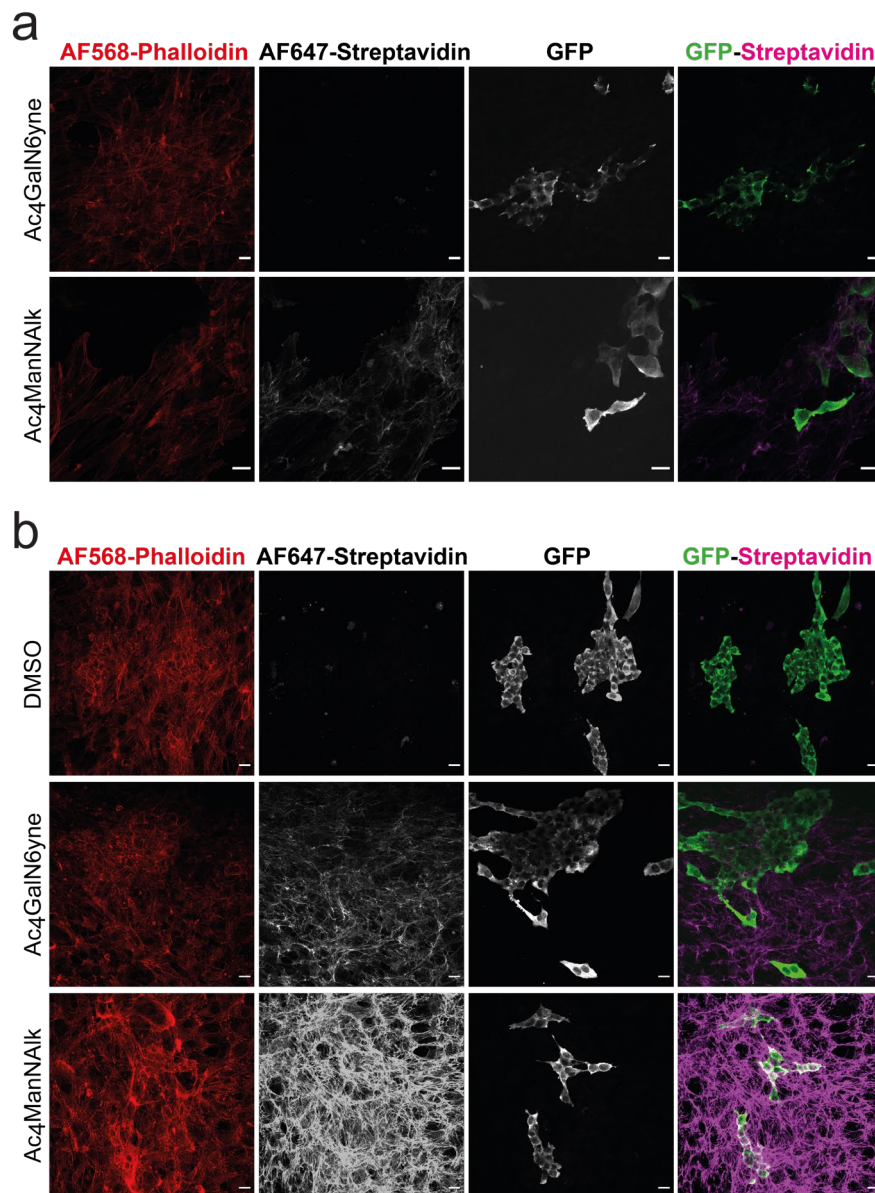
Supplementary Figure 8: Fluorescence microscopy of GFP-expressing 4T1 cells, transfected with empty plasmid pSBbi-Hyg, fed overnight with either DMSO, 50 μ M Ac₄GalN6yne or 50 μ M Ac₄ManNAIk, treated with biotin-picolyl azide under CuAAC conditions and visualised with AlexaFluor647-Streptavidin. Scale bar, 20 μ m. Data are representative of two independent experiments.



