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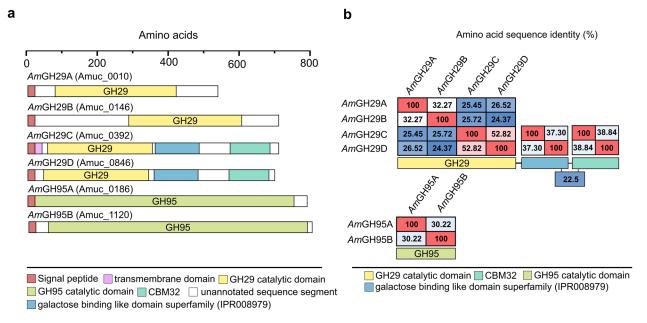
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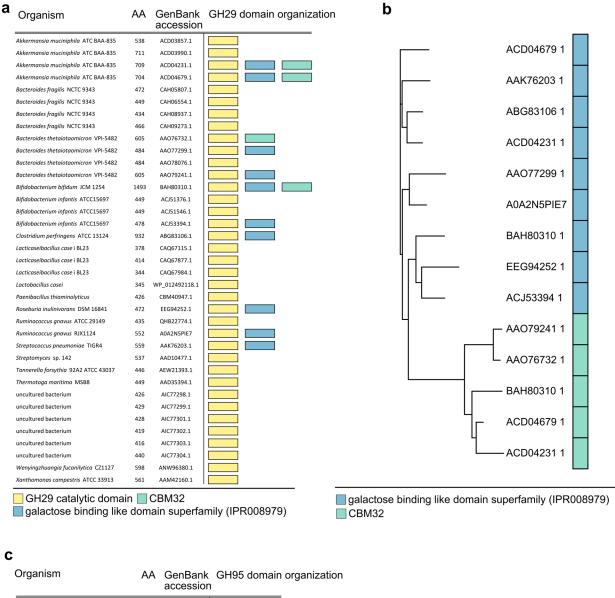
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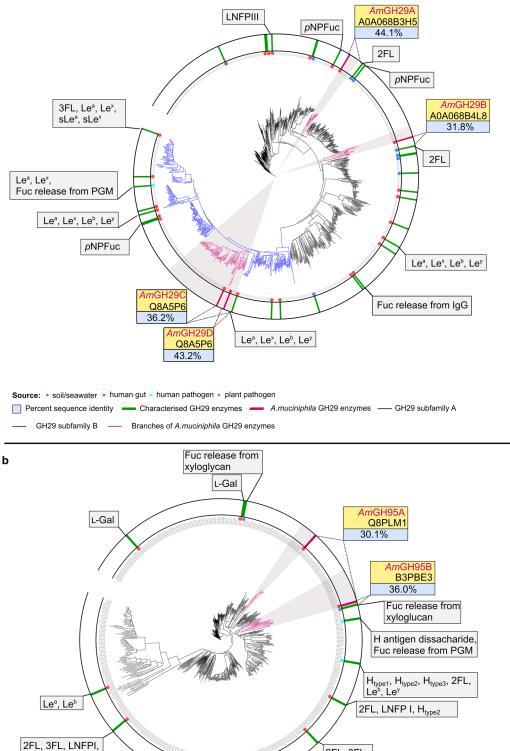
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Supplementary Fig. 2: Modular organisation of characterized GH29 and GH95 fucosidases. a, Size and domain organisation of the four *A. muciniphila* GH29s and of previously characterized GH29 enzymes. b, Phylogenetic analysis showing the segregation of the galactose-binding-like domains and the CBM32 that occur in previously characterized GH29s and in *A. muciniphila* GH29 enzymes described in the present study. c, Size and modular organization of the two *A. muciniphila* GH95 fucosidases and of hitherto characterized GH95 enzymes. Domain annotations are from CAZy, dbCAN meta server and InterPro.



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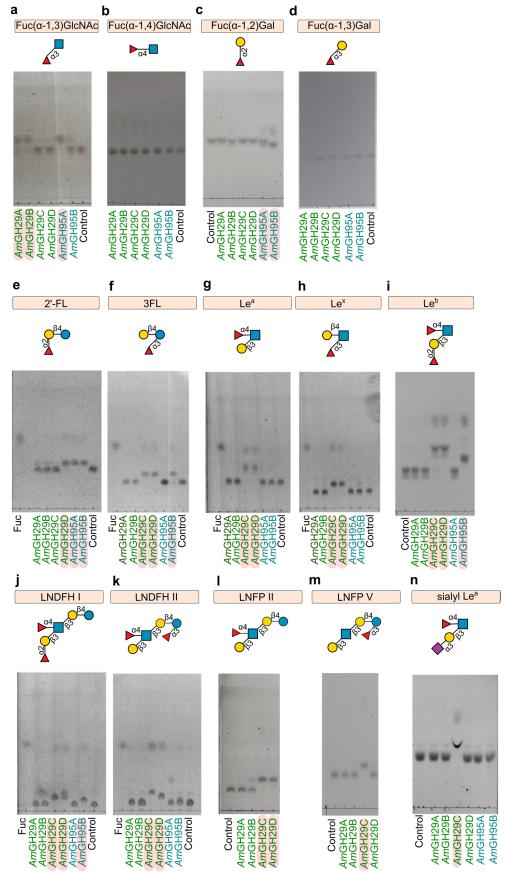
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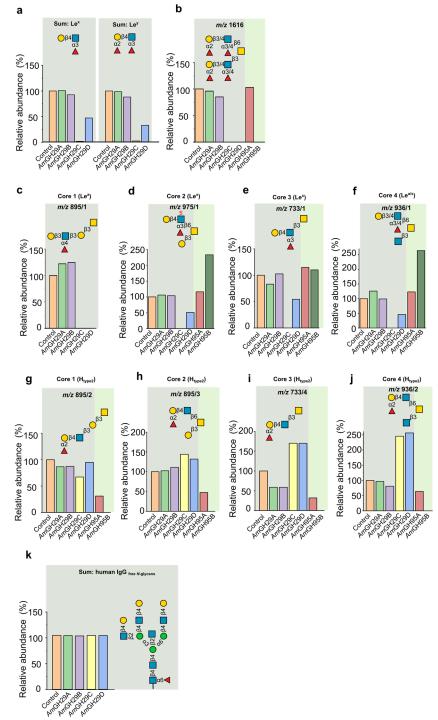
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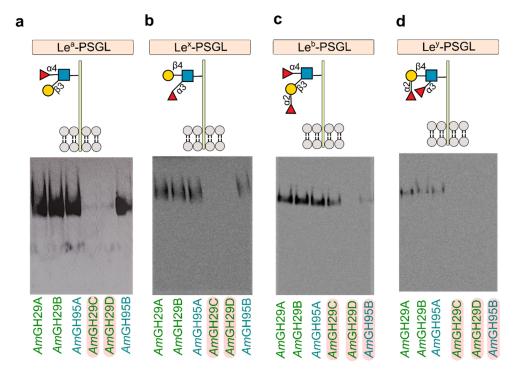
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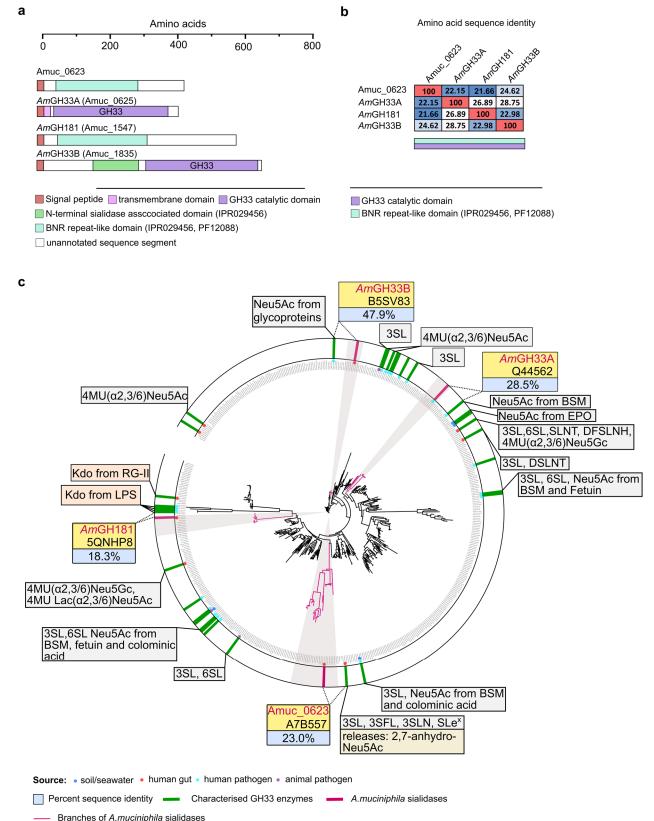
Supplementary Fig. 4: The activity of A. Muciniphila fucosidases on model oligosaccharides. a-n, Fucosidase activity analysed using thin layer chromatography on di- and oligosaccharides using 2 mM substrate, $0.5 \mu M$ enzyme, pH 6.8 at 37 °C for 1 h. The enzymes that display activity are highlighted by a pink box. The data were from 3 independent experiments (n=3), whereby the triplicate analyses yielded similar results. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



