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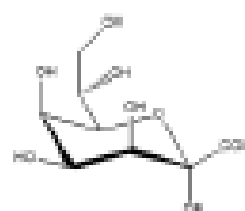
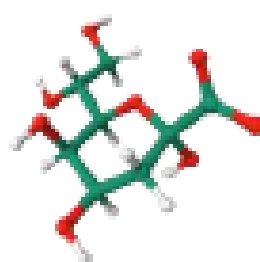
The authors present the GLYCAM Bacterial Carbohydrate Builder (<https://glycam.org/cb>), an enhanced version of the GLYCAM-Web Carbohydrate Builder¹ structure modeler that supports modeling bacterial glycans and enables straightforward generation of three-dimensional structural models. The tool integrates bacterial monosaccharide parametrizations into a curated, user-friendly web-based resource. It provides an intuitive interface for generating carbohydrate sequences and produces 3D structural models in PDB format, along with the input files required to perform molecular dynamics simulations with the AMBER software package. The current implementation includes a library of 18 bacterial monosaccharides that can be used in combination with the already-parametrized eukaryotic sugars to construct complex bacterial glycans. Common derivatives, including acetylation, methylation, and sulfation, are also supported. By validating and integrating bacterial sugar parameters into the GLYCAM-Web Carbohydrate Builder, this work reduces the technical barriers associated with bacterial glycan modeling and facilitates computational studies of complex bacterial glycoconjugates.

The screenshot displays the Glycam Carbohydrate Builder web application. The interface is divided into three main steps: Step 1: Set Glycan Sequence, Step 2: Options, and Step 3: Download. The current view is Step 1, where users can select monosaccharides for their glycan sequence. A light-green background highlights the 'Bacterial' monosaccharide selection area, which is pointed to by a red arrow. This area contains a grid of buttons for various monosaccharides, including Man, Gal, Glc, All, Alt, Gal, Tal, Xyl, Lys, Fie, Ara, Fru, Pal, Sor, Tag, GalNAc, GlcNAc, GlcA, and Gal. Below the grid, there is a 'Bacterial' label and a 'Sequences' input field. On the right side of the interface, there is a diagram showing a glycan structure with five numbered nodes (1-5) and a legend for the symbols used.

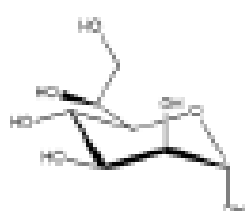
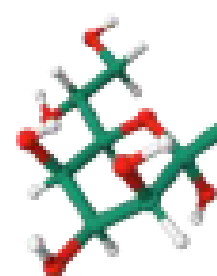
Figure Illustration of the new point-and-click Glycam Bacterial Carbohydrate Builder interface. A light-green background (see red arrow) is used to visually distinguish the bacterial monosaccharide buttons from the rest of the library.



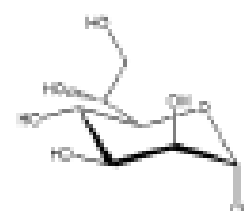
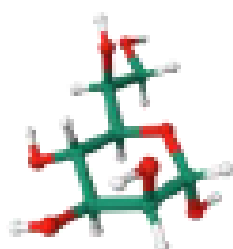
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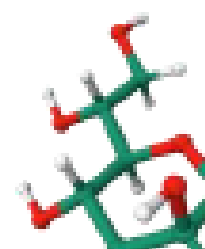
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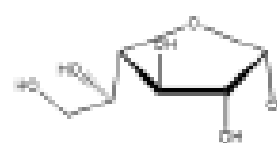
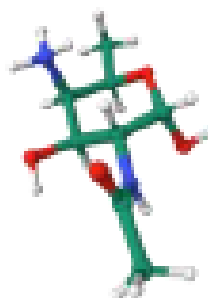
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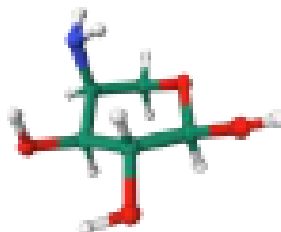
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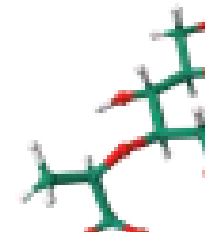
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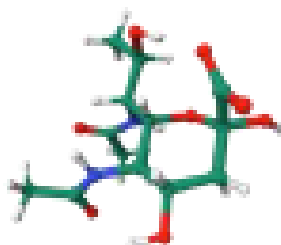
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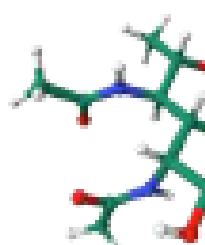
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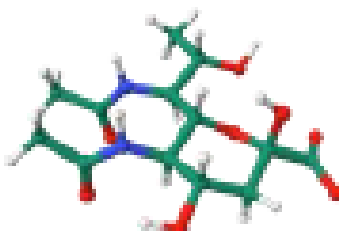
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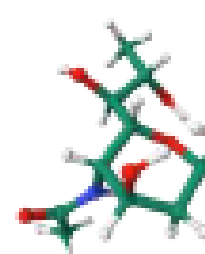
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