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## Exploring sequence space to improve transglycosylation efficiency in CGTase

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### PURPOSE OF THE ABSTRACT

Cyclodextrin glycosyltransferases (CGTases) are multifunctional enzymes, performing four related reactions that each involve stereoselective  $\alpha$ -glucosyl transfer on to an alcohol acceptor [1]. It has been shown to catalyse the glycosylation of a variety of acceptors [2-4]. However, this multifunctionality creates a challenge when trying to create polyglycosylated products biocatalytically, as the products are hydrolysed down to those containing fewer glucose units. We have developed a high throughput assay system in order to assess the degree of glycosylation, and applied this to study both directed evolution and metagenomics of CGTase.

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## FIGURES

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### KEYWORDS

Biocatalysis | Glycoscience | Ancestral Sequence Reconstruction | CGTase

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