

# **SOLID PHASE ASSAYS IN GLYCOCONJUGATE RESEARCH**

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# Glycoconjugates

The term glycoconjugates describes a large family of biologic macromolecules composed of two moieties, an oligosaccharide and a protein (glycoprotein or proteoglycan) or lipid (glycosphingolipid).

The oligosaccharide portion is covalently linked to the protein or lipid.

# Glycoconjugates

The building blocks  
for the  
oligosaccharide  
portion of a  
glycoconjugate are  
monosaccharides

- Glucose
- Galactose
- N-acetylglucosamine
- N-acetylgalactosamine
- Glucuronic acid, etc

# Glycoconjugates

- The oligosaccharide portion of a glycoconjugate is structurally complex due in part to the structural variations of its building blocks
- This is similar to the situation with other macromolecules such as proteins which derive structural diversity from the variation in the structure of amino acids that are used as building blocks

# Glycoconjugates

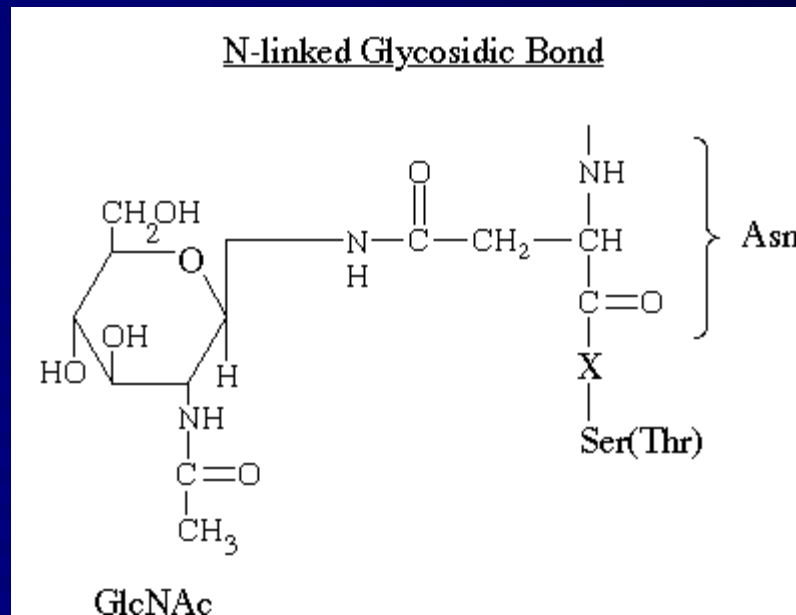
Glycoconjugates may be

- Glycoproteins
- Proteoglycans / Glycosaminoglycans
- Glycolipids

Proteoglycans / Glycosaminoglycans  
and Glycoproteins are the main  
glycoconjugates of connective tissue

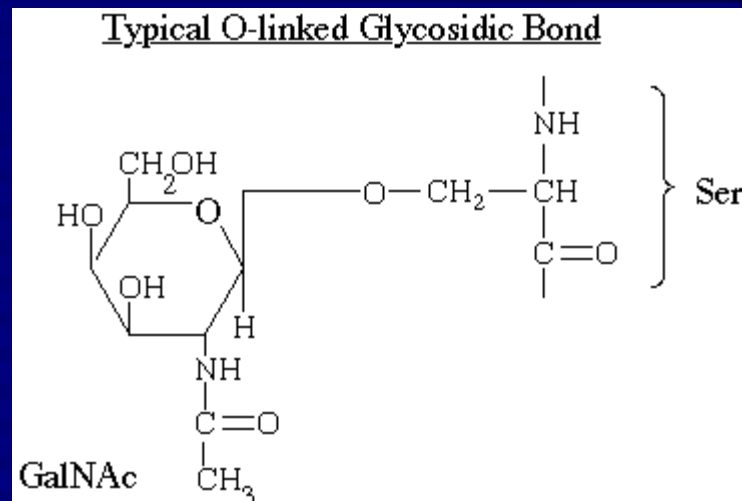
# What types of glycosylations occur in proteins?

- Asparagine or N-linked
  - occurs in about 1/3 of all Asn-X-Ser(Thr) sites of glycoproteins
  - linkage occurs between Asn and GlcNAc
  - core structure composed of GlcNAc and Man residues



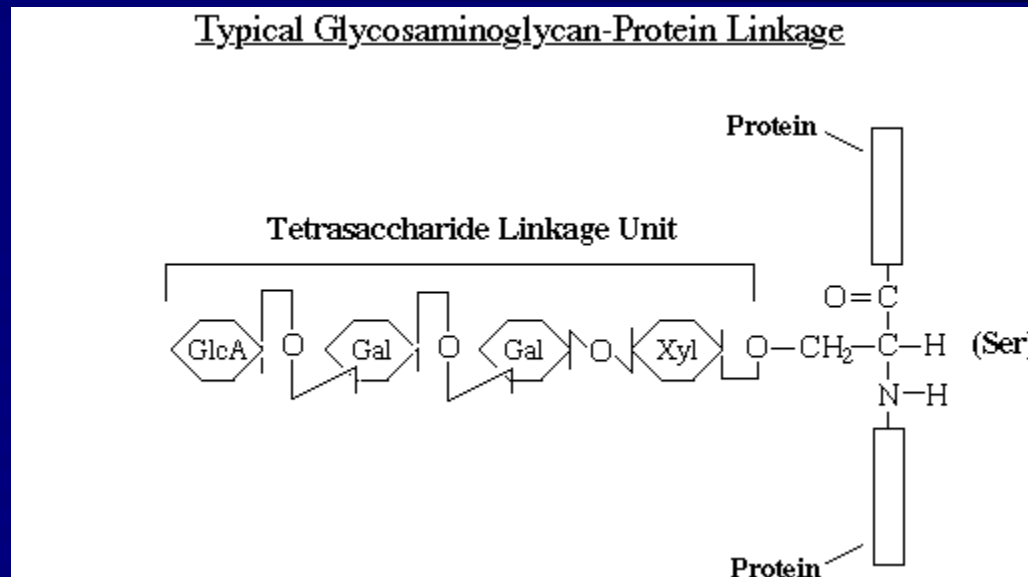
# What types of glycosylations occur in proteins?

- Serine / Threonine or O-linked
  - occurs on variable number of Ser/Thr residues of glycoproteins
  - increased frequency of O-linked glycosylation when amino acids at positions -1 and +3 relative to the Ser/Thr are Pro residues
  - linkage occurs between Ser/Thr and GalNAc



# What types of glycosylations occur in proteins?

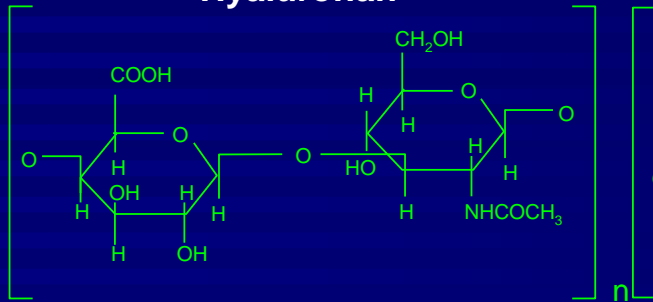
- Glycosaminoglycans linked to glycoproteins
  - occurs on variable number of Ser residues of glycoproteins
  - linkage occurs between Ser and Xyl
  - core structure composed of Xyl, Gal and GlcA



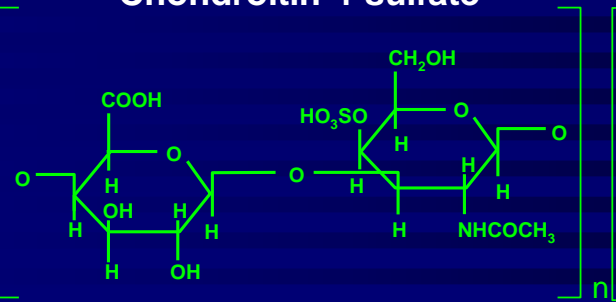


# Glycosaminoglycans disaccharide structure

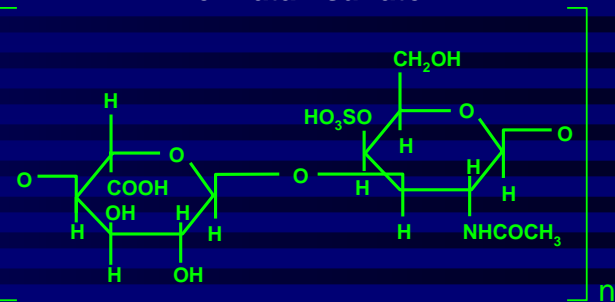
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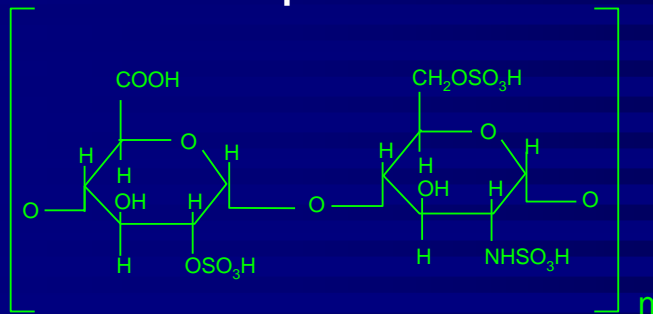
**Chondroitin-4-sulfate**



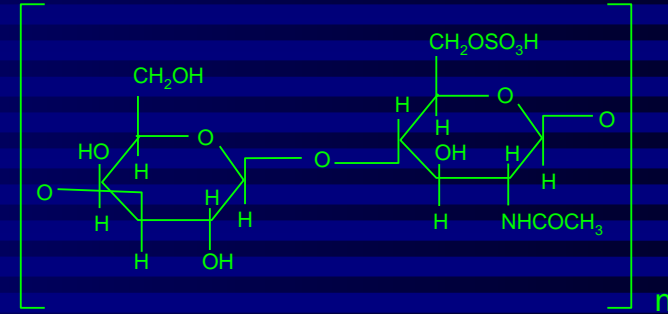
**Dermatan sulfate**



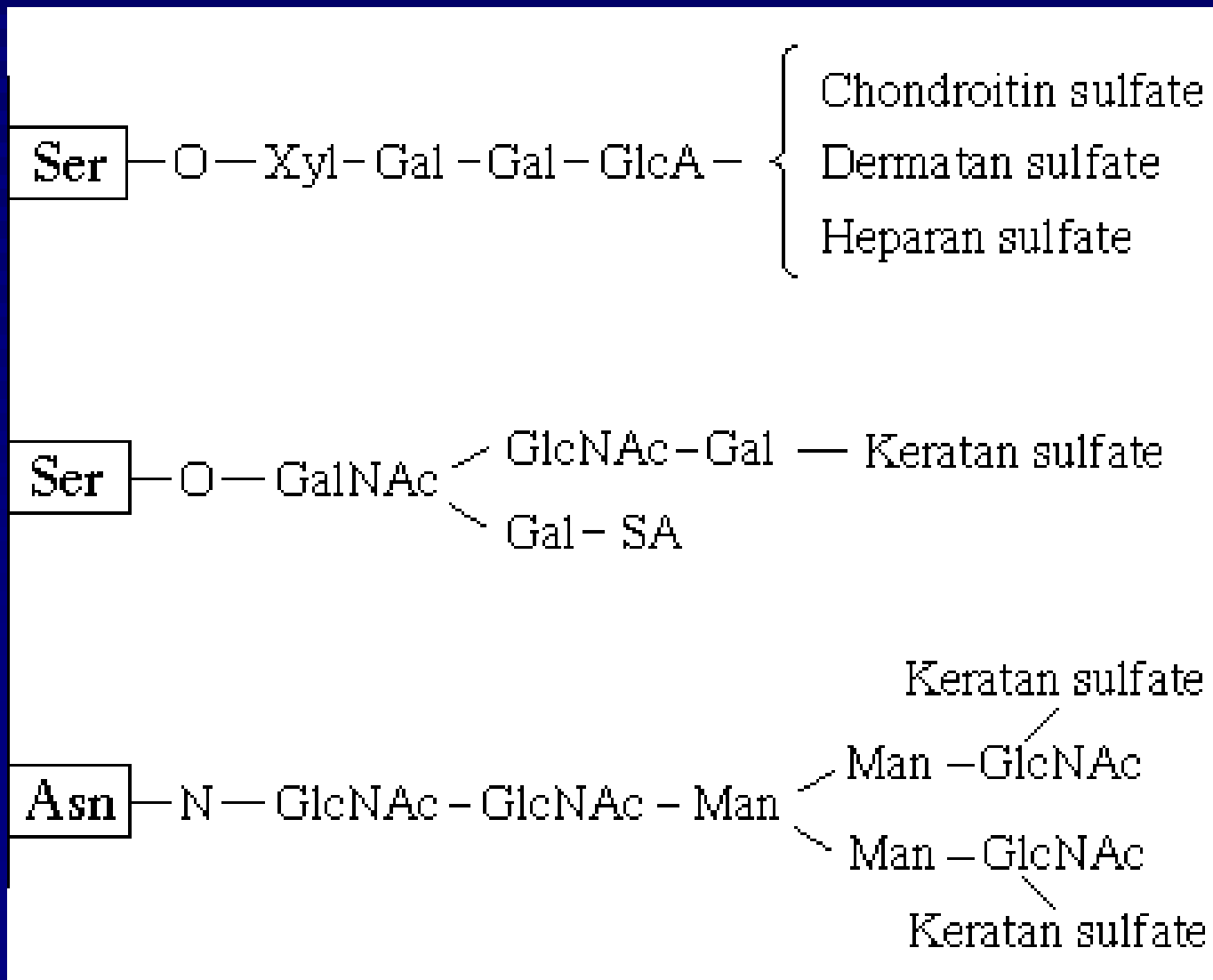
**Heparin**



**keratan sulfate**



# Glycosaminoglycan - Protein linkages



# Glycosylation. Why?

- Trafficking of proteins
- Properties of proteins (specific immunogenicity, specific interactions)
- Directed binding of small ions
- Maintenance of extracellular water
- Spring-like properties of glycosaminoglycans

# Glycosylated macromolecules of connective tissue

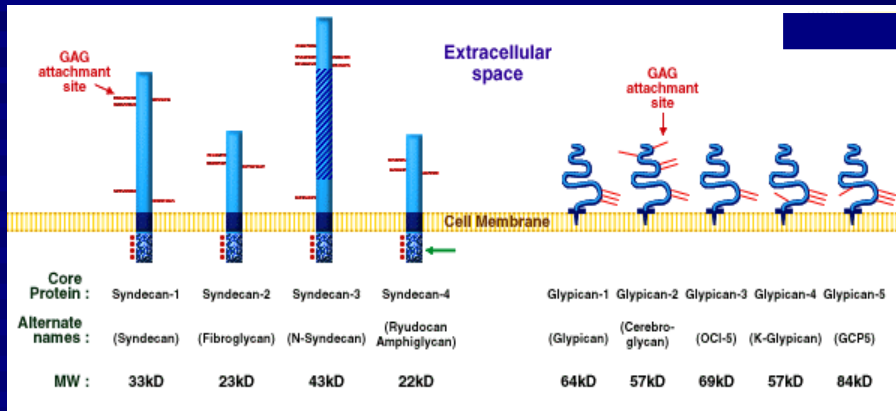
- Proteoglycans
- Collagens
- Glycoproteins (structural glycoproteins, enzymes)

# Connective tissue proteoglycans

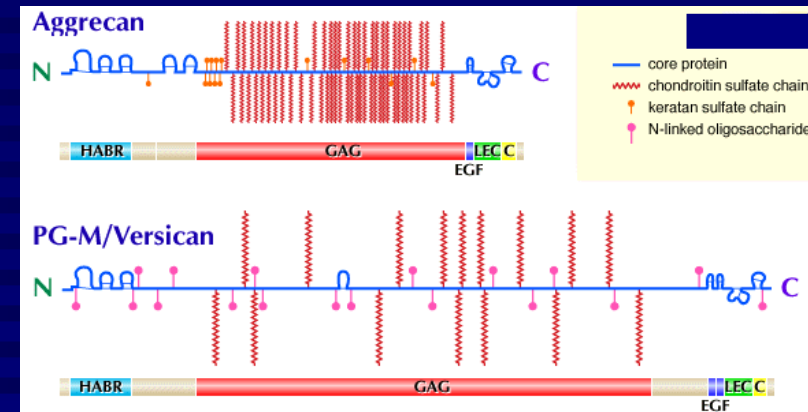
- Proteoglycans are complex macromolecules with a core protein onto which variable number (up to 100) of glycosaminoglycans are covalently linked
- Depending to their structure and role they are separated to:
  - Hyalactans
  - Small and leucine - rich proteoglycans
  - Basement membrane proteoglycans
  - Cell - surface proteoglycans

