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22	fluorescein isothiocyanate, FITC; human DC-SIGN, hDC-SIGN; monoclonal antibody, mAb;
23	phycoerythrin, PE; phosphorylated mannose, PM; RAW264.7 cells expressing human DC-SIGN,
24	RAW-hDC-SIGN; RAW264.7 cells expressing hDC-SIGN of which CRD is replaced with
25	SIGNR1 CRD, RAW-chimera; RAW264.7 cells expressing SIGNR1, RAW-SIGNR1; soluble
26	lectin, sLectin; soluble form SIGNR1, sSIGNR1; soluble form human DC-SIGN, shDC-SIGN;
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28 Abstract

29 C-type lectin SIGNR1 directly recognizes Candida albicans and zymosan, and has 30 been considered to share properties of polysaccharide recognition with human (h)DC-SIGN. 31 However, the precise specificity of SIGNR1 and difference from that of hDC-SIGN remains to 32 be elucidated. We prepared soluble forms of SIGNR1 and hDC-SIGN and conducted 33 experiments to examine their respective specificities. 34 Soluble SIGNR1 (sSIGNR1) bound several types of live clinical isolate C. albicans strains in an EDTA-sensitive manner. Inhibition analyses of sSIGNR1 binding by glycans from 35 36 various yeast strains demonstrated that SIGNR1 preferentially recognizes N-glycan α -mannose side chains in Candida mannoproteins, as reported in hDC-SIGN. Unlike shDC-SIGN, however, 37 38 sSIGNR1 recognized not only S. cerevisiae but also C. albicans J-1012 glycan even after 39 α -mannosidase treatment that leaves only β 1,2-mannose capped α -mannose side chains. In 40 addition, the glyco-microarray analyses showed that sSIGNR1 binds mannans from C. albicans and S. cerevisiae, but does not recognize Lewis^{a/b/x/y} antigen polysaccharides as in shDC-SIGN. 41 42 Consistent with these results, RAW264.7 cells expressing hDC-SIGN of which the carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD) was replaced with that of SIGNR1 (RAW-chimera) produced 43 44 comparable amounts of IL-10 in response to glycans from C. albicans and S. cerevisiae, but 45 those expressing hDC-SIGN produced less IL-10 to S. cerevisiae than C. albicans. Furthermore, RAW-hDC-SIGN cells remarkably reduced IL-10 production after α -mannosidase treatment 46

47 compared with RAW-chimera.

- 48 These results indicate that SIGNR1 recognizes *C. albicans*/yeast through a partly
- 49 distinct specificity from its homologue hDC-SIGN.
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50 Introduction

51 Numerous microbes are covered with the polysaccharides. Recognition of the 52 polysaccharides by pattern recognition receptors (PRRs), including lectins, is vital in order to 53 recognize pathogens, since recognition of the outermost components is the first interactive step 54 with immune cells during infection to evoke innate and adaptive immune responses.

55 *Candida albicans* is an opportunistic agent of infection in immune compromised 56 patients. In the host innate immune system, several types of receptors for sensing ligands on the 57 microbe have been defined, *e.g.*, C-type lectins and toll-like receptors (TLRs) (18). Ligands for 58 these receptors are present in the outer structure of microbes. However, some ligands are 59 sequestered by the outermost polysaccharides, which consist of mannoproteins, as reported in the 60 case of β -glucan, a ligand for Dectin-1 (6). Mannoproteins are rich in polysaccharides composed 61 of mostly α - and β -mannose and recognized by mannose/mannan type lectins.

C-type lectin human (h)DC-SIGN (CD209) has been shown to interact with a wide range of pathogens, including microbes, viruses and protozoa (11) *via* mannose and fucose moieties on the surface of the pathogens. Microbes such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *C*. *albicans* are endocytosed and processed for antigen presentation to induce the subsequent T cell-mediated immune responses. However, the recognition also induces immunosuppressive responses in cooperation with TLRs (8).

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Mice have eight hDC-SIGN homologues (19, 20). One of these homologues, SIGNR1,

69	is structurally related to hDC-SIGN based on its long neck domain. SIGNR1 is expressed on
70	particular subsets of macrophages $(M\phi)$ /dendritic cells (DC) in the marginal zones of the spleen,
71	resident peritoneal cavity, medulla of lymph nodes, skin and lamina propria (4, 10, 17, 30).
72	SIGNR1 on these cells plays a role as a sentinel in the recognition of pathogens through capsular
73	polysaccharides. In fact, SIGNR1 on marginal zone Mø recognizes Streptococcus pneumoniae
74	(10), leading to efficient activation of the complement system in situ (9).
75	Previously, we reported that SIGNR1 recognizes Gram-negative bacteria (Salmonella
76	typhimurium and Escherichia coli) and C. albicans (27). The former are recognized through their
77	non-reductive end of the lipopolysaccharide core sequence by SIGNR1 (17). This is also the case
78	of hDC-SIGN in recognition of E. coli (13). Recently, hDC-SIGN has been reported to strongly
79	recognize the α -mannose structure of N-glycan side chains of <i>C. albicans</i> , but weakly that of <i>S</i> .
80	cerevisiae (2). However, the recognition motif on C. albicans by SIGNR1 is not clear at present.
81	Therefore, we aimed to elucidate the properties of SIGNR1 in the recognition of
82	polysaccharide on C. albicans. To this end, we prepared soluble forms of SIGNR1 (sSIGNR1)
83	and hDC-SIGN (shDC-SIGN) and used structurally distinguished glycans purified from various
84	types of C. albicans and S. cerevisiae as well as respective microbes. The results indicate that
85	sSIGNR1 binds equally well to glycans from S. cerevisiae as to C. albicans. Furthermore,
86	sSIGNR1, but not shDC-SIGN, was shown to readily recognize C. albicans glycan treated with
87	α -mannosidase. In addition, a glyco-microarray based on an evanescent-field fluorescence