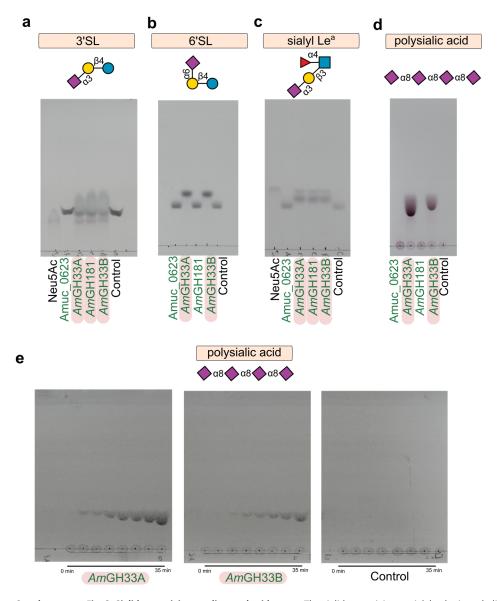
Supplementary Fig. 5: Activity profiles of A. muciniphila fucosidases on selected mucin O-glycans and N-glycans. The O-glycans were conjugated to colonic mucin, whereas the N-glycans were enzymatically released prior to incubation with enzymes. Both GH95 enzymes are α 1,2-specific and only motifs containing such linkages are shown. a, Activity profiles showing the tolerance of adjacent double fucosylation. b, Activity profiles showing the tolerance of double branch fucosylations. c, Activity profiles showing the tolerance on the Le^a epitope on core 1 structures. d, Activity profiles of AmGH29C and AmGH29D on core 2 structures. e, Activity profiles of AmGH29C and AmGH29D on core 3 structures. f, Activity profiles of AmGH29C and AmGH29D on core 4 structures. g, Activity profiles of AmGH95A and AmGH95B on core 1 structures. h, Activity profiles of AmGH95A and AmGH95B on core 2 structures. i, Activity profiles of AmGH95A and AmGH95B on core 3 structures. j, Activity profiles of AmGH95A and AmGH95B on core 4 structures. k, Lack of activity towards α1,6-fucosyl, present in human N-glycans. For isobaric glycans structures, the number after the slash (/n) denotes the corresponding structure in the LC-MS data file (see Supplementary Data File 1). Following enzyme incubations, the O-glycans were released by reductive amination and analysed by ESI-LC MS/MS. Data are from a single ESI-LC MS/MS (n=1) analysis. For comparing the relative abundance of glycans between samples, the AUC (ESI- LC MS/MS ion chromatogram peak area) of each glycan structure was integrated, normalized to the total AUC of the sample and expressed as a percentage. The increase in relative abundance of structures presented in d and f originates from the activity of AmGH95B on the Leb/y precursor glycans with a m/z_{precurser}=1121-1 (for e) and $m/z_{precurser}$ =1082 (for f) whereas the increase in relative abundance of structures presented in i and j results from the activity of AmGH29C and AmGH29D on the Le^v precursor glycans with a m/z_{precurser}=879 (for i) and m/z_{precurser}=1082 (for j). A Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition is available.



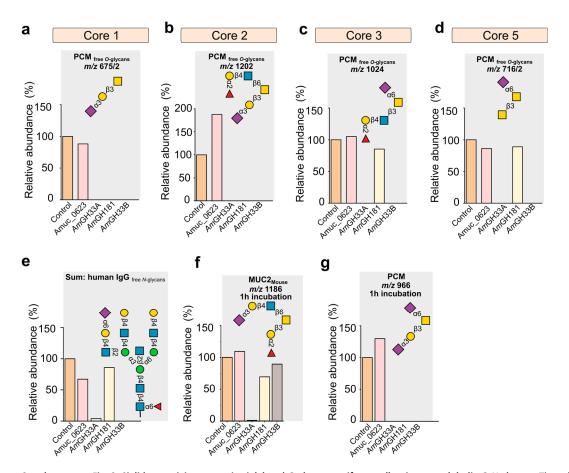
Supplementary Fig. 6: Fucosidase activity on defined *O*-glycoprotein conjugated Lewis epitopes. a-d, Fucosidase activity is observed as a decrease/loss of Western blot signal on defined conjugated Lewis epitopes presented by the recombinant glyco-engineered P-selectin glycoprotein ligand-1 (PSGL1) from engineered CHO cells. Each enzyme (2 μM) was incubated with beads carrying PSGL-1 glycoprotein (displaying a specific Le antigens) in 20 mM HEPES buffer 150 mM NaCl pH 6.8 at 37 °C for 3 h in 50 μl. The beads were boiled in presence of SDS-loading buffer containing 25 mM DTT for 10 min at 95°C and western blot analysis was performed (see materials and methods). For simplicity, only the defined Lewis epitopes of the native protein *O*-glycome are shown. The enzymatic activity is monitored by the loss of Western blot signal originating from specific Le-epitope antibodies after enzyme incubation. The cleavage of a fucosyl would be observed as a loss/decrease of signal due to the large decrease/abolished binding of the antibody. Inactive enzymes serve also as negative controls as they show independently the full-signal, whereas the active enzymes serve as positive controls, showing signal level when the motif is depleted. The data are from a single (n=1) experiment. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



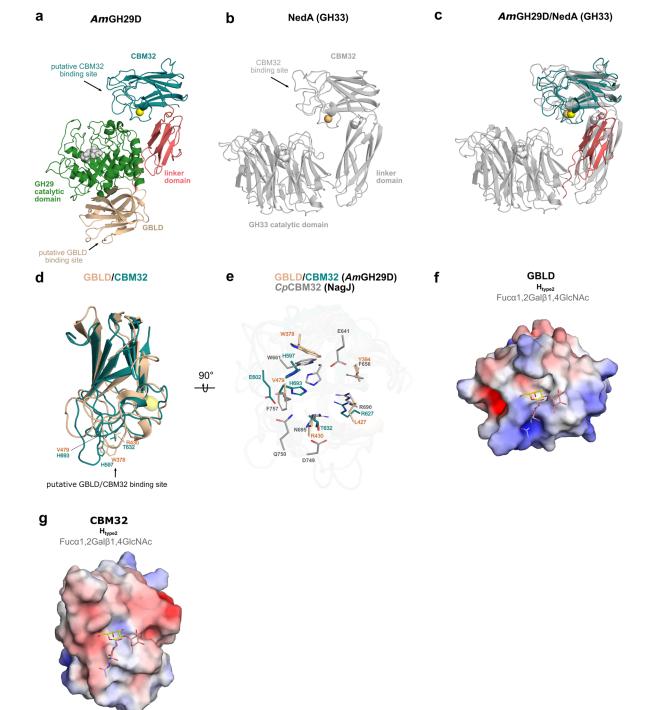
Supplementary Fig. 7: Modular organization and phylogeny of A. muciniphila sialidases. a, Modular organization of A. muciniphila assigned GH33 sialidases and distant orthologues with BNR-like domains, considered a sialidase signature. b, Amino acid sequence identity matrix for the sequences in a. c, Phylogenetic tree of 534 putative sialidases sequences (GH33 enzymes and BNR-like domain enzymes from the sequences in a and b). A. muciniphila sialidases and their closest characterized orthologues (indicated with their UniProt IDs) are in yellow boxes and the amino acid sequence identities between their catalytic modules are in the blue box. The source organism niches of the described sialidases are indicated by coloured circles and substrates that enzymes have been shown to be active on are shown. The branches populated by the A. muciniphila enzymes are in pink and highlighted by a grey shadow. Characterized GH33 enzymes previously shown to release 2,7-anhydro Neu5Ac are highlighted by a dark yellow box and GH33 enzymes demonstrated to be active on 2-keto-3-deoxy-p-manno-octulosonic acid (Kdo) are highlighted by an orange box.