# Proteoglycans: many forms and many functions

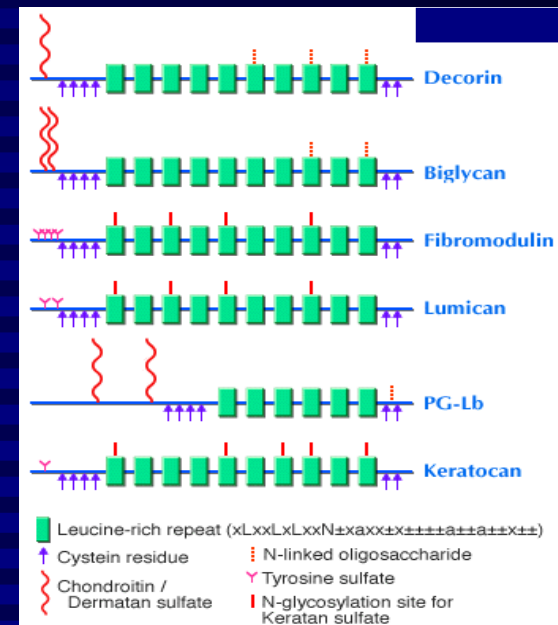
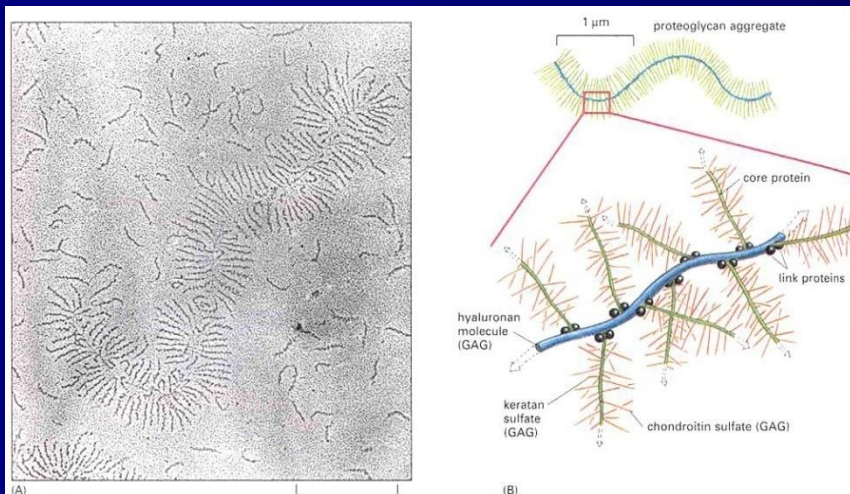
## Membrane-bound PGs



## Extracellular PGs



## Proteoglycan aggregates



# Interactions of proteoglycans

- Hyalactans

- Hyaluronan

  - Link protein

- Small MW

- Collagen

  - Growth factors

- Basement membrane

- Laminin

  - Growth factors

- Cell-surface

- Fibronectin

  - Integrins

  - Cytoplasmic proteins

# Interactions of glycosaminoglycans

## □ Heparin

Heparan sulphate

Chondroitin sulphate

Dermatan sulphate

## □ Protease inhibitors

Plasma lipoproteins

Growth factors

Lipolytic enzymes

ECM proteins

PF4

Viral coat proteins

Prion proteins

## □ Hyaluronan

## □ ECM proteins

Cell surface receptors



# Role of proteoglycans

- Aggrecan
  - Regulation of hydroxyapatite growth
  - Resistance of tissue compression
  - Development / Differentiation
- Versican
  - Morphogenesis / Cell migration
  - Tumor invasion / metastasis
- Biglycan
  - Regulation of growth factors?
- Decorin
  - Decoration of collagen fibrils
  - Regulation of growth factors
  - Regulation of oncogenes

# Role of proteoglycans

- Syndecans

- Cell adhesion
- Cell signalling

- Perlecan

- Restoration of growth factors
- Tumour invasion
- Tumour metastasis

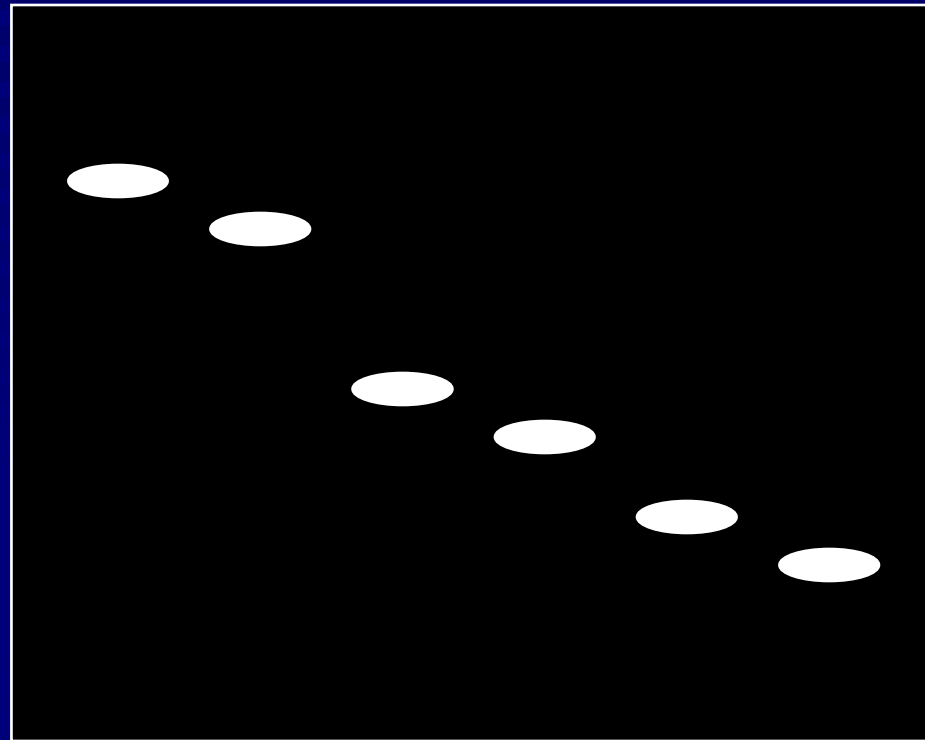
# Tools in Proteoglycan / Glycosaminoglycan analysis

- High Performance Liquid Chromatography
- **Fluorophore - assisted carbohydrate electrophoresis**
- Capillary electrophoresis
- Electrospray - ionization mass spectrometry
- **Specific enzymatic treatment**
- **Enzyme linked immunosorbent assays**
- **Molecular Biology Techniques**
- **Zymography**
- Electron microscopy

# Fluorophore assisted carbohydrate electrophoresis

- Degradation of glycoconjugates with specific enzymes  
(i.e. chondroitinases, heparitinases)
- Derivatisation with a fluorophore  
(i.e. AMAC, 2-ABA, ANDSA)
- Separation by electrophoresis  
(gradient or dense polyacrylamide gels are required)

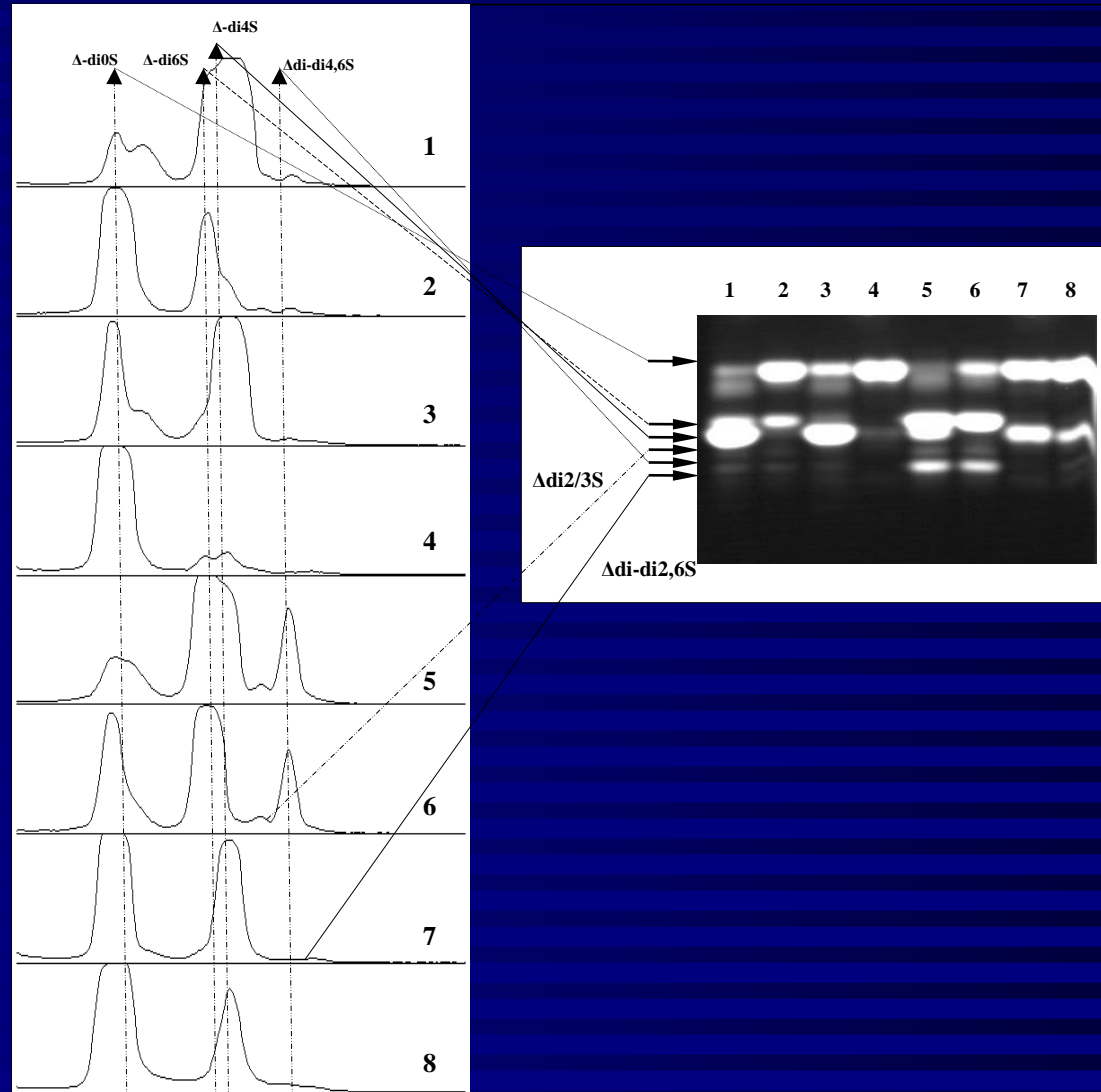
# FACE result in 35% polyacrylamide



HA C0S C6S C4S CdiS CtriS

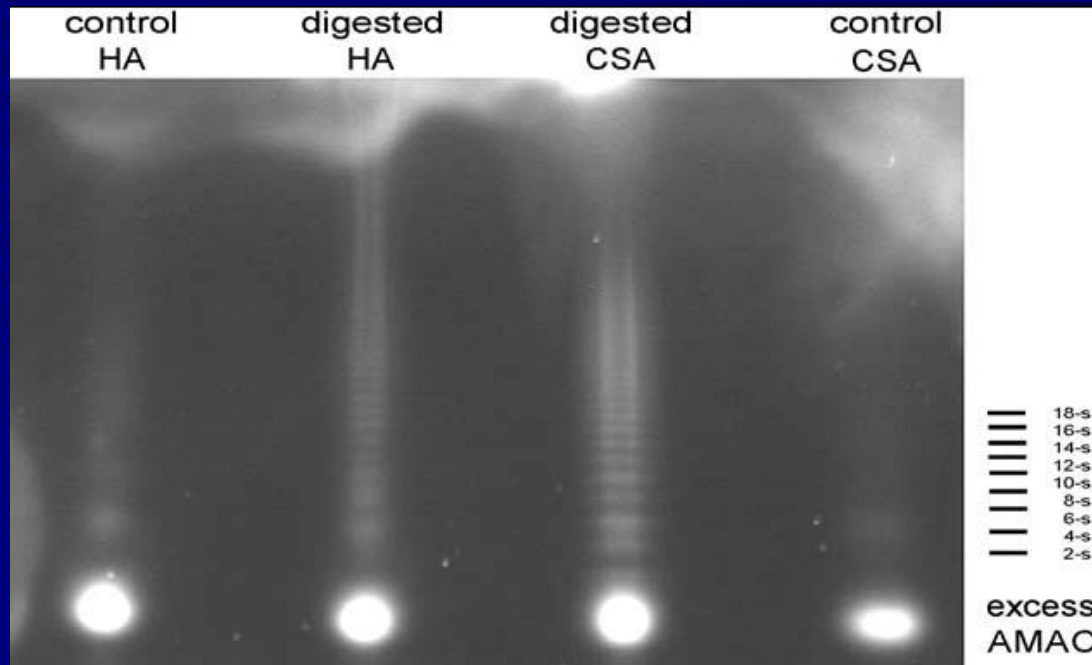
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*Assouti et al. BBA (2006) 1762, 54-58*



# Identification of hyaluronidase activity products

*Tsilemou et al. Biochimie (2004) 86, 579-586*



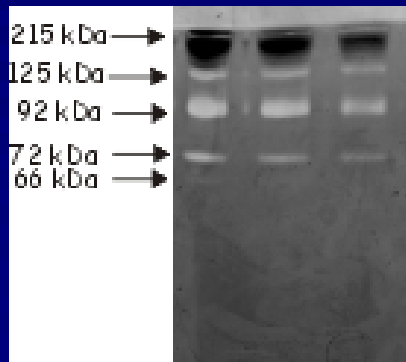
# Zymography experiments for the detection of enzymes

- By entrapping the substrate into the electrophoresis gel  
Detection of metalloproteinases and hyaluronidases
- By copolymerising the substrate with the acrylamide  
Detection of hyaluronidases
- By incubating the gel onto which the enzymes are separated with the specific substrate in a suitable buffer  
Detection of phosphatases, cellulases, etc.



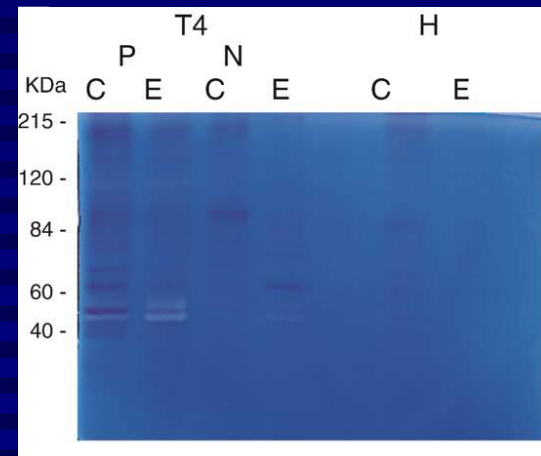
# Zymography result

## Serum gelatinases

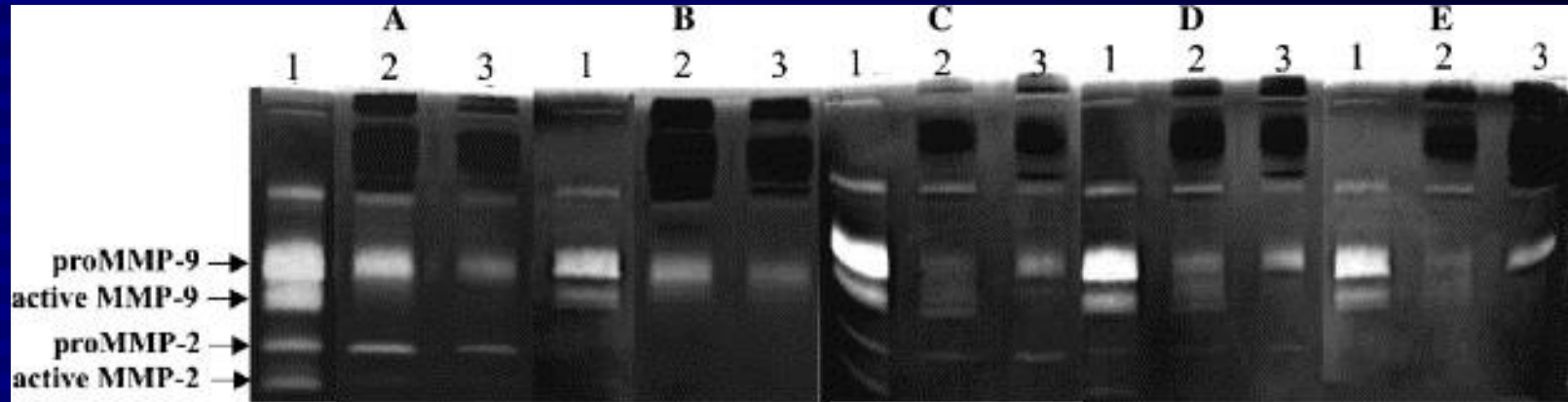


*Ziouti et al. J Pharmaceut  
Biomed Anal (2004) 34, 771-789*

## Cancer hyaluronidase



*Christopoulos et al. Biochim  
Biophys Acta (2006) 1760, 1039-1045*



**Effect of increased concentration of  $Ba^{2+}$  in the activity of MMP-2** in the presence of 5 mM  $Ca^{2+}$ . Lanes 1–3, reference mixture of MMP-2 and MMP-9 and sera from rheumatoid arthritis and Sjögren’s syndrome patients, respectively. Gels were washed and incubated in a buffer containing 5 mM  $CaCl_2$  (A), 5 mM  $BaCl_2$  (B), 5 mM  $CaCl_2$  and 50 mM  $BaCl_2$  (C), 5 mM  $CaCl_2$  and 100 mM  $BaCl_2$  (D), and 200 mM  $CaCl_2$  and 5 mM  $BaCl_2$  (E).