88	detection method clearly revealed that sSIGNR1 binds α -mannose monosaccharide and mannans
89	from C. albicans and S. cerevisiae, but dose not recognize Lewis ^{a/b/x/y} antigen polysaccharides as
90	in shDC-SIGN. Different properties in recognition of yeast glycans between SIGNR1 and
91	hDC-SIGN CRD were also observed in induction of IL-10 from RAW264.7 cells.
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92 Materials and methods

93 Cells and cultures. Maintenance of human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293T cells and 94 macrophage-like RAW264.7 cells and preparation of RAW264.7 expressing SIGNR1 95 (RAW-SIGNR1) were as described previously (27). In order to prepare RAW-hDC-SIGN, 96 cDNA encoded hDC-SIGN (kindly provided by Dr. R.M. Steinman, Rockefeller University) was 97 cloned into pMX-IRES-puromycin (12). RAW264.7 cells were transfected by the plasmid with 98 Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) in accordance with the manufacturer's protocol. 99 RAW264.7 cells expressing hDC-SIGN (RAW-hDC-SIGN) were maintained in the presence of 100 4 µg/ml puromycin (InvivoGen, San Diego, CA). To prepare RAW264.7 cells expressing 101 chimeric lectin consisting of hDC-SIGN and SIGNR1 (RAW-chimera), cDNA fragments 102 encoding amino acids 1 - 253 (corresponding to cytosolic-neck domain of hDC-SIGN) and 193 -103 325 (corresponding to CRD of SIGNR1) were amplified using KOD polymerase (Toyobo, 104 Tokyo, Japan) using primer pairs (5'-ggtggtacgggaattcatgagtgactccaaggaaccaagac-3', 105 5'-ggcacaggcgttccac-3') (5'-tggaacgcctgtgccgactctgcccctgggactggacattc-3', and 106 5'-atttacgtagcggccgcctagccttcagtgcatggggttgc-3'), respectively. These were introduced into Eco 107 RI - Not I site of pMX-IRES-puromycin using the In-Fusion PCR Cloning System (Clontech, 108 Mountain View, CA). RAW264.7 cells were transfected by the plasmid as described above. 109

110 Reagents and yeast strains. Alexa647-coupled hamster anti-SIGNR1 mAb 22D1 and rabbit

111	anti-hDC-SIGN Ab (H-200) were purchased from eBioscience (San Diego, CA) and Santa Cruz
112	Biotechnology (Santa Cruz, CA), respectively. Anti-hDC-SIGN mAb (DCS-8C1; eBioscience)
113	was labeled with Alexa-555 (Invitrogen) in accordance with the manufacturer's protocol.
114	Glycogen of bovine liver type IX (G0885) and Jack bean (<i>Canavalia ensiformis</i>) α -mannosidase
115	(EC 3.2.1.24) were from Sigma-Aldrich (Irvine, CA). C. albicans (J-1012: serotype A,
116	NBRC1060 and NIH B-792: serotype B, NBRC10108), C. lusitaniae (NBRC1019) and S.
117	cerevisiae X2180-1A (WT) (BY21559) were obtained from the Biological Resource Center of
118	the National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (Tokyo, Japan). C. albicans (JCM1542) was
119	from the Japan Collection of Microorganisms, RIKEN (Saitama, Japan).
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Preparation of mannan from yeast strains. Glycan was prepared from mannoprotein of the
blastospore (yeast) form using Fehling's solution, as previously described (24). Glycans used in
this study were purified from strains of *C. albicans* J-1012 (25), *C. albicans* NIH B-792 (22), *C. stellatoidea* (24), *C. parapsilosis* (22), *C. lusitaniae* (23), *S. cerevisiae* (WT) (1), *S. cerevisiae*(*mnn1/mnn4*) (1) and *S. cerevisiae* (*mnn2*) (21). The α-mannosidase treatment of *C. albicans*J-1012 mannan was carried out in 50 mM sodium acetate buffer (pH 4.6) containing 20 units of
α-mannosidase at 37°C for 48 h.

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129 Preparation of sSIGNR1 and shDC-SIGN and binding analyses to microbes. Soluble lectin

130	(sLectin) tetramers, such as sSIGNR1 and shDC-SIGN, were prepared as described (26). Briefly,
131	cDNA fragments encoding their extracellular domains were cloned into pEXPR-IBA44 (IBA,
132	Göttingen, Germany) to add N-terminal BM40 secretion signal and Strep-Tag II sequences,
133	followed by the transfer into pEF6/V5-His (Invitrogen). HEK293T cells were then transfected
134	with each plasmid using the calcium phosphate method (3) and cultured in serum-free medium
135	293 SFM II (Invitrogen) for the last 48 hr. sSIGNR1 and shDC-SIGN in the supernatant were
136	purified using Strep-Tactin Sepharose (IBA) in accordance with the manufacturer's protocol (>
137	95% of purity by SDS-PAGE).
138	Purified sLectins (2.5 μ g/ml) were incubated with PE-labeled Strep-Tactin (7.5 μ g/ml)
139	in 18 µl of Hanks' balanced salt solution (pH 8.3) (binding buffer) for 2 h at 4°C and for a further
140	10 min at 37°C. The tetramers thus formed were incubated with 5 x 10^6 live microbes for 4 h at
141	4° C in the presence of 1% BSA (total volume 25 µl). After washing with the binding buffer, the
142	amount of bound PE-Strep-Tactin was measured by Gemini EM (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale,
143	CA). The direct binding of sSIGNR1 is shown as an arbitrary unit of fluorescence intensity.
144	The $\%$ inhibition was calculated using the following formula: [1 - (fluorescence intensity of C.
145	albicans by the staining with sLectin plus inhibitor - that without sLectin) / (that with sLectin
146	without inhibitor - that without sLectin)] x 100.
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148 Lectin ELISA. sSIGNR1 and shDC-SIGN were formed by incubating sLectins (62.5 ng) with