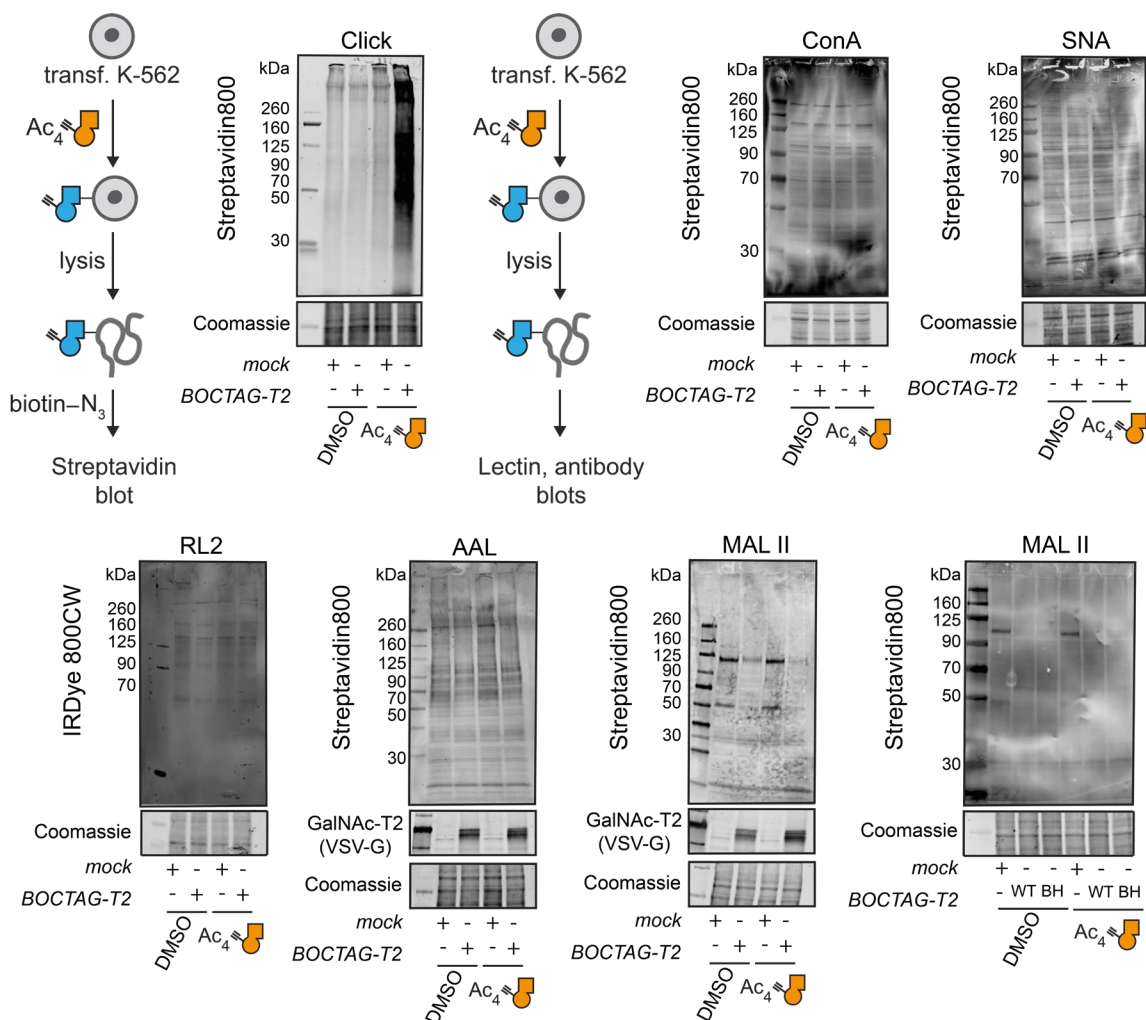
Supplementary Figure 9: Fluorescence microscopy of non-transfected MLg cells fed overnight with DMSO, 50 μ M Ac₄GalN6yne or 50 μ M Ac₄ManNAIk treated with biotin-picolyl azide under CuAAC conditions and visualised with AlexaFluor647-Streptavidin. Scale bar, 20 μ m. Data are representative of two independent experiments.