N. Ziouti, N.S. Mastronikolis, A.P. Andonopoulos, C.D. Georgakopoulos, D.H. Vynios

**Selective inhibition of matrix metalloproteinase 2 (gelatinase A) by barium chloride**

Analytical Biochemistry, Volume 350, Issue 1, 2006, 159–161

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# A very promising ELISA technique

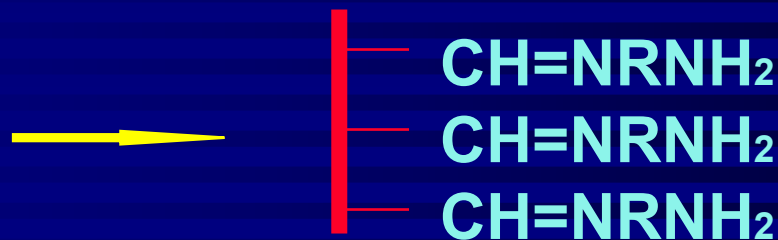
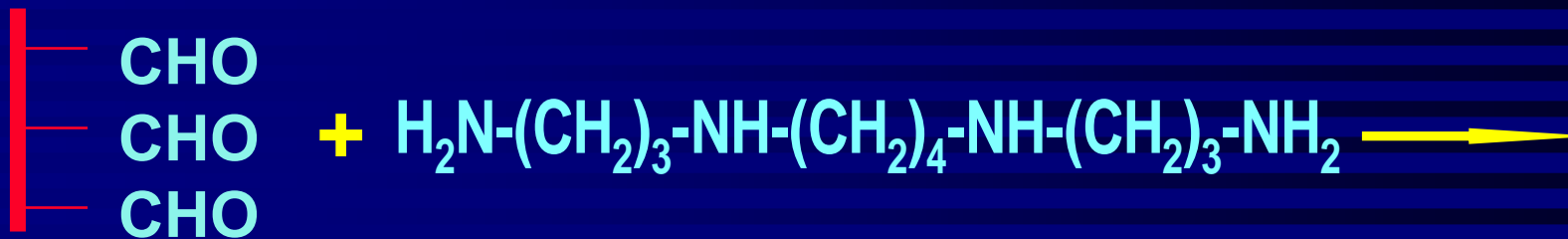
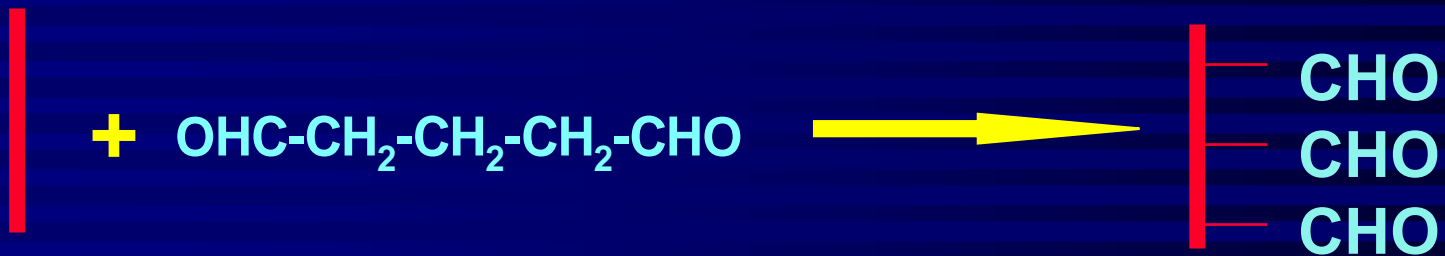
*Vynios et al. Anal. Biochem. (1998) 260, 64-70*

Step 1: Activation of polystyrene

Step 2: Immobilisation of negatively charged molecules

Step 3: Identification of the immobilised molecules

# Activation of polystyrene



# A very promising ELISA technique

- Quantitation of a proteoglycan when there are antibodies against it
- Study of the interactions of a proteoglycan / glycosaminoglycan
- Detection of antibodies in serum against a proteoglycan
- Quantitation of glycosaminoglycans using a labelled glycosaminoglycan as reference compound

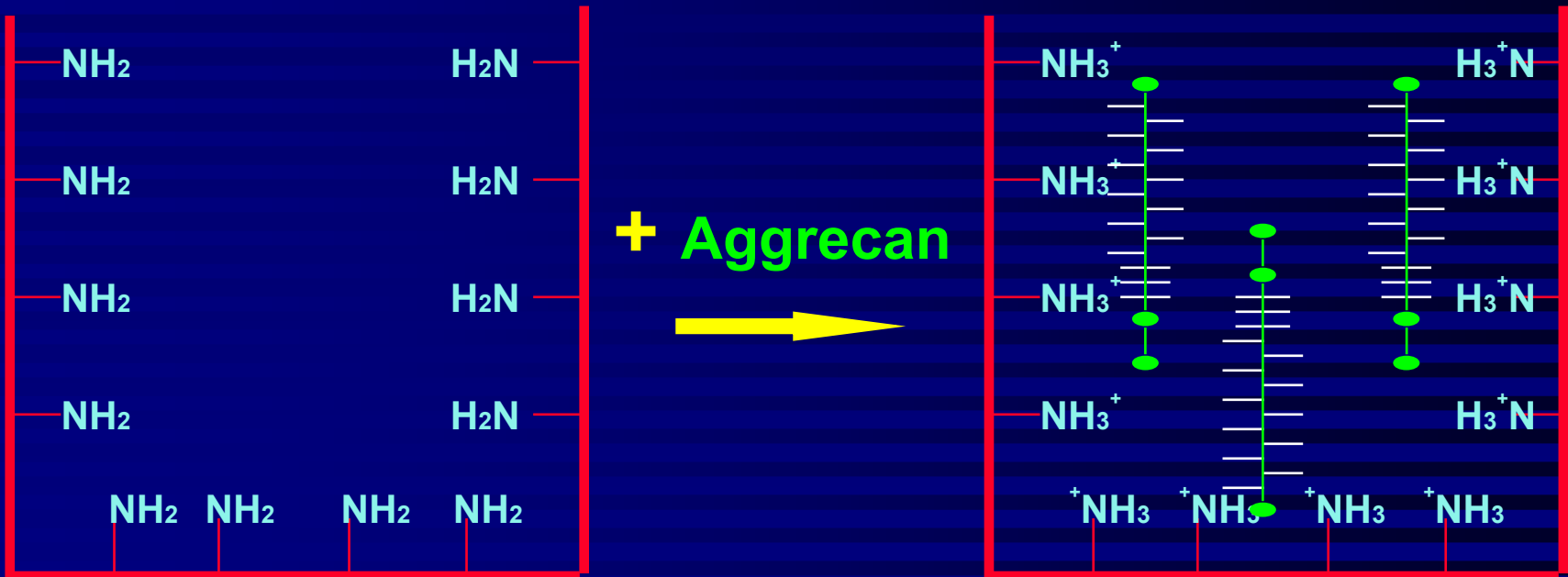
# Applications

- Development of analytical / diagnostic methods
- Organisation of connective tissue extracellular matrix
- Alterations of glycoconjugates in pathologic states

# Development of analytical / diagnostic methods

- Quantitation of proteoglycans
- Quantitation of glycosaminoglycans
- Quantitation of human prions
- Quantitation of autoantibodies against proteoglycans in systemic diseases

# Quantitation of aggrecan



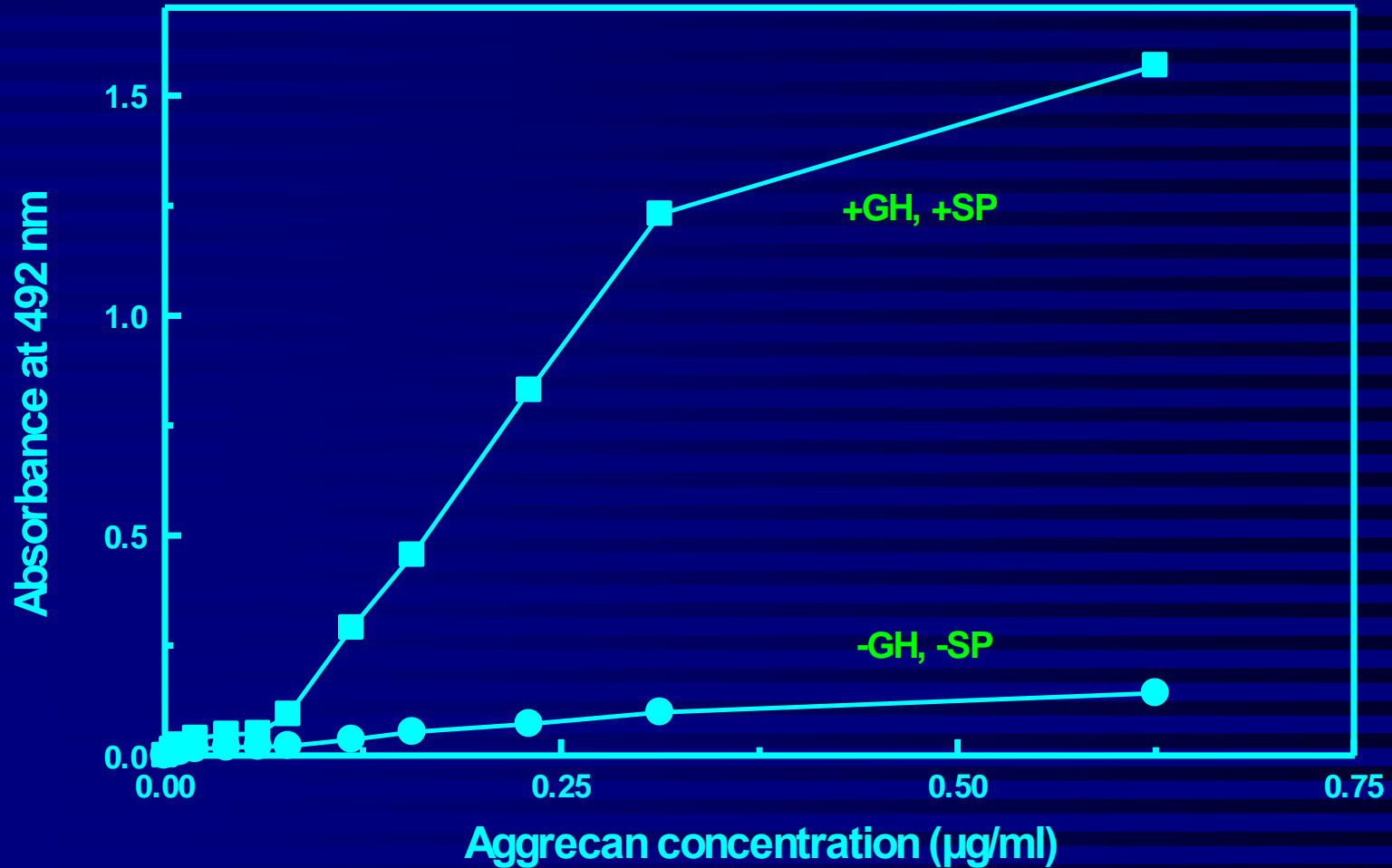


# Optimum binding conditions

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- $C_{SP}$ : 50  $\mu\text{M}$ ,  $T=37^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $t=4\text{h}$ ,  $\text{pH}=9.0$
- Aggrecan:  $T=37^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $t=1\text{h}$ ,  $\text{pH}=4.8$

# Quantitation of aggrecan immunochemically

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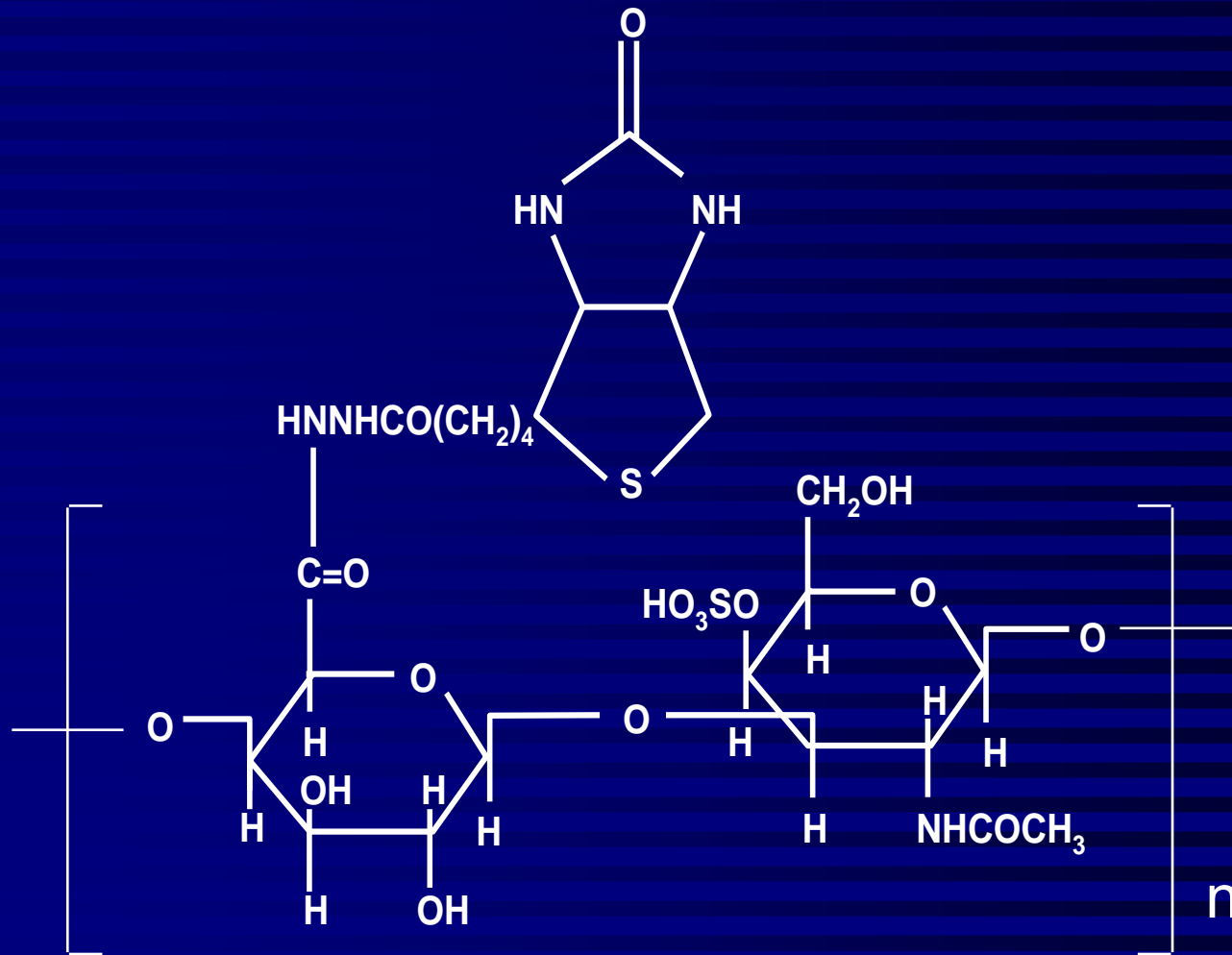
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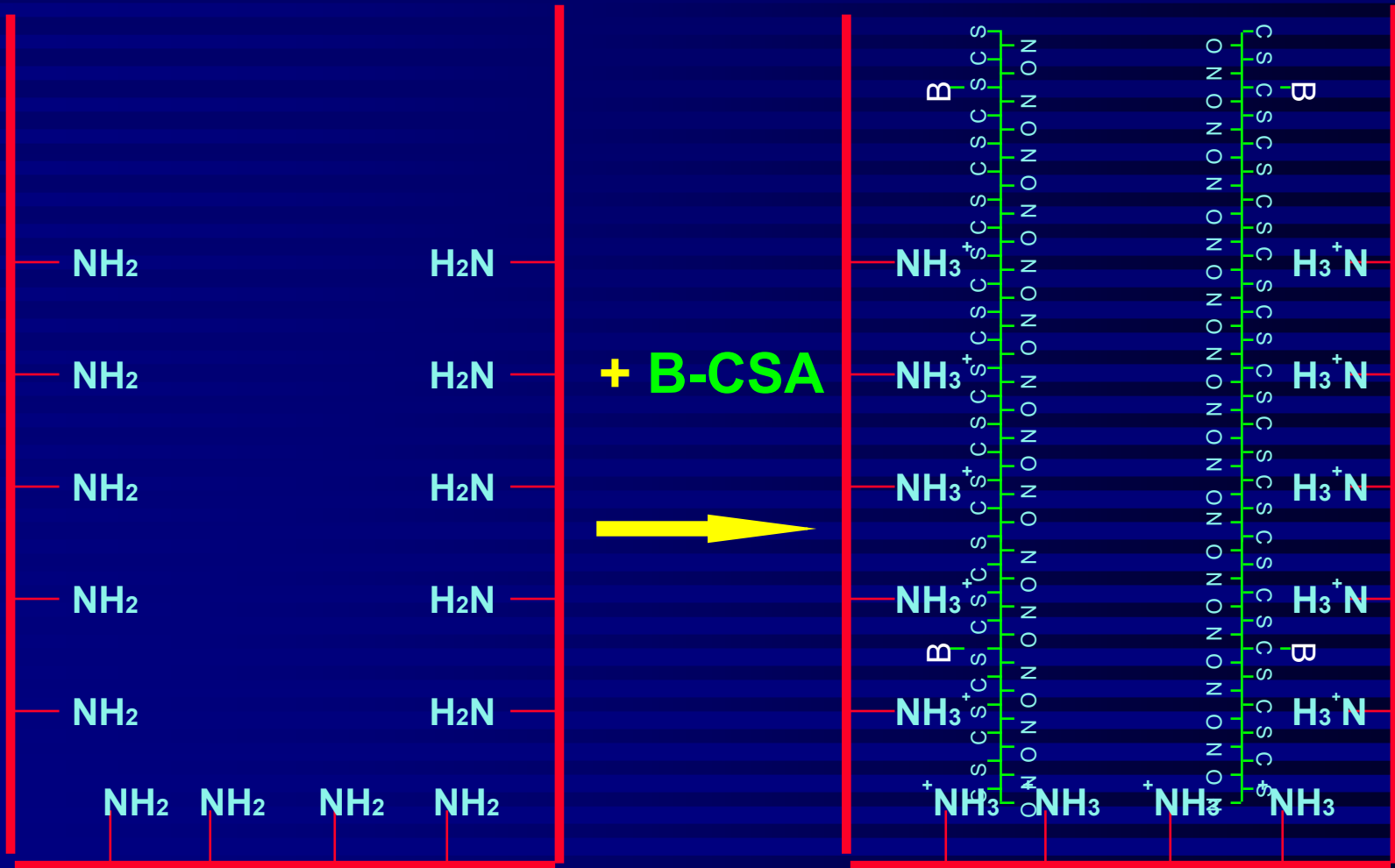
- Labelling of chondroitin sulphate with biotin
- Quantitative analysis by a competitive assay

