

Research Question

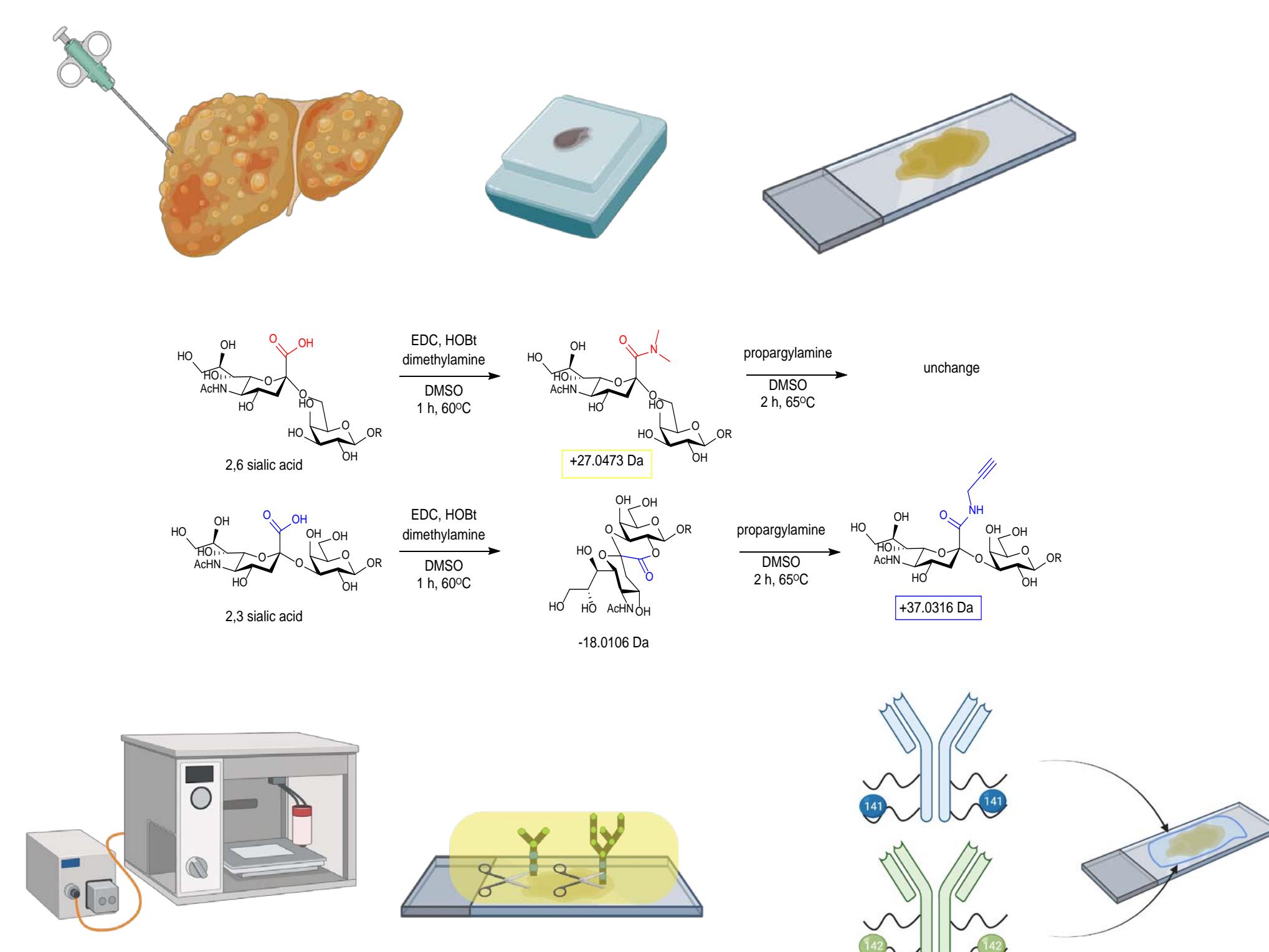
How does protein glycosylation alter immune infiltration in Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis?

Proteins are modified with distinct complex carbohydrates called glycans which modulate their function. Changes in fucose and sialic acid content have been implicated in many different diseases. Sialylated glycans can promote or inhibit inflammation depending on cell type and glycan structure.



Imaging mass spectrometry reveals sialylated glycans and activated lymphocytes in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis.

