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β -Glucans from yeast biomass

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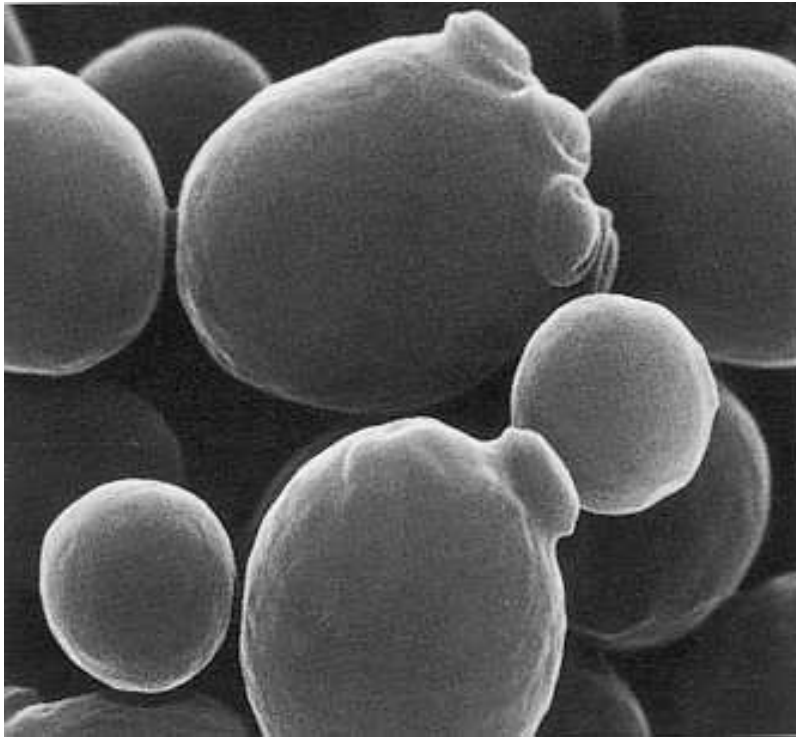
Why beta glucans?

- Natural products
- Defined active substance
- Useful in treating and/or preventing various diseases
- Very low-to-negligible toxicity

Why Yeast?

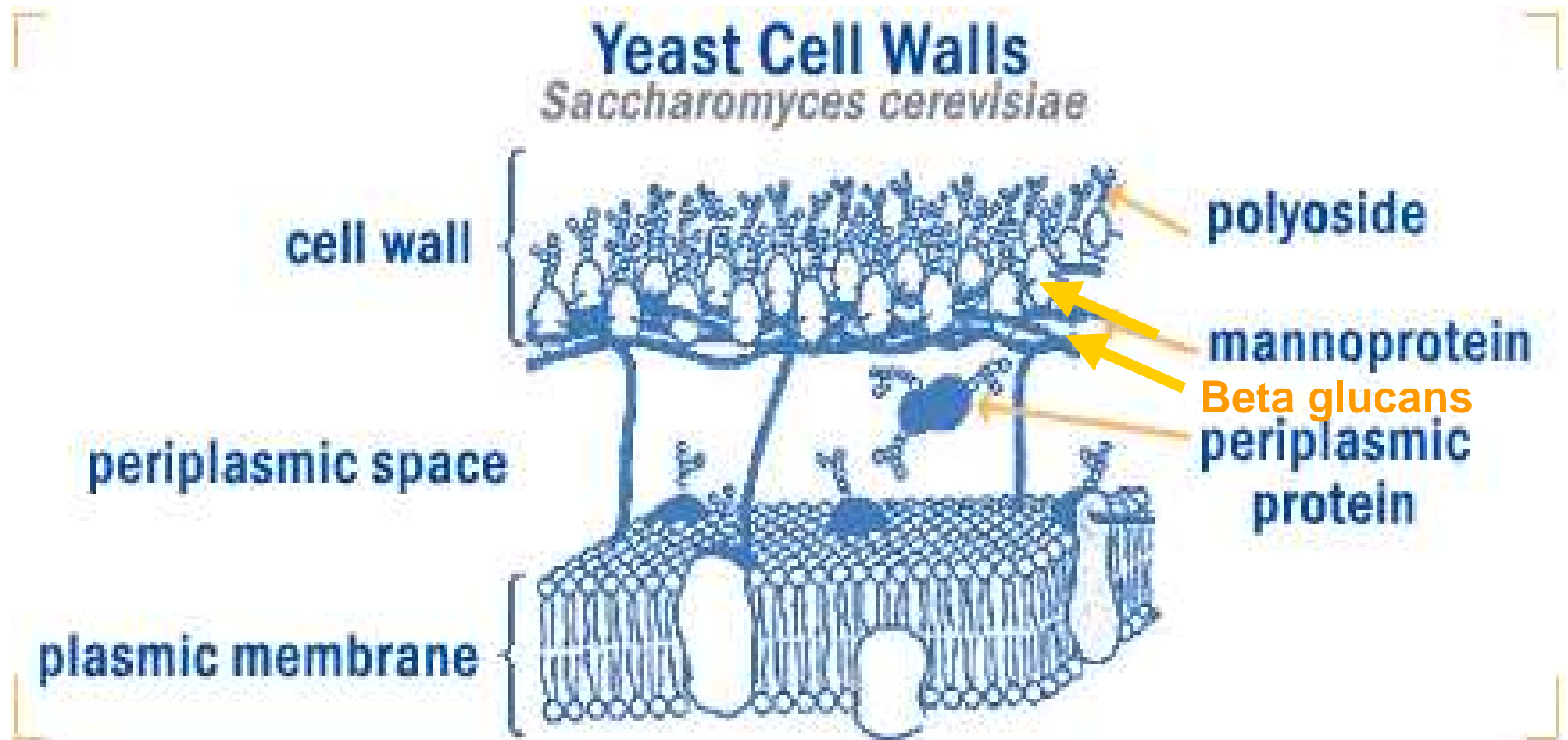
- Yeasts have been used for centuries
- In western countries the most common source of beta-glucans

