

Production and characterization of a novel exopolysaccharide from *Ramlibacter tataouinensis*

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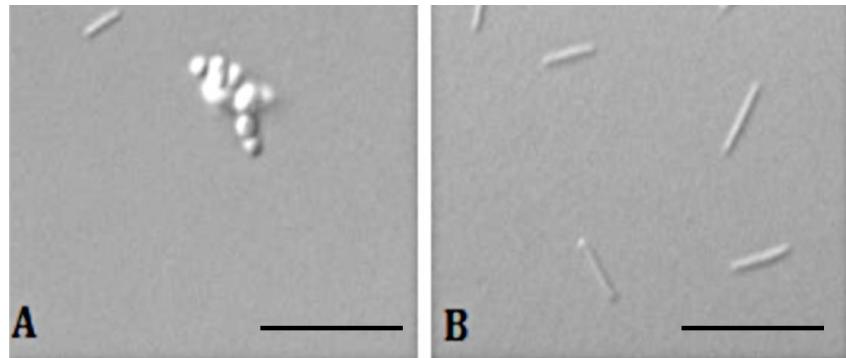


Figure S1. Cellular morphology of *R. tataouinensis*. (A) Cyst form of *R. tataouinensis* and (B) Rod-shaped *R. tataouinensis* when growing in TSB/10 medium at 30 °C for 3 days in the dark. These observations were carried out by bright-field optical microscopy. Scale bar represents 20 μ m.

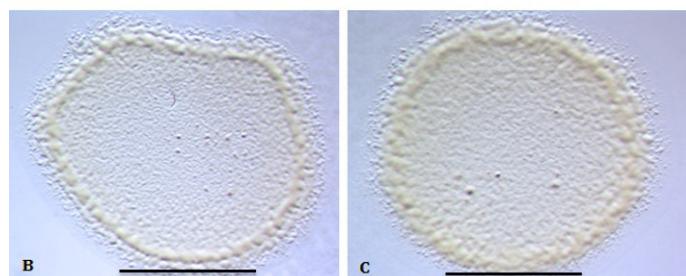
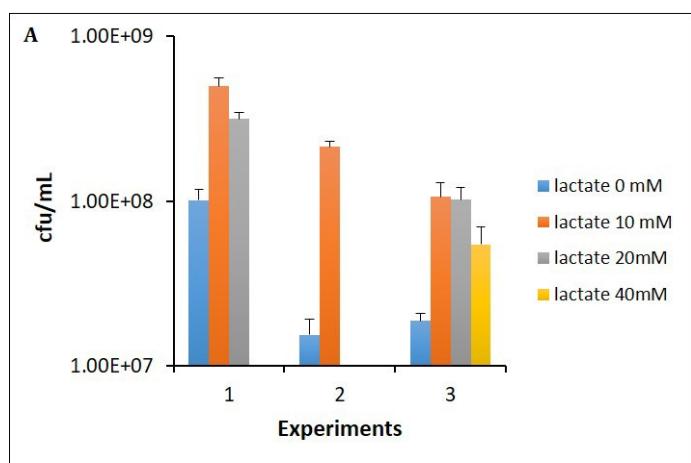


Figure S2. Estimation of the growth of *R. tataouinensis* in presence of lactate: (A) in TSB 1/10 medium with 10, 20- or 40-mM lactate (incubation with stirring 150 rpm, at 30 °C for 3 days) by counting cfu/mL (inoculum: 1%, 10⁵-10⁶ cfu/mL). Error bars are the standard deviations of the mean. and *R. tataouinensis* colonies on TSA 1/10 with (C) or without (B) 10 mM lactate after four days on incubation under dark at 30 ° C. Scale bar: 4 mm