# Labelling of Chondroitin sulphate with biotin



**Substitution in 1 to 10 disaccharides**

# Immobilisation of B-Chondroitin sulphate onto ELISA plates

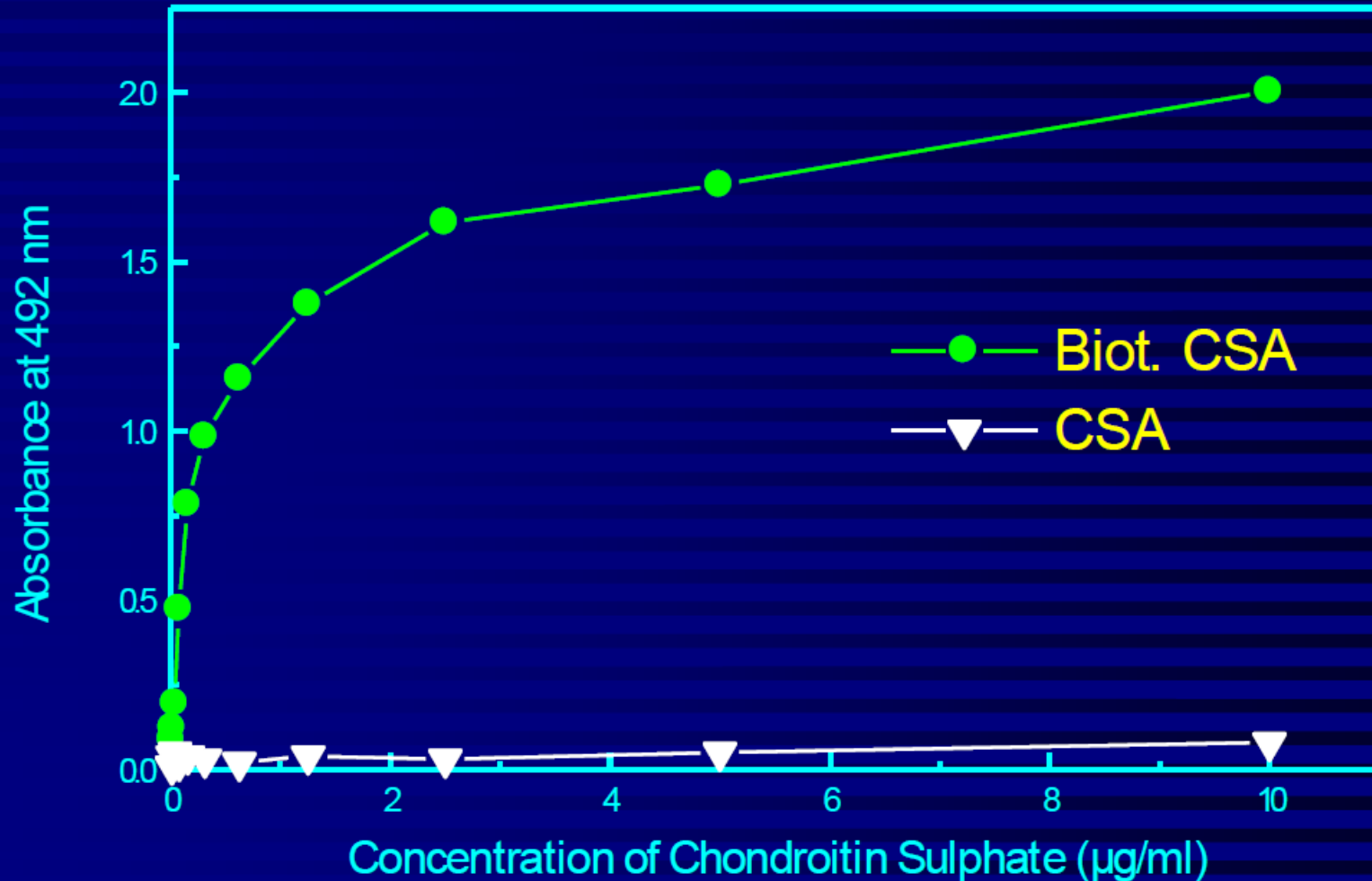


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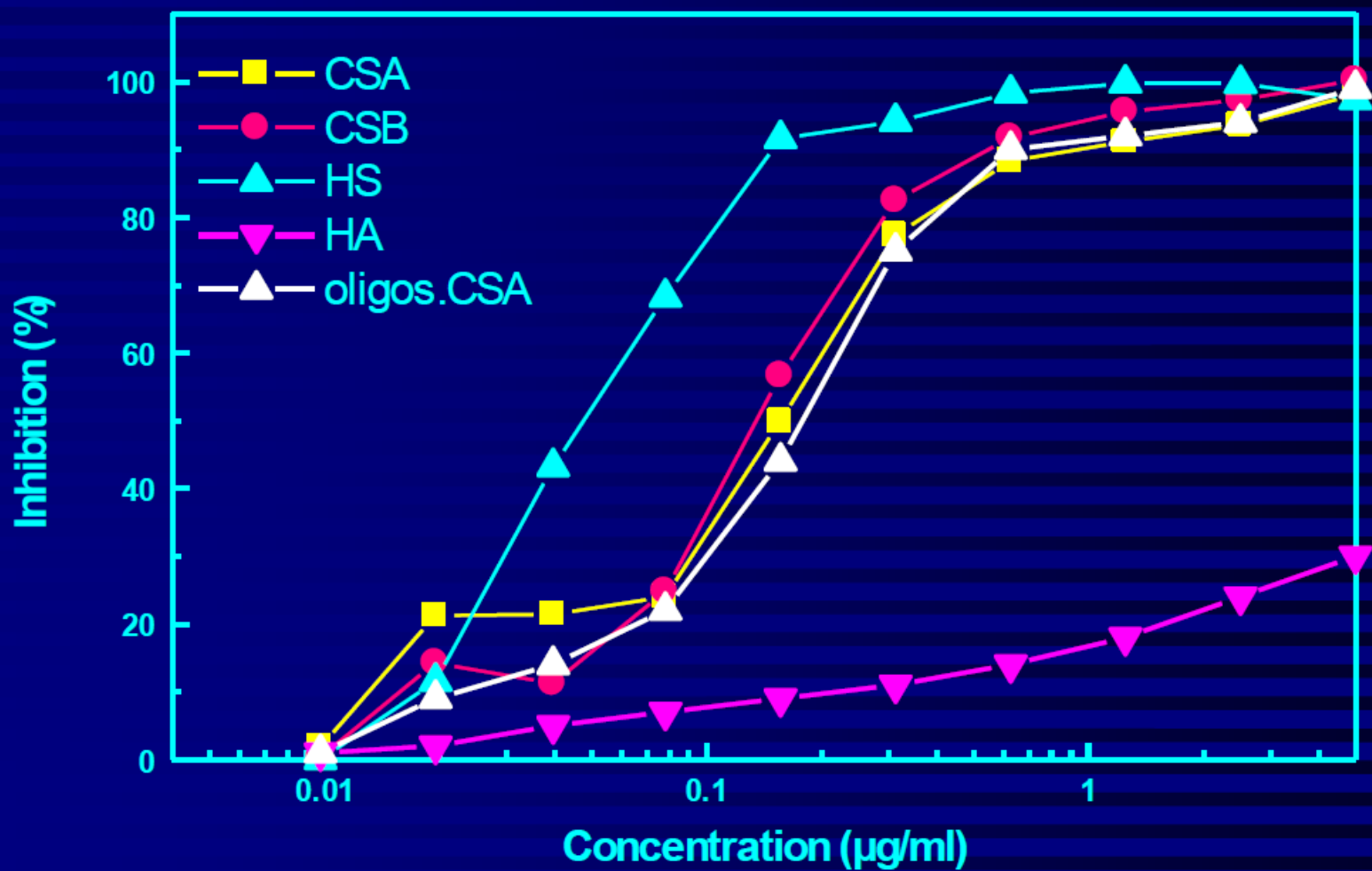
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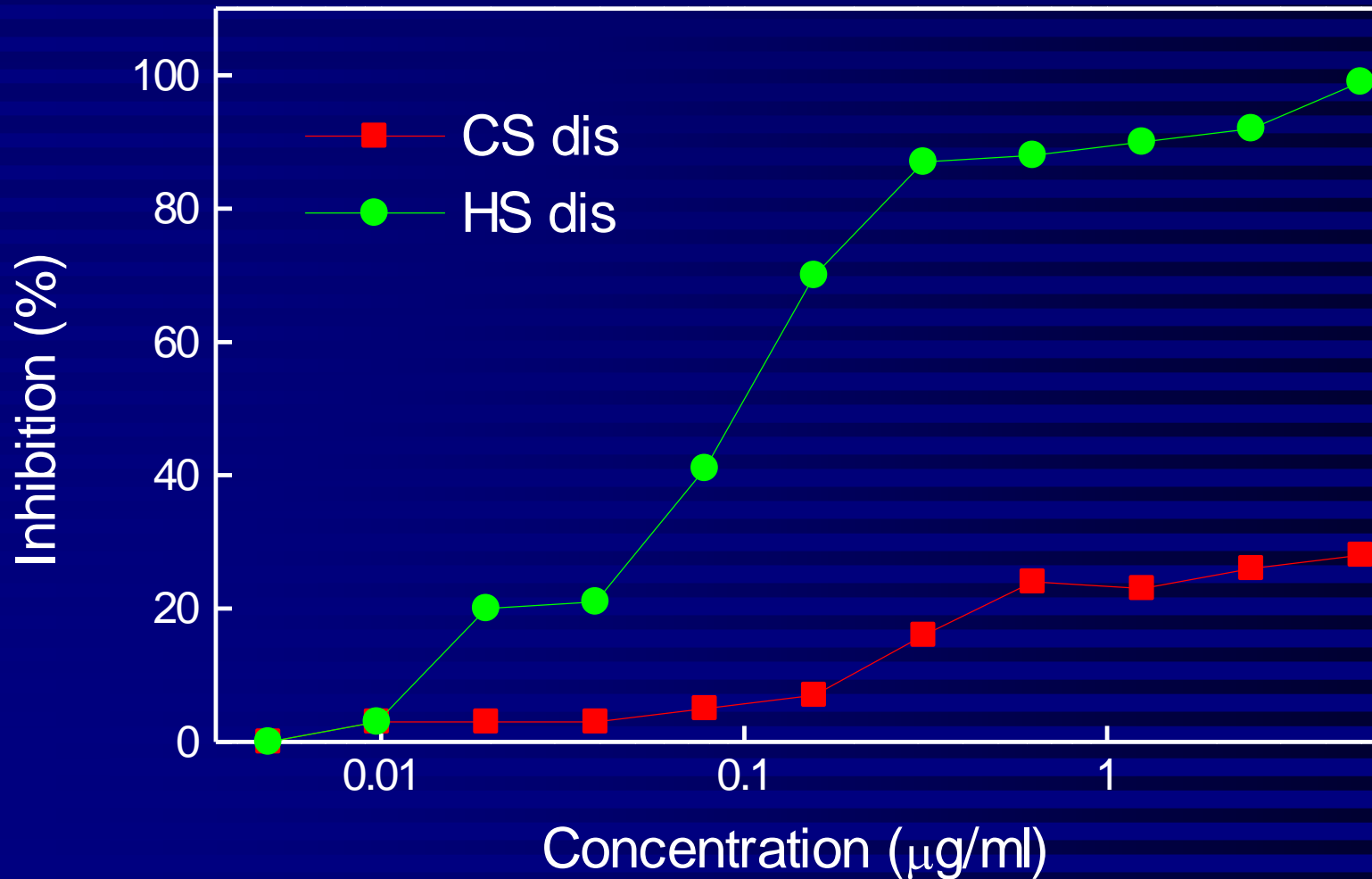


# Quantitation of glycosaminoglycans



# Quantitation of glycosaminoglycan disaccharides

*Vynios et al. J. Immunoass. Immunochem. 22 (2001) 337-351*



# Quantitation of hyaluronan

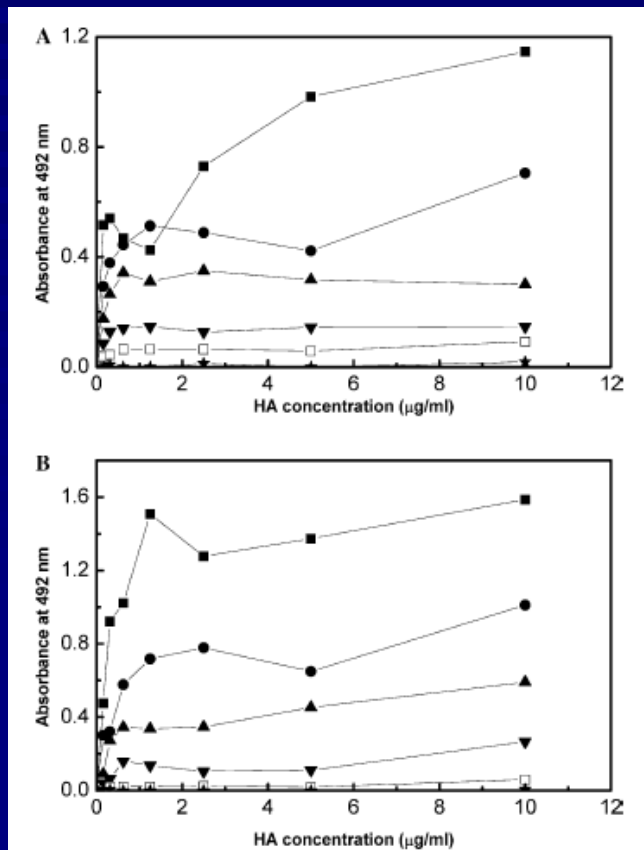
- Activation of the plate wells with GH and spermine
- Covalent binding of hyaluronan
- Addition of aggrecan
- Detection of aggrecan by immunochemistry
  
