

# Mucopolysaccharide

→ Glycosaminoglycans (GAG)



- long
- unbranched, Negative charged
- Heteropolysaccharide chain containing Repeated disaccharide unit (Acidic sugar + amino sugar)



Except - keratan sulfate

galactose than acidic sugar

- Are proteoglycans - 75-1% Carbohydrate  
5-10% protein

Glycoprotein - 75-1% protein

5-10% Carbohydrate

e.g. All protein are glycoprotein except albumin

→ Amino sugar - D-glucosamine or

D-galactosamine

↳ Amino group is acetylated



positivity reduced.

(or)

Amino group may be sulfated at C4 or C6  
or on nonacetylated nitrogen.

→ Acidic sugar - D-glucuronic acid or

(uronic sugar)

L-Iduronic acid (C5 epimer of D-glucuronic acid)



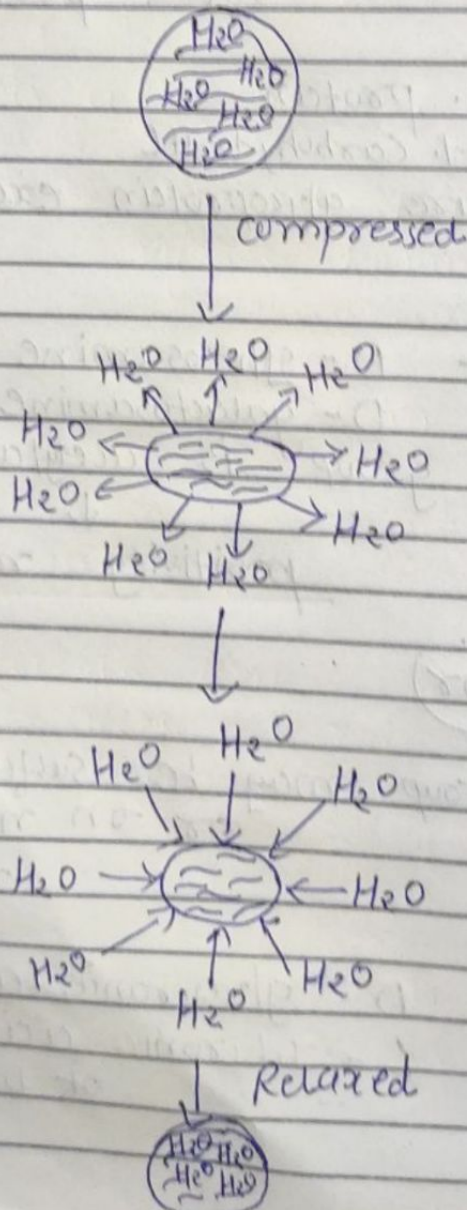
- contain carboxyl group ( $\text{COOH}$ )

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Negatively charged at physiological pH

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with  $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$  group, make CAG strongly negatively charge

→ Structure-function relationship :-

- makes synovial fluid & vitreous humor of eye resilience





## → classification :-

- All are sulfated except hyaluronic acid
- All GAG attached to protein forming proteoglycan monomer.

### (1) Chondroitin sulfate

- Disaccharide unit →
- N-acetylgalactosamine  $\bar{e}$  (5) on C<sub>4</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>  
+  
glucuronic acid

- most abundant in body
- found in cartilage  
Tendons  
Ligaments  
Aorta
- Form proteoglycan aggregate through non covalent association with hyaluronic acid
- In cartilage - Bind collagen & hold fiber in tight, strong network

### (2) Keratan Sulfate (KS) I & II

- Disaccharide unit  
↓  
N-Acetylglucosamine & galactose

- most heterogenous - Addition monosaccharide like ~~the~~ mannose, N-acetyl neuraminic acid, L-fucose present.



- KS I - present in cornea

- KS II - In loose connective tissue proteoglycan aggregates with chondroitin sulfate

### (3) Hyaluronic acid

- Disaccharide unit

N-acetylglucosamine & glucuronic acid

- Non Sulfated

- Not covalently attached to protein

- Also present in bacteria

- Serve as a lubricant & shock absorber

- Found in - Synovial fluid of joints,

vitreous humor of eye,

Umbilical cord

Cartilage

Loose connective tissue

### (4) Dermatan sulfate

- Disaccharide unit

N-acetylgalactosamine &

L-Iduronic acid (variable amount of glucuronic acid)

- Present - Skin

Blood vessels

Heart valves



## (5) Heparin

- Disaccharide unit



Glucosamine & glucuronic acid or  
iduronic acid

- most glucosamine residues are bound in sulfamide linkages.
- $\alpha$  Linkage join sugar
- Intracellular component of most cells that line arteries especially in skin, liver & lungs.
- serve as anticoagulant.