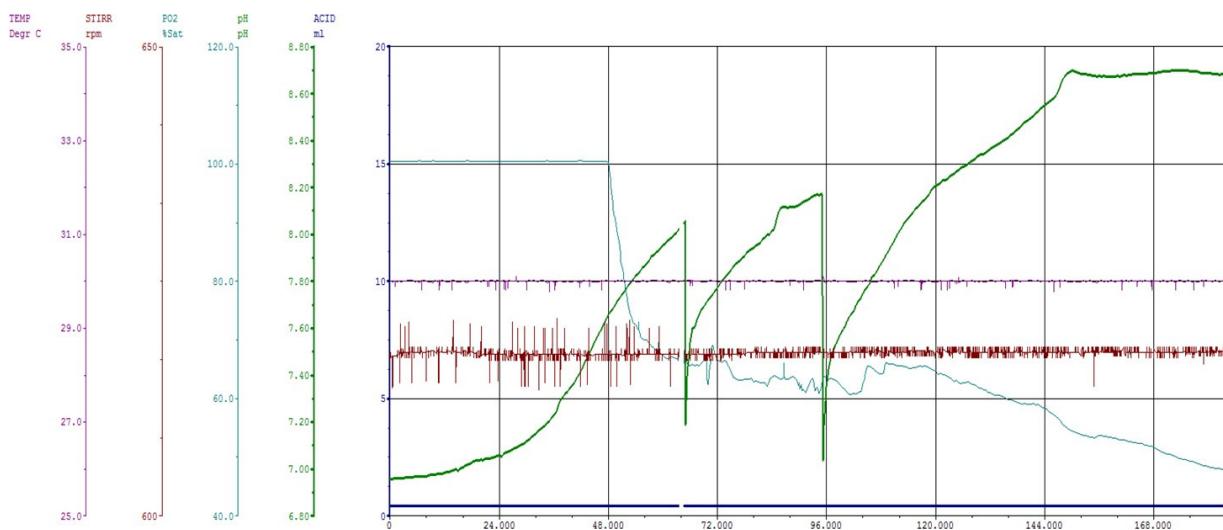
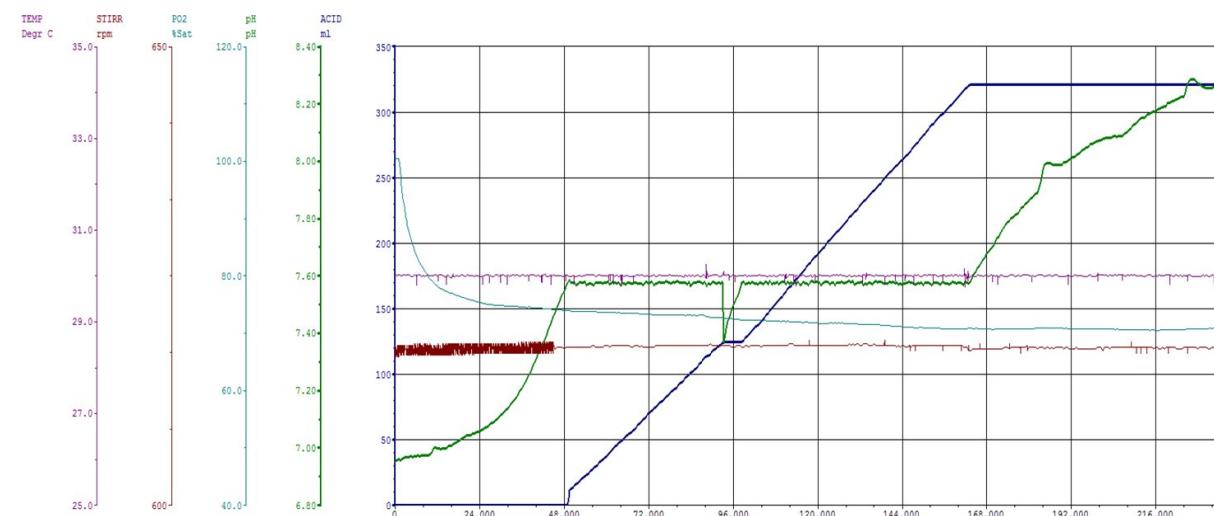
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Figure S3. Optimization of cysts formation by fed-batch fermentation in bioreactor: The graph shows

the pH, pO₂ (DO), temperature and agitation curves. (A) First experiment of development of *R. tataouinensis* in TSB 1/10 culture medium supplemented with 10 mM lactate in a bioreactor. Two injections of sterile and concentrated lactic acid (80%, final concentration 2.2 mM) were made at 65 h

and 95 h of fermentation. (B) The pH was regulated by continuous lactic acid (LA) injection 10%. A TSB intake (1 g/L). The bioreactor was mainlined with sterile air supply of 0.2 vvm, agitation at 1.98 m/s and culture temperature of 30 °C.