149	HRP-Strep-Tactin (12.5 ng) in 20 µl of the solution as above. Microtiter plates were coated with
150	50 µl of mannan/glycan (5 mg/ml) in 50 mM sodium bicarbonate buffer (pH 9.6) for 12 h at 4°C,
151	followed by the incubation with 2.5% BSA at room temperature for 2 h after washing with 25
152	mM Tris-HCl pH8.3 + 150 mM NaCl. The plates were then incubated with sSIGNR1 or
153	shDC-SIGN in the presence of 1% BSA for 2 h at 4°C. For inhibition experiments, sLectin
154	tetramer was pre-incubated with inhibitors for 1 h at 4°C before adding to plates. After washing,
155	binding of sLectin tetramer was measured as the absorbance of TMB (eBioscience) at 450 nm by
156	VERSAmax (Molecular Devices). The % inhibition was calculated as above.
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166 Glyco-microarray analyses of sLectins by evanescent-field fluorescence detection. The
167 glyco-microarray analysis was performed as described (28). To form immune complex,

168	sSIGNR1 and shDC-SIGN (10 µg/ml) were pre-incubated with Alexa647-anti-SIGNR1 (22D1)
169	and Alexa555-anti-hDC-SIGN (DCS-8C1; 1 µg/ml) for 15 min at room temperature in 25 mM
170	Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.4) containing 0.8% NaCl, 1% (v/v) Triton-X100, and 2 mM CaCl ₂ with or
171	without 10 mM EDTA. This complex was directly added to the array immobilized with
172	multivalent glycan ligands (Supplementary Fig. S1), followed by incubation overnight at 20°C.
173	Binding was then detected using an evanescent-field fluorescence-assisted scanner. Data were
174	analyzed with the Array Pro analyzer ver. 4.5 (Media Cybernetics, Bethesda, MD).
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184 significance was determined by the two-tailed Student's *t*-test or multiple comparisons with 185 Tukey's multiple range test. All experiments were performed two or more times and 186 representative results are shown.

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187 **Results and Discussion**

SIGNR1 recognizes various types of Candida strains. Each Candida strain has a unique set of oligomannose side chains, generating a great diversity of N-glycans (see Fig. 1A) compared with that of O-glycans. Moreover, N-glycans account for more than 95% of glycans in the surface mannoproteins.

192 Therefore, we first examined the direct binding of sSIGNR1 to several Candida strains 193 (Fig. 1B). We used sSIGNR1 tetramerized with Strep-Tactin, because the affinity of sSIGNR1 194 monomer is weak (20). This method not only helps to increase the affinity of sSIGNR1 but also 195 helps to avoid the formation of large complexes using Fc-fusion lectins polymerized with anti-Fc 196 polyclonal Ab. Before using this sSIGNR1-tetramer for experiments, we confirmed that 197 sSIGNR1-tetramer bound to mannan-agarose was eluted with EDTA (data not shown), although 198 the yield was less than half the amounts applied. sSIGNR1 bound clinical isolate live C. albicans 199 JCM1542 (serotype A) in an EDTA-sensitive manner, indicating that sSIGNR1 binding occurs 200 via the carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD). The other clinical isolate strains, C. albicans 201 J-1012 (serotype A) and NIH B-792 (serotype B), were also recognized by sSIGNR1, although 202 sSIGNR1 binding was much less to nosocomial strain C. lusitaniae. 203 It is of note that sSIGNR1 binds to S. cerevisiae comparably to clinical isolate C.

albicans (Fig. 1B), and its binding to C. albicans J-1012 microbes was equally inhibited by

205 N-glycans from S. cerevisiae (WT and mnn1/mnn4) and C. albicans NIH B-792 as C. albicans

206 J-1012 (Fig. 1C).

208 SIGNR1 possibly recognizes α -mannose in side chains of C. albicans N-glycan. To delineate 209 the polysaccharide structure recognized by SIGNR1, inhibition experiments with lectin ELISA 210 were conducted using N-glycans from the various yeast strains listed (Fig. 1A and Table I). 211 The direct binding of sSIGNR1 to C. albicans J-1012 N-glycan, which is composed of 212 complexed side chains, was inhibited by glycans from several types of microbes: C. albicans NIH B-792 and C. stellatoidea glycans lacking \beta1,2-mannose, C. parapsilosis glycan 213 214 lacking β 1,2-mannose and α 1,6-branched mannose, and *S. cerevisiae* WT glycan composed of 215 short side chains lacking β 1,2-mannose and α 1,6-branched mannose (Fig. 2A). These glycans 216 share the α 1,2-mannose side chain structure, suggesting that SIGNR1 recognizes similar moiety in N-glycan as hDC-SIGN (2). Moreover, S. cerevisiae 4484-24D-1 (mnn1/mnn4) glycan, which 217 218 lacks phosphorylated mannose (PM), β 1,2-mannose, α 1,3-mannose, and α 1,6-branched mannose 219 but possesses the short (mono- or di-) mannose side chain structure, appeared to be recognized 220 by SIGNR1. However, S. cerevisiae X2180-1A-5 (mnn2) glycan, which lacks all side chains, 221 wasn't effective (Figs. 2A and B), suggesting the crucial involvement of the side chain structure. 222 In addition, C. lusitaniae glycan, the side chain of which is composed of more than 75% of 223 β 1,2-mannose (mono- ~ tri- β -mannose)-capped side chain (23), was also ineffective in inhibiting 224 the sSIGNR1 binding (Figs. 2A and B), implying that these β 1,2- mannoses disturb the access of

