

Supplementary Materials: Structural Characterization and Interaction with RCA₁₂₀ of a Highly Sulfated Keratan Sulfate from Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*) Cartilage

Table S1 Physicochemical properties analysis of KS and CS.

Sample	Yield (%)	Uronic acid (%)	Sulfate (%)	Protein (%)	Molecular weight (kDa)			Monosaccharide composition (%)			
					<i>M_w</i>	<i>M_n</i>	<i>M_w/M_n</i>	GlcN	GlcA	Gal	GalN
KS	21.8	3.5	26.1	6.0	45.98	34.62	1.33	49.4	—	50.6	—
CS	46.9	36.8	24.0	--	38.49	32.49	1.18	—	40.2	—	59.8

Table S2 Disaccharides composition of CS.

CS/DS disaccharides	0S	6S	4S	2,6S	2,4S
Content%	1.08	39.54	25.21	32.60	1.58

Table S3 Summary of kinetic data of shark KS and egg KS-RCA₁₂₀ interactions.

Interactions	<i>k_a</i> (1/MS)	<i>k_d</i> (1/S)	<i>K_D</i> (M)
Shark KS	4.42×10 ⁴	5.41×10 ⁻³	1.22×10 ⁻⁷
Egg KS	3.63×10 ⁴	4.98×10 ⁻³	1.37×10 ⁻⁷

