Characterization of the isolated oligosaccharides.

	IV-2	IV-1	IV-3/III-1	IV-4/III-4	IV-5/III- 5/II-3	III-1b
	Galβ4G	Galβ6G	Galß6Galß	Galß3Galß	Galß3Galß	GalNAca3Gal
	lc	al	4Glc	3Glc	4Glc	β4Glc
Glc						
H1a	5.223		5.222	5.222	5.224	5.225
Η1β	4.665		4.669	4.663	4.666	4.667
Gal						
H1a		5.265				
Η1β		4.594				
Gal(4)						
H1	4.452		4.461		4.511	4.514
H4					4.197	4.111
H6			4.07			
Gal(6)						
H1a		4.444				
Η1β		4.454				
Gal(3)						
H1				4.484		
H4				4.194		
Gal(6,4)						
H1			4.485			
Gal(3,4)						
H1					4.614	
Gal(3,3)						
H1				4.602		
GalNAc(3,4						
)						
H1						5.082
H2						4.231
H5						4.195

Table S1. Proton chemical shift values (ppm) of GOS disaccharide and trisaccharide components.

	III-3/II-2	II-4	II-5	II-6
	Galß6Galß6Galß4	Galß3Galß6Galß4	Galß6Galß3Galß4	Galß3Galß3Galß4
	Glc	Glc	Glc	Glc
Glc				
H1a	5.222	5.223	5.225	5.224
H1β	4.668	4.670	4.667	4.666
Gal(4)				
H1	4.461	4.481	4.511	4.512
H4			4.223	4.199
H6	4.05	4.064		
Gal(6,4)				
H1	4.501	4.518		
H4		4.236		
H6	4.05			
Gal(6,6,4)				
H1	4.453			
Gal(3,4)				
H1			4.622	4.678
H4				4.199
H6			4.040	
Gal(6,3,4)				
H1			4.432	
Gal(3,6,4)				
H1		4.612		
Gal(3,3,4)				
H1				4.618

Table S2. Proton chemical shift values (ppm) of GOS tetrasaccharide components.

	II-1	III-2
	Galβ6GalNAcα3Galβ4 Glc	Galß6Galß6Galß6Glc
Glc		
H1a	5.224	5.223
H1β	4.666	4.684
Η6α		4.213
Η6β		4.287
Gal(4)		
H1	4.511	
H4	4.076	
Gal(6)		
H1a		4.444
Η1β		4.455
H6		4.07
GalNAc(3,4)		
H1	5.068	
H2	4.225	
H5	4.396	
Gal(6,6)		
H1		4.514
H6		4.07
Gal(6,3,4)		
H1	4.446	
Gal(6,6,6)		
H1		4.506

Table S3. Proton chemical shift values (ppm) of GOS tetrasaccharide components.



Figure S1. 1H-NMR spectra of GOS components from fraction IV. (**A**) IV-1, (**B**) IV-3, (**C**) IV-4 and (**D**) IV-5. See text and Table 1 for assignments.



Figure S2. 1H-NMR spectra of GOS components from fraction III. (**A**) III-1b, (**B**) III-2 and (**C**) III-3. See text and Tables S1–S3 for assignments.



Figure S3. 1H-NMR spectra of GOS components from fraction II. (**A**) II-1, (**B**) II-4, (**C**) II-5 and (**D**) II-6. See text and Tables 2 and 3 for assignments.