SIGNR1 to the α -di-mannose to some extent. Glycogen itself had no effect. As in the case of sSIGNR1 binding to microbes, that to *C. albicans* J-1012–derived N-glycan was EDTA-sensitive (Fig. 2A).

228 Interestingly, treatment of C. albicans J-1012 mannan with α -mannosidase, which 229 removed the α -mannose side chains other than the β 1,2-mannose-capped side chains (see Fig. 230 1B) (14), did not affect the inhibitory activity (Fig. 2A). This result also indicates that 231 β 1,2-mannose capped α -mannose side chains in the N-glycan are sufficient to be recognized by 232 SIGNR1. We also obtained similar results when mannan from S. cerevisiae (M7504; 233 Sigma-Aldrich) was employed to coat plastic plates in lectin ELISA (data not shown). Therefore, 234 it is feasible that SIGNR1 recognizes long internal α -mannose (tri- or more-mannose) capped 235 with β 1,2-mannose in addition to α -mannose side chains.

236 Since RAW-SIGNR1 cells effectively bind and endocytose high molecular weight 237 FITC-dextran in an EDTA-sensitive manner (27), we carried out the inhibition analysis using 238 RAW-SIGNR1 cells to bind FITC-dextran instead of lectin ELISA (Fig. 2C). The inhibition 239 activities of glycans from C. albicans J-1012 and NIH B-792, and S. cerevisiae and its mutant 240 (mnn1/mnn4) were again comparably effective. The treatment of C. albicans J-1012 glycan with 241 α -mannosidase was also ineffective in reducing the inhibitory activity. In addition, low 242 efficiencies of glycans from S. cerevisiae (mnn2) and C. lusitaniae were also confirmed in this 243

results were obtained (data not shown). Together with the results using N-glycan only consisting of α -mannose in side chain, these results strengthen the possibility that SIGNR1 recognizes both α -mannose side chain and β 1,2-mannose capped α -mannose side chains composed of more than tri-mannoses in N-glycan.

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249 Specificity of N-glycan recognition by hDC-SIGN. Cambi et al. previously reported that 250 hDC-SIGN recognizes glycans of S. cerevisiae strains less efficiently than those of Candida 251 strains (2). In contrast, SIGNR1 equally recognized glycans from both wild type and mnn1/mnn4 mutant of S. cerevisiae as C. albicans, suggesting that the specificities of hDC-SIGN and 252 253 SIGNR1 are somehow different from each other. In order to examine this possibility, we 254 prepared shDC-SIGN and compared the sugar specificity with that of sSIGNR1. 255 In lectin ELISA, the binding of shDC-SIGN to C. albicans J-1012 glycan was more 256 sensitive to fucose than mannose, and less sensitive to glucose and GlcNAc (Fig. 3A), as 257 reported (16). Results using this probe showed that shDC-SGIN bound comparably well to C.

albicans J-1012 and NIH B-792 (Fig. 3B). Unlike sSIGNR1, shDC-SIGN bound less to S.
 cerevisiae microbes, as reported (2).

In addition, shDC-SIGN binding to *C. albicans* J-1012 glycan was not efficiently blocked by glycans from *S. cerevisiae* and *mnn1/mnn4* mutants (Fig. 3C), indicating different specificity in N-glycan recognition between hDC-SIGN and SIGNR1. It is worth noting that

treating *C. albicans* J-1012 glycan with α -mannosidase dramatically reduced its inhibitory activity (Fig. 3C). We further confirmed the abrogation of inhibitory activity of N-glycan from *C. albicans* J-1012 by α -mannosidase treatment by titrating its dose (Fig. 3D), showing that the reduced activity is nearly comparable to that of *S. cerevisiae*. These results suggested that hDC-SIGN only recognizes the α 1,2-mannose at the non-reductive end of α -mannose side chains, but not the internal α 1,2-mannose capped with β 1,2-mannose and short α -mannose chains that are recognized by SIGNR1, of the N-glycan side chains in mannoprotein.

It has been reported that another SIGNR lectin, SIGNR3, also recognizes *C. albicans* (27) and that its saccharide specificity resembles that of hDC-SIGN (20). Based on the inhibition assay using lectin ELISA, SINGR3 was shown to bind a little more efficiently to wild type and the *mnn1/mnn4* mutant of *S. cerevisiae* than hDC-SIGN but less so than SIGNR1 (Supplementary Fig. S2).