- Quantitative analysis of hyaluronan by a competitive assay

# Quantitation of hyaluronan

Grigoreas GHA et al. (2003) *Anal. Biochem.* 320, 179-184

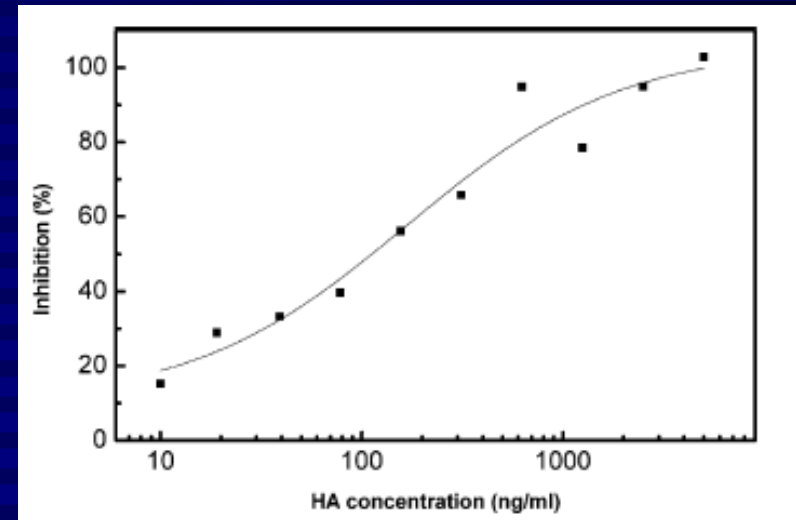
## Binding of aggrecan to HA

pH 6.0



pH 9.0

## Reference competitive curve



# Development of analytical / diagnostic methods

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- Quantitation of glycosaminoglycans
- Quantitation of human prions
- Quantitation of autoantibodies against proteoglycans in systemic diseases

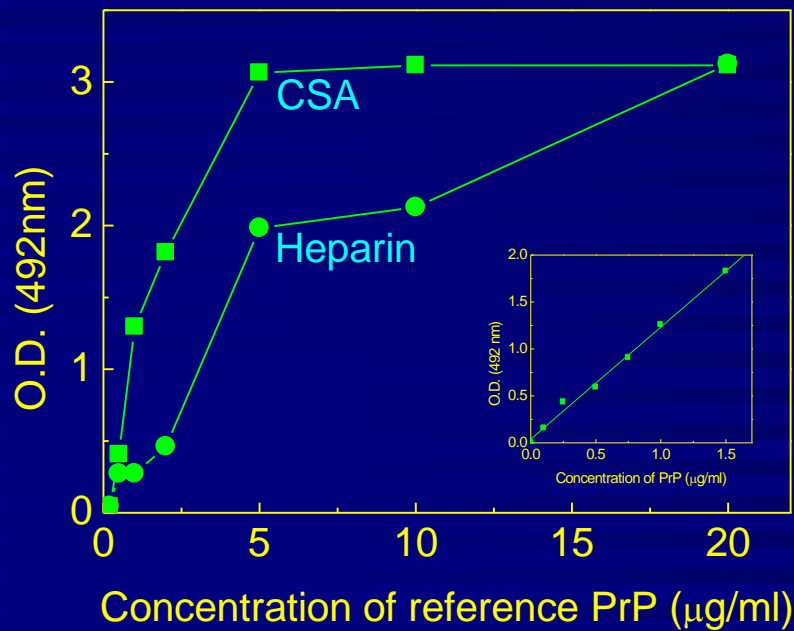
# Quantitation of prion protein

- Immobilisation of chondroitin sulphate onto activated polystyrene
- Brief homogenisation of tissue in a detergent - containing solution
- Interaction of prion of the extracts or the reference samples with the immobilised chondroitin sulphate
- Immunodetection of prion

# Quantitation of prion protein

*Triantaphyllidou et al. (2006) Anal Biochem 359, 176-182*

Aim: Detection of both normal and pathologic types of prions



Sample	H-PT	H-NT	S-C	S-SC
Extract	1.18	1.05	0	1.82
Papain digest	0	0	0	0.65
Proteinase K digest	0	0	0	0.17

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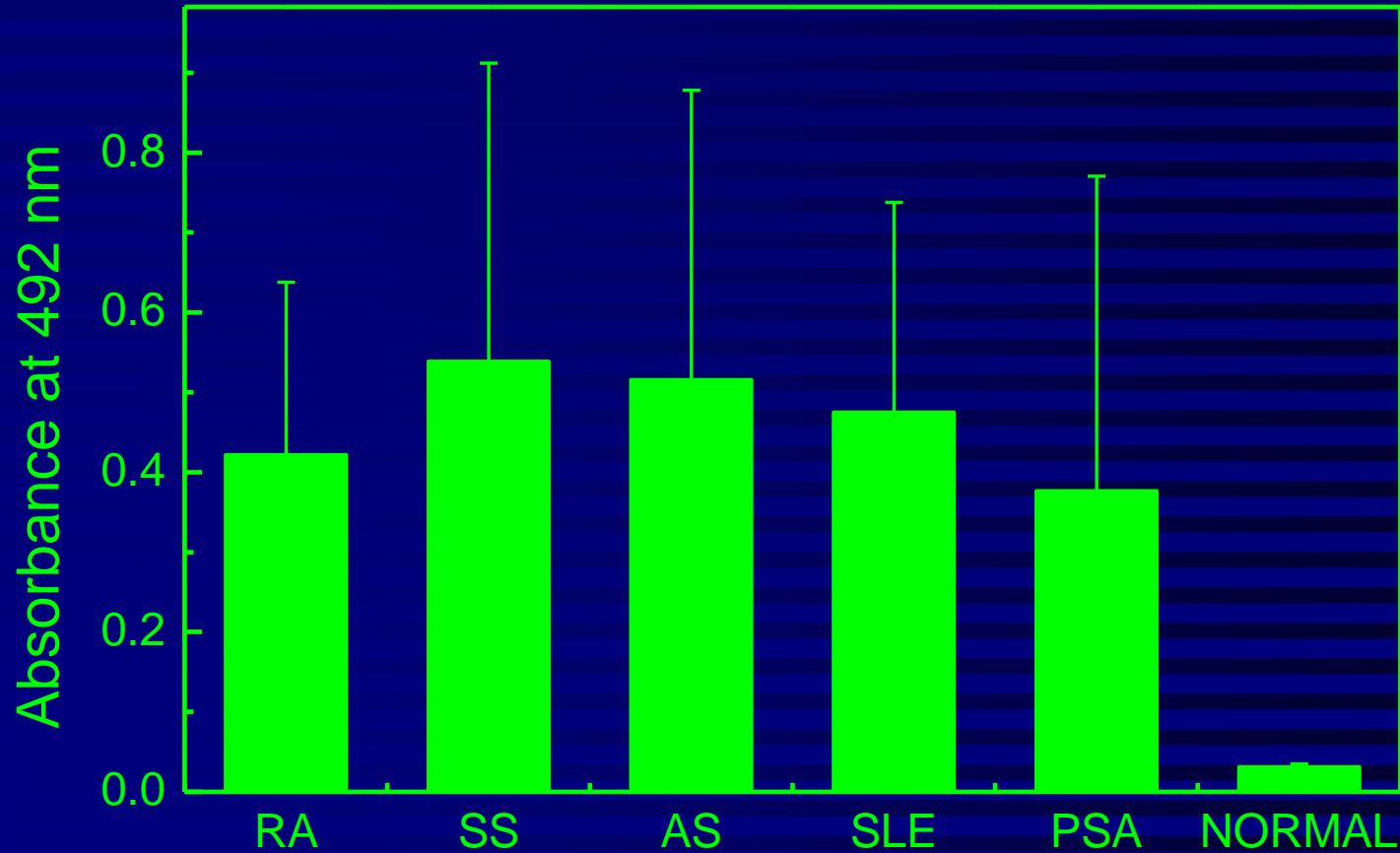


# Autoantibodies against aggrecan in systemic diseases

*Vynios et al. (2006) Biochimie 88, 767-773*

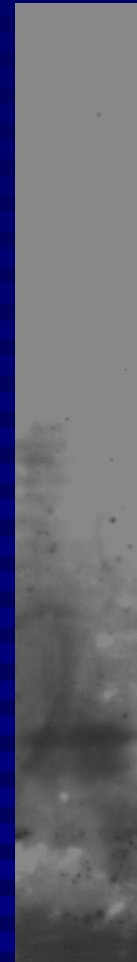
- Immobilisation of aggrecan onto activated polystyrene
- Interaction with human sera

# Autoantibodies against aggrecan in human serum



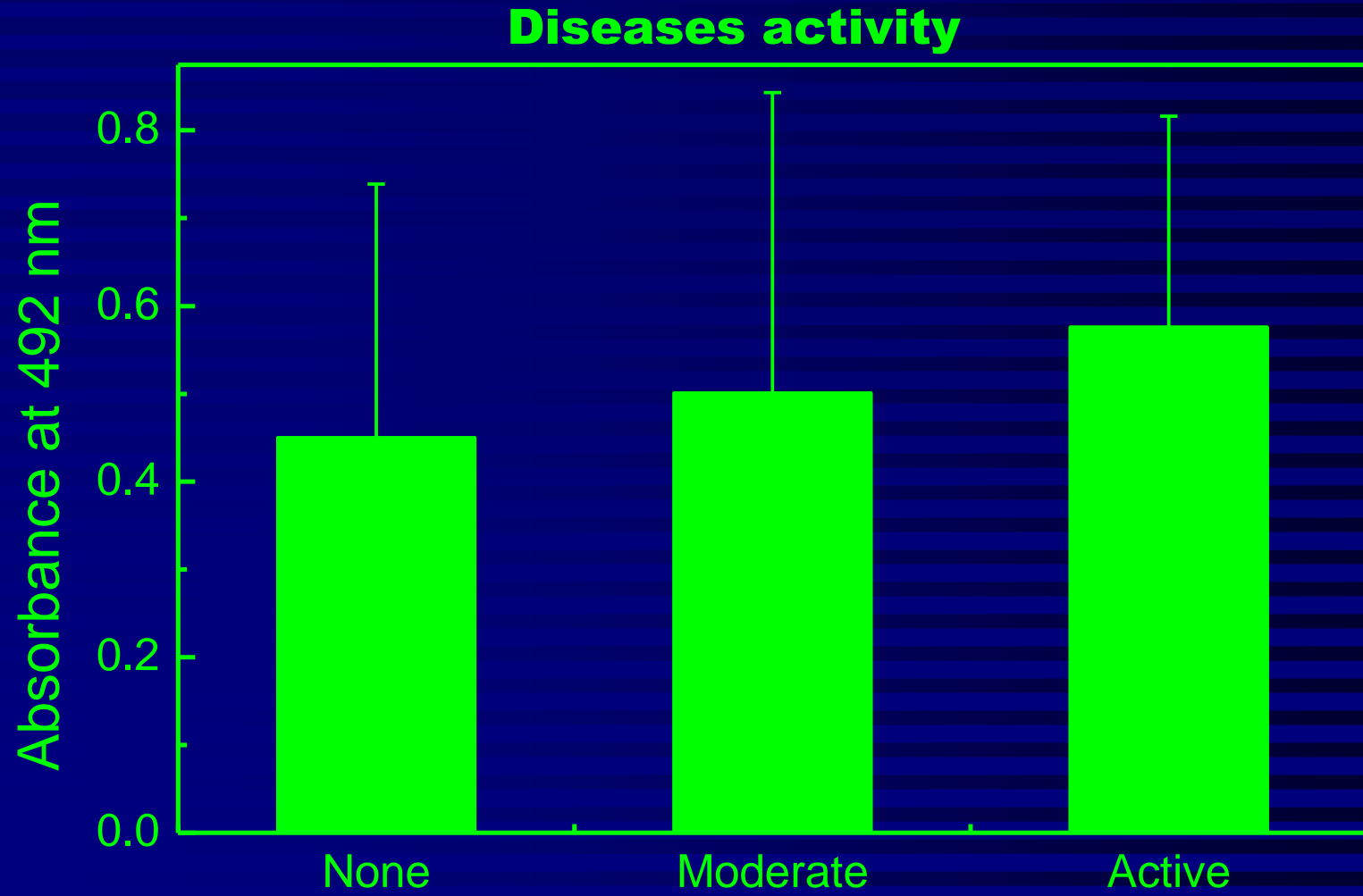
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V8 Protease treatment  
of aggrecan

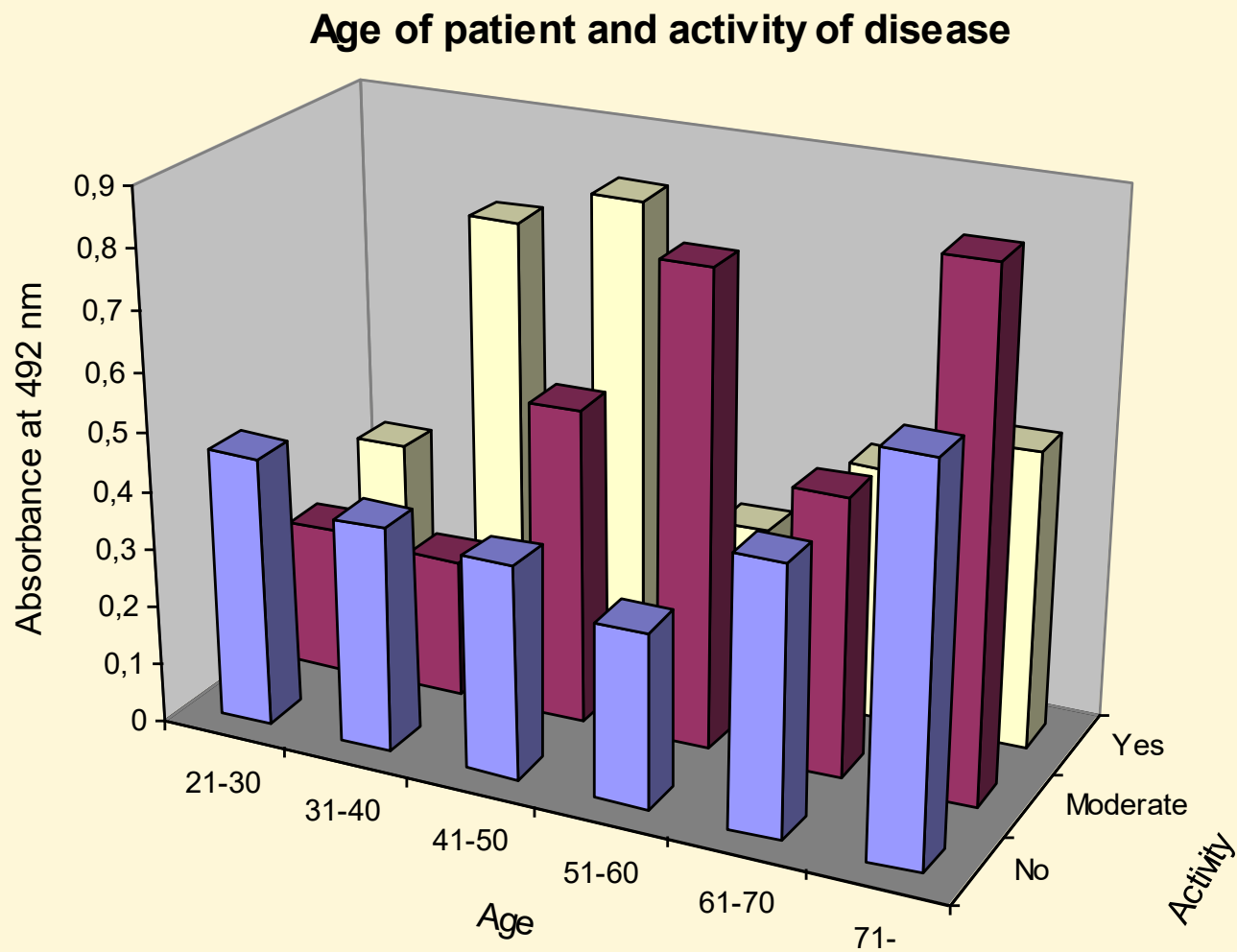


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# Autoantibodies against aggrecan in human serum



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# Organisation of connective tissue extracellular matrix

- Interaction of proteoglycans with collagen
- Interaction of proteoglycans with proteins
- Interaction of hyaluronan with aggrecan and link protein
- Self-interactions of proteoglycans

# Interactions of proteoglycans with collagen

*Vynios et al. Biochimie 82 (2000) 773-782*

*Vynios et al. Biochimie 83 (2001) 899-906*

## Aim

- Examination of the possible different behaviour of collagen types I and II in interacting with the various proteoglycans
- Investigation of the part of proteoglycans involved in the interaction