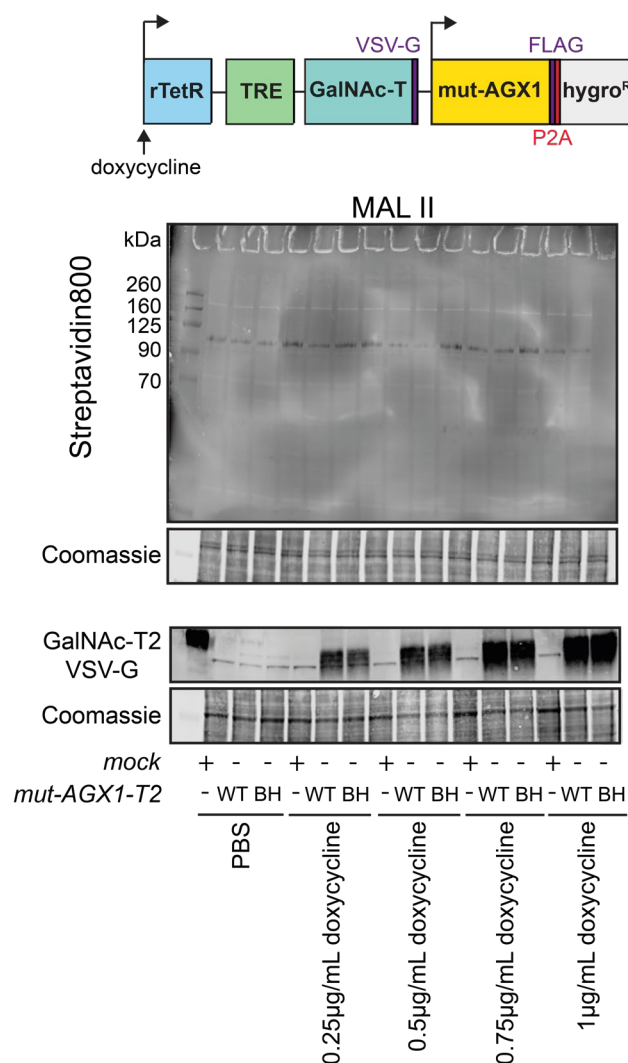
Supplementary Figure 10: Fluorescence microscopy of GFP-expressing 4T1 cells, transfected with pSBbi-NahK/mut-AGX1, fed overnight with either 50 μ M Ac4GalN6yne or 50 μ M Ac4ManNAIk treated with biotin-picolyl azide under CuAAC conditions and visualised with AlexaFluor647-Streptavidin. Scale bar, 20 μ m. Data are representative of two independent experiments.