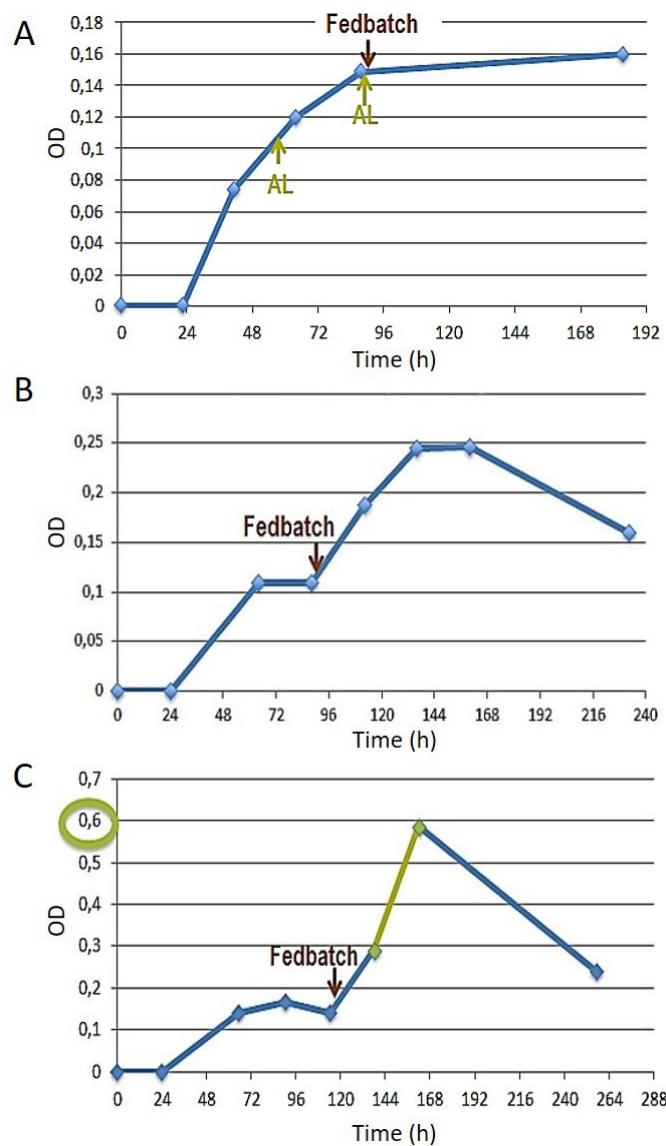
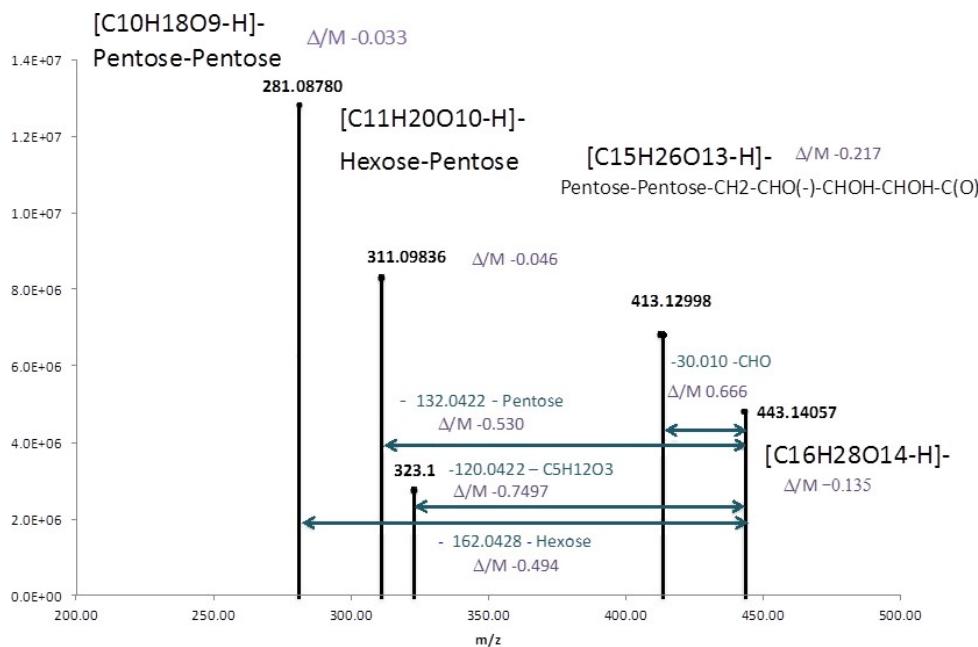


Figure S4. Growth (OD at 600 nm) of *R. tataouinensis* in TSB 1/10 medium supplemented with 10 mM lactate under fed-batch fermentation: (A) Experiment without pH regulation and addition of lactic acid (AL) and carbon substrate (TSB, 1 g/L) are indicated by arrows. (B) Experiment with pH regulation, in which lactic acid (10%) was introduced to regulate the pH (pH 7.6 set point) along with TSB (1 g/L) on the fourth day. (C) Experiment with optimized medium with continuous pH regulation and tryptone 3 g/L and yeast extract 1 g/L were added on the 5th day of fermentation. The overall processes were maintained with sterile air supply (0.2 vvm), agitation at 1.98 m/s, and temperature at 30 °C.