# Methods

## Inhibition of collagen fibril formation

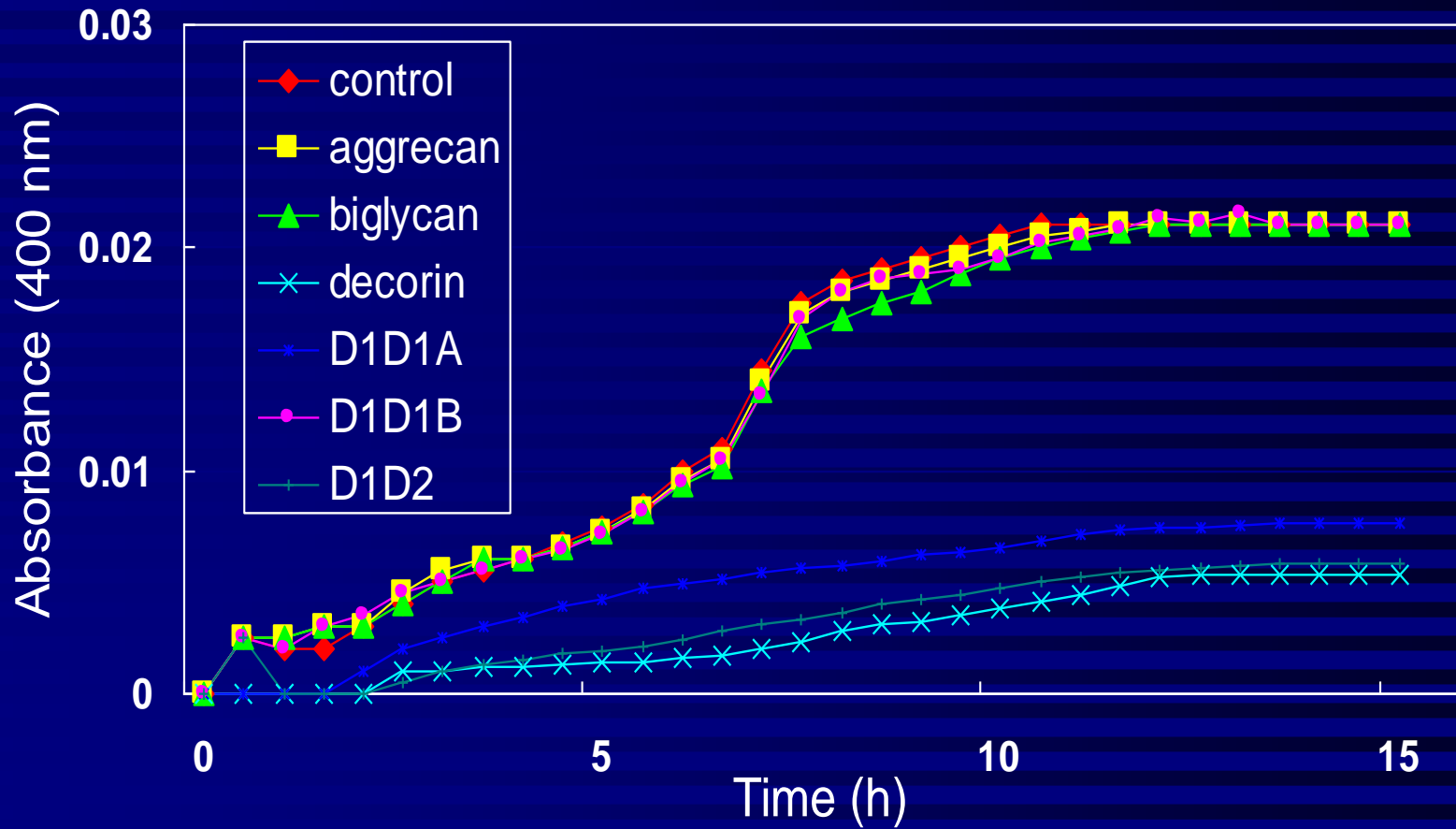
- Incubation of collagen with proteoglycans
- Measurement of fibril formation versus time

## Interaction of collagen with proteoglycans in a solid phase assay

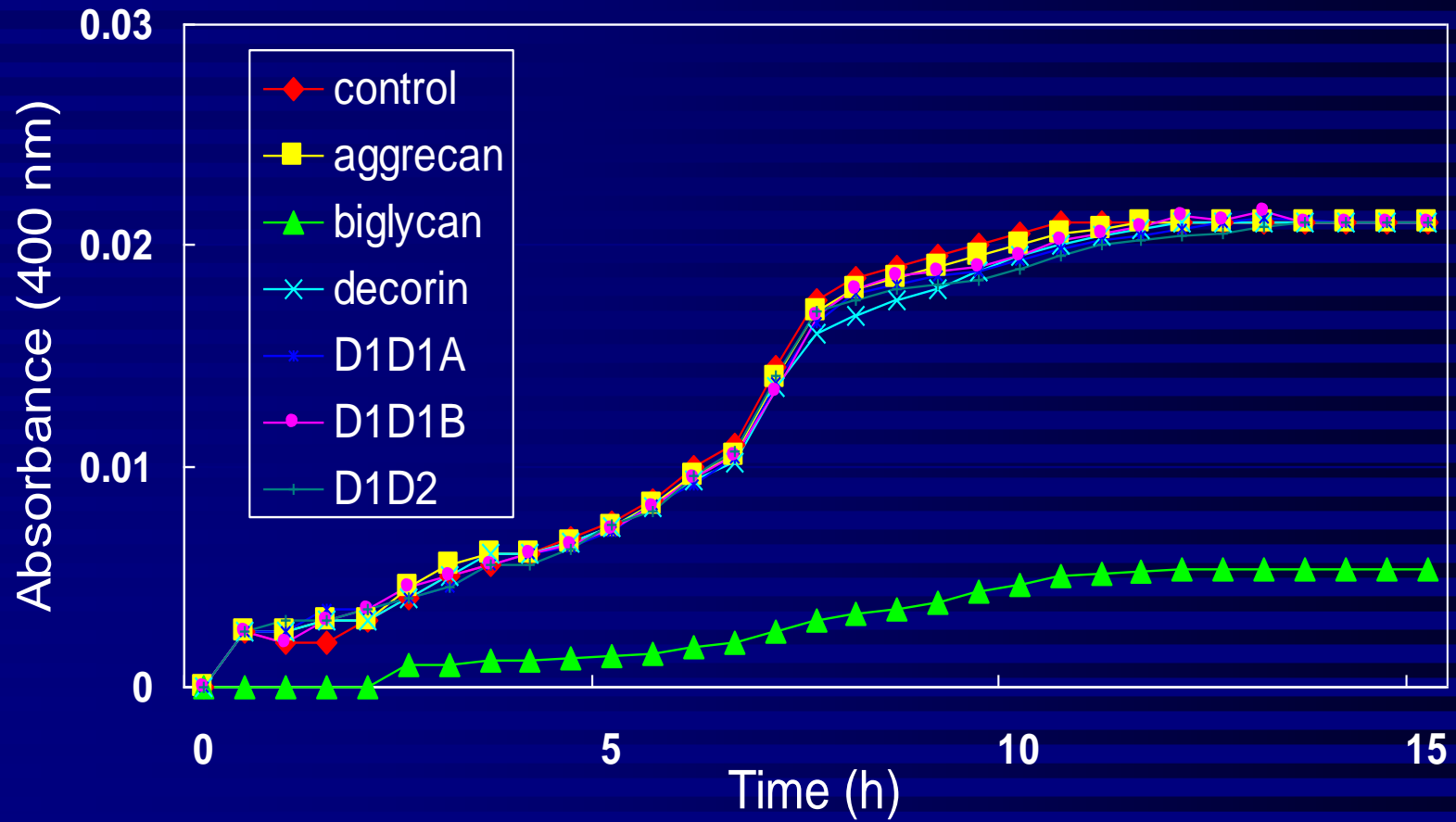
- Immobilisation of collagen
- Blocking with BSA
- Interaction with proteoglycans or fragments thereof
- Immunodetermination of proteoglycans



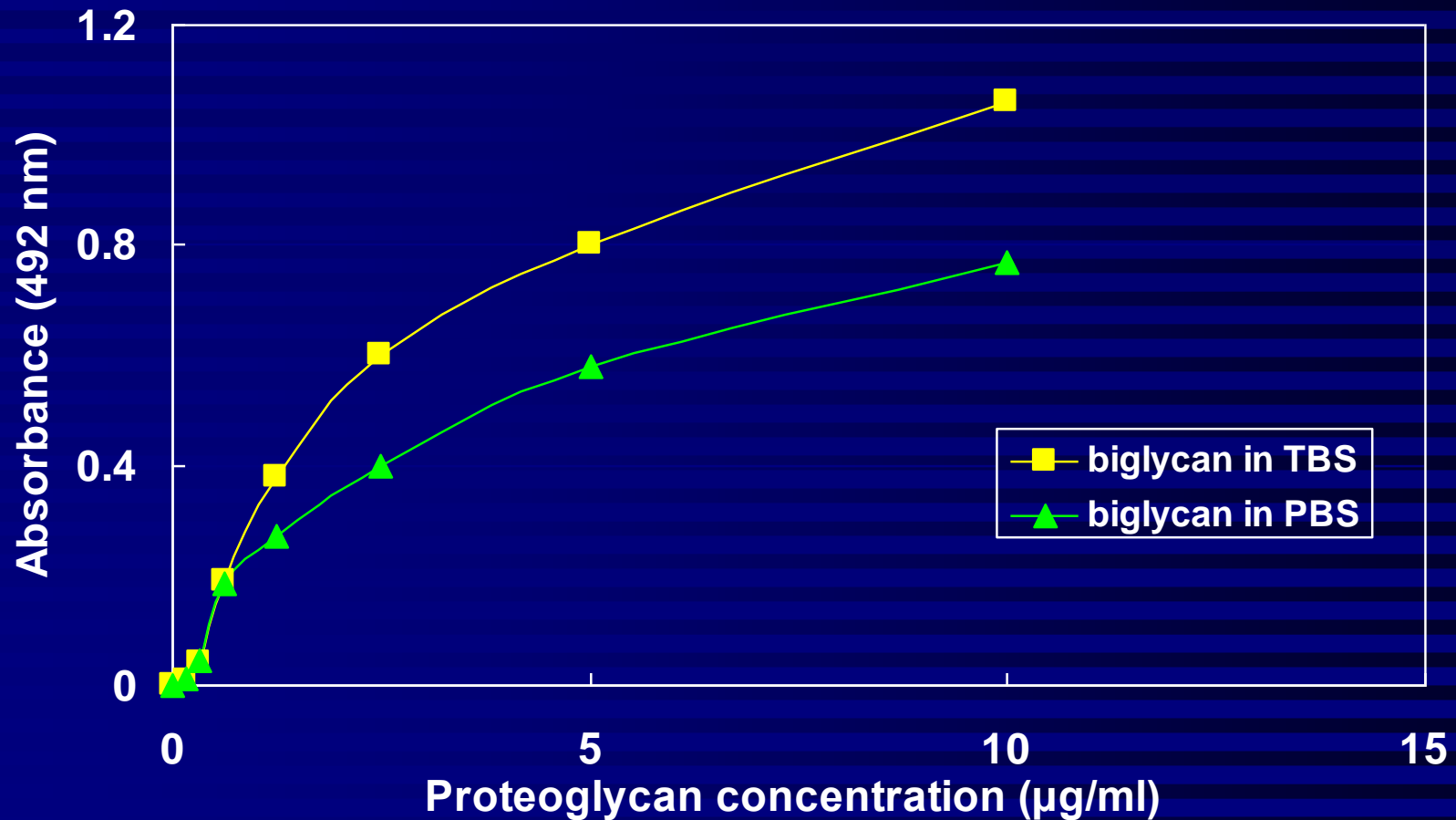
# Inhibition of collagen type I fibril formation



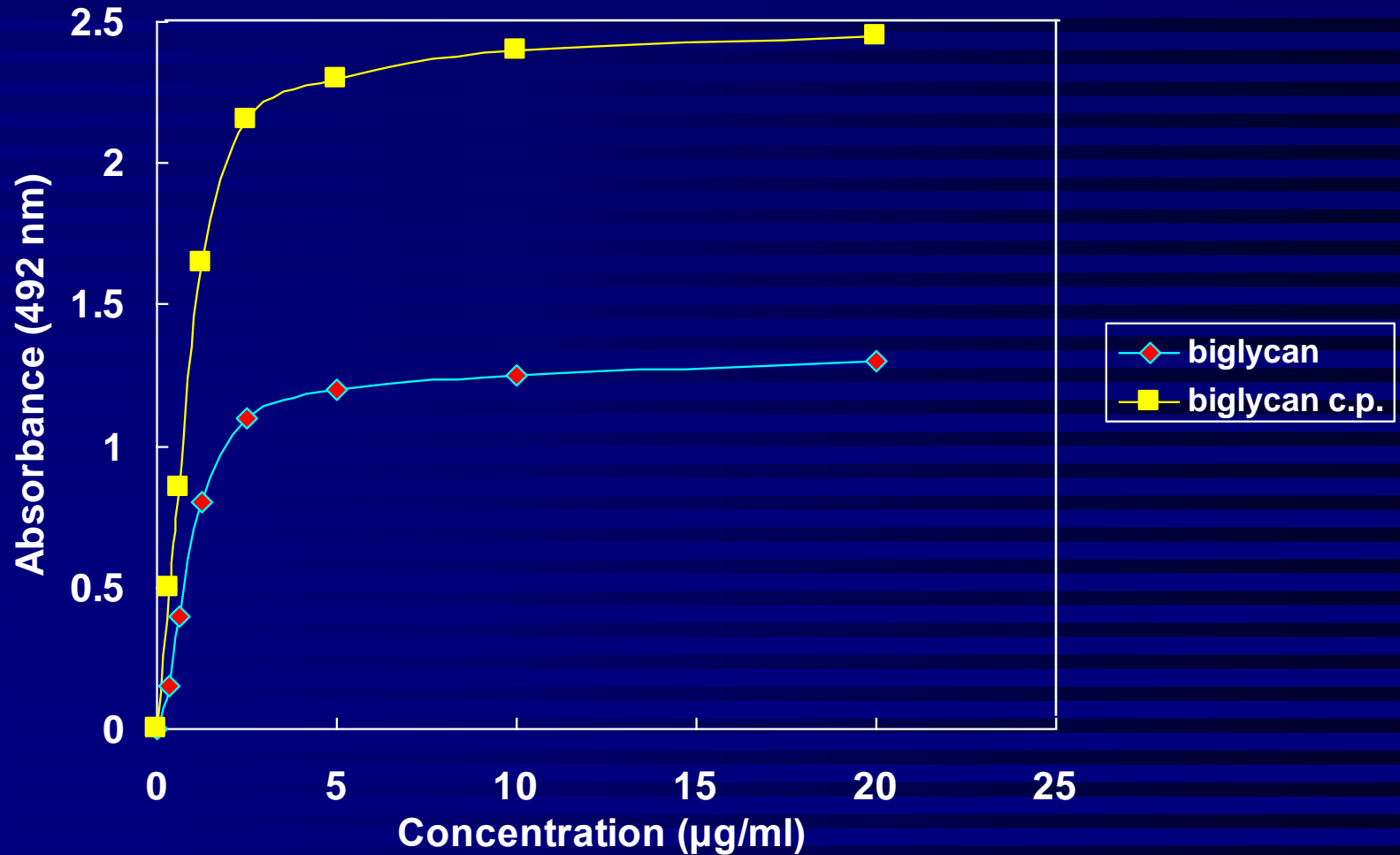
# Inhibition of collagen type II fibril formation



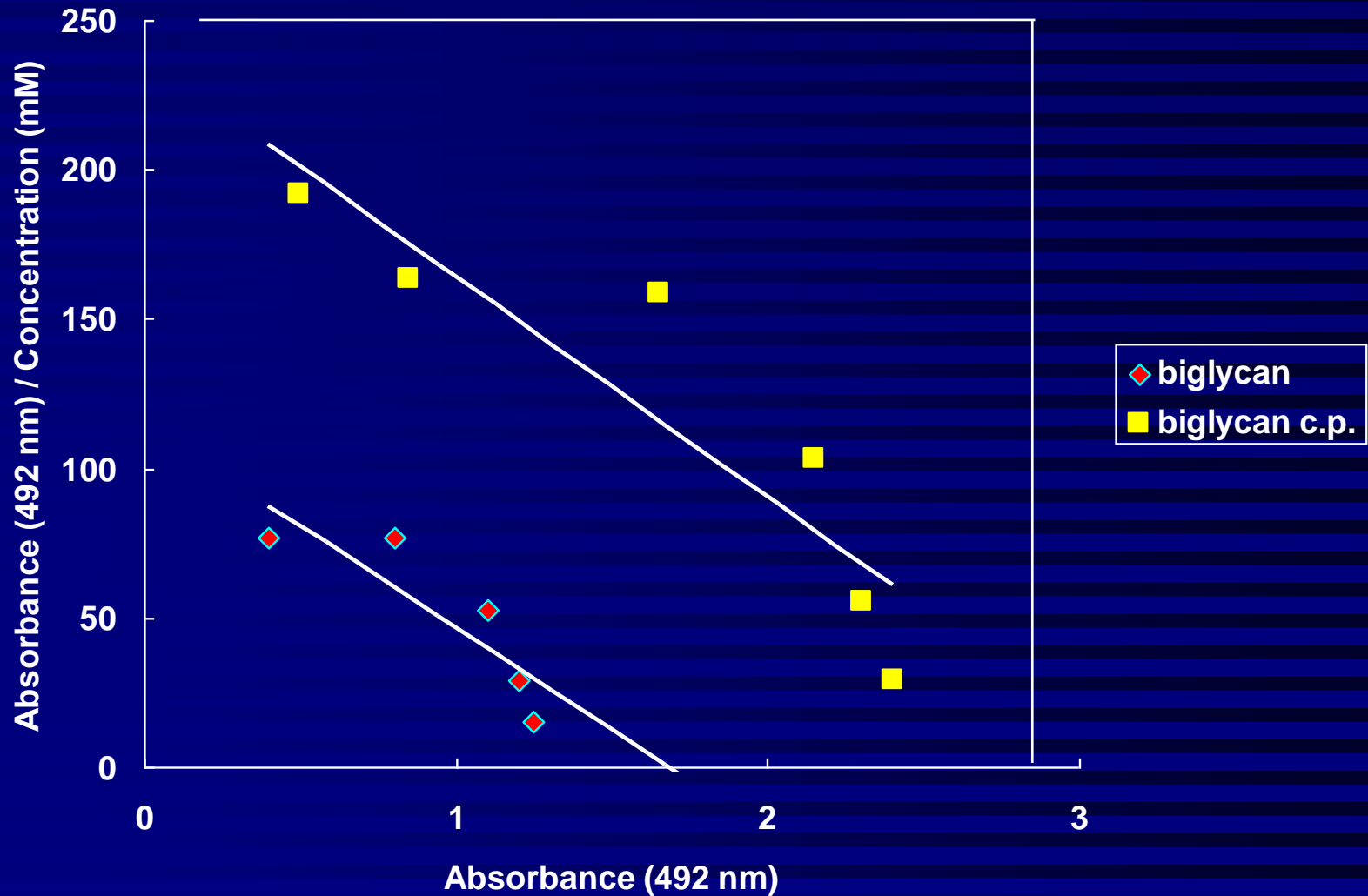
# Interaction of biglycan with collagen type II