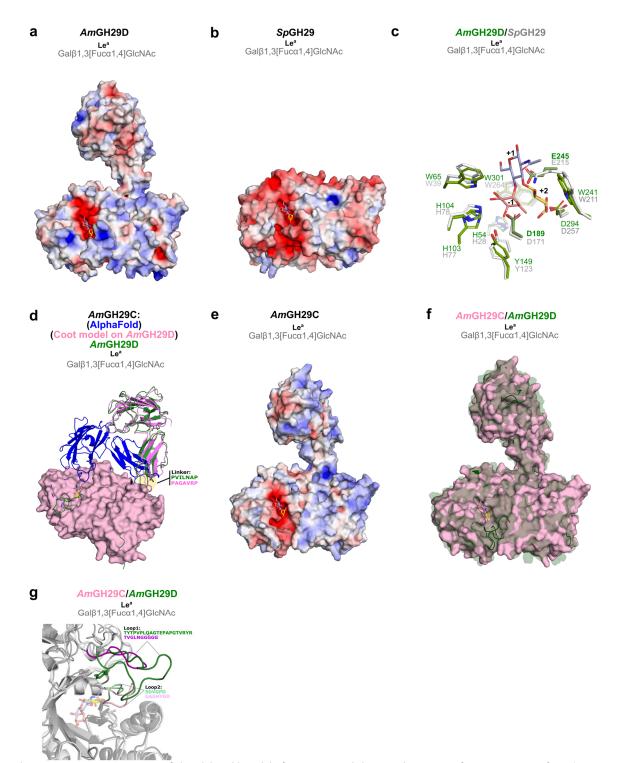
Supplementary Fig. 8: Sialidase activity on oligosaccharides. a-e, The sialidase activity on sialyl-substituted oligosaccharides and polysialic acid (Colominic acid) monitored by TLC. Active enzymes are highlighted by pink boxes. Reactions (10 μ L) were carried out using 2 mM of each substrate, 0.5 μ M of each enzyme at pH 6.8 at 37 °C for 1 h. The data are from three independent experiments (n=3), whereby all analyses yielded similar results. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



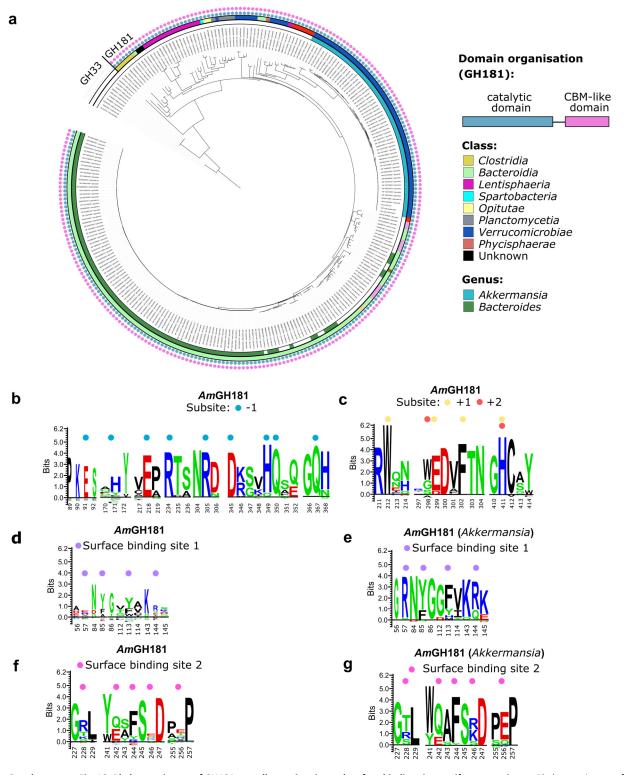
Supplementary Fig. 9: Sialidase activity on mucin sialylated O-glycan motifs as well as immunoglobulin G N-glycans. The subscripted "free Oglycans" indicated that the analyses were performed on released glycans, whereas absence of this subscript refers to analyses conducted on Oglycans attached to mucin a-d, Activity on different O-glycan cores from porcine colonic mucin (PCM). e, Sialidase activity on N-glycans from human IgG. f, Activity profiles showing equal activity of AmGH33A on the 6SGalNac epitope from PCM and Muc2_{Mouse} (Muc2 from mouse) after 1 h incubation, while the activity of AmGH33B on the same epitope is markedly lower on intact Muc2_{Mouse}. **g**, Activity profile showing the lower activity of AmGH33B on the Sda epitope from Muc2 $_{\text{Mouse}}$ as compared to the activity of the enzyme on the same epitope from PCM after 1 h incubation. For isobaric glycans structures, the number after the slash (/n) denotes the corresponding structure in the LC-MS data file (see Supplementary Data). Either free O-glycans and N-glycans or MUC2 conjugated O-glycans were blotted on PVDF membranes and incubated with the enzymes for 1 h or 24 h (see material and methods for details). Following the incubations, the free glycans were analysed directly, whereas the conjugated glycans were released by reductive amination and analysed using ESI-LC MS/MS. The data are from a single (n=1) experiment. For comparing the relative abundance of glycans between samples, the AUC (ESI- LC MS/MS ion chromatogram peak area) of each glycan structure was integrated, normalized to the total AUC of the sample and expressed as a percentage. Relative abundances higher than the control are likely due to noise resulting from minor differences in mucin spotted amounts. For minor structures, this could result in large changes as some of the minor structures would not be detected in the control. This artefact does not change the overall activity profiles as verified by removing data from glycans with a relative abundance <0.5% (See Supplementary Data File 2). Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



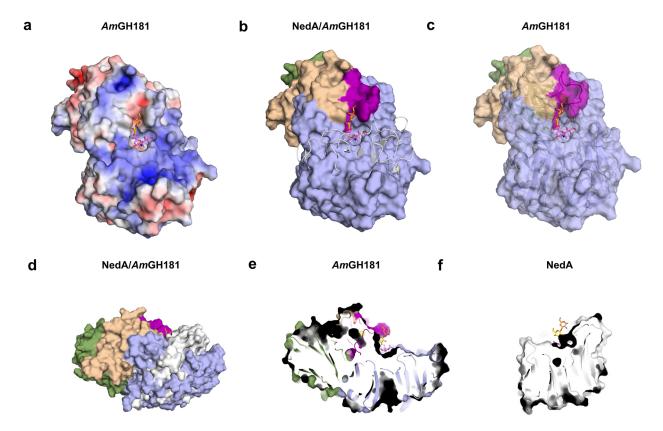
Supplementary Fig. 10: Cobra strike pose architecture and putative binding domains of AmGH29D. a, Overall structure of AmGH29D consisting of a catalytic (β/α)₈ N-terminal domain (green), a β-sandwich forming the galactose binding like domain (GBLD) (wheat coloured), a linker domain (salmon red) and a putative CBM32 (dark cyan) with a Ca^{2+} (yellow sphere) binding site. The inferred catalytic nucleophile D190 and the acid/base E246 are shown as spheres (white). b, Overall structure of the $Micromonospora\ viridifaciens\ GH33\ sialidase\ (NedA, PDB: 1WCQ)\ that displays a similar "Cobra strike pose" architecture as <math>AmGH29D$. The catalytic residues are highlighted as spheres (grey) and the bound Na^+ is shown as orange sphere, c, Structural alignment (Dali server) of NedA with the linker and CBM32 domain of AmGH29D showing a similar juxtapositioning above the active site (here dubbed as a Cobra strike pose). d, Structural alignment of the GBLD and the CBM32 domains of AmGH29D with the bound Ca^{2+} (yellow) and with residues putatively involved in ligand binding represented as sticks. e, Comparison of the ligand-binding sites of the biochemically characterized CBM32 from $Clostridium\ perfringens\ (CpCBM32, PDB: 2J7M)$ with GBLD and the CBM32 from AmGH29D. The analysis shows that the aromatic stacking tryptophan in the previously characterized CBM32 is shared with GLBD, which otherwise possesses more apolar residues in the potential binding site as compared to both CBM32s. f, Electrostatic surface representation of the GLBD (generated using the APBS plugin in Pymol) illustrating the apolar surface of the putative binding site. g, Electrostatic surface representation of the putative CBM32 showing a more polar putative binding site as compared to the GLBD (g). (f and g) The H2 antigen trisaccharide bound in CpCBM32 with fucose shown in pink, N-acetylglucosamine in blue and galactose in yellow is also shown in the GBLD and CBM32 from AmGH29D after structural alignment with the CpCBM3