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Glyco-microarray analyses of SIGNR1 and hDC-SIGN. Previously, Powlesland *et al.* reported that sSIGNR1 did not bind any ligand on array using the regular method (20), suggesting a weak affinity of SIGNR1. However, a sensitive glyco-microarray, based on an evanescent-field fluorescence-assisted detection, has recently been developed (28). This method, in which analysis was performed in the presence of lectin probe without washing, enabled us to detect weak glycan-lectin interactions in the equilibrium state (15, 29), possibly representing

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283	An array plate immobilized with the glycans indicated (Fig. 4A and Supplementary Fig
284	S1) was visualized by staining with Alexa647-coupled sSIGNR1/anti-SIGNR1 mAb complex
285	(Fig. 4B). The results clearly show that SIGNR1 binds to α -mannose and yeast mannans from C.
286	albicans and S. cerevisiae, but not β -mannose, in an EDTA-sensitive manner (Figs. 4B and C).
287	Of note, SIGNR1 did not recognize fucose-containing moieties, such as $Fuc\alpha 2Gal$ and
288	Lewis ^{a/b/x/y} antigen. The binding of sSIGNR1 to heparin is likely to be false positive, because of
289	the insensitivity to EDTA.
290	We previously performed array analyses using shDC-SIGN-Fc fusion as a probe (28).
291	However, structural forms between SIGNR1 and shDC-SIGN-Fc were different and this made it
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difficult to compare the precise sugar specificities. Therefore, we again performed glyco-array
analysis using shDC-SIGN dimer as in sSIGNR1. The results clearly showed the recognition of
fucose-containing glycans and *C. albicans*, but not *S. cerevisiae*, mannan by shDC-SIGN (Fig.
4D), being consistent with our results in lectin ELISA and direct binding to microbes.

However, there are some discrepancies in our current observation and previous array results. It has been shown that SIGNR1 can recognize fucose-containing moiety using glyco-array and solid phase competition binding assays (5). One of our previous microarray analyses also demonstrated that hDC-SIGN-Fc fusion was able to bind to glycans from *C*. *albicans* and *S. cerevisiae* (28). In both reports, lectin CRD was fused with the Fc portion of IgG

302	complexed probe. In the current glyco-microarray analyses, we utilized dimerized lectin probes,
303	which possibly have lower avidity than those used in previous studies, enabling us to uncover the
304	difference in binding activity of shDC-SIGN to S. cerevisiae and C. albicans glycan.
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306	Biological significance of the different sugar specificity between SIGNR1 and hDC-SIGN in
307	IL-10 production using RAW264.7 transfectants. To examine the biological significance of
308	distinct saccharide recognition between SIGNR1 and hDC-SIGN, we measured IL-10 production
309	by RAW-SIGNR1 and RAW-hDC-SIGN cells, because hDC-SIGN on DCs is known to induce
310	IL-10 production by recognizing C. albicans (7), and lamina propria DCs expressing SIGNR1
311	are also capable of producing IL-10 (30). After stimulation with C. albicans J-1012 microbe and
312	glycan coated on plastic plate, RAW-hDC-SIGN, but not RAW-SIGNR1, produced IL-10 (data
313	not shown). Therefore, we prepared RAW264.7 cells expressing the chimeric hDC-SIGN
314	molecule (RAW-chimera), of which CRD was replaced with SIGNR1 CRD, to compare glycan
315	recognition specificity in terms of the induction of IL-10 production. The RAW-chimera cells
316	expressed comparable levels of lectin to that of RAW-hDC-SIGN cells (Fig. 5A). Upon
317	stimulation with S. cerevisiae X2180-1A (WT) glycan, RAW-hDC-SIGN and RAW-chimera
318	cells produced equivalent amounts of IL-10 (Fig. 5B, upper panel). RAW-hDC-SIGN produced

and polymerized with anti-Fc polyclonal Ab, giving rise to a very large and multi-valent

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319 much less IL-10 in response to S. cerevisiae than C. albicans glycan in comparison with

320	RAW-chimera (Fig. 5B, lower panel). Interestingly, in the case of C. albicans J-1012 glycan,
321	RAW-hDC-SIGN produced more IL-10 than RAW-chimera (Fig. 5B, upper panel). However,
322	the former significantly reduced IL-10 production after α -mannosidase treatment compared with
323	the latter (Fig. 5C), being consistent with the results showing that SIGNR1, but not hDC-SING,
324	recognizes β -mannose capped α -mannose side chains in <i>C. albicans</i> glycan.
325	It is feasible that C. albicans induces higher IL-10 production than S. cerevisiae via
326	hDC-SIGN on DCs in humans, leading to the immunosuppressive milieu at the site of infection.

327 This may explain why C. albicans is more virulent than S. cerevisiae. Regarding the sugar 328 specificity of SIGNR1, there were no significant differences in the binding specificity to 329 mannose moieties between C. albicans and S. cerevisiae at the molecular level. However, IL-10 330 production was slightly but significantly higher in response to C. albicans than S. cerevisiae, 331 implying that cellular responses by the recognition through lectin receptors is affected by some 332 other unknown factors. In this study, we used glycans prepared from the blastospore (yeast) form 333 of each yeast strain. However, it should also be kept in mind that the difference in the growth 334 form between C. albicans and S. cerevisiae might modulate cellular activity against microbes in 335 situ. hDC-SIGN in the mouse cells prepared in this study properly transduce signals for IL-10 336 production. Although it is unknown how hDC-SIGN activates the mouse Src family and 337 subsequent Raf-1 kinase in this situation, hDC-SIGN likely has a certain motif that is lacking in 338 SIGNR1, to work in both human and mouse cells for IL-10 production.