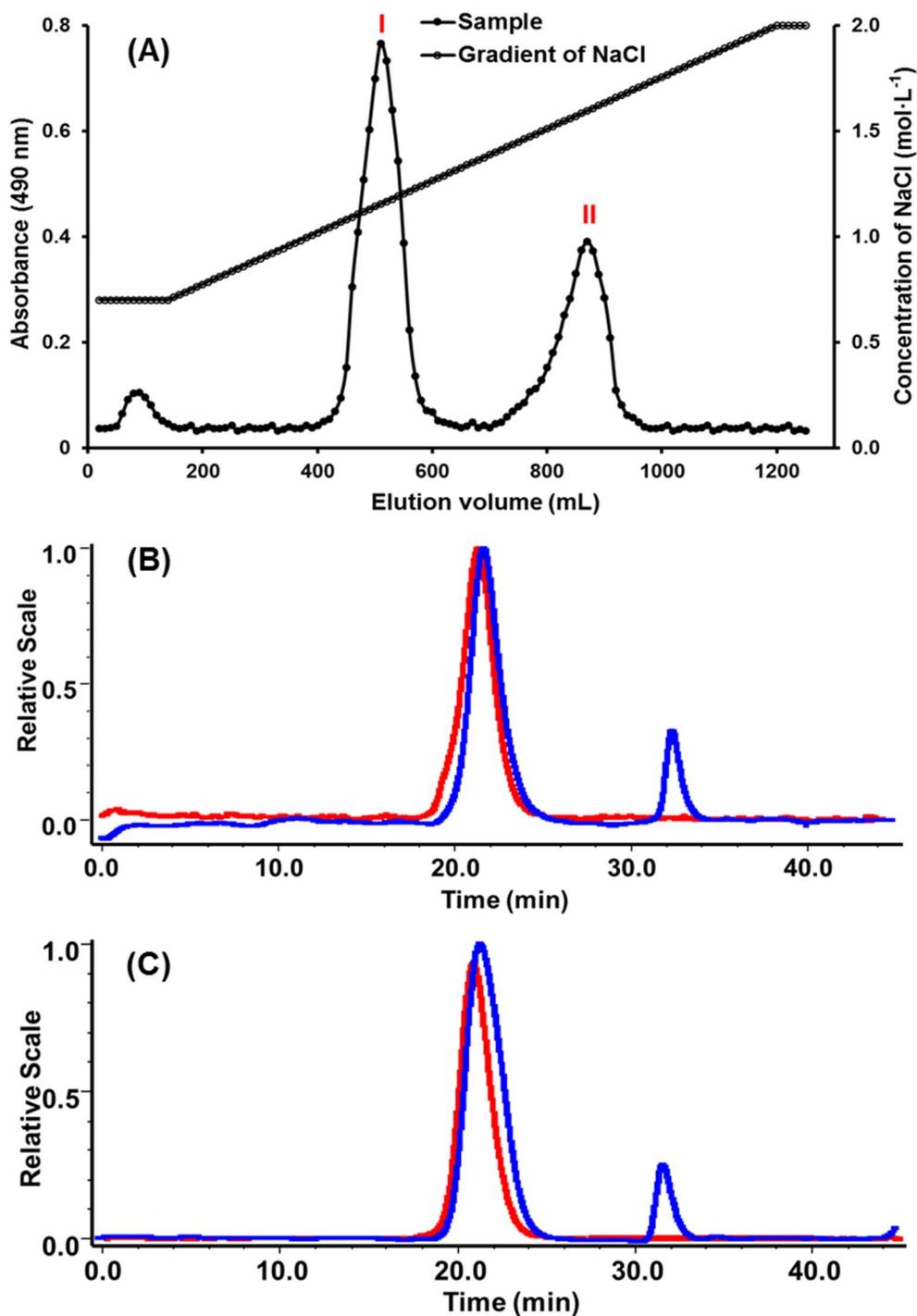


Figure S1. Elution profile of GAGs from *Prionace glauca* cartilage on a QFF ion-exchange column (A). Peak I was eluted with 1.2 M NaCl solution, while Peak II was eluted with 1.6 M NaCl solution. Molecular weight determination of CS (B) and KS (C). The x-axes correspond to elution time and the y-axes correspond to the signals detected using RID (Blue line) and MALLS (Red line).

