

SmartPilots Final Event

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What we do

- UGent industrial biotech spin-off with focus on the development of production processes for specialty carbohydrate ingredients for use in health and nutrition solutions.
- Proprietary and validated GlycoActives technology platform based on natural fermentation, possibly the largest platform of its kind dedicated to human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs).
- Technology valorization mainly through partnerships with market leaders based on a licensing business model.
- Partner to ingredient manufacturers and FMCG companies looking for proprietary health and nutrition solutions.



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What are Human Milk Oligosaccharides

Human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) are a group of unique oligosaccharides found in human milk.

- the 3rd-largest solute in human milk after lactose and fat.
- The types and levels of HMOs vary considerably among women, regions, and the stages of lactation.

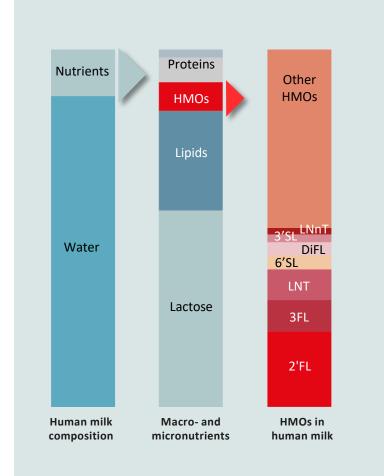
Family of **structurally diverse** carbohydrates

- >130 different oligosaccharides have been identified in human milk, with 2'-fucosyllactose (2'FL) being the most abundant.
- 3 main HMO families: fucosylated, sialylated and neutral/core structures

Not digestible, fermented only by specialized beneficial probiotics

Hot science topic

- >3000 publications on potential direct and indirect health benefits
- >20 clinical trials ongoing or completed





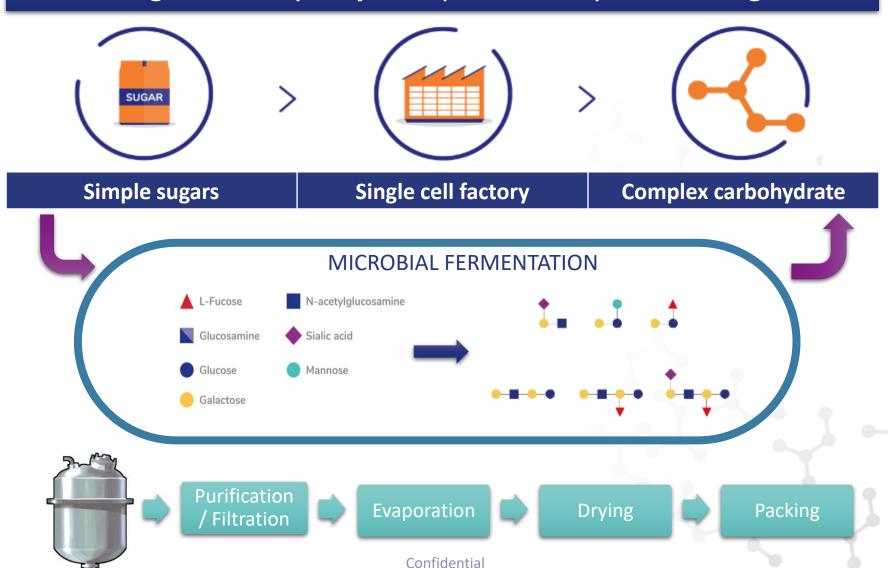
Inbiose developed a proprietary Glycoactives® technology platform



to effectively produce HMOs at industrial scale



Producing essentially 'any' complex carbohydrate in large scale





Steps towards industrialization

Integrated Process Development, Scale-Up and Transfer to Industrial Partners

In house
5 liter
30 liter





Pilot scale 100 liter 1500 liter 15000 liter









Why working with pilot facilities?

- 1. <u>Demonstrate</u> that the in house developed process works <u>at larger and industry</u> <u>relevant scale</u>, usually about 50 to 500x of that used in the lab
 - to show process reproducibility
 - to generate process data to support cost models
 - to convince industrial partners
 - to meet investor requirements
- 2. Generate large quantities of in-spec product
 - for pre-marketing: to seed the market for product testing
 - for regulatory purposes Novel Food Regulations require tox studies and product stability tests
- 3. Generate process data to design a fermentation production facility
 - to answer specific process design questions, especially for critical equipment or unit operations
 - o to reduce start-up issues of a production plant
- 4. Reduce financial risks and shorten timeline to market
 - o avoid significant investments in pilot and demonstration capabilities

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inbiose What do we expect from pilot facilities?

- 1. Must be a good match with industrial production processes
 - have all relevant equipment or a solution in place for lacking unit operations
- 2. Have skilled operators, good project management and experts in fermentation and purification
 - o in order to conduct a successful campaign and to limit scale-up expenses
 - problem solving capabilities
- 3. Support for tech transfer to industry scale
 - networks with industrial partners to help us find the right production set-up
 - if requested, support industrial partners during the first runs
- 4. Proximity helps a lot given the many interactions between the involved parties
- 5. Trust & Compliance
 - respect confidentiality on process know-how to avoid IP leakage
 - independent from potential industrial competitors

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