Saccharomyces cerevisiae



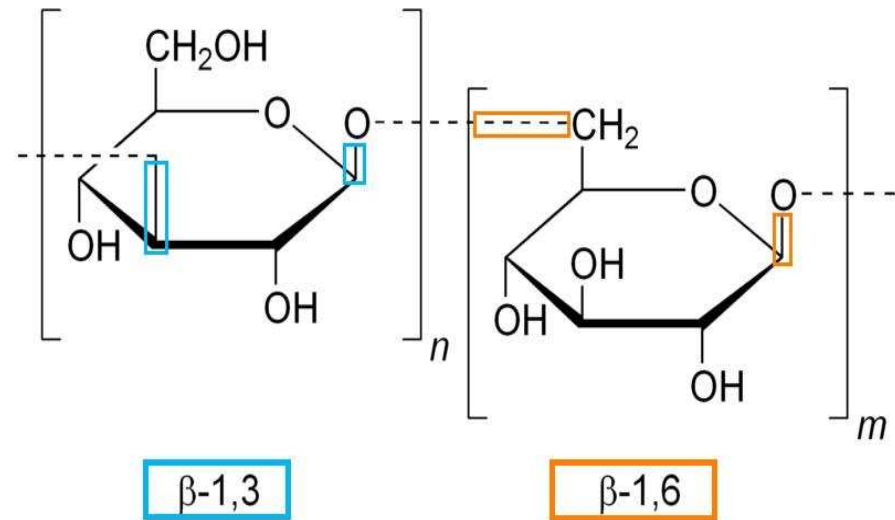
- used for fermenting processes in baking and brewery
- most studied organism (first eukaryotic organism that was sequenced)

Saccharomyces cerevisiae



Beta glucans - Structure

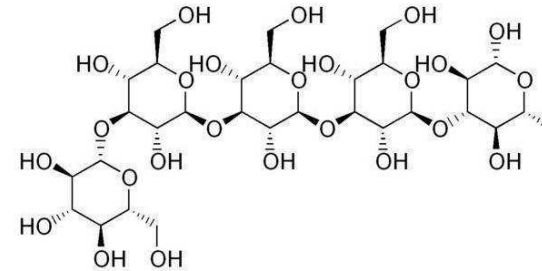
- Chains of glucose molecules
- Beta glucans together with mannan oligosaccharides form the basic unit of the yeast cell wall