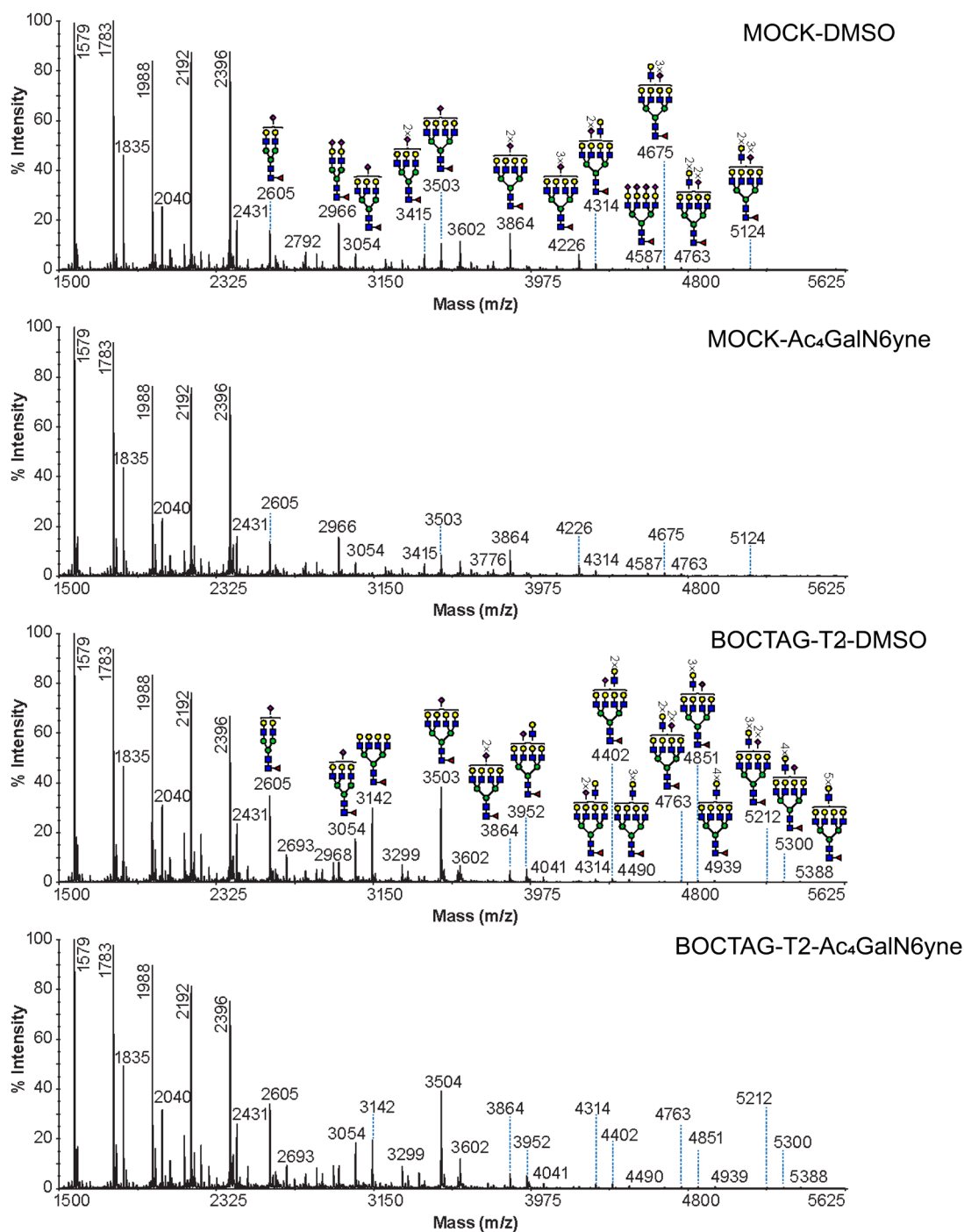
Supplementary Figure 11: Maximum intensity projection from a z-stack acquisition of **a**, GFP-expressing 4T1 and MLg cells, both transfected with pSBbi-Hyg empty plasmid, in a co-culture system fed overnight with either 50 μ M Ac4GalN6yne or 50 μ M Ac4ManNAIk. **b**, GFP-expressing 4T1 and MLg cells, both transfected with pSBbi-NahK/mut-AGX1 plasmid, in a co-culture system fed overnight with either DMSO, 50 μ M Ac4GalN6yne or 50 μ M Ac4ManNAIk. Co-culture samples in both a and b were treated with biotin-picolyl azide under CuAAC conditions and visualised by AlexaFluor647-Streptavidin. Scale bar, 20 μ m. Data are representative of two independent experiments.