340	Collectively, SIGNR1 and hDC-SIGN bind polysaccharides in surface mannoprotein
341	on live C. albicans. However, SIGNR1 recognizes both α -mannose and β 1,2-mannose capped
342	α -mannose side chains composed of more than tri-mannoses, whereas hDC-SIGN recognizes
343	only α -mannose at the non-reductive end of the side chains, but not internal α -mannose capped
344	with β 1,2-mannose and short α -mannose chains, of N-glycan side chains in mannoprotein.
345	Differential recognition of yeast strains by SIGNR1 and hDC-SIGN may be relevant to the
346	differences in cellular responsiveness.
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452 **Figure legends**

453 Fig. 1. sSIGNR1 binds various types of yeast strains.

454 (A) Structural diagrams of N-glycan used in this study. Structures of N-glycan of C. albicans 455 J-1012 (25), C. albicans NIH B-792 (22), C. stellatoidea (24), C. parapsilosis (22) and C. 456 lusitaniae (23) are adopted from our structural analyses using NMR. Structure of S. cerevisiae 457 wild type, S. cerevisiae 4484-24D-1 (mnn1/mnn4) and S. cerevisiae X2180-1-A-5 (mnn2) are 458 based on previous reports (1, 21). Side chains that are digested by treatment with α -mannosidase 459 in C. albicans J-1012 N-glycan are shaded. The side chain sequence is not specified. (B) Binding 460 of sSIGNR1 to Candida and S. cerevisiae strains. PE-Strep-Tactin alone (-) or PE-sSIGNR1 (+) 461 were incubated with the indicated live yeast strains with or without EDTA (25 mM). (C) 462 Inhibition of sSIGNR1 binding to C. albicans J-1012 by glycans purified from the C. albicans 463 and S. cerevisiae strains indicated. sSIGNR1 was pre-incubated with 50 µg/ml of glycans before 464 mixing with microbes. Glycogen was used as a negative control. Inhibition is indicated as the 465 percent decrease of fluorescence intensity in experimental groups compared with the control 466 without inhibitor. The results are shown as the mean \pm SD of triplicate assays. *p < 0.05 on solid 467 line by Tukey's multiple range test. Grey lines show no significant differences.

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469 Fig. 2. Recognition of α -mannose side chains in N-glycan by sSIGNR1.

470 (A) Inhibition analysis by lectin ELISA. Binding of sSIGNR1 to C. albicans J-1012 glycan

471 coated on microtiter plates was analyzed in the presence of glycans (25 µg/ml) purified from 472 various types of yeast strains. Blocking activities of inhibitors are shown as the % inhibition of 473 sSIGNR1 binding. (B) Titration of inhibitory activity of glycans from the indicated yeast strains 474 for sSIGNR1 binding by lectin ELISA. Half of maximal inhibition activity was indicated by 475 dashed line. (C) Inhibition of FITC-binding to RAW-SIGNR1 cells by glycans. Transfectants 476 were incubated with the graded dose of glycans as in (B) prior to FITC-dextran. The results are shown as % inhibition. Results are shown as the mean \pm SD of triplicate assays. *p < 0.05 on 477 478 solid line by Tukey's multiple range test. Grev lines show no significant differences. 479 480 Fig. 3. Binding of shDC-SIGN to microbes and inhibition of shDC-SIGN binding by glycans. 481 (A) Inhibition analysis of shDC-SIGN binding by monosaccharides (50 mM) and glycan from C. 482 albicans J-1012 using lectin ELISA. (B) Binding of shDC-SIGN to yeast strains was analyzed as 483 in Fig. 1B. (C) Inhibition analysis using glycans from various yeast strains as in Fig. 2A. (D) 484 Inhibition assay was performed in the presence of graded doses of glycans from the indicated yeast strains. Half of maximal inhibition activity was indicated by dashed line. The results are 485 486 shown as the mean \pm SD of triplicate assays. *p < 0.05 on solid line by Tukey's multiple range 487 test. Grey lines show no significant differences.

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489 Fig. 4. Glyco-microarray analysis of sSIGNR1.

(A) The layout of glyco-microarray. (B) Results of the glyco-microarray analyses. Binding of soluble SIGNR1/Alexa647-anti-SIGNR1 mAb immune complex to the array was performed in the absence (*left panel*) or presence (*right panel*) of 10 mM EDTA and detected by an evanescent-field fluorescence-assisted scanner. (C) Data analyzed with the Array Pro analyzer ver. 4.5. (D) Glyco-array analysis was performed using immune complex of soluble hDC-SIGN/Alexa555-anti-hDC-SIGN mAb as in sSIGNR1.

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497 Fig. 5. IL-10 production of RAW264.7 transfectants upon stimulation with glycan coated on498 plastic plate.

499 (A) RAW-control, RAW-hDC-SIGN and RAW-chimera cells were analyzed by flowcytometry 500 using polyclonal anti-hDC-SIGN Ab and anti-SIGNR1 mAb (22D1) specific to SIGNR1 CRD. (B) The transfectants (5 x 10^4 cells) were cultured on plates pre-coated with C. albicans J-1012 501 502 and S. cerevisiae X2180-1A (WT) glycan in the presence or absence of LPS (100 ng/ml). After 503 24 h, IL-10 in the supernatants was analyzed (upper panel). IL-10 production against S. 504 cerevisiae glycan is shown as a percentage to that against C. albicans glycan (lower panel). (C) 505 IL-10 production after stimulation with native and α -mannosidase-treated C. albicans J-1012 506 glycan was analyzed as in B. IL-10 production against the treated glycan is shown as a 507 percentage to that against the native glycan. **p = 0.0067, ***p = 0.0001 by Student's *t*-test.