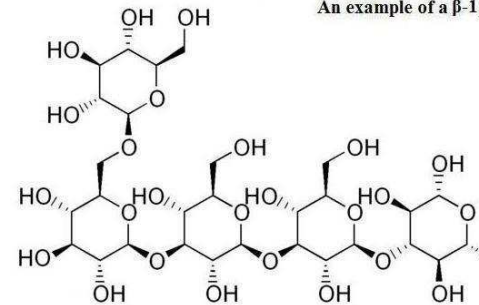
Beta glucans - Structure

- The most active form β -1,3 D glucans are those which contain side chains at positions 1' and 6' (β -1,3/1,6 glucans)

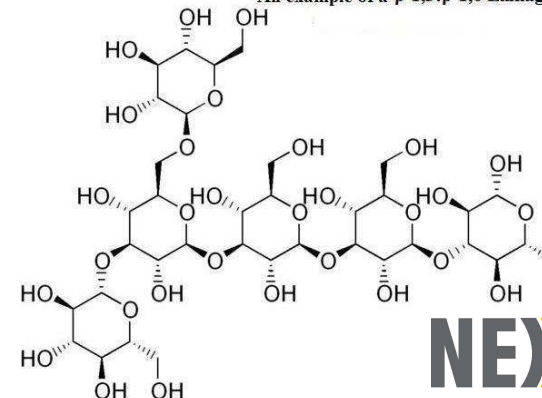
An example of a β -1,3 Linkage



An example of a β -1,6 Linkage



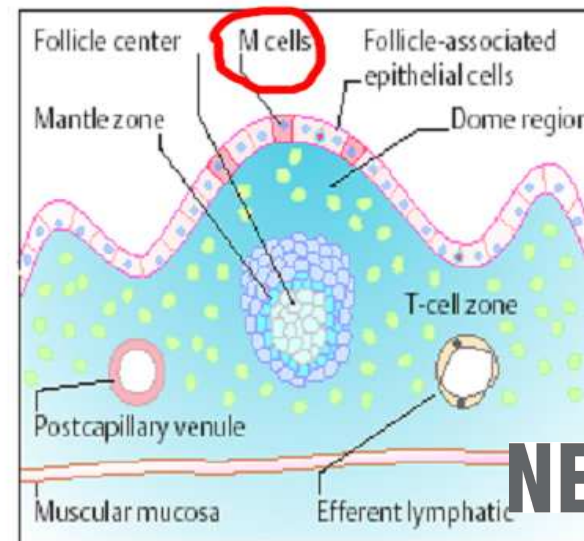
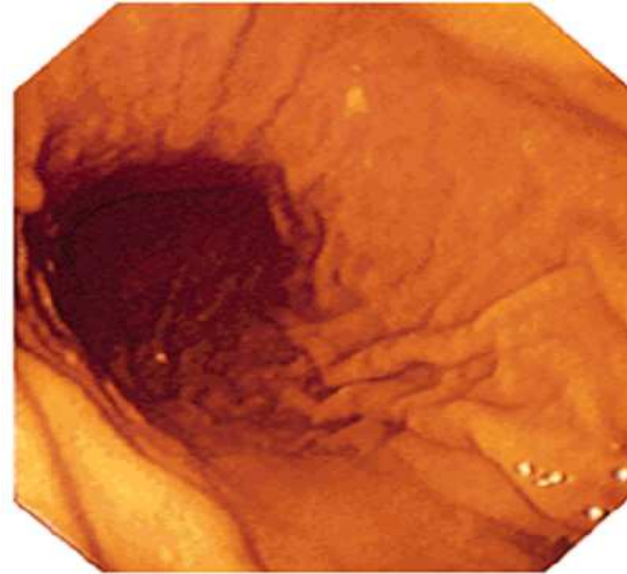
An example of a β -1,3; β -1,6 Linkage



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Beta glucans - Absorbtion

- Macrophages carry the orally absorbed particles of Beta glucan to the imune organs via the lymphatic system.