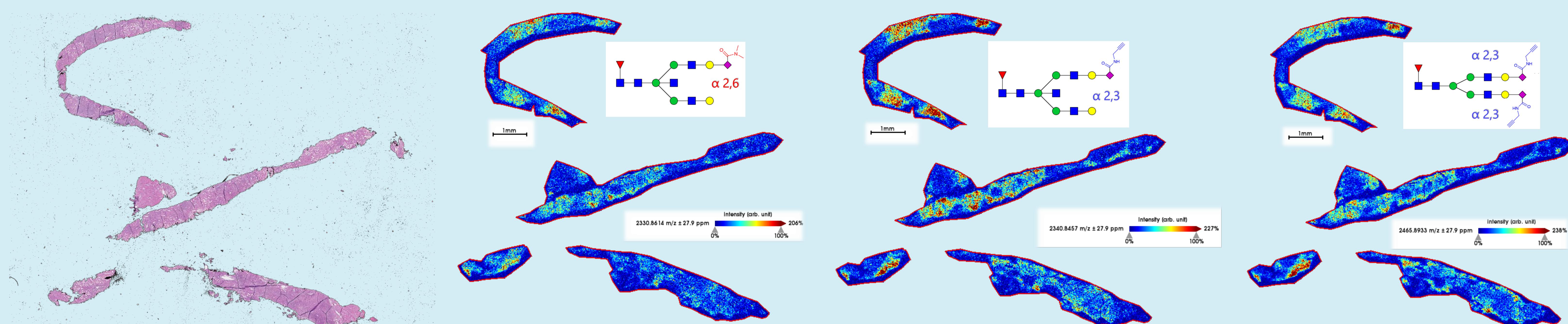
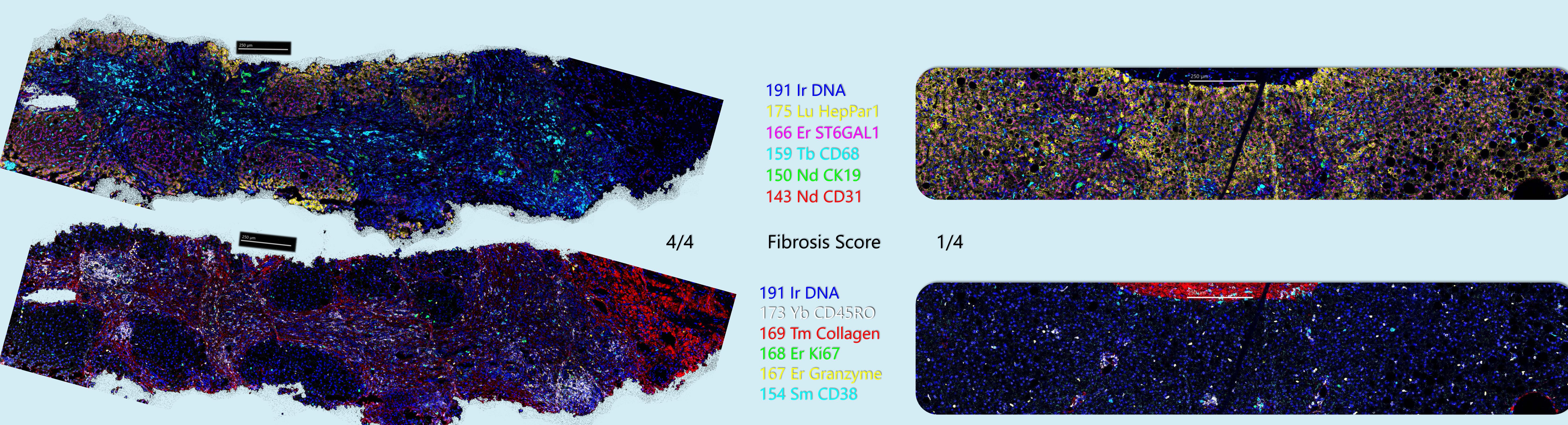
Methods



MALDI glycan imaging data was collected using a Bruker timsTOF flex in positive ion, reflector mode at 20 µm raster spanning m/z range 600-4500. Detailed methods and antibody panel available in the QR code.

Future Directions

Analysis of a cohort of >100 biopsies from the entire spectrum of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. Inclusion of antibodies to Siglec proteins, which inhibit inflammation in response to specific sialylated glycan linkages.



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