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3		Presence of side chain ^a						
5 6 7	N-glycan	α1,3-mannose	α1,2-mannose	α 1,6-mannose ^b	β1,2-mannose	PM		
8	C. albicans J-1012 (serotype A)	+	+	+	+	+		
9	C. albicans NIH B-792 (serotype B)	+	+	+	+	+		
10	S. cerevisiae (WT)	-	+	-	-	+		
11	S. cerevisiae 4484-24D-1 (mnn1/mnn4)	-	+	-	-	-		
12	S. cerevisiae X2180-1A-5 (mnn2)	-	-	-	-	-		
13	C. stellatoidea	+	+	+	-	-		
14	C. parapsilosis	+	+	-	-	-		
15	C. lusitaniae	-	+	-	+	+		
16	<u><i>C. albicans</i></u> J-1012 (α -mannosidase treated	l) +	+	-	+	-		

1 TABLE 1. Composition of side chains and properties of N-glycan used in this study.

^a PM, phosphorylated mannose. Side chain structure presence and absence in the N-glycan are indicated by + and -, respectively.

18 ^b Branching in side chain.





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Table to Large and	Presentatio	Glycans	Co.	Cat#	βGlcNAc	PAA	GIcNAc BI-PAA	Glycotech	01-009
i riviai name	n				[6S]BGIcNAc	PAA	(6OSO3)GICNAC BI-PAA	Glycotech	01-016
αFuc	PAA	Fuc _a 1-PAA	Glycotech	01-007		1			F3004
Fuca2Gal	PAA	Fucα1-2Galβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-019	Agalacto-Fet Glycoprotein		Agalacto fetuin (Agalactosylated complex-type N- and O-	Sigma	(Galactosidase
Fuca3GlcNAc	PAA	Fucα1-3GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-024	-		giycans)		-treated)
Fuca4GlcNAc	PAA	Fucα1-4GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-025			Applante -1 anid alvenantein (Applantes dated complex time		G9885
H type1	PAA	Fuc _α 1-2Gal _β 1-3GlcNAc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	01-037	Agalacto-AGP	Glycoprotein	Agaiacto (in-acto giycoprotein (Agaiactosylated complex-type	Sigma	(Galactosidase
H type2	PAA	Fuc _α 1-2Gal _β 1-4GlcNAc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	08-034			N=giycaits)		-treated)
H type3	PAA	Fuc _α 1-2Gal _β 1-3GalNAc _α 1-PAA	Glycotech	08-060			Agalacto transferrin (Agalactosylated complex-type N-		T3309
A	PAA	GalNAca1-3(Fuca1-2)Galg1-4GlcNAcg1-PAA	Glycotech	08-091	Agalacto-TF	Glycoprotein	dvcans, high-mannose-type N-dvcans)	Sigma	(Galactosidase
В	PAA	Galα1-3(Fucα1-2)Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	08-092			3.,		-treated)
Le ^a	PAA	Gal _β 1-3(Fuc _α 1-4)GlcNAc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	01-035	OVM	Glycoprotein	Ovomucoid (Complex-type N-glycans)	Sigma	T2011
[3S]Le ^a	PAA	(3OSO ₃)Galβ1-3(Fucα1-4)GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-040	OVA	Glycoprotein	Ovoalbumin (Hybrid-type N-glycans)	Sigma	A2512
Leb	PAA	Fuc _α 1-2Gal _β 1-3(Fuc _α 1-3)GlcNAc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	08-042	αMan	PAA	Mana1-PAA	Glycotech	01-005
Le ^x	PAA	Galβ1-4(Fucα1-3)GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-036	βMan	PAA	Manβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-050
Le ^y	PAA	Fucα1-2Galβ1-4(Fucα1-3)GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	08-043	[6P]Man	PAA	(60PO ₄)Manα1-PAA	Glycotech	01-006
αNeu5Ac	PAA	Neu5Aca2-PAA	Glycotech	01-012	INV	Glycoprotein	Yeast invertase (High mannose-type N-glycans)	Sigma	14504
αNeu5Gc	PAA	Neu5Gca2-PAA	Glycotech	01-051	In	PAA	GaINAca1-PAA	Glycotech	01-010
Sia2	PAA	Neu5Aca2-8Neu5Aca2-PAA	Glycotech	08-064	Core1	PAA		Glycotech	08-023
Sia3	PAA	Neu5Aca2-8Neu5Aca2-8Neu5Aca2-PAA	Glycotech	01-081	Core2	PAA	Gais1-3(GicNAcg1-6)GaiNAcg1-PAA	Glycotech	01-083
3'SiaLe ^c	PAA	Neu5Ac _α 2-3Gai β1-3GicNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-078	Cored	PAA		Glycolech	01-071
3'SL	PAA	Neu5Acα2-3Galβ1-4Glcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-038	Core4	PAA	GICNAC61-3(GICNAC61-6)GBINACa1-PAA	Glycotech	01-089
3'SLN	PAA	Neu5Ac _α 2-3Gal _β 1-4GlcNAc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	01-077	FUISSIIIaII	PAA		Glycolech	01-020
sLe ^a	PAA	Neu5Ac _α 2-3Gal _β 1-3(Fuc _α 1-4)GlcNAc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	08-044	Core8	PAA	Gicinaco I-oGalinacu I-PAA	Glycolech	01-072