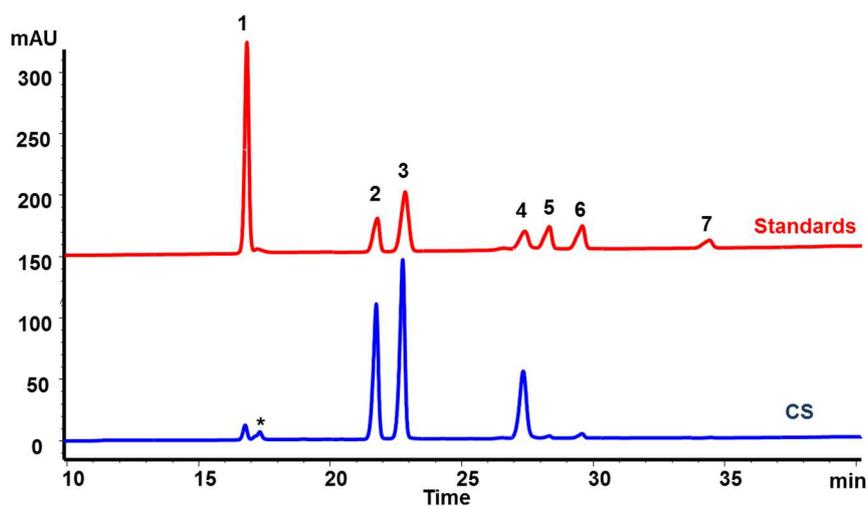
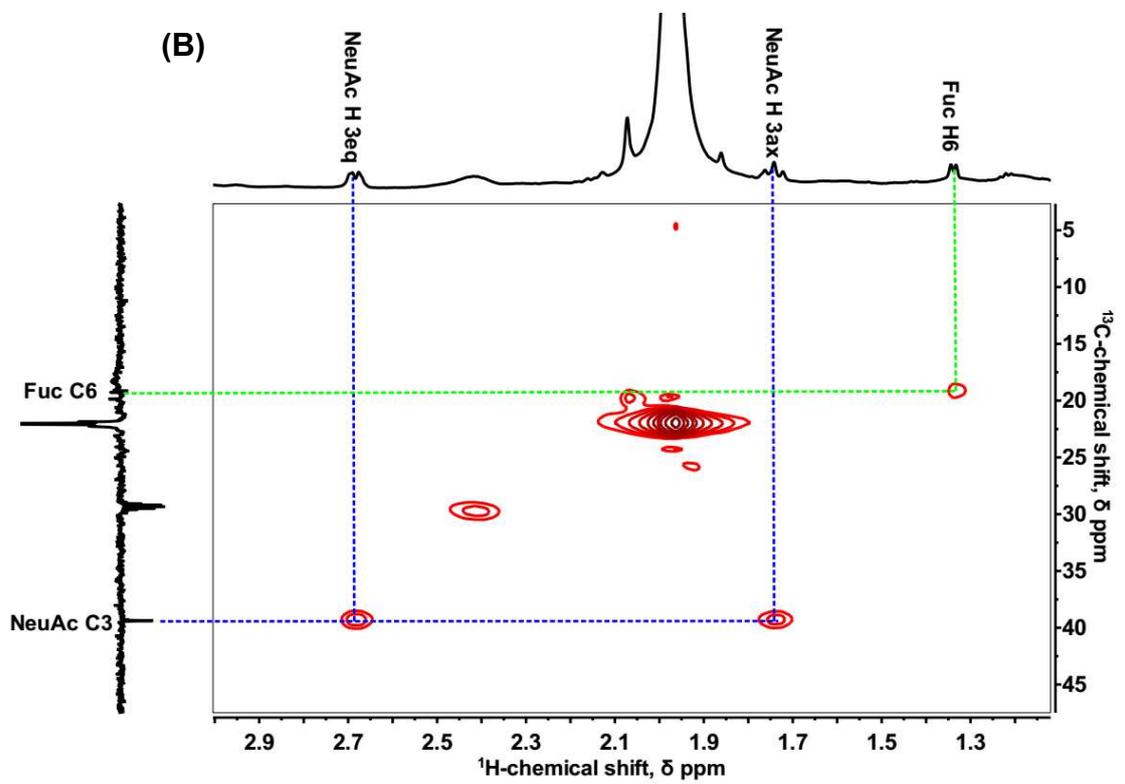
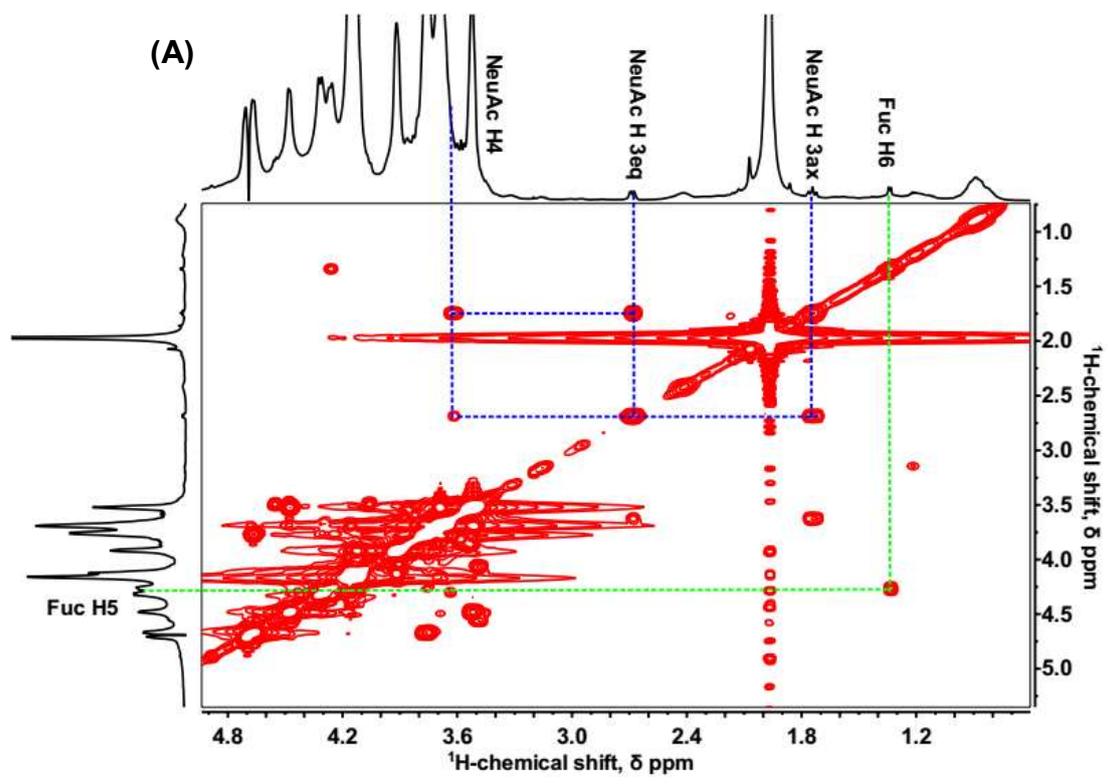


Figure S2. Separation chromatography of CS disaccharides analysis on SAX-HPLC. The red line represents seven disaccharide standards. Numbered peaks correspond to known disaccharide standards as follows: 1, Δ Di-0S; 2, Δ Di-6S; 3, Δ Di-4S; 4, Δ Di-2,6S; 5, Δ Di-4,6S; 6, Δ Di-2,4S; 7, Δ Di-2,4,6S; Peaks labeled with "*" were contaminants from the reaction system.



