

glycans

Synonymous with *polysaccharides*. Glycans composed of a single type of monosaccharide residue (homopolysaccharide, synonym homoglycan) are named by replacing the ending ‘-ose’ of the sugar by ‘-an’, e.g. mannans, fructans, xylans, arabinans. Dextrans and dextrans belong to the class glucans.

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