FRAGMENT 1=[C16H28O14-H]-
pentose-pentose-hexose

Figure S5. Example of interpretation of m/z and mass loss between m/z for a 'pentose-pentose-hexose' oligosaccharide (mass 443.14057). The tolerance between theoretical and experimental mass for both m/z and neutral mass loss is ± 0.7 ppm.

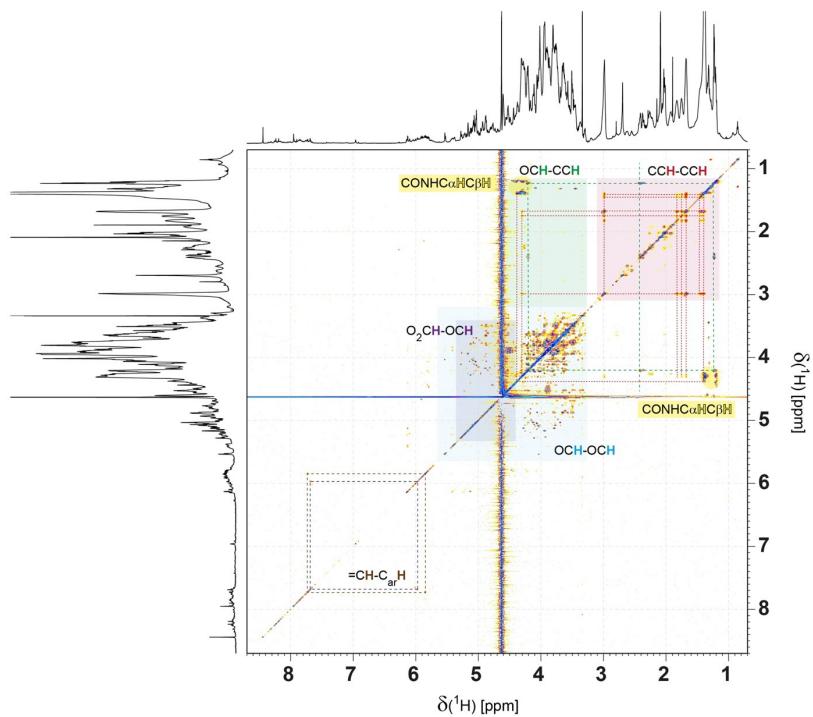


Figure S6. ^1H , ^1H TOCSY NMR spectrum (800 MHz, D_2O , 310 K, mixing time = 70 ms) of *R. tataouinensis* EPS; (A) CCH-CCH cross peaks within aliphatic section, cf. Fig. S10; (B) OCH-CCH cross peaks, connecting aliphatic and oxygenated units; (C) OCH-OCH cross peaks, representing largely carbohydrates; (D) $\text{O}_2\text{CH-OCH}$ cross peaks within carbohydrates (blue shaded section, cf. Fig. S8; purple shaded region, cf. Fig. S9A).