## (6) Heparan sulfate

- Disaccharide unit



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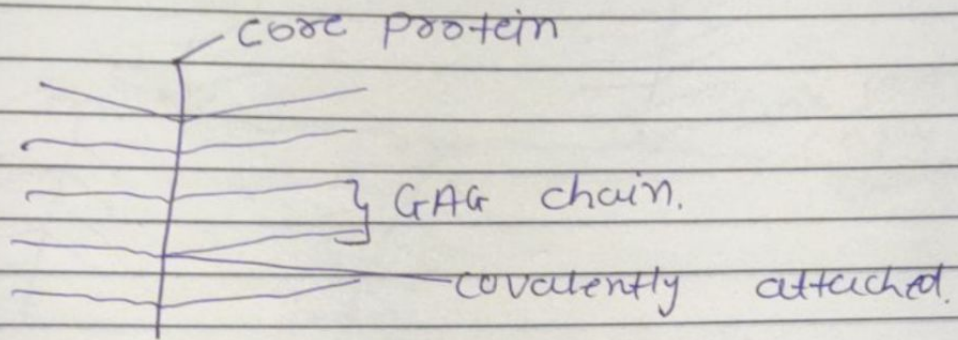
- some glucosamines are acetylated &
- fewer
- Extracellular GAG.
- present in - Basement membrane & as a ubiquitous component of cell surfaces.



- proteoglycans

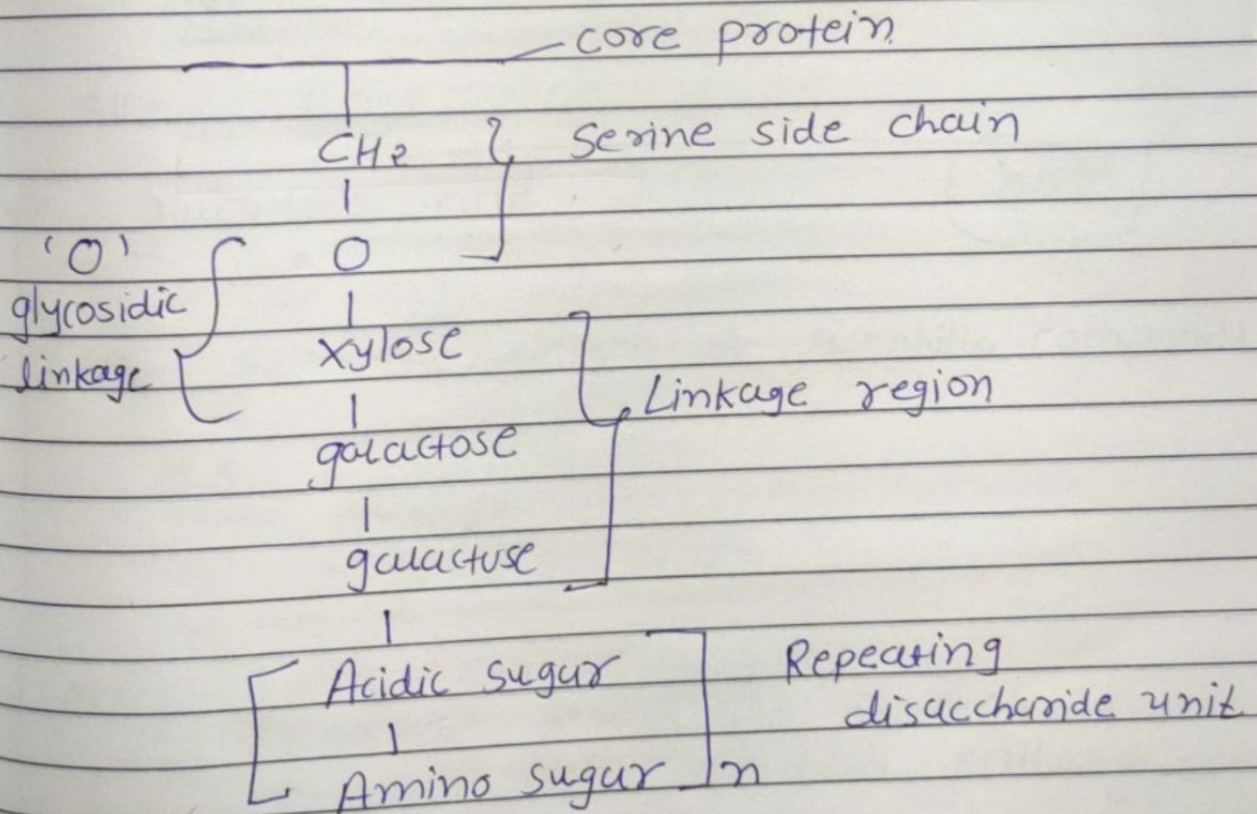
- found in ECM &  
on outer surface of cells