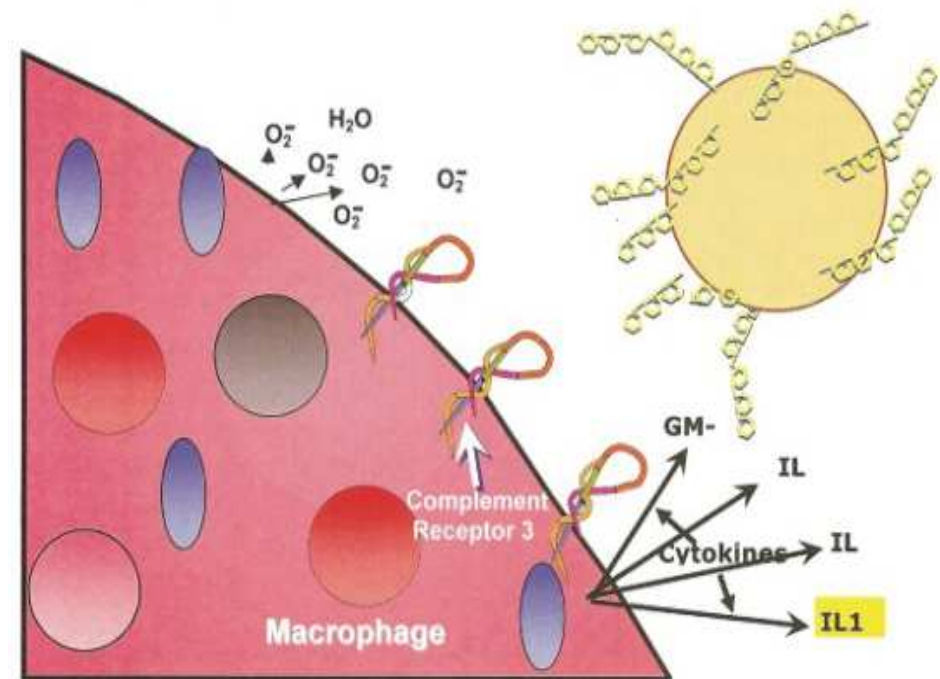
Beta glucans - History

- 18TH Century
 - Certain infectious diseases showed a therapeutic effect on malignant processes
- 19TH Century
 - Less dangerous extracts of microbial cultures
- 20TH Century
 - Zymosan
 - Beta glucan

History of Immunomodulators		
1865	T.Bilroth	Endotoxin (LPS)
1894	W.Coley	Erysipel toxins
1936	J.Freund	Mycobacterium adjuvans (BCG)
1941	L.Pillemer	Zymosan
1968	N.DiLuzio	Yeast glucan
1971	G.Renoux	Levamisol

Mechanism of Action

- Non-specific (innate) immunity recognise surface of invading microorg. (PAMPs)
- Exact mechanisms of the action remain unclear
 - Dectin 1
 - TLRs (toll-like receptor 2)
 - Complement receptor 3 (integrin CD11b/CD18)



Beta glucans - Effects

- Biological response modifiers (BRM)
 - Immunostimulants against infectious diseases
 - Immunoadjuvant therapy for cancer (primary in Japan)
 - Enhanced recovery of blood cell count after radiation
 - Promotes wound healing by activation of macrophages and fibroblasts
 - Lowering cholesterol level

Beta glucans - tumor therapy

- Success requires anti-tumor antibody that generates iC3b on tumors
- Patients with breast cancer generate antibody response and will respond to glucan alone as long the tumors are targeted with antibody and iC3
- Humanized antibodies such as Herceptin and Rituximad are good targets for combined therapy with glucan
- Even tumors that have lost MHC class I might be targets
- May function to reduce myelosuppression caused by chemo- or radiation therapy

Products

- A lot of beta glucans products on the market
 - various sources
 - pure and combined
- Beta glucan has proven efficacy by numerous studies
- Especially combined product must have confirmed efficacy

Our products

Zymosan

(Beta glucan+mannan)



Imunostimulans



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Our efficacy testing

Clinical studies

- *questionnaires (CRFs) (overall health status, morbidity, digestion, etc.)*
- *laboratory methods (neopterin)*