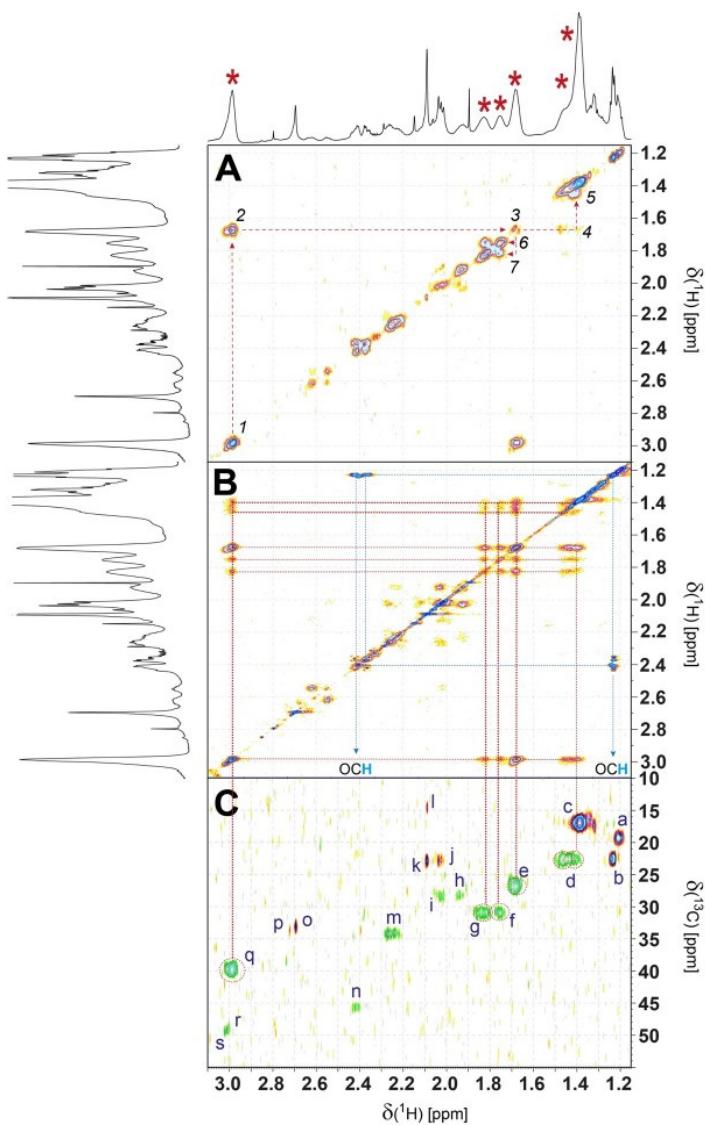


Figure S7. (A) ^1H , ^1H COSY NMR spectrum (800 MHz, D_2O , 310 K, mixing time = 70 ms), (B) ^1H , ^1H TOCSY NMR spectrum, and (C) CH_2 -selective ^1H , ^{13}C DEPT HSQC NMR spectrum of *R. tataouinensis* EPS: aliphatic section; green: CH_2 , red: CH_3 and CH units. Dotted lines denote a major contiguous, and probably a nitrogen-containing aliphatic unit. For annotation $8_{\text{H/C}}$ of HSQC cross peaks, see Table S7.

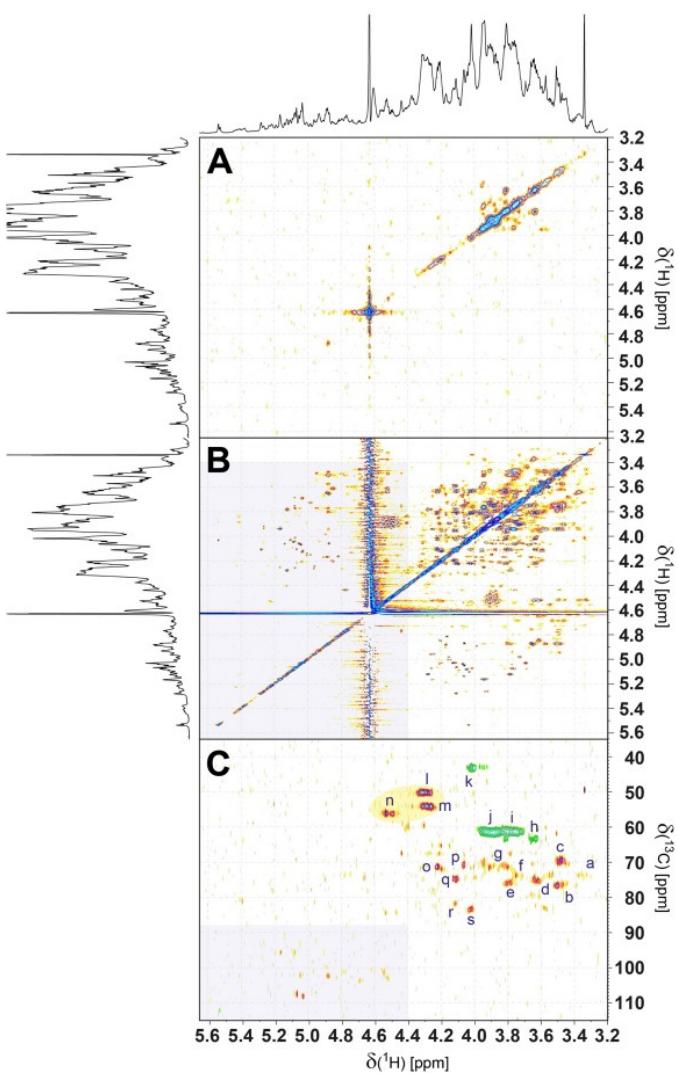


Figure S8. (A) ^1H , ^1H COSY NMR spectrum (800 MHz, D_2O , 310 K, mixing time = 70 ms), (B) ^1H , ^1H TOCSY NMR spectrum, and (C) CH_2 -selective ^1H , ^{13}C DEPT HSQC NMR spectrum of *R. tataouinensis* EPS: section of oxygenated aliphatic units, *i.e.* carbohydrates; green: CH_2 , red: CH_3 and CH units. More than 35 correlation peaks from anomeric protons confirm the presence of complex material. For annotation $8_{\text{H/C}}$ of HSQC cross peaks, see Table S6; yellow shaded section probably indicates CONH-CaH cross peaks within peptide linkages.

