Supporting Information

Hyperbranched PEI with various oligosaccharide architectures: Synthesis, characterization, ATP complexation and cellular uptake properties

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Calculation of the degree of functionalization (DF) and total degree of functionalization (TDF) of modified PEI based on PEI-II from elemental analysis

Example for 2-Mal:

Elemental analysis: C = 44.42 %, N = 3.94 %, H = 7.19

\[ \text{DP} = 84, \ a = \text{number of coupled maltose} \]
\[ M_{\text{Polymer}} = (C_2H_5N) \times 84 + a \times (C_{12}H_{23}O_{10}) \]

Nitrogen content: \[ N = \frac{84 \times 14}{M_{\text{Polymer}}} \]
Carbon content: \[ C = \frac{(2 \times 12 \times 84 + a \times 12 \times 12)}{M_{\text{Polymer}}} \]

N/C ratio is 3.94 / 44.42, \( a = 77.7 \)

The degree of functionalization (DF) based on the conversion of twice T units and one L unit:
\[ \frac{77.7}{(2 \times 27.4 + 30.8)} = 91 \% \]

The degree of total functionalisation (TDF) based on the conversion of all branching units in the PEI derivative (twice T units, one L unit and one D unit):
\[ \frac{77.7}{(2 \times 27.4 + 30.8 + 25.8)} = 70 \% \]

Calculation of the degree of branching units (T, L or D units) of modified PEI based on PEI-II from elemental analysis

Example for 2-Mal:

Number of coupled maltose units (a) on PEI-II is 77.7 received from the calculation of DF. PEI-II possesses 27.4 T units, 30.8 L units and 25.8 D units (Table 3) at which twice conversion of T units is possible finally to result into D units. The calculation bases on the assumption that at first the T units are converted into L units and then the L units can be converted into D units. Therefore, 27.4 T units are converted into 27.4 L units. From all L units (\( \Sigma 58.2 \)) 50.3 units are also converted into 50.3 D units. The final calculation gave that 7.9 L units (9.4 %) and 76.1 D units (90.6 %) are present in 2-Mal-I.

Calculation of the molecular weight (M_n) for the PEI derivative used in the ITC study

Need of DP and \( M_n \) of the parent PEI (PEI-II and PEI-II) which is presented in Table 3. Need of number of chemically coupled oligosaccharide received by calculation of the degree of functionalization (DF) from elemental analysis.

Example for 4-Mal:

\[ \text{DP} = 84, \ M_n = 3600 \text{ g/mol}, \ a = \text{number of coupled maltose} \]
\[ M_{\text{Polymer}} = (C_2H_5N) \times 84 + a \times (C_{12}H_{23}O_{10}) \]

Nitrogen content: \[ N = \frac{84 \times 14}{M_{\text{Polymer}}} \]
Carbon content: \[ C = \frac{(2 \times 12 \times 84 + a \times 12 \times 12)}{M_{\text{Polymer}}} \]
N/C ratio is 8.09 / 44.53, \( a = 31 \)

Then, determination of \( M_n \) of chemically coupled maltose unit on PEI-core with \( a = 31 \). This means the calculation of \( 31 \times (C_{12}H_{23}O_{10}) \) followed by the addition of \( M_{n,PEI} \) and \( M_{maltose} \). Thus, the sum of \( M_n \) is 13800 g/mol for 4-Mal.
Figure Caption for Supporting Information

**Figure 1-SI** $^1$H spectra of 1-Mal-III and 5-Mal-III obtained from substrate ratio PEI-I/Mal-III 1 : 5 and PEI-III/Mal-III 1 : 2, respectively.

**Figure 2-SI** $^1$H NMR spectrum of 2-Lac obtained from substrate ratio PEI-II/Lac 1 : 5.

**Figure 3-SI** $^1$H spectra of 4-Mal and 6-Mal obtained from substrate ratio PEI-II/Mal 1 : 0.5 and 1 : 0.2, respectively.

**Figure 4-SI** $^1$H NMR spectrum of 6-Mal-VII based on the substrate ratio PEI-II/Mal-VII 1 : 0.5 (R = reductively coupled maltoheptaose unit).

**Figure 5-SI** $^{13}$C NMR spectra of (A) 1-Mal-III based on the substrate ratio PEI-I/Mal-III 1 : 5 and (B) 3-Mal-III based on the educt ratio PEI-III/Mal-III 1 : 2.

**Figure 6-SI** $^{13}$C NMR spectra of 2-Mal obtained from substrate ratio PEI-II/Mal 1 : 2 and 1 : 10, respectively.

**Figure 7-SI** $^{13}$C NMR spectrum of 2-Lac and 4-Lac based on the substrate ratio PEI-II/Lac 1 : 5 and 1 : 0.4, respectively.