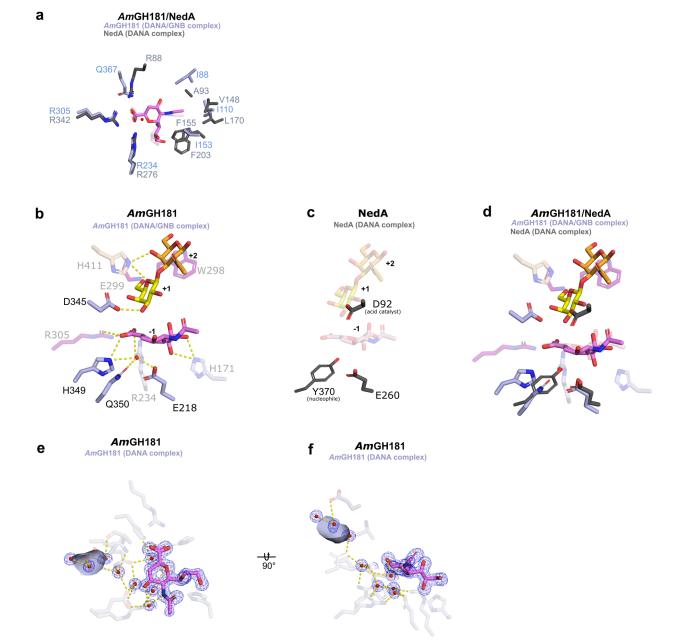
Supplementary Fig. 11: Comparison of the AlphaFold model of AmGH29C and the crystal structure of AmGH29D. a, Surface electrostatic potential of AmGH29D (APBS plugin in Pymol) showing the negatively charged active site surrounded by positively charged patches. b, Surface electrostatic potential of the closest structural orthologue of AmGH29D (SpGH29, 6OR4;) showing a negatively charge patch flanking the active site as opposed to AmGH29D. c, Stick representation (green) of the AmGH29D active site shows a highly conserved –1 subsite as compared to SpGH29 (white sticks). The catalytic residues of AmGH29D (D190 and E246) are in bold font. d, Superimposition of the AmGH29C AlphaFold model (pink surface (catalytic domain) and the C-terminal GBLD and CBM32 in cartoon), an AmGH29C model build in coot (blue, cartoon) on AmGH29D as a template (blue, cartoon) and AmGH29D (green, cartoon). Amino acid differences in the linker region suggest higher flexibility of AmGH29C than AmGH29D, which may contribute to the possible ridged body movement of the CBM32-linker domains in AmGH29C to position the CBM in a Cobra-bite pose at the side of the active site. e, Electrostatic surface representation of the AlphaFold model of AmGH29C. f, Superimposition of the AmGH29C Coot model (white solid surface) with AmGH29D (green semi-transparent surface) showing large loops in AmGH29D occluding the active site, potentially hindering the accommodation of larger complex and/or heavily substituted fuco-O-glycans. g, Superimposition of the AmGH29C AlphaFold model (dark grey, cartoon) with AmGH29D (white, cartoon) highlighting the larger and potentially less flexible loops in AmGH29D (Loop1: dark green, Loop2: light green) restricting the active site as opposed to the shorter and more flexible corresponding loops in AmGH29C (Loop1: dark pink, Loop2: light pink). The structure is shown from a different perspective for clarity.



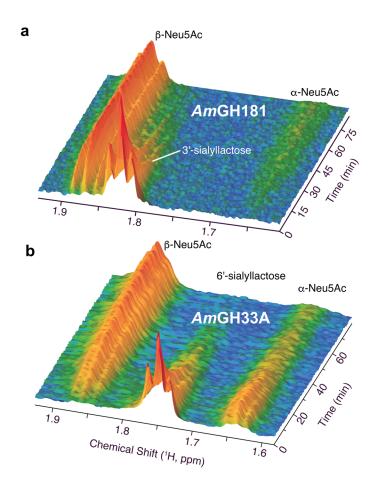
Supplementary Fig. 12: Phylogenetic tree of GH181 as well as active site and surface binding site motif conservation. a, Phylogenetic tree of 335 GH181 sequences generated using AmGH181 as a query (see Materials and methods section). The modular architecture of the catalytic module and the CBM-like domain is conserved throughout the family and the taxonomic class and genus affiliations of the sequences is shown. b, Sequence logo of subsites +1 and +2 subsites. c, Sequence logo of subsite -1. d, Sequence logo of the putative surface binding site 1 residues across GH181. e, same as d, but including only GH181 sequences from the Akkermansia genus. f, Sequence logo of the putative surface binding site 2 across GH181. g, same as f, but including sequences only from the Akkermansia genus.



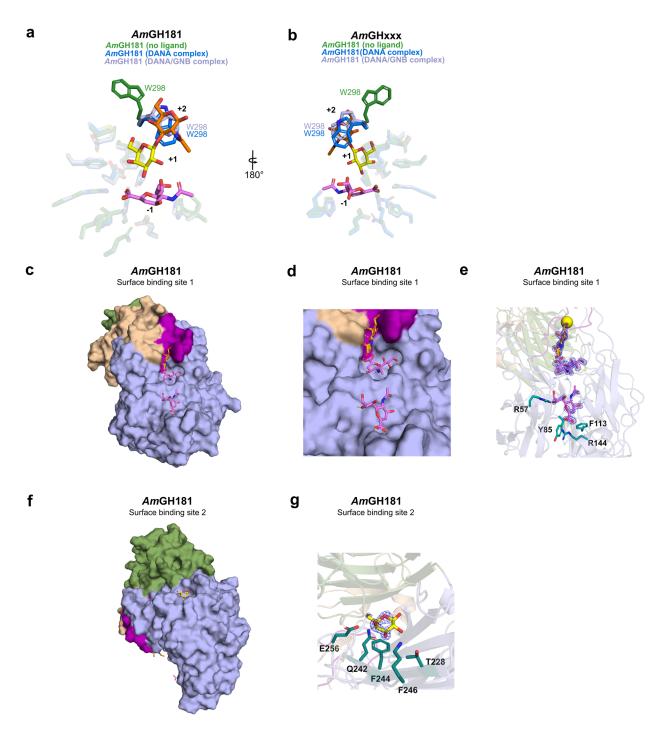
Supplementary Fig. 13: Architecture of AmGH181 and comparison to GH33 sialidases. a, Electrostatic surface representation of AmGH181 showing positively charged patches surrounding the catalytic site. b, Superimposition of AmGH181 with the closest structurally characterized orthologue, the GH33 sialidase NedA from *Micromonospora vifidifaciens* (1EUS), showing that the elongated loops that join the strands of the β-propeller in GH33 (grey cartoon) are markedly shortened in AmGH181, resulting in open side of the active site as opposed to NedA. By contrast, longer loops together with the Ca^{2+} binding and the B domains pack onto the β-propeller forming the binding site for the T-antigen disaccharide moiety, which lacks in GH33 enzymes. *Am*GH181 is shown as a surface coloured according to the domains: catalytic domain in light blue, Ca^{2+} (yellow sphere) binding domain in violet, B domain in wheat and C-terminal β-sandwich domain in green. c, Semi-transparent surface representation of *Am*GH181 coloured as in b showing that the active site of *Am*GH181 is shaped by the Ca^{2+} bindings site, the B domain and two large loops from the catalytic domain. d, Superimposition of *Am*GH181 (solid surface, coloured as in b) with NedA (solid surface, white) showing differences in active site architecture. e, Same view of *Am*GH181 as d but represented as carved solid surface (coloured as in b) highlighting the "sun-chair" architecture of the *Am*GH181 active site. f, Same view of NedA as in d but represented as carved solid surface (white) showing the flat surface NedA potentially lacking the aglycone (+) ligand binding sites. Structural alignments of *Am*GH181 and NedA (panels b and d) were performed using the DALI server.



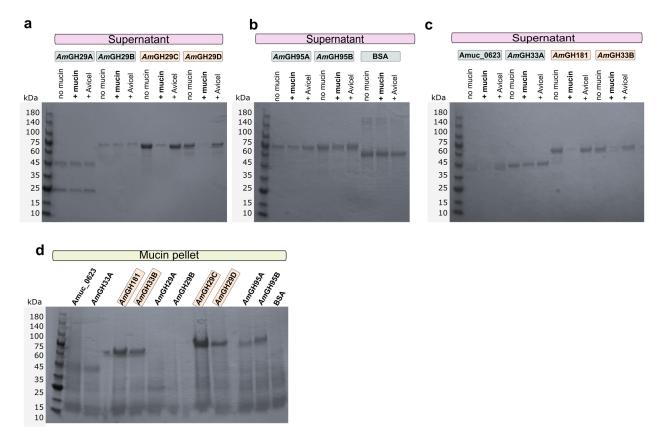
Supplementary Fig. 14 Catalytic site signatures of AmGH181 as compared to the closest GH33 sialidase. a, Superimposition of the catalytic sites of AmGH181 (light blue sticks, the DANA inhibitor in dark pink, Gal in yellow, GalNAc in dark yellow and an ordered water molecule as red sphere) and NedA, the GH33 from Micromonospora vifidifaciens (1EUS, grey sticks, the DANA inhibitor in a semi-transparent and light pink). The top view shows that only two of the three arginine residues of the conserved R triad in GH33, are conserved in AmGH181, whereas a glutamine substitutes the third arginine. Residues with similar chemistry flank the N-acetyl group of the DANA inhibitor, while two phenylalanines, one of which packs onto the DANA inhibitor in the catalytic site, are lacking in AmGH181 b, The catalytic site of AmGH181 showing the recognition of the DANA inhibitor and T-antigen disaccharide (GNB) (stick coloured according to domain, similar to Supplementary Fig. 11b). c, The catalytic machinery of the GH33 NedA (stick representation) showing the catalytic tyrosine nucleophile, an adjacent conserved glutamate and the catalytic acid. The DANA and GNB from AmGH181 are also visualized to keep the perspective of the active site. d, Superimposition of the AmGH181 catalytic site (same colouring scheme as b) and NedA (grey sticks, DANA in semi-transparent and light pink) showing the substitution of the catalytic nucleophile in GH33 to a glutamine (Q350) in AmGH181, which is preceded by a histidine (H349). These two residues as well as an invariant glutamate (E218) and one of the conserved arginine (R234) are potentially hydrogen bonded to a water molecule (see b) that overlays perfectly with the oxygen in the catalytic tyrosine in GH33 enzymes. This water is positioned for nucleophilic attack at the C2 of the sialyl (or inhibitor) unit. An invariant aspartate (D345) in AmGH181 is hydrogen bonded to the C3-OH group of the bound galactosyl unit at subsite +1 (see b), whereas the general acid/base aspartate in GH33 (D92 in NedA) is missing. e, The Fo – Fo electron density maps (blue mesh) of the DANA inhibitor and a solvent tunnel connecting the bulk of the solvent and the catalytic site. f, same representation as in e but rotated 90 degrees along the x-axis.