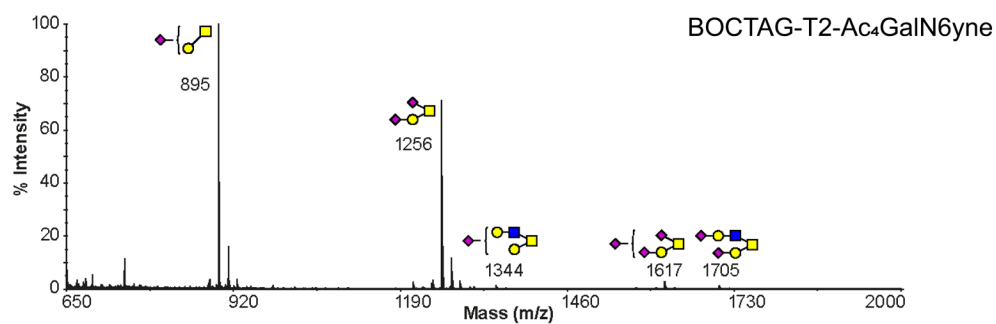
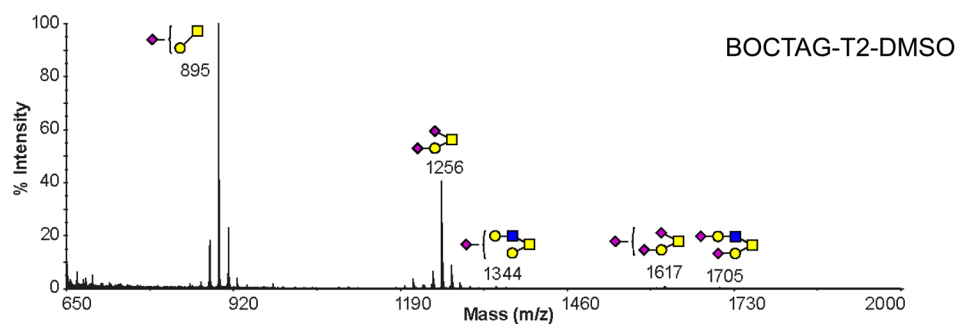
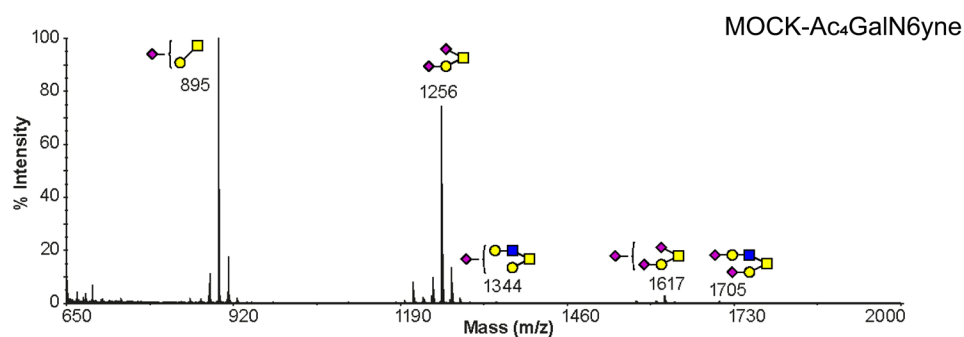
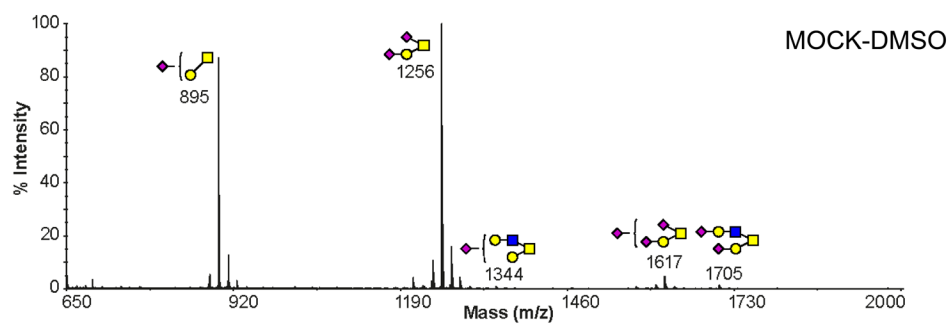
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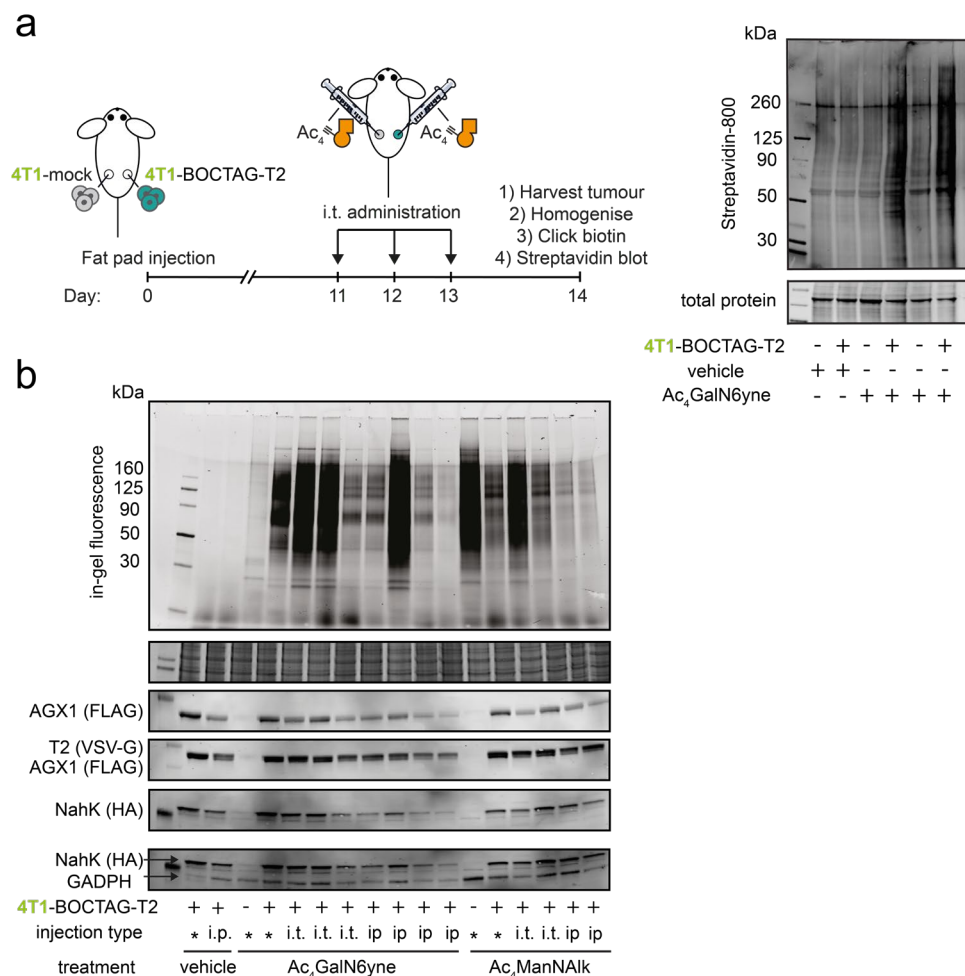
Supplementary Figure 13: MAL II binding at different WT- or BH-GalNAc-T2 expression levels. Cloning WT- or BH-GalNAc-T2 in a plasmid with a tetracycline-dependent promoter (pSBtet) allows to induce and modulate the expression levels of those enzymes in presence of tetracycline or one of its analogues like doxycycline. MAL II blot shows a change in the binding profile between mock- and mut-AGX1-T2 by increasing the expression levels of GalNAc-T2 (for both WT- and BH-GalNAc-T2 enzymes). Dose-response of WT- or BH-GalNAc-T2 expression is evaluated by anti-VSV-G staining. Data are from one experiment. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 14: Overall N-glycan structural analysis of K-562 cells transfected with mock or NahK/mut-AGX1-BH-GalNAc-T2 plasmids treated with either 10 μ M Ac₄GalN₆yne or DMSO. N-glycans were released by peptide N-glycosidase F digestion, permethylated and analysed by MALDI-TOF/TOF. Data are from one experiment.