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- *are suitable for strengthening an exhausted immune system in the elderly, long term or often ill.*
- *A very useful combination for stimulation of the immune system is beta glucans with mannans, probiotics and some of the vitamins and mineral (vit. B, C, E min. Se, Cr, Zn)*
- *Improves digestion (mainly during obstipation)*

Our products

Beta glucan



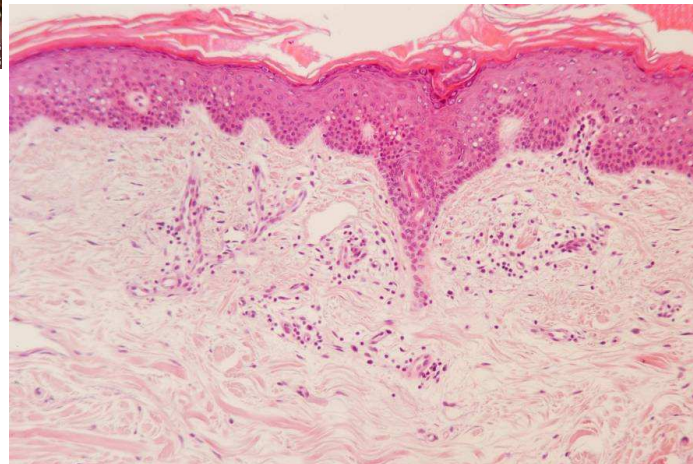
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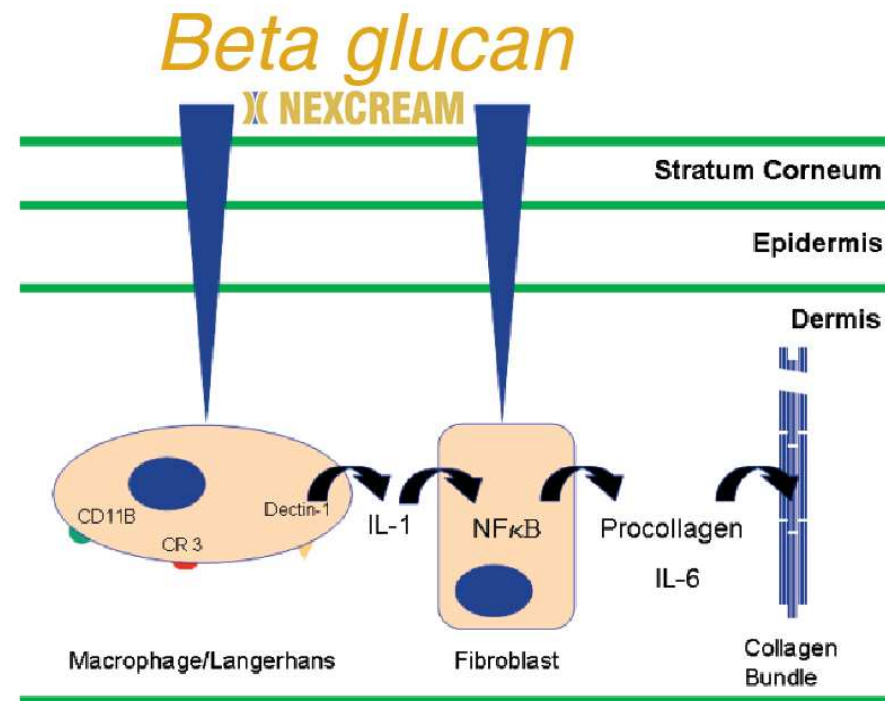
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Beta glucans - NEXCREAM

- Activation of fibroblast
 - transcription factor (AP-1, Sp1, NF- κ B, NF-1)
 - production of PDGF-A&B, FGF-a&b, TGF- α & β , VEGF, NT-3, etc.
 - macrophage infiltration, reepithelialization, collagen deposition, increase tensile strength
- Stimulation of macrophage
(Other Ingredients of NEXCREAM
 - CANNABIS SATIVA OIL, MACADAMIA OIL, SHEA BUTTER, ALOE, UREA)



Conclusion

- Beta glucan is defined active natural substance
- Yeasts have been used for centuries
- Beta glucan has proven efficacy by numerous studies
- Especially combined product must have confirmed efficacy

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