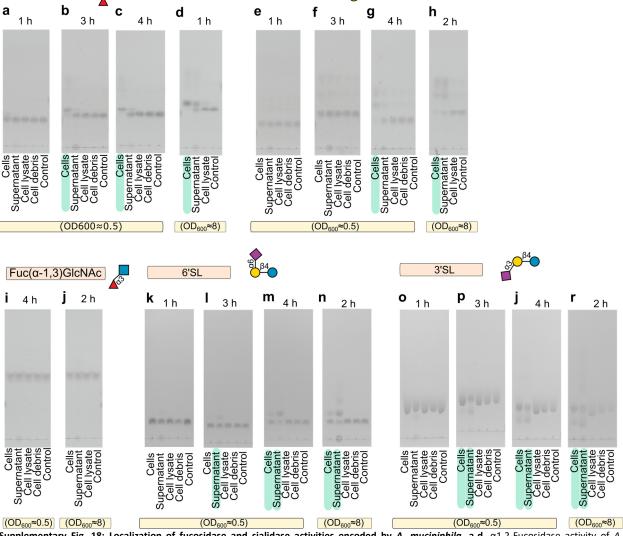
Supplementary Fig. 15: The NMR analysis of the inverting mechanism of AmGH181. a, Time series of 1H NMR real time spectra of the AmGH181-catalysed conversion of 3′-sialyllactose at 310 K and pH 6.8. The spectral region containing the axial 1H -3 signal in sialic acid (Neu5Ac) is depicted. The spectral series showed that β -Neu5Ac is the initial product of the reaction. Some α -Neu5Ac emerges as the reaction progresses due to mutarotation. These data provide evidence that the hydrolysis of Neu5Ac proceeds with the inversion of anomeric configuration in the previously undescribed GH181 family. b, Control experiment that shows a time series of 1H NMR real time spectra of the AmGH33B catalysed conversion of 6′-sialyllactose at 310 K and pH 6.8. The spectral region containing the axial 1H -3 signal in sialic acid (Neu5Ac) is depicted. The spectral series showed that α -Neu5Ac is the initial product of the reaction that mutarotates to β -Neu5Ac with a half time of about 80 min to reach about 90% of the total Neu5Ac in the solution. These data are consistent with the known retaining mechanism within GH33. The data are from a single (n=1) experiment. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



Supplementary Fig. 16: Ligand binding at the active site and secondary surface binding sites of AmGH181. a, Comparison of the ligand free (green sticks), DANA bound (blue) or DANA+GNB bound (light purple) structure, showing an induced fit flipping movement of a tryptophan sidechain to provide aromatic stacking for the GalNAc at subsite +2 in the two ligand-bound structures. b, The same as a, but turned 180°. c, Surface binding site 1 adjacent to the active site with a DANA molecule bound. d, Zoom in view as in c. e, potential binding residues at 4 Å distance from the modelled DANA molecule. f, The surface binding site 2 at the opposite side of the active site with a modelled galactose unit bound at a shallow groove. g, The potential binding resides of the modelled Gal with a phenylalanine aromatic stacking interaction flanked by polar residues. (e and g) Unbiased F₀ – F_c electron density maps are represented as blue mesh.



Supplementary Fig. 17: Binding of A. muciniphila fucosidases and sialidases to mucin. a-d, Representative SDS-PAGE gels showing pulldown binding assays of A. muciniphila fucosidases, sialidases and of a negative control protein (BSA) binding to insoluble PGM and Avicel (about 60% crystalline cellulose) is used as a negative control. A marked decrease in residual enzyme in the supernatant of the binding assay (decreased band intensity) is indicative of the strong association of the enzyme to the insoluble mucin pellet, which is also evidenced by high recovery of the enzyme from the pellets of the binding assays. The data are from two independent experiments (n=2) whereby all analyses yielded similar results. The grey boxes denote enzymes that showed weak or no binding, whereas the bisque coloured boxes denote enzymes that had strong binding to mucin, based on their depletion from the supernatants (pink boxes) of the binding assays. The binding is also investigated by evaluating the proteins in the pellets of the binding assay (green box) that contained the insoluble mucin and the proteins associated to it. The same bisque colour is also used in the pellet fraction to denote strong association, based on the recovery of the bound enzymes from the pellet fraction. The GH95 proteins appear to display some binding, but it is clearly much weaker than counterparts that are highlighted as tight binders in this analysis. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



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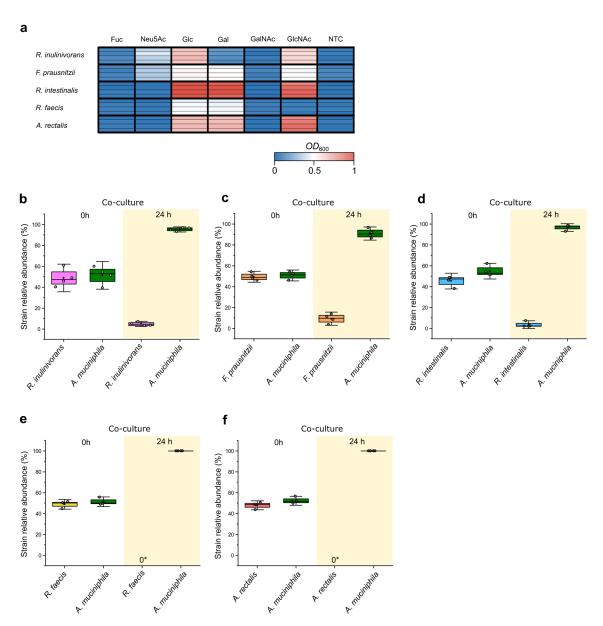
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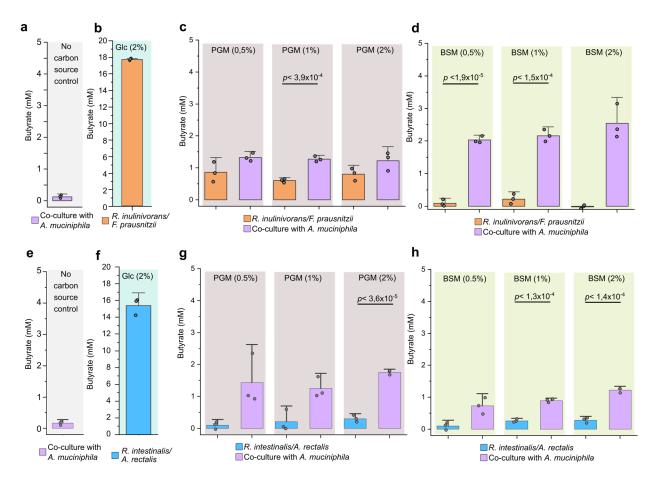
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Supplementary Fig. 18: Localization of fucosidase and sialidase activities encoded by A. muciniphila. a-d, \(\alpha 1, 2\)-Fucosidase activity of A. muciniphila as assayed on 2FL with intact cells, culture supernatants, soluble cell lysates, insoluble cell debris fraction and a buffer control using TLC analysis. e-h, a1,4-Fucosidase activity of A. muciniphila as assayed on Lea trisaccharide on similar cell culture fractions as above with a buffer as a negative control. i-j. α 1,3-Fucosidase activity of A. muciniphila as assayed on Fuc α 1,3 GlcNAc using same culture fractions and control as above. k-n, α2,6-Sialidase activity of A. muciniphila as assayed on 6'SL with intact cells, culture supernatants, cell lysates, cell debris and a buffer control. o-r, α2,3-Sialidase activity of A. muciniphila as assayed on 3'SL with intact cells, culture supernatants, cell lysates, cell debris and a buffer control. The experiments have been performed on cells grown porcine gastric mucin and pure oligosaccharide substrates. Fractions showing highest activity are highlighted with green boxes. The data are from at least three independent experiments (n=3) whereby all analyses yielded similar results. The pellets were resuspended in the same volume as that of the reactions with the supernatants to allow direct comparison. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



Supplementary Figure 19: Growth of butyrate producing Clostridia on monosaccharides from mucin and in competition with *A. muciniphila* on PCM. a, Growth of *Roseburia inulinivorans, Faecalibacterium prausnitzii, Roseburia intestinalis, Roseburia faecis* and *Agathobacter rectalis*, on YCFA supplemented with 0.5 % (w/v) monosaccharides from mucin after 24h. Growth experiments were performed in four independent biological replicates (n=4). b-f, The relative abundance of *R. inulinivorans, F. praunsnitzii*, *R. intestinalis, R. faecis,* and *A. rectalis,* respectively, at the start of co-culture growth with *A. muciniphila* on PCM (0 h) and at 24 h. Relative strain abundances were determined with qPCR (one analysis per biological replicate, n=1) from the four independent biological replicate co-cultures presented in Fig. 4 (n=4). In the boxplot, the box represents the interquartile range (25th-75th percentile) and the whisker is 1.5 times the standard deviation (SD). The median is represented as solid line and the mean as a solid black square, with individual measurements are grey circles. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.