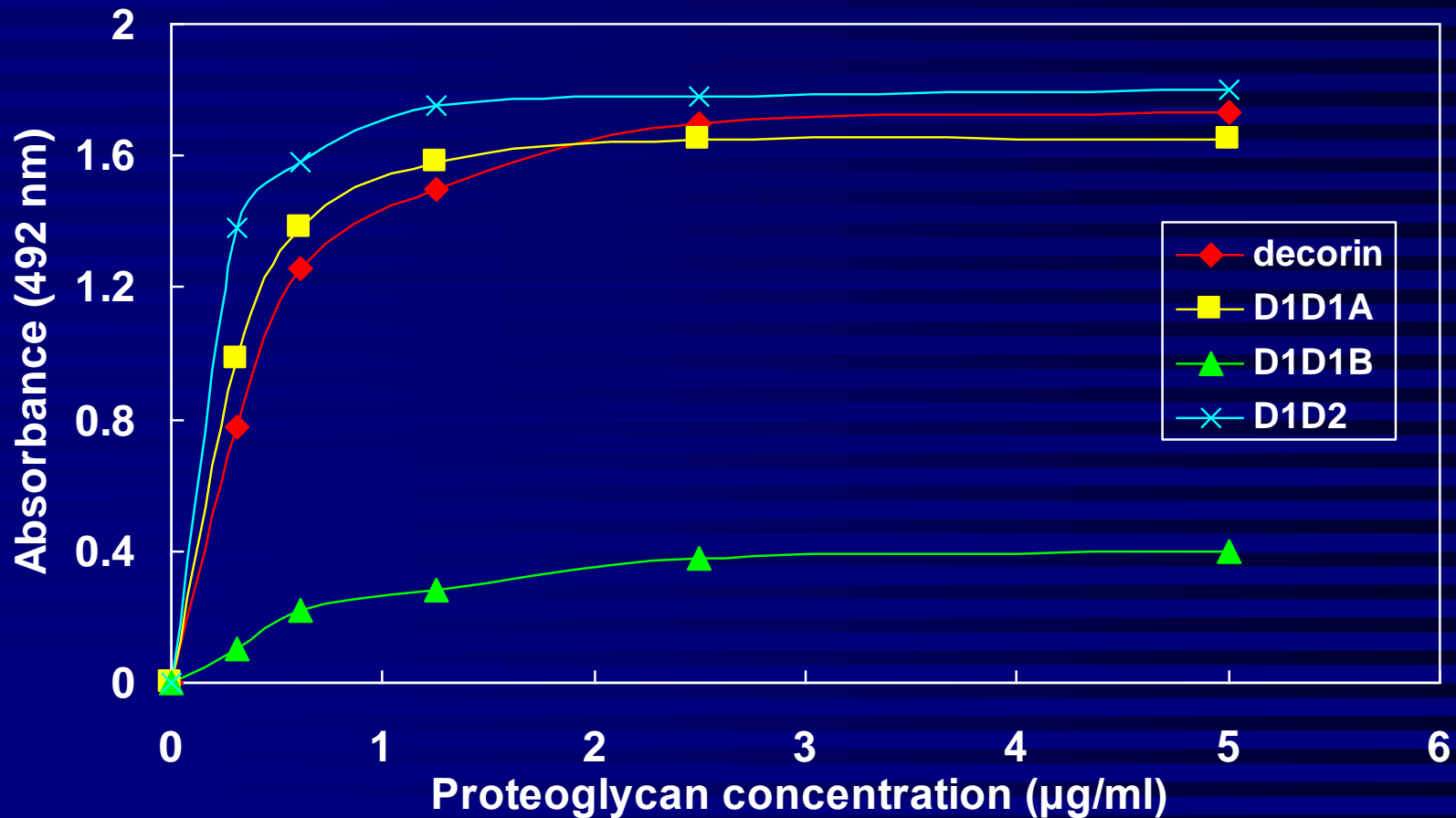
# Interaction of biglycan core protein with collagen type II



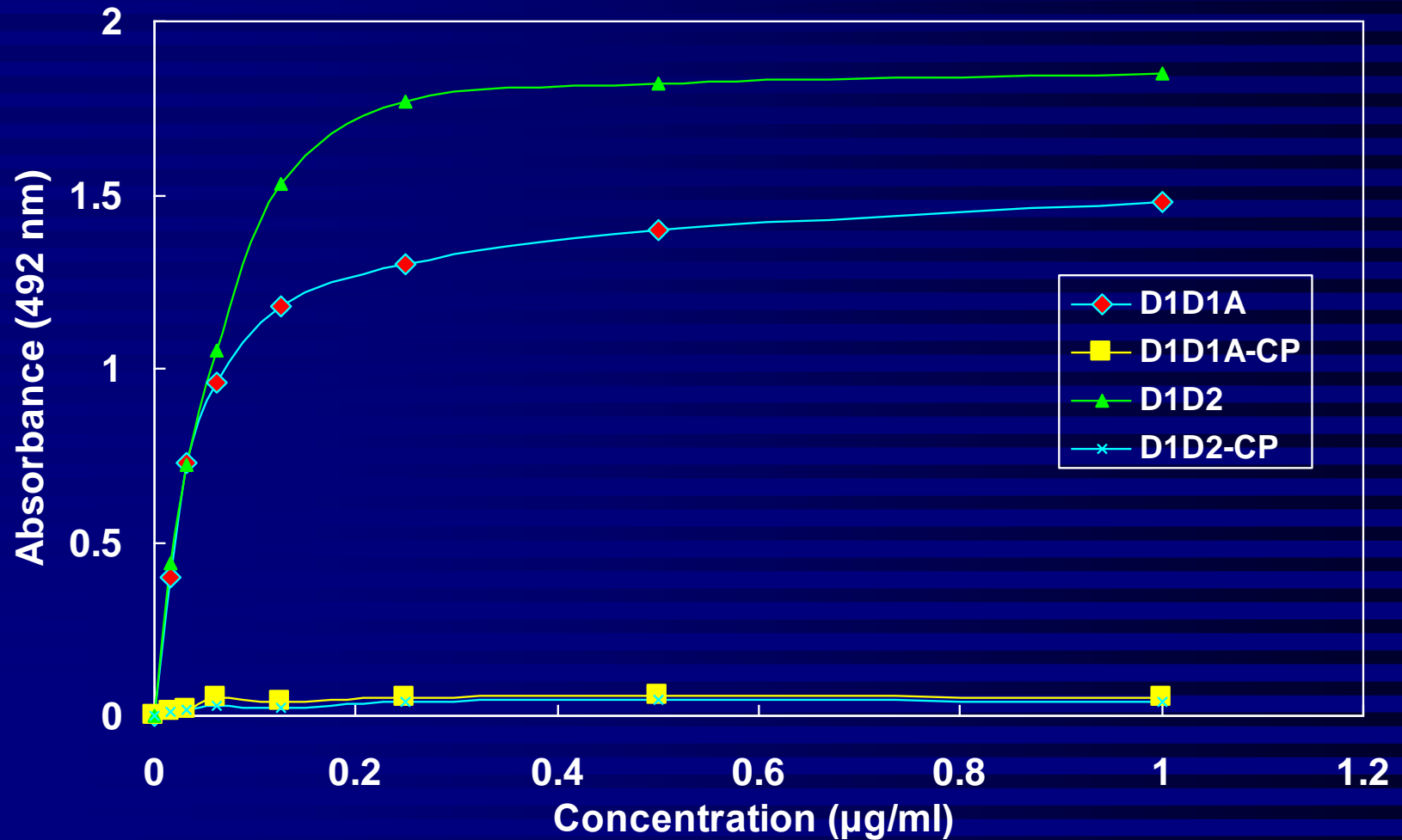
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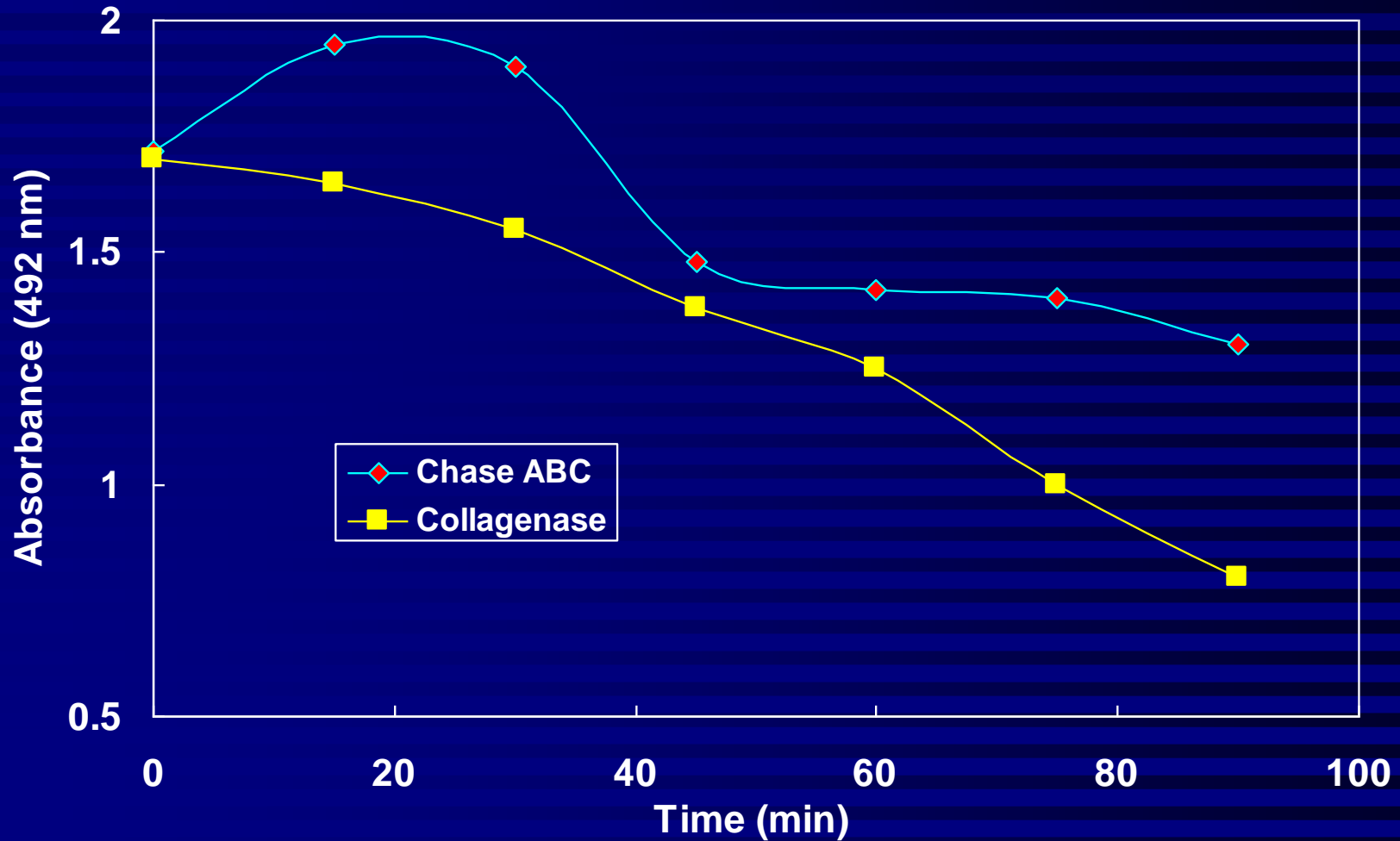
# Interaction of proteoglycans with collagen type I



# Interaction of D1D1A and D1D2 core protein with collagen type I



# Interaction of collagen with D1D2 partially degraded by chondroitinase ABC or collagenase





# Organisation of connective tissue extracellular matrix

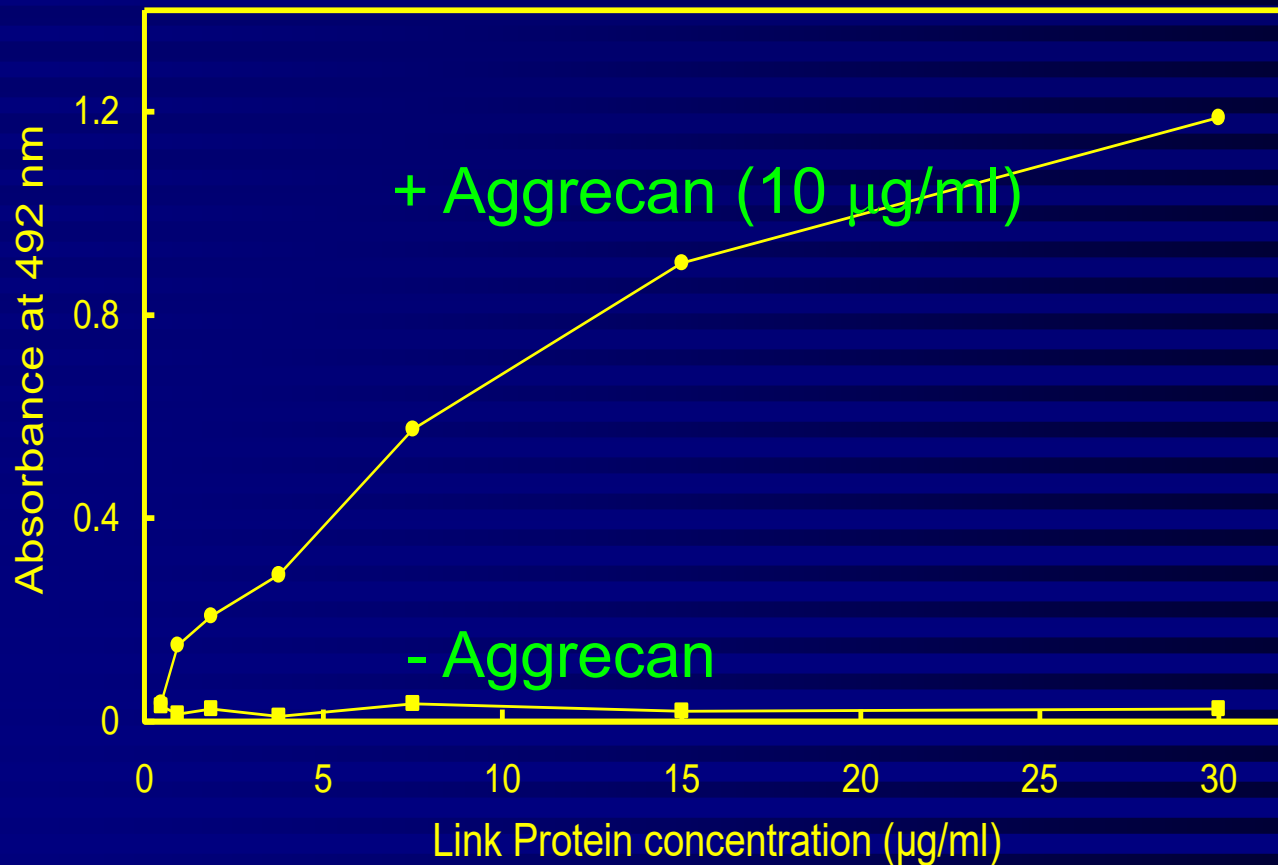
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# Interaction of aggrecan with link protein from various sources