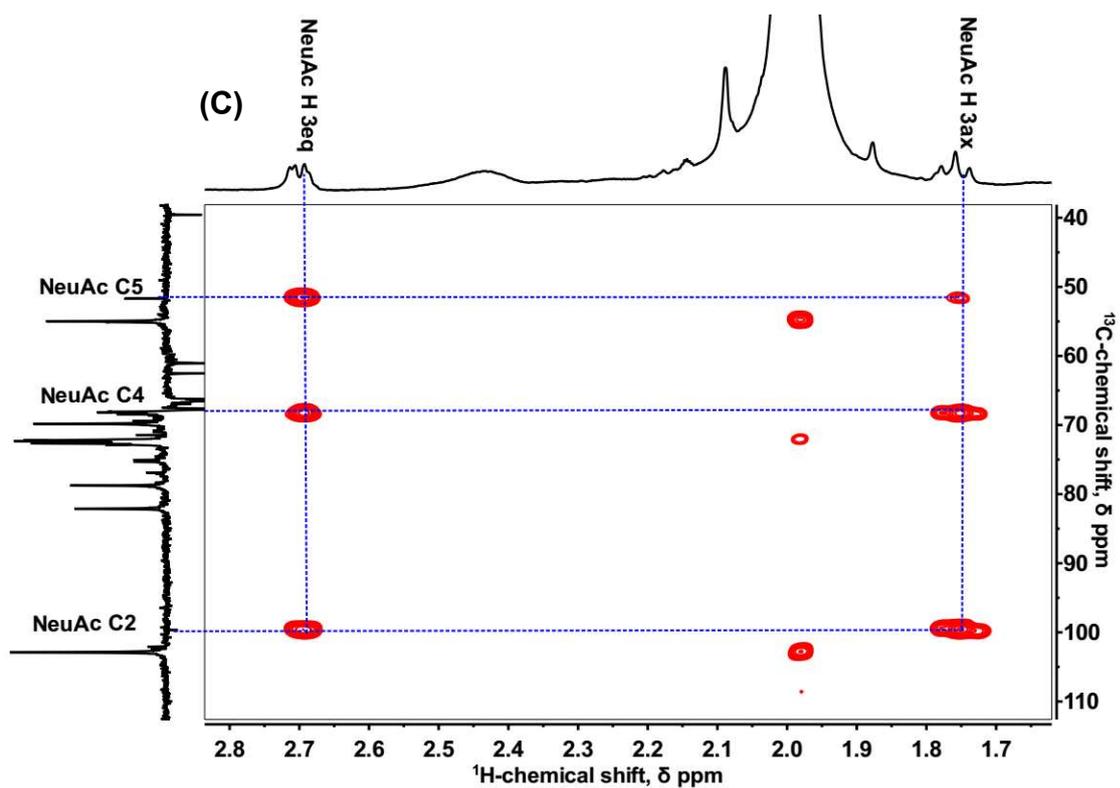


Figure S3. Signals of NeuAc and fucose in KS determined by 2D ^1H - ^1H -COSY (A), ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC (B) and ^1H - ^{13}C -HMBC (C).