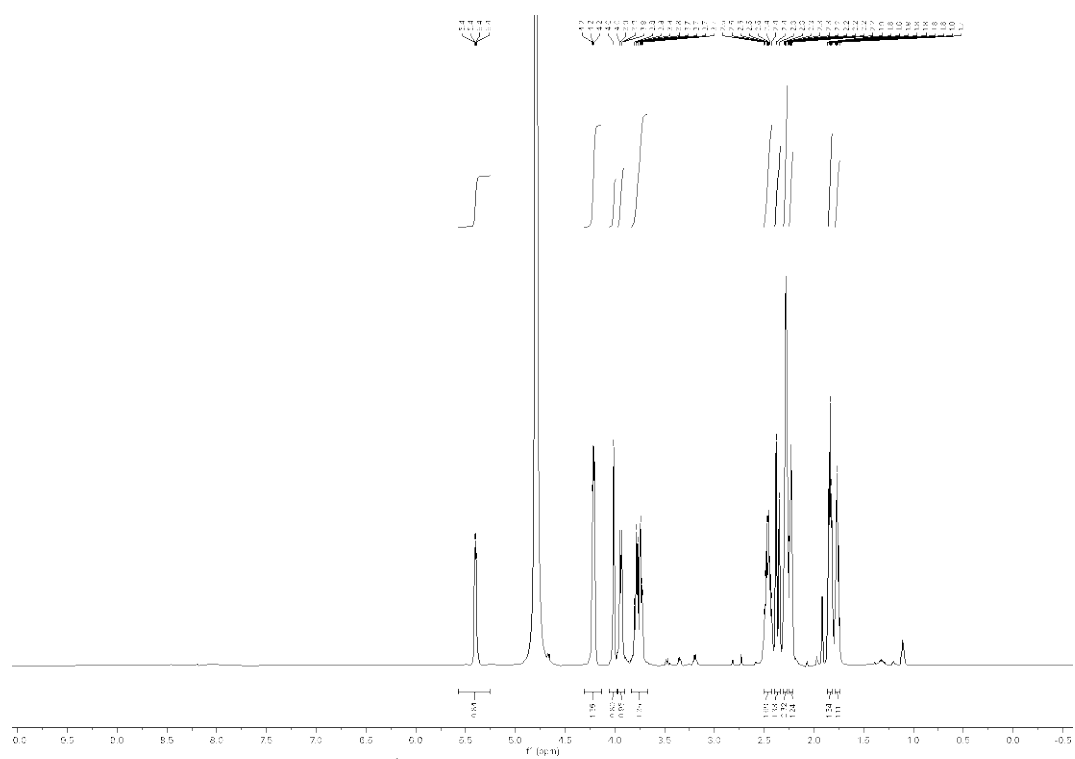


Supplementary Figure 15: Overall O-glycan structural analysis of K-562 cells transfected with mock- or NahK/mut-AGX1-BH-GalNAc-T2 plasmids treated with either 10 μ M Ac₄GalN6yne or DMSO. Data are from one experiment. O-glycans were released by reductive elimination, permethylated and analysed by MALDI-TOF/TOF. Data are from one experiment.

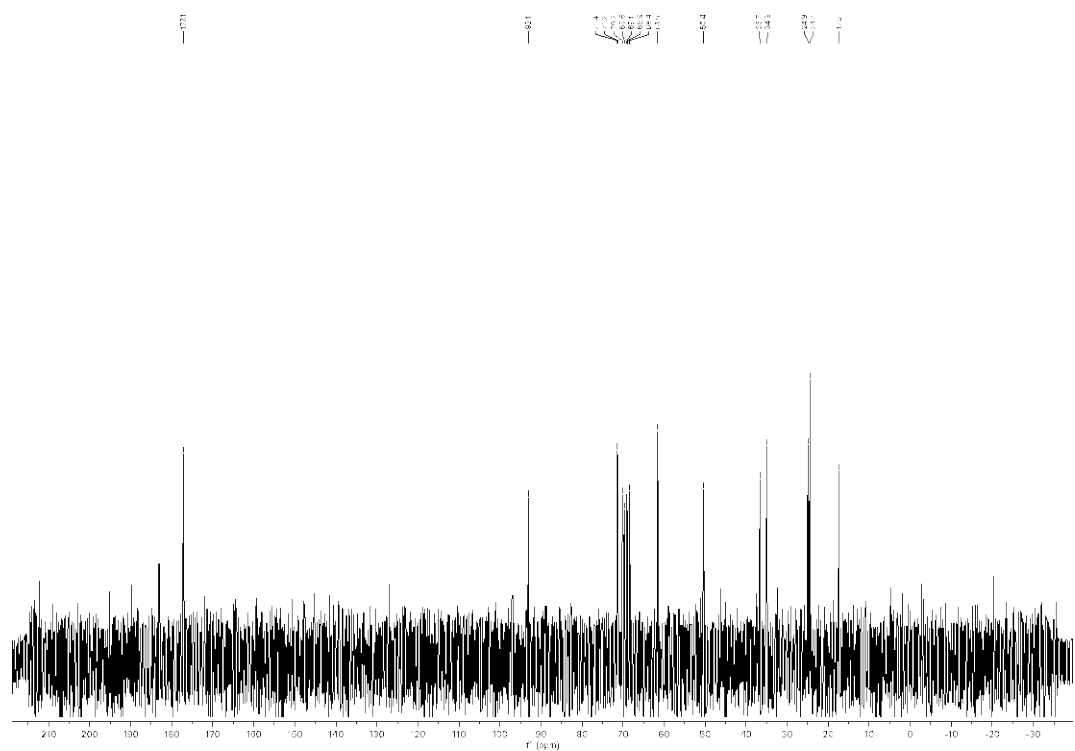


Supplementary Figure 18: BOCTAG labels glycoproteins in a cell-specific manner *in vivo*.