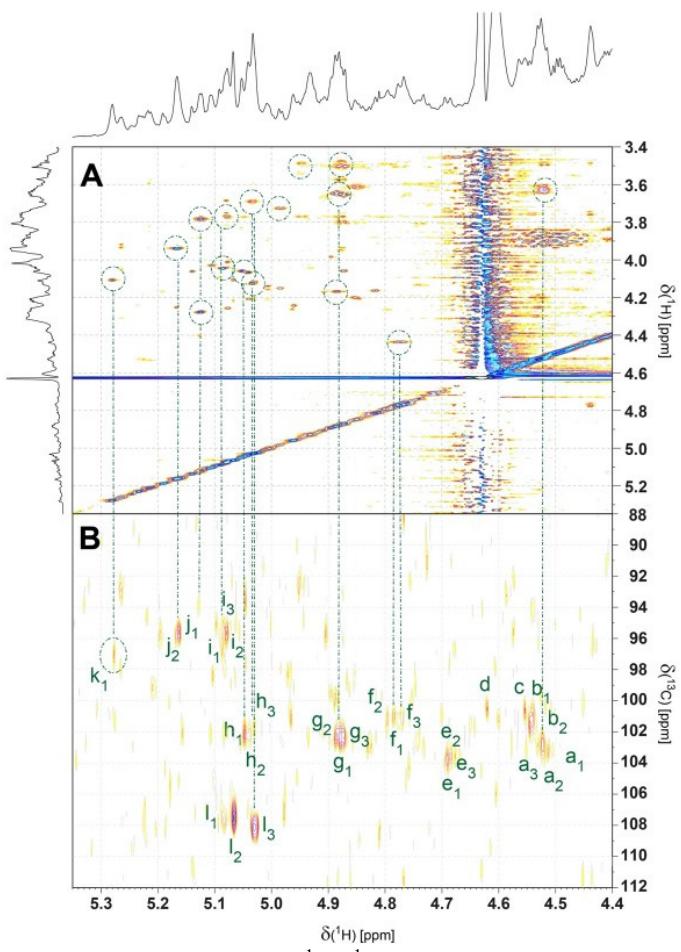


Figure S9. (A) ¹H, ¹H TOCSY NMR spectrum, and (B) CH₂-selective ¹H, ¹³C DEPT HSQC NMR spectrum of *R. tataouinensis* EPS: section of anomeric units O₂CH within carbohydrates. The major cross peaks, and their δ_{H/C} values are depicted in Table S7.

Table S1. Acquisition parameters of NMR spectra, shown according to figures. NS: number of scans (for 2D NMR: F2); AQ: acquisition time [ms]; D1: relaxation delay [ms]; NE: number of F1 increments in 2D NMR spectra; WDW1, WDW2: apodization functions in F1/ F2 (EM/GM: line broadening factor [Hz]; QS: shifted square sine bell; SI: sine bell); PR1, PR2: coefficients used for windowing functions WDW1, WDW2, EM/GM are given in [Hz], SI/QS derived functions indicate shift by π/n .

spectrum	Figure (expno)	NS	AQ [ms]	D1 [ms]	NE	WDW1	WDW2	PR1	PR2
¹ H NMR	1	4096	5000	5000	-	EM	-	1	-
¹ H, ¹ H COSY	S7, S8	32	1078	422	512	EM	QS	3	2.5
¹ H, ¹ H TOCSY	S6, S7, S8, S9	12	1078	1922	2048	EM	QS	2.5	4
¹ H, ¹³ C DEPT HSQC	S6, S7, S8, S9	256	250	1250	215	EM	QS	2	2.5

Table S2. Ion characteristic of monosaccharides. For ease of reading, masses have been rounded to the unit.

Motif or substituent	Molar Mass	[M-H]-	[M -H ₂ O]	[M-H ₂ O-H]-
Hexose	180	179	162	161
Uronic Acid (UA)	194	193	176	175
Pentose	150	149	132	131
Deoxyhexose	164	163	146	145
Acetate	60	59	42	41

Table S3. Loss of mass corresponding to fragmentations of monosaccharides

Fragmentation	Mass losses (uma)	Raw formula
0.1A	30	CHO
0.2A	60	C ₂ H ₄ O ₂
2.4A	120	C ₄ H ₆ O ₄
0.4A	90	C ₃ O ₃ H ₆

Table S4. Use of an m/z distance matrix to search for characteristic mass losses of mono- and oligosaccharides. For ease of reading, masses were rounded to the unit. In accordance with the nitrogen rule, the mass losses sought are even. Odd mass losses have been replaced by 0's in the matrix. The yellow boxes symbolize the diagonal of the matrix. Each mass loss is illustrated by a different formatting. For example, -162 loss of a hexose, -132 loss of a pentose, -42 loss of an acetate, -18 loss of H₂O.