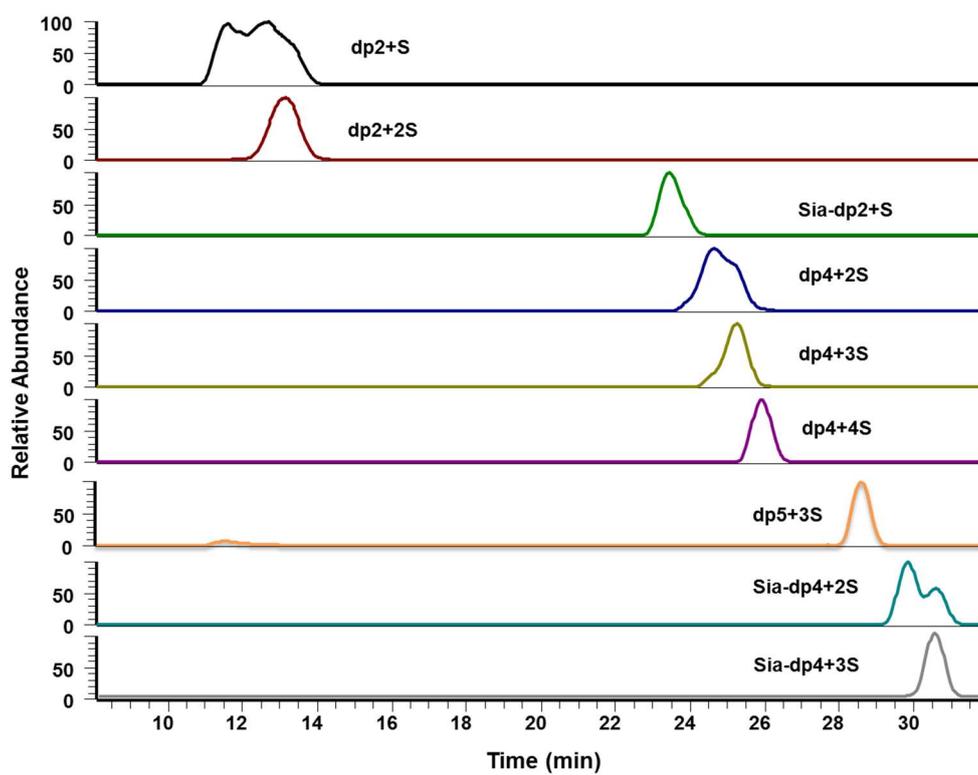
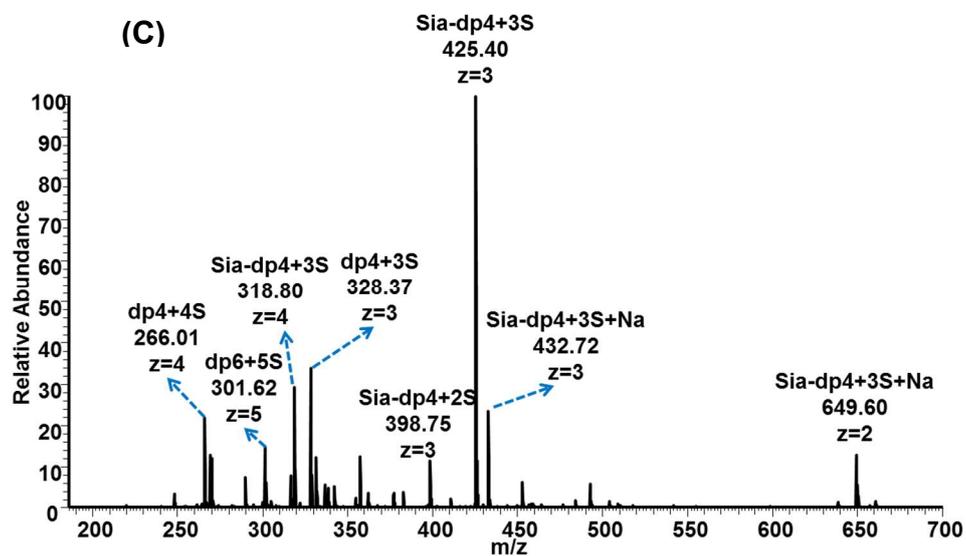
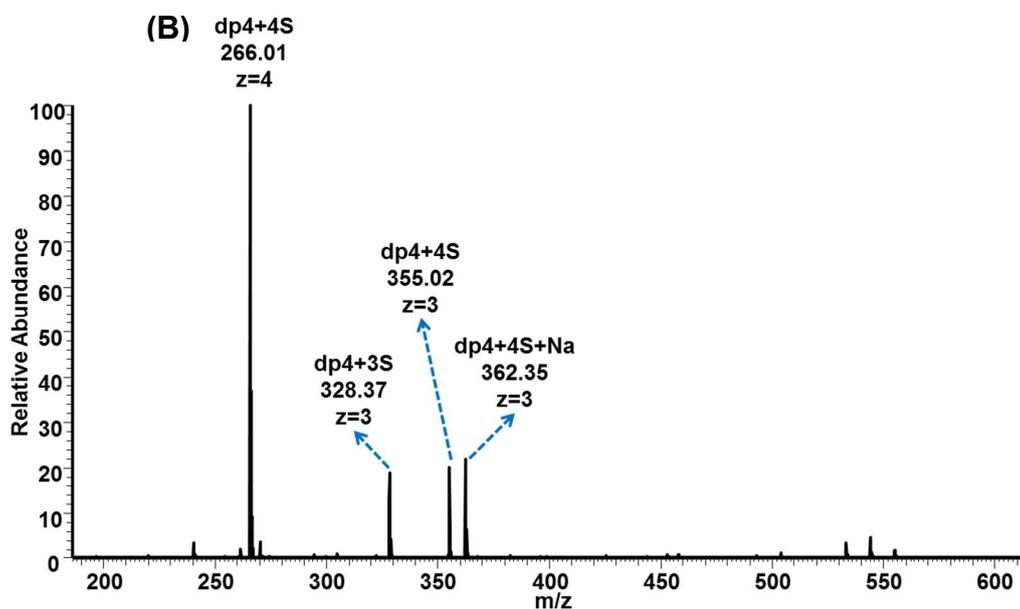
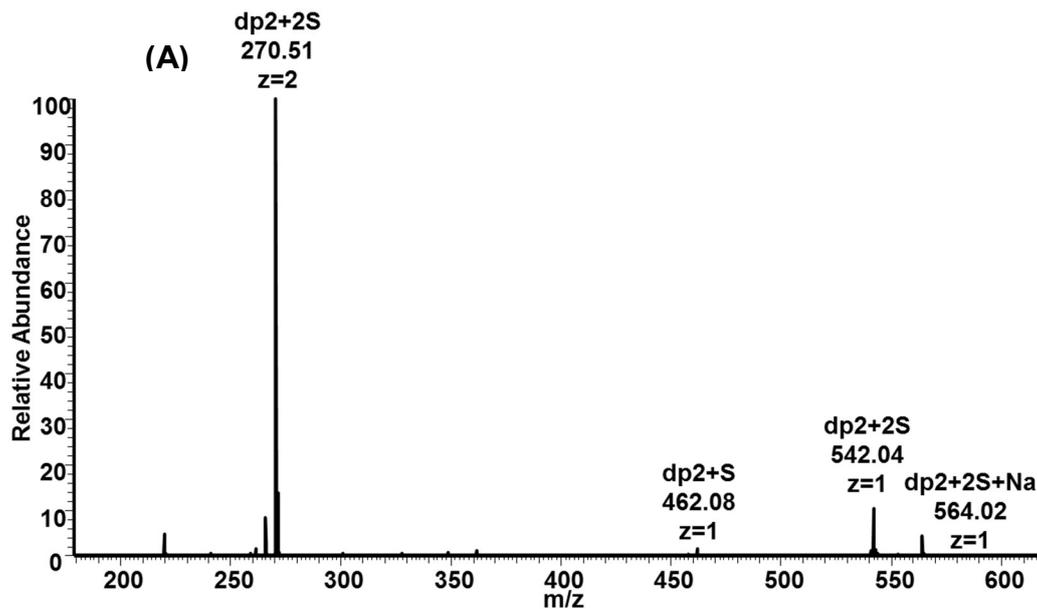