sLe ^x	PAA	Neu5Acα2-3Galβ1-4(Fucα1-3)GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-045	[2'S1Coro1	PAA		Glycolech	01-020
6'SL	PAA	Neu5Ac _α 2-6Gal _β 1-4Glc _β 1-PAA	Glycotech	01-039	Golf Core?	PAA	Colle1 4 CloNAce1 2 ColNAce1 PAA	Glycolech	00-009
FET	Glycoprotein	Fetuin (Complex-type N-glycans and O-glycans)	Sigma	F3004	Gaip=Core3	FAA	Gaip 1-4 Gict Acp 1-5 Gain Aca 1-P AA	Giycolech	M3895 (Acid-
AGP	Glycoprotein	α1-acid glycoprotein (Complex-type N-glycans-)	Sigma	G9885	Asialo-BSM	Glycoprotein	Asialo bovine submaxillary mucin (Tn)	Sigma	treated)
TF	Glycoprotein	Transferrin (Complex-type N-glycans)	Sigma	T3309		a			A9791 (Acid-
TG	Glycoprotein	Porcine thyroglobulin (Complex and high-mannnose-type	Sigma	T1126	Asialo-GP	Glycoprotein	Asialo human giycophorin MN (1)	Sigma	treated)
10		N-glycans)	oigina	11120	STn	PAA	Neu5Aca2-6GalNAca1-PAA	Glycotech	01-059
βGal	PAA	Galβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-004	STn (Gc)	PAA	Neu5Gcα2-6GalNAcα1-PAA	Glycotech	01-107
[3S]βGal	PAA	(3OSO ₃)Galβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-015	ST	PAA	Neu5Acα2-3Galβ1-3GalNAcα1-PAA	Glycotech	01-088
A-di	PAA	GainAc & -3Gaiß1-PAA	Glycotech	01-017	Sia _α 2-6Core 1	PAA	Galβ1-3(Neu5Acα2-6)GalNAcα1-PAA	Glycotech	01-113
Lac	PAA	Galp1-4GICB1-PAA	Glycotech	01-021	BSM	Glycoprotein	Bovine submaxillary mucin (Sialyl Tn)	Sigma	M3895
Le ^c	PAA	Galβ1-3GICNACβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-020	GP	Glycoprotein	Human glycophorin (Disialyl T and sialyl Tn)	Sigma	G5017
[3'S]Le*	PAA	(3USU3)Gaiß1-3GicNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-062	αGal	PAA	Gal _α 1-PAA	Glycotech	01-003
LIN	PAA	Galp1-4GICNACp1-PAA	Glycotech	01-022	Gala1-2Gal	PAA	Galα1-2Galβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-056
[3 SJLIN	PAA	(30303)GalpT-4GICINACBT-PAA	Glycolech	01-061	Galα1-3Gal	PAA	Galα1-3Galβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-018
[65]LN	PAA	Galp1-4(60S03)GICNACB1-PAA	Glycotech	01-066	Gala1-3Lac	PAA	Galα1-3Galβ1-4Glcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-075
ID SILN	PAA	(60S03)Galp1-4GICNACp1-PAA	Glycotech	01-068	Galα1-3LN	PAA	Galα1-3Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-079
BGallNAC di CalNAa0	PAA		Glycolech	01-011	Galα1-4LN	PAA	Galα1-4Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-110
di-GainAcp	PAA		Glycotech	01-070	Melibiose	PAA	Galα1-6Glcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-063
LUN	PAA		Glycolech	01-057	αGlC	PAA	Glca1-PAA	Glycotech	01-001
GAZ	PAA	GainAcp1-4Gaip1-4Gicp1-PAA	GIVCOLECTI	00-074	βGlc	PAA	Glcβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-002
Asialo-FET	Glycoprotein	n Asialo fetuin (Desialylated complex-type N- and O-glycans)	Sigma	treated)	Maltose	PAA	GICa1-4GICβ1-PAA	Glycotech	01-054
		Asialo α1-acid glycoprotein (Desialylated complex-type N-	Sigma	G9885 (Acid-	HA	BSA	Hyaluronic acid-BSA	Seikagaku	400720
Asialo-AGP	Glycoprotein			treated)	CSA	BSA	Chondoroitin Sulfate A-BSA	Seikagaku	400655
		giyodilə)		T3309 (Acid-	COR	BSA	Unondoroitin Suifate B-BSA	Seikagaku	400000
Asialo-TF	Glycoprotein	n Asiaio transferrin (Desialylated complex-type N-glycans)	Sigma	treated)	HP	BSA	Hengrin-BSA	Calbiochem	375095
Asialo TC	Channatela	Asialo porcine thyroglobulin (Desialylated complex-type N-	Sigmo	T1126 (Acid-	KS	BSA	Keratan Sulfate-BSA	Seikageku	400760
Asiaio-1G	Giycoprotein	glycans, high-mannose-type N-glycans)	Sigilia	treated)	aRha	PAA	Rhamnoserd1-PAA	Glycotech	01-008
				Mannan (SC)	Glycoprotein	S cerevisiae mannan	Sigma	M7504	
					Mannan (CA)	Glycoprotein	C albicans mannan	Takara	MG001
					Zymosan	Glycoprotein	Zymosan	Sigma	Z4250
					Chitobiose	PAA	GICNAC61-4GICNAC61-PAA	Glycotech	08-057

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Precise information of ligands on the glyco-microarray.



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Inhibition analysis by lectin ELISA. Binding of sSIGNR3 to *C. albicans* J-1012 glycan coated on microtiter plates was analyzed as in Fig. 2A.