① monomer structure



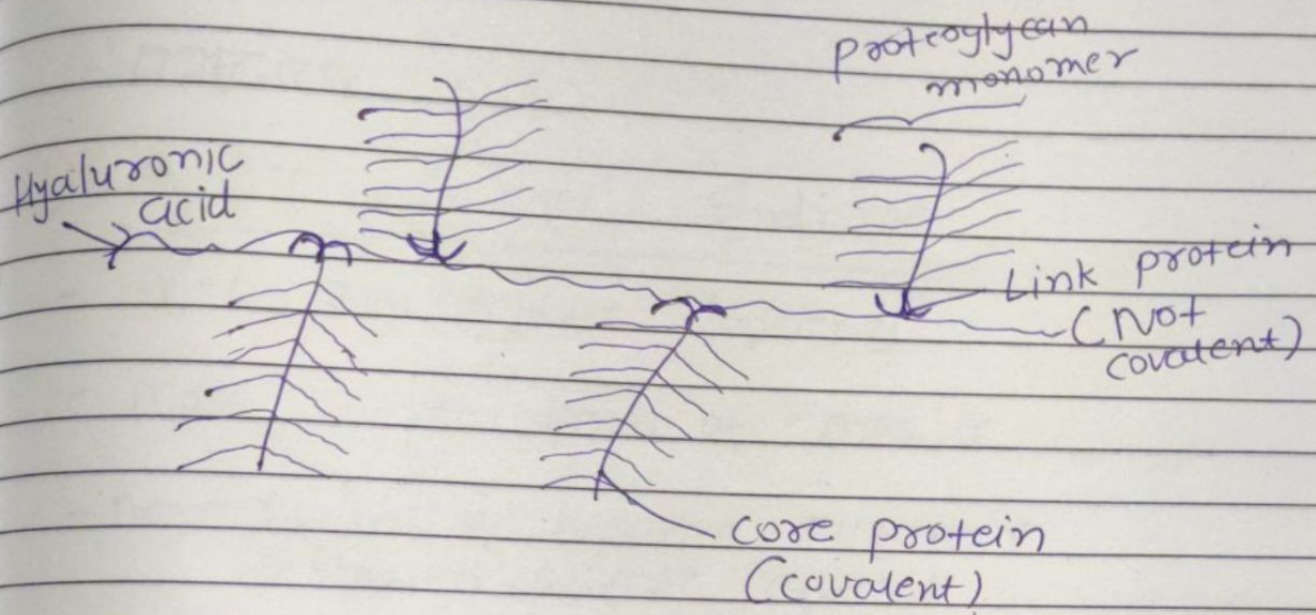
looks like bottle brush

② GAG - protein linkage





### ③ Aggregate formation



→ Synthesis:

Site - golgi

→ glucuronic acid



Extra

Required for detoxification of lipophilic compounds

e.g. bilirubin

steroids

Drugs e.g. Statin

Source - Diet - small quantity

Lysosomal degradation of GAG

uronic acid synthesis pathway



## → Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS)

- Hereditary disease

- ~~Deficiency~~

### ① MPS I - Hurler Syndrome

-  $\alpha$ -L-Iduronidase deficiency

- Most severe form of MPS I

- Degradation of heparan sulfate & dermatan sulfate affected

- Deposition of in coronary artery

↓  
ischaemia & early death.

- Rx. -> Bone marrow or cord blood transplantation before age 18 months

- Enzyme replacement therapy

### ② MPS II - Hunter Syndrome

- Iduronate sulfatase deficiency

- X linked deficiency.

- wide range of severity

- No corneal clouding

Rx. - Enzyme replacement therapy.  
- Degradation of dermatan sulfate & heparan sulfate affected.



### ③ MPS III (Sanfilippo Syndrome)

- ④ enzymatic steps necessary for removal of N-sulfated or N-acetylated glucosamine residues from heparan sulfate

Type A - Heparan sulfatase deficiency

Type B - N-Acetylglucosaminidase deficiency

Type C - Acetyl CoA:  $\alpha$ -glucosaminide acetyltransferase deficiency

Type D - N-Acetylglucosamine 6-Sulfatase deficiency

- Severe nervous system disorder  $\rightarrow$  developmental disability.

### ④ MPS VII (SLY Syndrome)

- $\beta$  glucuronidase deficiency

- Degradation of dermatan sulfate & heparan sulfate affected.