a, BOCTAG-T2 and mock tumours were grown in the same mouse treated systemically for three days with 15 mg/kg Ac₄GalN6yne (n=2) or the corresponding volume of vehicle (5% (v/v) DMSO/ PEG-400, n=1) by intratumoral (i.t.) injection. Tumours were harvested, lysed, subjected to CuAAC with biotin-picolyl azide and analysed by streptavidin blot. **b**, after the experiment in **Fig.5** and **Supplementary Figure 18a**, BOCTAG-T2 cells were collected from intratumoral (i.t.) and intraperitoneal (i.p.) treated tumours, plated for 10 days in DMEM growing media and fed with either DMSO, Ac₄GalN6yne or Ac₄ManNAIk. Cell surface glycoprotein labelling efficiency of primary cells was validated by CuAAC with CF680-picolyl azide. Western blot was performed to assess levels of expression of BOCTAG-T2 enzymes. i.p.= intraperitoneal injection, i.t.= intratumoral injection, * = parental 4T1-mock and 4T1-BOCTAG-T2 cell lines. Data is representative of two independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 19. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) of 2-deoxy-2-(5-hexynoyl)amido- α -D-galactopyranosyl phosphate disodium salt **SI-3**

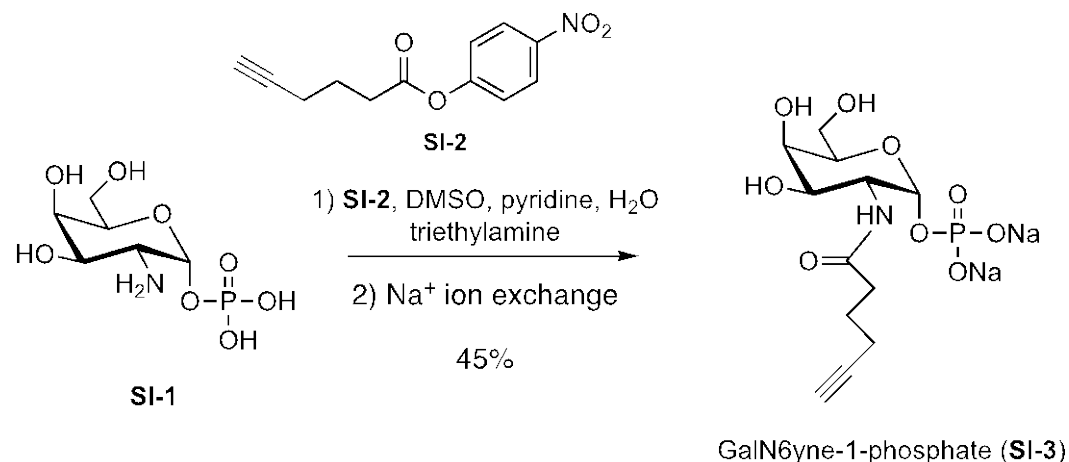


Supplementary Figure 20. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, D₂O) of 2-deoxy-2-(5-hexynoyl)amido- α -D-galactopyranosyl phosphate disodium salt **SI-3**

Supplementary Methods

Chemical synthesis

2-deoxy-2-(5-hexynoyl)amido- α -D-galactopyranosyl phosphate disodium salt (**SI-3**)



Commercial amine **SI-1** (15 mg, 58 μ mol) in anhydrous DMSO/pyridine (1:1.5 (v/v), 1.2 mL) was treated with 4-nitrophenyl hex-5-ynoate **SI-2** (20 mg, 87 μ mol) and triethylamine (8 μ L, 58 μ mol). The turbid solution was left to stir overnight. The reaction was treated with 100 μ L water and left to stir for another 8 h. Another 150 μ L water were added as well as 1.5 equiv. reagent **SI-2** (20 mg, 87 μ mol). After another 60 h, another 200 μ L water were added, then another 1.5 equiv. reagent **SI-2** (20 mg, 87 μ mol). The yellow solution turned clear overnight, when TLC (DCM/MeOH/water 4:1:1 with 2 drops triethylamine) indicated conversion. The solution was shock frozen on dry ice, lyophilised and purified by size exclusion chromatography (Sephadex G-25 extra fine, Sigma-Aldrich) using water/MeOH 3:2 (v/v) as a solvent. The combined fractions were concentrated and passed through AG 50W-X8 Na⁺ form resin (Bio-Rad) and lyophilised to give alkyne **SI-3** (10 mg, 26 μ mol, 45%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 5.40 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 10.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, J = 14.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, D₂O) δ 177.1, 93.1, 71.4, 71.2, 70.2, 69.6, 69.1, 68.9, 68.4, 61.6, 50.4, 36.7, 34.9, 24.9, 24.4, 17.3; HRMS (m/z): [M-H]⁻ calcd. for C₁₂H₂₀NO₉P, 352.0876; found, 352.0800.

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