**Figure 8-SI** $^{13}$C NMR spectra of 2-Mal-III based on the substrate ratio PEI-II/Mal-III 1 : 5.

**Figure 9-SI.** $^{13}$C NMR spectra of (A) 4-Mal-III based on the substrate ratio PEI-II/Mal-III 1 : 0.5

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**Figure 11-SI** ATR-IR spectrum of PEI-II.
**Figure 12-SI**  ATR-IR spectrum of 2-Glc with structure A.

**Figure 13-SI**  ATR-IR spectrum of 2-Mal with structure A.

**Figure 14-SI**  ATR-IR spectrum of 5-Mal-III with structure B.

**Figure 15-SI**  ATR-IR spectrum of 4-Mal with structure B.

**Figure 16-SI**  ATR-IR spectrum of 2-Lac with structure A.

**Figure 17-SI**  Binding of ATP to PEI-III and 3-Mal-III and 7-Mal-III which possess PEI-III as core molecule.

**Figure 18-SI**  -fold increase in nucleotide uptake upon complexation (HepG2 cells): procedure as mentioned for Figure 8.

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**Table 2-SI**  Comparison of $^{13}$C chemical shifts of D, L and T units for PEI-II and PEI-III and (oligo-)saccharide-modified PEI based on modified PEI-II and PEI-III in D$_2$O.

**Table 3-SI**  $^{13}$C signal assignment for PEI-bonded glucose (Glc), maltose (Mal) and maltotriose (Mal-III)
**Figure 1-SI**  
$^1$H spectra of 1-Mal-III with structure A (top) and 3-Mal-III with structure B (bottom) obtained from educt ratio PEI-I/Mal-III $1:5$ and $1:2$, respectively.
Figure 2-SI  $^1$H NMR spectrum of 2-Lac with structure A obtained from educt ratio PEI-II/Lac 1 : 5.
Figure 3-SI  $^1$H spectra of 4-Mal with structure B (top) and 6-Mal with structure C (bottom) obtained from educt ratio PEI-II/Mal 1 : 0.5 and 1 : 0.2, respectively.
Figure 4-SI $^1$H NMR spectrum of 6-Mal-VII with structure C based on the educt ratio PEI-II/Mal-VII 1 : 0.5 (R = reductively coupled maltoheptaose unit; Scheme 1).
**Figure 5-SI** $^{13}$C NMR spectra of 1-Mal-III with structure A (top) based on the educt ratio PEI-I/Mal-III 1 : 5 and 3-Mal-III with transition from structure A to B (bottom) based on the educt ratio PEI-III/Mal-III 1 : 2.
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Figure 17-SI. Binding of ATP with 7-Mal-III (A) Titration of ATP (0.1 mM) to HEPES buffer and (B) to 7-Mal-III in HEPES buffer at 25°C. Graphs show the calorimetric traces (heat flow against time).
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<th>Educt ratio</th>
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<th>TDF for L + 2xT + D&lt;sup&gt;b,d&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>T unit&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>L unit&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>D unit&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<sup>a</sup> Character in brackets presents structure for PEI derivative in Scheme 1. <sup>b</sup> Calculation based on elemental analysis; further details are given in Supporting Information. <sup>c</sup> 2xT means that two oligosaccharides can be coupled on one T unit. L means that one oligosaccharide can be coupled on the L unit. <sup>d</sup> All branching units are considered for the calculation of functionalization. <sup>e</sup> Degree of structure units determined by quantitative 13C NMR. <sup>f</sup> degree of branching 93 %, using Fréchet equation, based on quantitative 13C NMR. <sup>g</sup> degree of branching 94 %, using Fréchet equation, based on quantitative 13C NMR.
Table 2-SI. Comparison of $^{13}$C chemical shifts of T (-NH$_2$), L (-NHR) and D (-NR$_2$) units for PEI-II and PEI-III and (oligo-)saccharide-modified PEI based on modified PEI-II and PEI-III in D$_2$O.

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<td>55.6, 56.7</td>
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$^a$ Not observable or not detectable compared to unmodified PEI-II. $^b$ Overlapped by other branching units $D$-$CH_2$-$CH_2$-$L$ and $D$-$CH_2$-$CH_2$-$D$. 

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<td>Mal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mal-III</td>
<td>60.3 71.5 74.5 85.4 75.6 65.3 103.4 74.4 76.4 79.8 74.0 63.4 102.7 74.7 75.9 72.3 75.7 63.5</td>
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$^a$ Solvent: D$_2$O; reference: internal sodium salt of 3-(trimethylsilyl)propionic acid-2,2,3,3-d$_4$ ($\delta^{13}$C = 0 ppm). $^b$ For atom number compare Figures 3 and 5-SI. For signal groups or broadened signals the given $\delta^{13}$C value is the center. $^c$ Reductive unit is connected to the PEI scaffold by secondary or primary amino surface groups of PEI.