Supplementary Figure 20: Cross-feeding of butyrate producing Clostridia in *A. muciniphila* co-cultures on mucins with different degree of sialyation. a, Butyrate concentration of co-cultures of *R. inulinivorans*, *F. prausnitzii* and *A. muciniphila* grown on a no-carbon source control after 24h. b, same as a, but with glucose (2%) as a carbon source. c, Butyrate concentration of *R. inulinivorans* and *F. prausnitzii* only (orange) or in co-culture with *A. muciniphila* (purple) on a different concentrations of PGM after 24h. d. Butyrate concentration of *R. inulinivorans* and *F. prausnitzii* only (orange) or in co-culture with *A. muciniphila* (purple) on a different concentration of BSM after 24h. e, Butyrate concentration of co-cultures of *R. intestinalis*, *A. rectalis* and *A. muciniphila* on a non carbon source control after 24h. f, Butyrate concentration of *R. intestinalis* and *A. rectalis* only on glucose (2%) after 24h. g, Butyrate concentration of *R. intestinalis* and *A. rectalis* only (blue) or in co-culture with *A. muciniphila* (purple) on a different concentrations of PGM after 24h. h. b. Butyrate concentration of *R. intestinalis* and *A. rectalis* only (blue) or in co-culture with *A. muciniphila* (purple) on a different concentration of BSM after 24h. a-h, Growth cultures and butyrate quantifications were performed in independent biological triplicates (n=3) and data are presented as mean values with the error bars representing the standard deviation (SD). The statistical significance between butyrate concentrations reached was evaluated using an unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test and the corresponding *p*-values are included in the individual figure panels. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding figure number and panel definition.

Supplementary Table 1: Enzyme names and primers

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^aThe size of the signal peptide in amino acids as predicted from SignalP (V.5.0) (see Materials and methods section). The cloning vector homologous recombination patches to the cloning cassette of the used pET28a(+) vector are in bold. The *A. muciniphila* sialidases with the locus tags Amuc_0623, Amuc_0625, Amuc_1547 and Amuc_1835 have been referred to as Am0705, Am0707, Am1757 and Am2085 respectively1, in previous work that used fluorescently labelled model substrates to indirectly show sialidase activity.

^{1.} Huang K, et al. Biochemical characterization of the neuraminidase pool of the human gut symbiont *Akkermansia muciniphila*. *Carbohydr Res* **415**, 60-65 (2015).

Supplementary Table 2: Kinetics parameters of *A. muciniphila* fucosidases.

			Enzyr	ne		
	AmGH29A	AmGH29B	AmGH29C	AmGH29D	AmGH95A	AmGH95B
k _{cat} (s ⁻¹)	43 ± 1.5	0.10 ± 0.0062	(9.9 ± 0.39) x10 ⁻³	0.022 ± 0.0010	0.98 ± 0.017	0.37 ± 0.017
<i>K</i> _M (mM)	1.1 ± 0.11	1.6 ± 0.33	4.1 ± 0.41	2.25 ± 0.34	0.76 ± 0.044	3.0 ± 0.46
$k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{M}}$ (s ⁻¹ ·mM ⁻¹)	41 ± 4.6	0.0063 ± 0.0013	0.15 ± 0.0056	0.0096 ± 0.0015	1.29 ± 0.077	0.12 ± 0.020

The kinetic parameters were determined towards the model substrate para-nitrophenyl- α -L-Fucoside (pNPFuc) at 37 °C for 180 min in 20 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, pH 6.8. Data are mean values of three independent experiments (n=3) with standard deviation (SD). Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding table number.

Supplementary Table 3: Number of assigned *O*- and *N*-glycan structures studied in this work.

	Number of assigned glycan structures in the fucosidase analysi				
Substrate	Total	Fucosylated	Sialylated		
O-glycans from PGM, PCM and fetuin	160	88	44		
N-glycans from human IgG	22	15	10		
	Number of assigne	ed glycan structures in th	e sialidase analysis		
Substrate	Total	Fucosylated	Sialylated		
O-glycans from PCM	80	41	30		
O-glycans from MUC2 _{Mouse}	74	17	36		
N-glycans from human IgG	24*	13 [*]	10 [*]		

Number of glycan structures that are assigned from the LC-MS analysis of reactions of *A. muciniphila* fucosidases and sialidases on different substrates. *The *N*-glycans are from a different experiment than those analysed for fucosidase activity.

Supplementary Table 4: Fucosidase relative activity towards porcine gastric, colonic mucin and fetuin.

		-glycans		
	non-fucosylated	Fuc-α1,2	Fuc-α1,2 & α1,3/4	Fuc-α1,3/4
Enzyme	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Control	56.6	21.2	10.9	11.3
AmGH29A	51.6 [*]	23.4*	12.8*	12.2*
AmGH29B	57.4 [*]	21.3	10.6	10.7
AmGH29C	69.2	30.2	0.3	0.3
AmGH29D	59.9	29.3	4.8	6.0
AmGH95A	58.7	17.9	10.9	12.6
<i>Am</i> GH95B	74.3	2.5	0	23.2

Abundance (%) of non-fucosylated and fucosylated *O*-glycans present in a 1:1:1 per weight mixture of porcine gastric mucin, porcine colonic mucin and fetuin before and after incubation with *A. muciniphila* fucosidases or with buffer as control. Abundances are calculated based on relative intensities of 166 assigned individual glycan structures detected by LC-ESI/MS. Data are from a single (n=1) experiment with enzymatic overnight incubations. The relative abundances were calculated by integration of the LC-ESI/MS ion chromatogram peak (area under the curve, AUC) and the data in the column are the summed relative abundances for each *O*-glycan category. *The changes observed for these enzymatic incubations as compared to the control, reflect the noise of the experiment due to minor differences in the amounts of mucin blots used to assay activity.

Supplementary Table 5: Normalized activity of A. muciniphila fucosidases on HMOs, mucins and fetuin.

	Normalised activity (s ⁻¹)						
Substrate	AmGH29A	AmGH29B	AmGH29C	AmGH29D	AmGH95A	AmGH95B	
HMOs	0.63 ± 0.092	0.084 ± 0.011	4.5 ± 0.43	4.0 ± 0.026	3.9 ± 0.078	4.0 ± 0.13	
Fetuin	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	
PGM	0.028 ± 0.002	0.019 ± 0.0015	(59 ± 0.41) x 10^{-3}	0.045 ± 0.0014	0.36 ± 0.0041	4.4 ± 0.085	
PCM	(5.8 ± 0.074) x 10^{-3}	$(6.6 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3}$	1.1 ± 0.029	0.46 ± 0.018	0.095 ± 0.014	0.79 ± 0.047	

Normalized activity (V/E) determined towards 0.5 % (w/v) substrate concentration and a with an enzyme concentration of 0.5 μ M. Enzymatic reactions were performed for 1 h, except for reactions containing fetuin which were incubated for 3 h. N.D. not detected. The very low activity of AmGH29A and AmGH29B on HMOs is likely attributed to activity on the trisaccharide 2'-fucosyl lactose (2FL, see Supplementary Fig. 4e). Data are mean values of three independent experiments (n=3) with standard deviation (SD). Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding table number.

Supplementary Table 6: Activity profiles of A. muciniphila sialidases on porcine colonic mucin O-glycans.

	O-glycans							
	non- sialylated	α2,3	α2,3 & α2,6	α2,6				
Enzyme	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
Control	72.2	7.0	1.8	19				
Amuc_0623	75.3*	6.0*	2.1*	16.6*				
AmGH33A	96.9	3.1	0	0				
<i>Am</i> GH33B	99.3	0.7	0	0				
<i>Am</i> GH181	75.6	2.6	0.4	21.4				

Relative abundance (%) of non-sialylated and differentially sialylated *O*-glycans from porcine colonic mucin before and after incubation with *A. muciniphila* sialidases and or with buffer as control. The relative abundances were calculated based on relative intensities of 82 assigned individual glycan structures detected by LC-MS. The data are for both Neu5Ac and Neu5Gc forms of sialic acid that are cleaved by the enzymes. Data are from a single (n=1) experiment and an overnight incubation. *The differences observed for these enzymatic incubations as compared to the control, reflect the noise due to minor differences in the amounts of mucin blots used to assay activity.