Figure S4. The extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) of KSO based on HILIC-MS analysis.



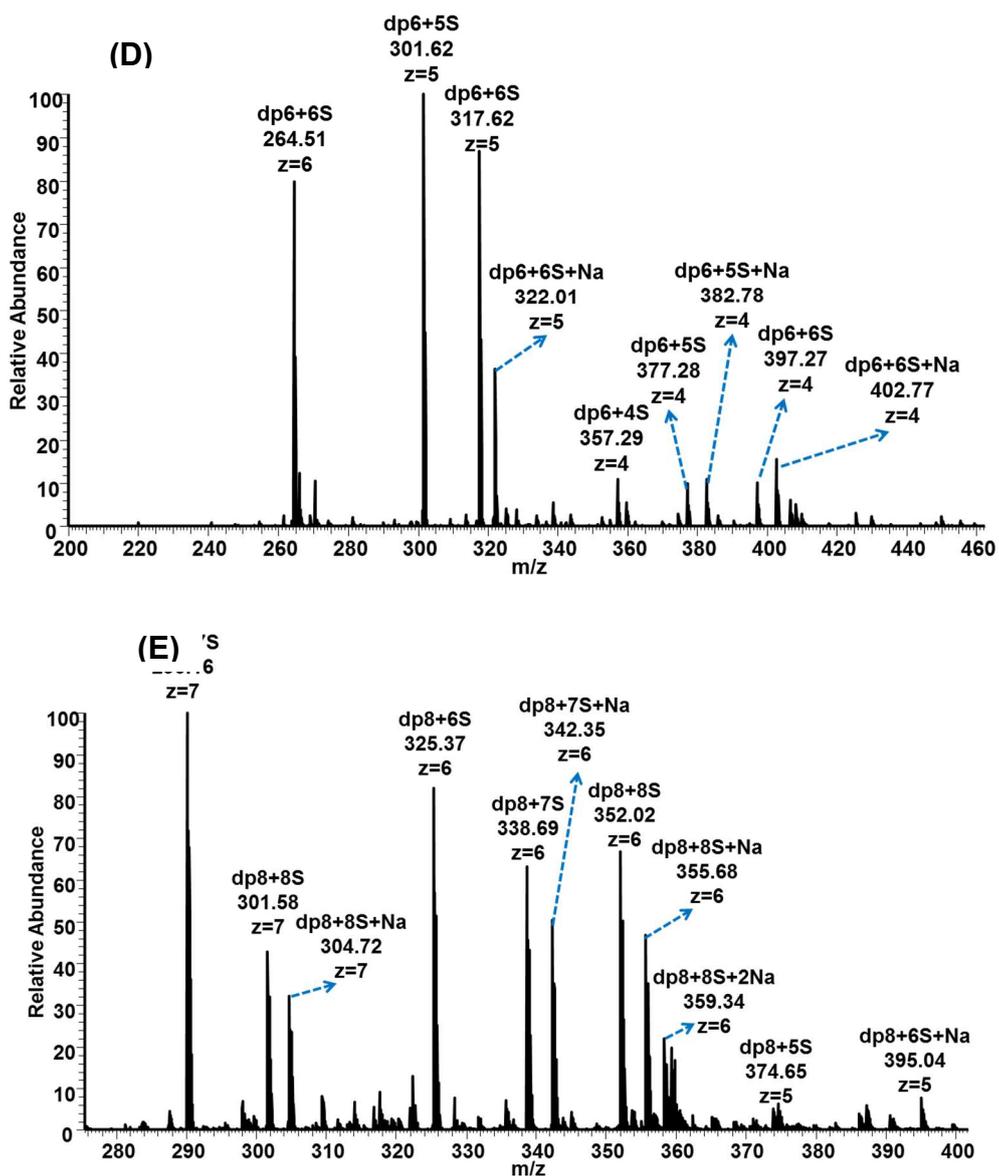
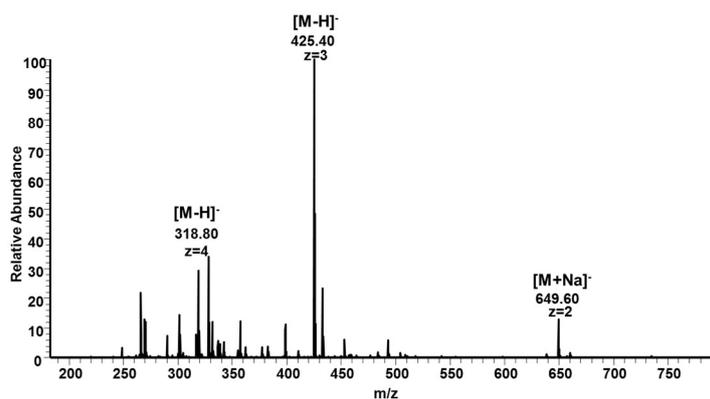
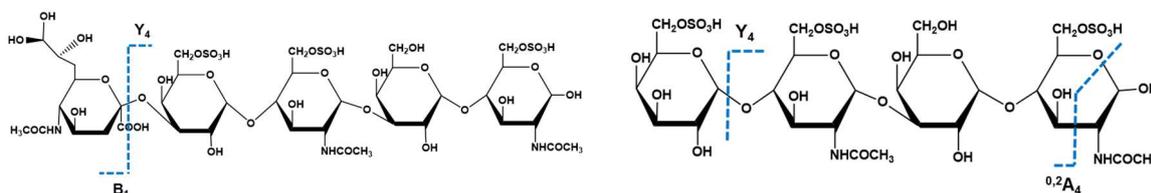