Table S5. Attribution of potential structures corresponding to m/z and loss of mass between signals.
UA symbolizes an uronic acid.

439,10922	[UA-Pentose-Pentose-H2O-H]; [UA-Hexose-Hexose-C2H4O2-H2O-H]	C16H26O15-H2O-H]- C18H30O17-C2H4O2-H2O-H-	439,10933 439,10933	439,10922 439,10922	-0,25051 -0,25051
427,16099				427,16099	
425,12997	[Hexose-1-->6-[3,4-DiOAc]-Hexose-H] perte de masse de -102 (60+42), -132 (90+42), -144 (102+42), pertes -18, -30, -60, -90 caractéristiques enchainement 1,6 [Pentose-pentose-hexose-H2O-H]- [UA-6Deoxyhexose-6-deoxyhexose -C2H4O2-H]- [Hexose-Hexose-Hexose -C2H4O2-H2O-1]-	[C16H26O13-H]- [C16H28O14-H2O-H]- [C18H30O15-C2H4O2-H]- [C18H32O16-C2H4O2-H2O-1]-	425,13006 425,13006 425,13006 425,13006	425,12997 425,12997 425,12997 425,12997	-0,21170 -0,21170 -0,21170 -0,21170
423,11429	Succinyl-Hexose-Hexose-H2O-H]- Succinyl-Hexose-Pentose-C2H4O2-H]-	[C16H26O14-H2O-H]- [C16H30O16-C2H4O2-H]-	423,11441 423,11441	423,11429 423,11429	-0,28361 -0,28361
413,12998	[Pentose-Pentose-Pentose-H]; fragments -18, -90-102-132 [Pentose-Pentose-Hexose-C2H4O2-H]; m/z 425-18-H; m/z 443 fragmentation de l'hexose-30 (-CH2O)	[C15H26O13-H]- [C17H30O15-C2H4O2-H]-	413,13006 414,13006	413,12998 413,12998	-0,19364 -0,19364
407,11943	[Hexose-Hexose-Di-OAc-H2O-H]- [Hexose-1-->6-(3,4-DiOAc)-Hexose-H2O-H]	[C16H26O13-H2O-H]-	407,11950	407,11943	-0,17194
405,10376	m/z 423 - 18				
395,11947	[Tri-pentose-H2O-H] : m/z 425 0,2A ; m/z 443 fragmentation de l'hexose-60 (C2H4O2) [Pentose-Hexose-Hexose-C2H4O2-H2O-H]- [Succinyl-Hexose-Hexose-O-Me-H]- [OMe-6-Deoxyhexose-Hexose-H]-	[C15H26O13-H2O-H]- [C17H28O14-C2H4O2-H]- [C17H28O14-C2H4O2-H]- [C17H28O14-C2H4O2-H]-	395,11950 395,11950 395,11950 395,11950	395,11947 395,11947 395,11947 395,11947	-0,07593 -0,07593 -0,07593 -0,07593
377,10891	[Succinyl-Hexose-Hexose-C2H4O2-H]- ou [Succinyl-Hexose-OAc-pentose-C2H4O2-H]-	[C17H28O14-C2H4O2-H2O-H]-	377,10891	377,10891	0,00000
359,09840					
339,12966	[OMethyl-6-deoxyhexose-Hexose-H]-	C13H24O10-H]-	339,12967	339,12966	-0,02949
337,07757	m/z 439 -102 (60+42, C4H6O3) 0,2A avec acétate en position 2 de l'hexose [UA-Hexose-H2O-H]-	[C12H20O12-H2O-H]- [C14H24O12-C2H4O2-H]-	337,07763 323,09837	337,07757 323,09838	-0,17800 0,03095
323,0984	[Hexose-Hexose-H2O-H]- [OAc-Hexose-Hexose-C2H4O2-H]- m/z 443 fragmentation de l'hexose-120 (C5H12O3) et m/z 413-90 (C3H6O3) [Hexose-Hexose-OAc-C4H6O3-H] 0,2A	[C14H24O12-C2H4O2-H]- [C16H26O13-C4H6O3-H]-	323,09837 323,09837	323,09838 323,09838	0,03095 0,03095
321,11907	[OMethyl-6-deoxyhexose-Hexose-H2O-H]-	C13H24O10-H2O-H]-	321,11911	321,11907	-0,12456
311,09836	[Pentose-Hexose-H]- m/z 443 pentose m/z 413-60-42	[C11H20O10-H]-	311,09837	311,09836	-0,03214
309,11909	[OMethyl-6-deoxyhexose-Hexose-H2O-H]- [6-deoxyhexose-6-deoxyhexose-H]-	C13H24O10-C2H2O-H]- C12H22O9-H]-	309,11911 309,11911	309,11909 309,11909	-0,06470 -0,06470
307,06707	[UA-Pentose-H2O-H] ; m/z 439- pentose-H2O-H]-	[C11H18O11-H2O-H]-	307,06707	307,06707	0,00000
293,08778	[Hexose-Pentose-H2O-H]- m/z 425 -Pentose (relié à m/z 443 et m/z 323 -30: m/z 425 (-90-42) [Succinyl-OAc-Hexose-H]-	[C11H20O10-H2O-H]- [C11H18O9-H]-	293,08781 293,08781	293,08778 293,08778	-0,10236 -0,10236
291,10855	[6-deoxyhexose-6-deoxyhexose-H2O-H]- ou [OMethyl-6-deoxyhexose-Hexose-CH2O-H] [UA-Deoxypentose-H]- ; m/z 423-Pentose; m/z 407- deoxypentose	[C12H22O9-H2O-H]- [C11H16O9-H]-	291,10854 291,07216	291,10855 291,07217	0,03435 0,03436
281,08780	[Pentose-Pentose-H]- ; m/z 443-Hexose : m/z 413-pentose: m/z 323-42 (OAc)	C10H18O9-H]-	281,08781	281,08780	-0,03558
275,07721	[Succinyl-Hexose-OAc-H2O-H]	[C11H18O9-H2O-H]-	275,07724	275,07721	-0,10906
263,07723	[Pentose-Pentose-H2O-H]- ; m/z 425-Hexose-H]- ; m/z 395- pentose : m/z 323-60	[C10H18O9-H2O-H]-	263,07724	263,07723	-0,03801
175,02486	[UA-H2O-H]- ; m/z 439 - Pentose-Pentose; [m/z 337-Hexose-H2O-H]- ; [m/z 423 -Pentose-deoxypentose-H]-	[C6H10O7-H2O-H]-	175,02481	175,02486	0,28567
161,04560	[Hexose-H2O-H]- ; [m/z 425-Pentose-Pentose-H]- ; m/z 323 -162	[C6H12O6-H2O-H]-	161,04555	161,04560	0,31047