Supplementary Table 7: Normalised activities of *A. muciniphila* sialidases on HMOs and attached *O*-glycans from mucin and fetuin.

		Sialidase normalised activity (s ⁻¹)					
Substrate	Amuc_0623	AmGH33A	<i>Am</i> GH181	<i>Am</i> GH33B			
HMOs	$(3.4 \pm 0.46) \times 10^{-3}$	0.17 ± 0.015	(13 ± 3.1)x10 ⁻³	0.18 ± 0.022			
Fetuin	(35 ± 6.1) x 10^{-3}	0.15 ± 0.02	(75± 36)x10 ⁻³	0.21 ± 0.050			
PGM	N.D.	0.014 ± 0.0045	N.D.	$(36 \pm 4.1) \times 10^{-3}$			
PCM	(5.88 ± 2.1) x 10^{-3}	0.019 ± 0.0019	$(13 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-3}$	(37 ± 6.1)x10 ⁻³			

Normalized activity (V/E) were determined towards 0.5 % (w/v) substrate concentration and with an enzyme concentration of 0.5 μ M as measured by the release of sialic acid using HPAEC-PAD. N.D. not detected within 1 h or 3 h assays. Activity of AmGH181 on HMOs likely attributed to the very low activity on 3'-Sialyl lactose. Data are means of triplicates (n=3) with standard deviation (SD). Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding table number.

Supplementary Table 8: The top structural orthologues of *Am*GH29D.

	PDB ID	Z-score	RMSD	Aligneda	Total ^b	Identity	name/GH/Source organism
			(Å)			(%)	
1	6OR4-B	50.9	1.5	438	449	39	SpGH29/GH29/Streptococcus
							pneumoniae TIGR4
2	5K9H-A	50.3	7.5	457	554	39	GH29_0940/GH29/Rumen unknown
							bacteria
3	3UES-A	48.8	1.5	433	457	41	BiAfcB/GH29/Bifidobacterium longum
							subsp. infantis ATCC 15697
4	4OZO-B	48.1	1.8	439	459	40	BT2192/GH29/Bacteroides
							thetaiotaomicron VPI-5482
5	4zrx-A	45.5	3.0	451	581	42	Bovatus_01698/GH29/ Bacteroides
							ovatus ATCC 8483
6	6tr3-A	42.6	2.2	448	505	34	CDL26_02305/GH29/Ruminococcus
							gnavus GH29 fucosidase E1
7	3gza-b	41.5	1.9	396	431	30	BT3798/GH29/Bacteroides
							thetaiotaomicron VPI-5482
8	6gn6-C	33.5	2.8	301	421	22	aLfuk1/GH29/ <i>Paenibacillus</i>
							thiaminolyticus
9	6o1j-A	32.6	2.0	272	329	25	BN194_28780/GH29/Lacticaseibacillus
							casei W56
10	4jfs-B	31.4	2.7	307	437	26	BtFuc2970/GH29/

The data are based on a DALI search and only the top hit of mutants and/or complexes with ligands is included to avoid redundancy. ^aAligned residues between the hit protein and *Am*GH29D. ^bTotal number of residues in the hit protein.

Supplementary Table 9: The top structural orthologues of AmGH181.

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	PDB ID	Z-score	RMSD (Å)	Aligneda	Total ^b	Identity	name/GH/Source organism
						(%)	
1	1W8O-A	26.2	3.6	311	601	16	NedA sialidase/GH33
							Micromonospora viridifaciens
2	1SNT-A	26.1	2.8	281	352	10	Neu2 sialidase/GH33
							Homo sapien
3	2VK7-B	25.6	2.9	283	448	14	Nanl sialidase/GH33
							Clostridium perfringens
4	3H73-B	25.4	3.0	286	477	16	NanA sialidase/GH33
							Streptococcus pneumoniae
5	5HX0-B	24.4	3.0	279	364	24	Unknown protein/GH33
							Dyadobacter fermentans
6	4XJZ-A	23.9	3.1	280	658	20	NanB sialidase/GH33/
							Streptococcus pneumoniae
7	2SLI-A	23.8	3.0	267	679	18	Intramolecular transsialidase L
							(MDSA)/GH33/Macrobdella decora
8	4X47-A	23.5	3.0	275	489	20	Anhydrosialidase
							RgNanH/GH33/Ruminococcus gnavus
9	6MYV-A	23.3	3.0	277	522	20	Sialidase/GH33/unidentified
							bacterium
10	4YZ2-A	23.2	2.9	272	655	19	NanC sialidase/GH33
							Streptococcus pneumoniae

Based on a DALI search; only the top hit of mutants and/or complexes with ligands is included to avoid redundancy. ^aAligned residues between the hit protein and *Am*GH33B. ^bTotal number of residues in the hit protein.

Supplementary Table 10: The top structural orthologues of the CBM-like domain of AmGH181.

	PDB ID	Z-score	RMSD (Å)	Aligned ^a	Total ^b	Identity (%)	name/GH/Source organism
1							BT1020/GH33/Bacteroides
	5MQR-A	15.4	2.1	127	1082	15	thetaiotaomicron ATCC 29148
2							Galectin/unknown Cinachyrelle
	4AGG-A	12.9	2.8	121	144	11	sp./marine sponge
3							Galectin/Tocascaris leonine/helminth
3	4HLO-A	12.6	2.2	114	278	7	parasite
4	3AFK-A	12.5	2.8	128	168	11	Galectin/Cyclocybe aegerita/fungi
5	5XRM-A	12.3	2.6	117	141	18	Galectin/Homo sapiens
6							Carbohydrate recognition
0	2A6Y-A	11.5	3.1	140	231	9	domain/Saccharomyces cerevisiae
7	2WSU-B	11	2.5	117	306	10	Galectin/ porine adenovirus 4
8	5N8K-A	10.7	2.6	123	644	11	β-galactocerebrosidase/Mus musculus
9	1KIT-A	10.7	2.6	119	757	11	GH33/Vibrio cholerae
10	3WUC-B	10.7	2.6	113	137	14	Galectin/Xenopus laevis

The data are based on a DALI search and only the top hit of mutants and/or complexes with ligands is included to avoid redundancy. ^aAligned residues between the hit protein and CBM-like domain of *Am*GH181. ^bTotal number of residues in the hit protein.

Supplementary Table 11: Inhibition of A. muciniphila fucosidases by 1-Deoxyfuconojirimycin (DFJ).

		Enzyme								
	AmGH29A	AmGH29B	AmGH29C	AmGH29D	AmGH95A	AmGH95B				
<i>IC</i> ₅₀ (μM)	0.60 ± 0.02	1.50 ± 0.10	13.7 ± 0.41	7.29 ± 0.16	53.7 ± 5.9	24.0 ± 1.6				

The inhibition constant IC_{50} was determined towards 2 mM pNPFuc substrate concentration with inhibitor concentrations in the 0.1 - $100~\mu M$ range. The enzyme concentration= $0.5~\mu M$ for all fucosidases except for AmGH29C and AmGH29D, which were assayed at concentration= $10~\mu M$ due to their low activity. Data are the means of three independent experiments (n=3) with standard deviation (SD). Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding table number.

Supplementary Table 12: Inhibition of *A. muciniphila* sialidases by 2,3-dehydro-2-deoxy-*N*-acetylneuraminic acid (DANA).

	Enzyme			
	Amuc_0623	AmGH33A	AmGH33B	<i>Am</i> GH181
<i>IC</i> ₅₀ (μM)	N.D.	61.4 ± 2.20	133 ± 11.1	199 ± 13.2
Normalized activity (Emission units s ⁻¹ nM ⁻¹)	$(3.7 \pm 0.067) \times 10^{-3}$	(108 ± 6.8)x10 ⁻³	(74 ± 2.2)x10 ⁻³	(36 ± 1.7)x10 ⁻³

*IC*₅₀ constants determined towards 1 mM 4-Methylumbelliferyl *N*-acetyl-a-D-neuraminic (4MU-Neu5Ac) with an inhibitor concentration in the 0.01-1 mM range. The enzyme concentration was 50 nM for all sialidases, except Amuc_0623 which was assayed at 200 nM. Enzymatic reactions were performed for 30 min and the N.D. is not determined due to the low affinity towards DANA reflected by the lack of curvature, which precluded reliable determination of inhibition constant. The normalized activity, expression in arbitrary emission units per min and nM enzyme is also shown, to depict that the enzymes have different activity levels on this substrate. Data are means of three independent experiments (n=3) with standard deviation (SD). Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding table number.