- Use of the new ELISA assay
- Use of a common ELISA competitive assay

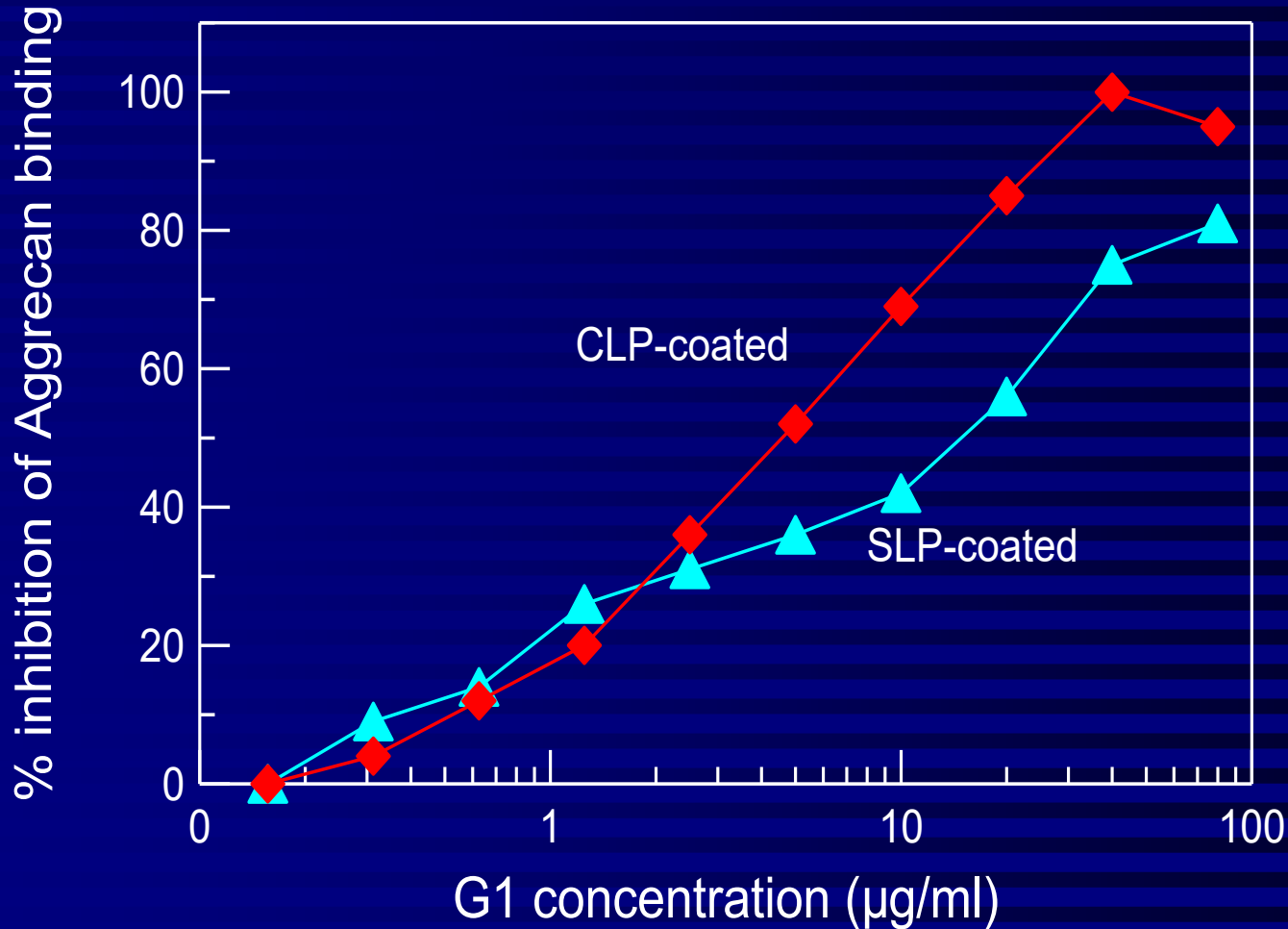
# Interaction of aggrecan with cartilage link protein

Vynios et al. *Anal. Biochem.* (1998) 260, 64-70



# Interaction of aggrecan with invertebrate link protein

*Vynios et al. Biochimie (1998) 80, 591-594*



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# Interaction of hyaluronan with aggrecan and link protein

*Kalpaxis et al. Int. J. biochem. (1985) 17, 61-66*

- Immobilisation of hyaluronan on activated cellulose

Preparation of an affinity chromatography matrix

- Chromatography of tissue extracts or purified macromolecules on this matrix

The affinity chromatography matrix is used for:

- Isolation of macromolecules interacting with hyaluronan
- Study of the interaction of hyaluronan with aggrecan
- Study of the interaction of hyaluronan with link protein

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# Self-interactions of proteoglycans

- Isolation of the proteoglycans
- Study of possible self-interactions by gel chromatography, ELISA, electron microscopy, etc.

# Solid phase assays

Identification of the pathogenesis  
of a disease

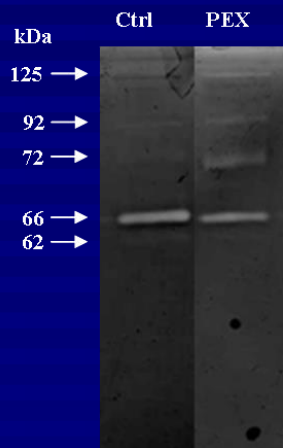
# Alterations of glycoconjugates in exfoliation syndrome

- A disease of **undetermined etiology and pathogenesis** that involves impaired synthesis and degradation of the extracellular macromolecules of the matrix
- Ultrastructural alterations are observed in anterior segment tissues, such as:
- **Deposits of typical PEX fibrils** on the iris and ciliary epithelia and in the dilator muscle of the iris
- **Accumulation of extracellular matrix**, including microfibrils and reduplicated basement membrane material in the periphery of iris vessels, in the dilator muscle and in the juxtacanalicular tissue of the trabecular meshwork
- **Degenerative changes** of the iris pigment epithelium and dilator muscle cells
- **The origin of the exfoliated material remains unknown**

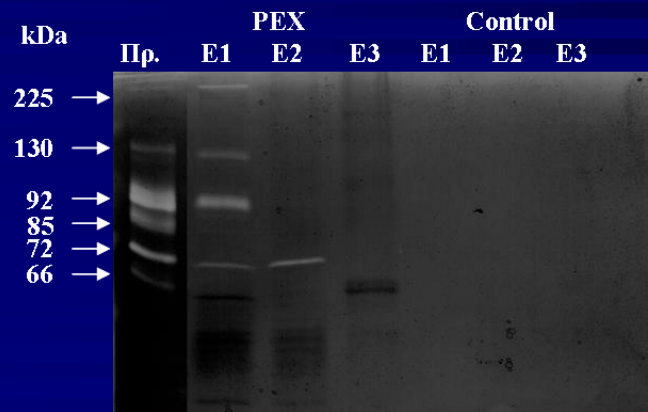
# Detection of MMPs in exfoliation syndrome

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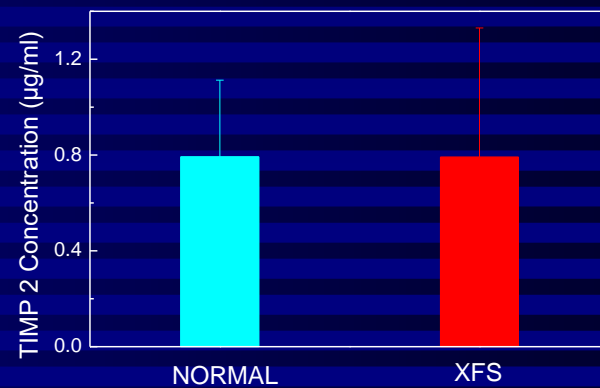
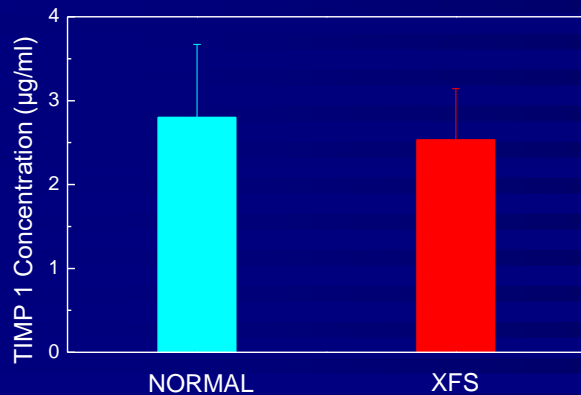
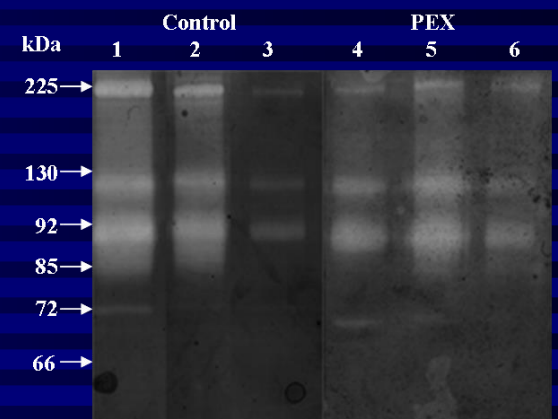
## Aqueous humour



## Lens



## Tears



# Proteoglycans alterations in exfoliation syndrome

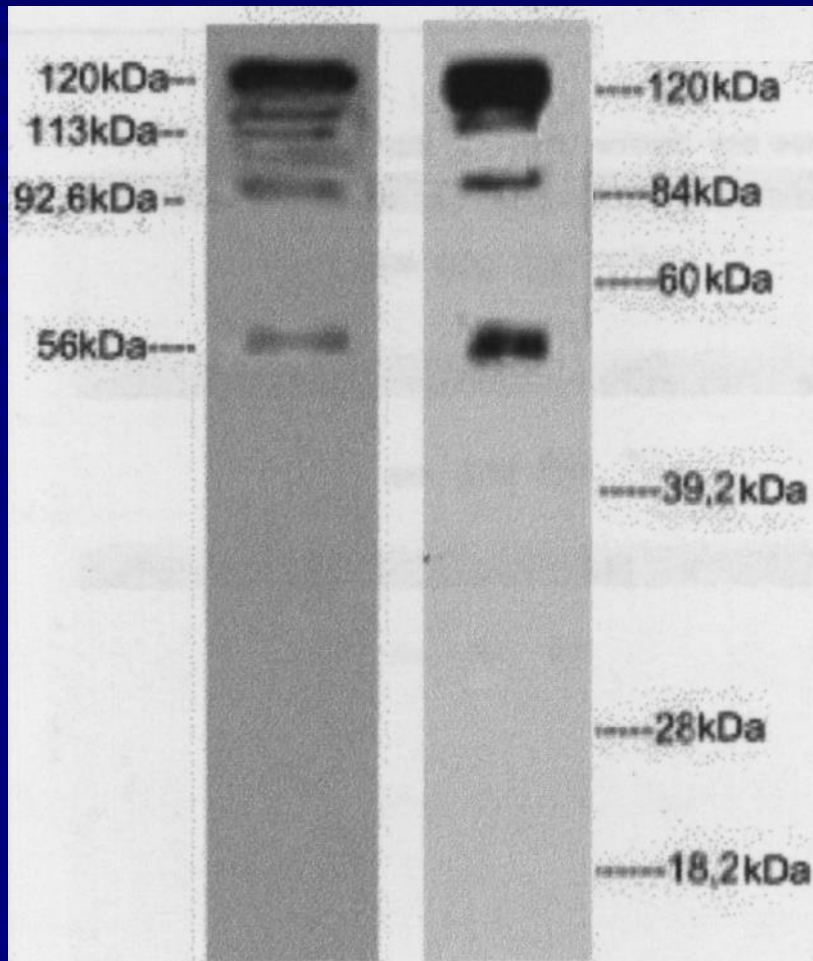
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	PRESENCE		TYPE OF GAGS	
	NORMAL	XFS	NORMAL	XFS
Aggrecan	-	-	-	-
Biglycan	+	+	CS	CS/DS
Collagen type IX	+++	+++	CS/DS	DS
Decorin	-	-	-	-
HS PGs	+	-	HS	-
Keratocan	-	-	-	-
Lumican	-	-	-	-
Versican	-	-	-	-
3-S GlcA	+	+++		

# HNK1 and collagen type IX in XFS

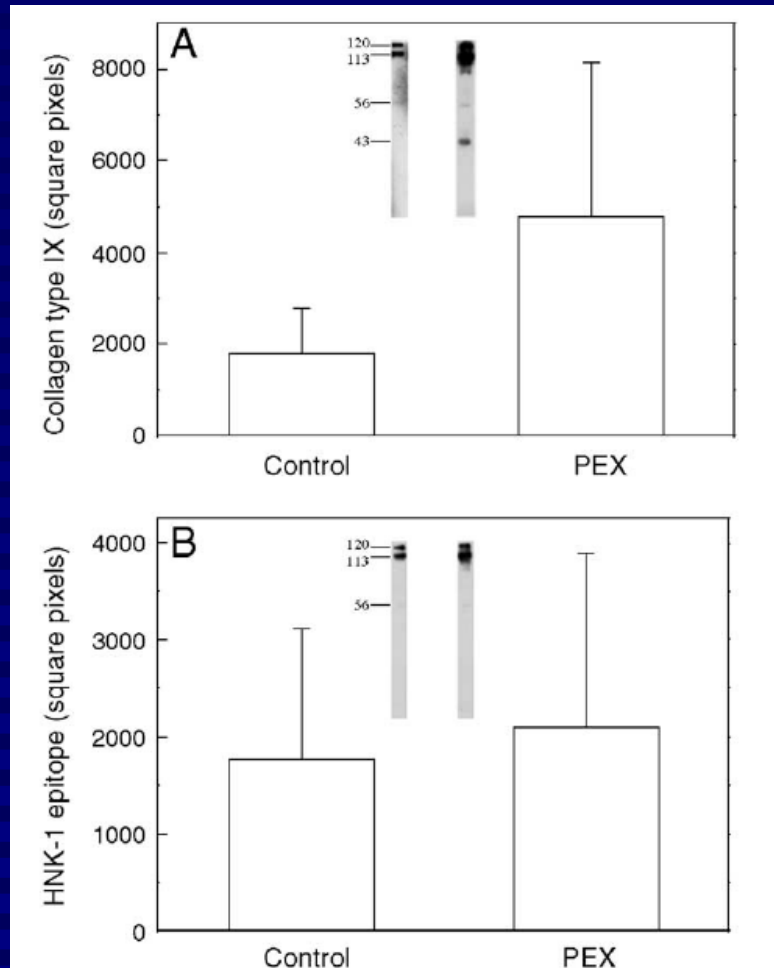
## HNK1 B3-1

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## Analysis in tears

*Assouti et al. BBA (2006) 1762, 54-58*



# General Conclusions

Selection of the method

Selection of the biologic sample

Statistical analysis

# Βιβλιογραφία

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# ΕΝΔΕΙΚΤΙΚΑ ΘΕΜΑΤΑ ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ ΑΝΤΙΔΡΑΣΕΩΝ ΣΕ ΣΤΕΡΕΑ ΦΑΣΗ

- 1: Προτείνετε δύο τουλάχιστο μεθόδους προσδιορισμού των ενζυμικών μονάδων διαλυμάτων υαλουρονιδάσης. Πως θα γίνει ο προσδιορισμός αναστολέων της;
- 2: Προτείνετε δύο τουλάχιστο μεθόδους προσδιορισμού ενζυμικών μονάδων διαλυμάτων πρωτεασών. Πως θα γίνει ο προσδιορισμός αναστολέων τους;
- 3: Προτείνετε δύο τουλάχιστο μεθόδους προσδιορισμού θειικής κερατάνης (υπάρχουν εμπορικά διαθέσιμα αντισώματα).
- 4: Δίδεται μίγμα μακρομοριακών ουσιών (π.χ. γλυκοπρωτεϊνών) με παρόμοια δομή. Πως θα γίνει ποσοτική ανάλυση καθεμιάς; (επιλέξτε εσείς τις ουσίες).
- 5: Ο υποδοχέας του υαλουρονικού εμφανίζεται σε 17 τουλάχιστον διαφορετικές ισομορφές. Πως θα διαπιστώσετε αν όλες αυτές οι ισομορφές αλληλεπιδρούν με το υαλουρονικό και αν διαφέρει η ισχύς της αλληλεπίδρασης;
- 6: Πως θα τροποποιηθεί μια μέθοδος ποσοτικού προσδιορισμού σε στερεά φάση ώστε να εφαρμοστεί αυτή για να μελετηθούν οι φυσικοχημικές σταθερές μιας αλληλεπίδρασης; Θεωρήστε την αλληλεπίδραση αγγρικάνης με υαλουρονικό οξύ ή με συζευκτική πρωτεΐνη.
- 7: Κατά τη μελέτη αλληλεπίδρασης δύο πρωτεϊνικών μορίων με αντίδραση στερεάς φάσης υποψιάζεσθε ότι το αποτέλεσμα που λαμβάνετε (θετικό ή αρνητικό) οφείλεται στη μετουσίωση που υφίσταται η μια (ή η άλλη, αν γίνει με ανάποδη σειρά η μελέτη) πρωτεΐνη κατά τη διαδικασία της ακινητοποίησης. Πως θα προσπαθήσετε να το διορθώσετε;
- 8: Αναλύοντας τις ζελατινάσες ενός βιολογικού παρασκευάσματος, σας δημιουργείτε η υποψία ότι μια ζώνη λύσης αντιπροσωπεύει δύο διαφορετικές ζελατινάσες. Πως θα κινηθείτε για να το επιλύσετε;