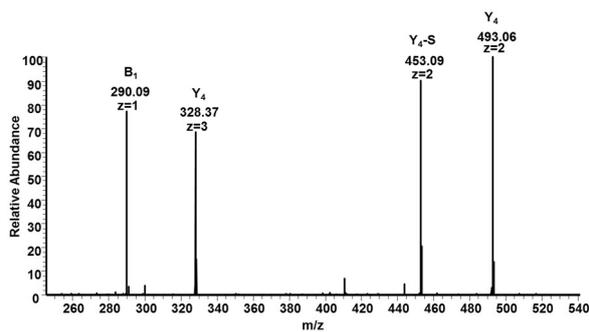
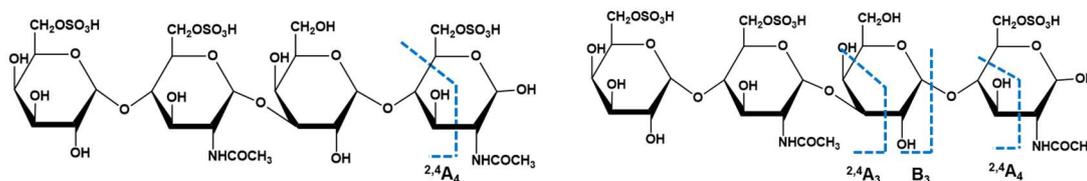
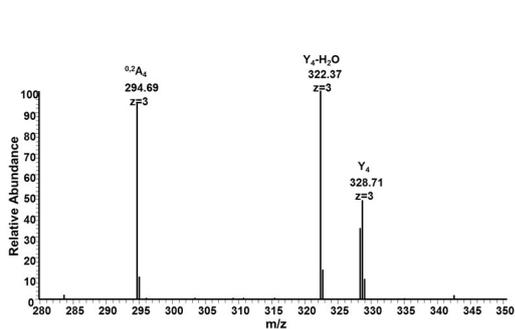
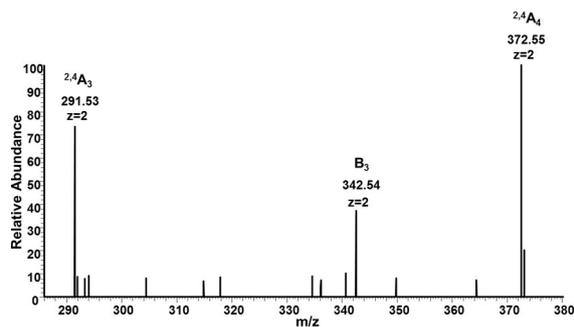
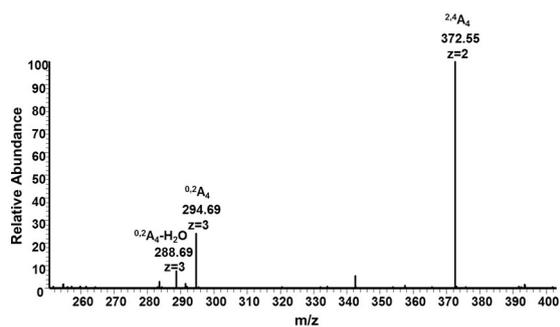