Supplementary Table 13: The effects of fucosidase and sialidase inhibition on growth of *A. muciniphila* on PCM.

	_	Growth substrate			
	_	PCM	PCM + Inhibitors	GlcNAc+GalNAc	GlcNAc+GalNAc+ Inhibitors
Time (h)					
5ª	OD ₆₀₀	0.41 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.01
5 *	<i>p</i> -value	$P < 1.1 \times 10^{-8}$		P < 0.62	
8 ^a	OD ₆₀₀	1.11 ± 0.04	0.19 ± 0.02	0.39 ± 0.02	0.40 ± 0.05
	<i>p</i> -value	$P < 8.59 \times 10^{-9}$		P < 0.58	
24ª	OD ₆₀₀	1.39 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.03	1.32 ± 0.02	1.32 ± 0.04
	<i>p</i> -value	P < 1.42 x 10 ⁻⁸		P <	0.93
24 ^b	OD ₆₀₀	1.41 ± 0.02	0.03 ± 0.01	1.43 ± 0.06	1.45 ± 0.05
	<i>p</i> -value	P < 4.45 x 10 ⁻¹¹		P <	0.72

Growth level of *A. muciniphila* in the absence or presence of an equimolar fucosidase:sialidase inhibitor blend on PCM or an equimolar mixture of GlcNAc:GalNAc after 5, 8 and 24h. Growth media were supplemented with 0.5% (w/v) carbohydrates and DFJ/DANA to a final concentration of 1 mM^a or 20^b mM of each inhibitor. The growth experiments were performed in 4 independent biological replicates (n=4) and the data are presented as mean values with standard deviations. Source data are provided as a Source Data file labelled with the corresponding table number. The statistical significance between *OD600* values reached was evaluated using an unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test and the corresponding *p*-values are indicated in the individual table cells.

Supplementary Table 14: Prevalence of fucosidase and sialidase genes in A. muciniphila genomes

	Enzyme					
Fucosidase	AmGH95A	AmGH95B	AmGH29A	AmGH29B	AmGH29C	AmGH29D
Prevalence (%)	93.8	98.5	99.4	37.3	99.5	89.9
Sialidase	Amuc_0623	AmGH33A	AmGH33B	<i>Am</i> GH181		
Prevalence (%)	24.4	98.3	98.9	98.3		

Global prevalence of fucosidases and sialidases in 177 A. muciniphila genomes of human origin (see materials and methods). The prevalence of fucosidases and sialidases genes were analysed by a BLASTP search using the amino acid sequences of AmGH95A, AmGH95B, AmGH29A, AmGH29B, AmGH29C, AmGH29D, Amuc_0623, AmGH33A, AmGH33B and AmGH181 from Akkermansia muciniphila ATCC BAA-835 (same as Akkermansia muciniphila DSM 22959) as query.

		Growth substrate			
Time (h)		PCM	PCM + Inhibitors	GlcNAc/GalNAc	GlcNAc/GalNAc +
5	<i>OD</i> ₆₀₀	0.41 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.01
	<i>p</i> -value	p < 1.1 x 10 ⁻⁸	1	p < 0.62	1
8	<i>OD</i> ₆₀₀	1.11 ± 0.04	0.19 ± 0.02	0.39 ± 0.02	0.40 ± 0.05
	<i>p</i> -value	p < 8.59 x 10 ⁻⁹		p < 0.58	
24	<i>OD</i> ₆₀₀	1.39 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.03	1.32 ± 0.02	1.32 ± 0.04
	<i>p</i> -value	p < 1.42 x 10 ⁻⁸	1	p < 0.93	l

		Growth substrate				
		PCM	PCM + Inhibitors	GlcNAc/GalNAc	GlcNAc/GalNAc + Inhibitors	
Time (h)					IIIIIDILOIS	
	OD600	0.41 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.01	
5	p- value	p < 1.1 x 10-8		p < 0.62		
	OD600	1.11 ± 0.04	0.19 ± 0.02	0.39 ± 0.02	0.40 ± 0.05	
8	p- value	' n < 8.59 x 1()-9		p < 0.58		
24	OD600	1.39 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.03	1.32 ± 0.02	1.32 ± 0.04	
	p- value	<i>p</i> < 1.42 x 10-8		p < 0.93		

Supplementary Table 15: Data collection and refinement statistics of AmGH29D

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	No additives			
PDB accession	8AYR			
Resolution range(Å)*	34.45 - 2.70 (2.798 - 2.70)			
Space group	P 1			
Unit cell (Å, °)	76.19 76.45 84.5 88.41 89.08 88.23			
Total reflections	184329 (14917)			
Unique reflections	47292 (3963)			
Multiplicity	3.9 (3.8)			
Completeness (%)	90.33 (75.09)			
Mean I/sigma(I)	9.93 (1.63)			
Wilson B-factor	59.87			
R-merge	0.082 (0.67)			
R-meas	0.094 (0.78)			
R-pim	0.048 (0.40)			
CC1/2	0.99 (0.86)			
CC*	0.99 (0.96)			
Reflections used in refinement	47185 (3953)			
Reflections used for R-free	2450 (205)			
R-work	0.23 (0.42)			
R-free	0.27 (0.47)			
CC(work)	0.95 (0.84)			
CC(free)	0.92 (0.72)			
Number of non-hydrogen atoms	10626			
macromolecules	10602			
ligands	4			
solvent	20			
Protein residues	1353			
RMS(bonds, Å)	0.005			
RMS(angles,°)	0.86			
Ramachandran favoured (%)	91.48			
Ramachandran allowed (%)	8.01			
Ramachandran outliers (%)	0.52			
Rotamer outliers (%)	0.82			
Clashscore	10.98			
Average B-factor (Ų)	90.90			
macromolecules	90.94			
ligands	96.59			
solvent	68.08			
Number of TLS groups	6			

^{*}Statistics for the highest-resolution shell are shown in parentheses

Supplementary Table 16: Data collection and refinement statistics of *Am*GH181.

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	No ligand	DANA	DANA and GNB			
PDB accession	8AXT	8AXS	8AXI			
Resolution range(Å)*	53.74 - 1.59 (1.647 -	46.35 - 1.3	47.23 - 1.25 (1.295 -			
	1.59)	(1.346 - 1.3)	1.25)			
Space group	P 1 21 1	P 1 21 1	P 1 21 1			
Unit cell(Å, °)	72.96 56.79 146.72 90	104.07 51.78 118.44 90	103.92 51.51 118.47 90			
	94.55 90	93.07 90	93.15 90			
Total reflections	1073418 (104775)	1692885 (126087)	2015188 (138573)			
Unique reflections	160820 (15926)	308437 (29552)	323490 (25068)			
Multiplicity	6.7 (6.6)	5.5 (4.2)	6.2 (5.5)			
Completeness (%)	99.77 (99.70)	99.38 (95.93)	93.50 (72.90)			
Mean I/sigma(I)	6.66 (1.35)	11.78 (0.87)	15.68 (2.50)			
Wilson B-factor	15.12	16.59	14.13			
R-merge	0.29 (>1)	0.063 (>1)	0.049 (0.63)			
R-meas	0.32 (>1)	0.069 (>1)	0.053 (0.70)			
R-pim	0.123(<1)	0.027 (0.8868)	0.021 (0.28)			
CC1/2	0.99 (0.33)	0.999 (0.48)	0.999 (0.87)			
CC*	0.997 (0.71)	1 (0.81)	1 (0.96)			
Reflections used in	160792 (15926)	307572 (29515)	323214 (25037)			
refinement						
Reflections used for R-	8029 (805)	15493 (1486)	16213 (1226)			
free						
R-work	0.168 (0.29)	0.155 (0.42)	0.153 (0.25)			
R-free	0.202 (0.33)	0.175 (0.43)	0.169 (0.27)			
CC(work)	0.963 (0.75)	0.975 (0.68)	0.970 (0.92)			
CC(free)	0.948 (0.62)	0.969 (0.67)	0.965 (0.90)			
Number of non-	10349	10778	10756			
hydrogen atoms						
macromolecules	9014	9212	9057			
ligands	7	180	240			
solvent	1328	1467	1573			
Protein residues	1142	1145	1143			
RMS(bonds, Å)	0.010	0.012	0.011			
RMS(angles, °)	1.05	1.06	1.11			
Ramachandran	96.40	96.49	96.75			
favoured (%)						
Ramachandran allowed	3.43	3.34	3.25			
(%)						
Ramachandran outliers	0.18	0.18	0.00			
(%)						
Rotamer outliers (%)	0.31	0.41	0.31			
Clashscore	2.40	2.54	3.07			
Average B-factor(Å ²)	19.75	24.20	21.80			
macromolecules	18.48	22.67	19.99			
ligands	21.65	31.64	32.39			
solvent	28.36	33.29	31.36			
Number of TLS groups	11	12	11			
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