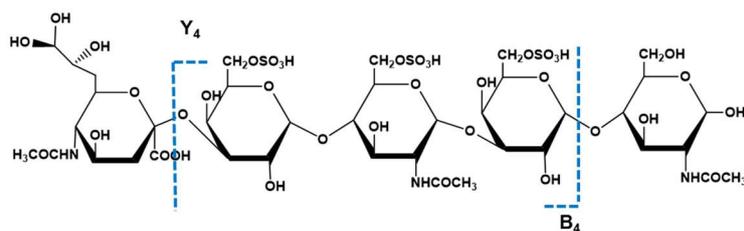
Figure S5. Negative-ion mass spectra of KS oligosaccharides isolated by Bio-Gel P6. (A) Fraction 1, dp2; (B) Fraction 2, dp4; (C) Fraction 3, dp5; (D) Fraction 4, dp6; (E) Fraction 5, dp8. “dp” represents degree of polymerization; “S” represents sulfate.

MS¹:

The first structure:

MS² of 425.40³⁻→MS³ of 425.40³⁻→328.37³⁻→MS⁴ of 425.40³⁻→328.37³⁻→294.69³⁻→MS⁵ of 425.40³⁻→328.37³⁻→294.69³⁻→372.55²⁻→

The second structure:



MS² of 318.80³⁻ →

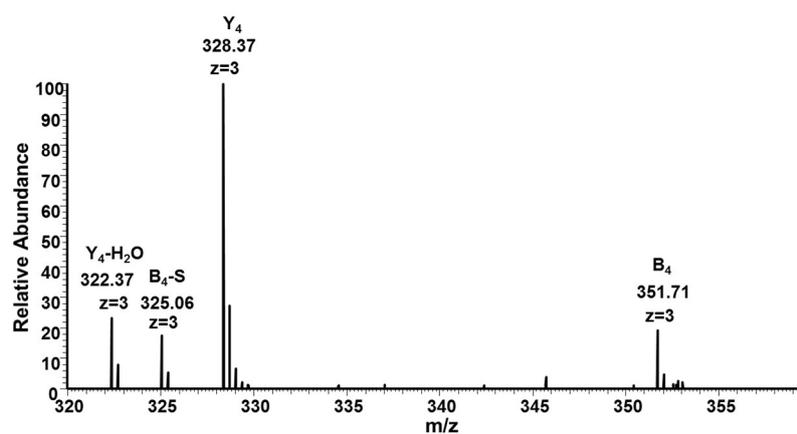


Figure S6. Negative-ion ESI-MSⁿ product-ion spectra of sialylated KS tetrasaccharide (Sia-dp4+3S) isolated by Bio-Gel P6. “dp” represents degree of polymerization. “S” represents sulfate.