Table S6. Summary of potential structures and number of fragments indicative of these structures

Occurrence de fragments	Motif
9	Pentose-Pentose-Hexose
4	Hexose-DiOAc-Hexose
4	Tri-pentose
4	OMe-6-Deoxyhexose-Hexose
3	UA-Pentose-Pentose
3	UA-Hexose-Hexose
3	Succinyl-Hexose-Hexose-OMe
3	UA-6Deoxyhexose-6-Deoxyhexose
3	Hexose-Hexose-Hexose
2	Succinyl-Hexose-OAc

Table S7. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts $\delta_{\text{H/C}}$ of major ^1H , ^{13}C HSQC cross peaks of *R. tataouinensis* EPS (see attendant tables); asterisk denotes superimposed cross peaks at given position of $\delta_{\text{H/C}}$.

Figure	number	δ_{H} [ppm]	δ_{C} [ppm]	CH_n
Fig. S7	a ₁	1.207	19.42	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	a ₂	1.120	19.43	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	a ₃	1.193	19.37	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	b ₁	1.236	22.70	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	b ₂	1.228	22.64	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	b ₁	1.244	22.81	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	c ₁	1.388	17.13	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	c ₂	1.340	16.62	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	c ₃	1.321	17.46	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	d ₁	1.461	22.75	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	d ₂	1.428	22.61	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	d ₃	1.416	22.58	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	d ₄	1.402	22.75	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	d ₅	1.387	22.61	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	e ₁	1.677	26.89	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	e ₂	1.707	26.72	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	e ₃	1.656	26.59	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	f ₁	1.760	30.99	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	f ₂	1.736	30.99	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	f ₃	1.747	30.95	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	f ₄	1.770	30.82	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₁	1.842	30.99	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₂	1.815	30.99	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₃	1.805	31.02	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₄	1.793	31.02	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₅	1.856	31.02	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₆	1.866	30.78	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	g ₇	1.873	30.82	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	h ₁	1.938	28.31	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	h ₂	1.925	28.31	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	h ₃	1.909	27.43	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	h ₄	1.944	28.21	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	h ₅	1.952	28.52	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	i ₁	2.029	28.48	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	i ₂	2.013	28.48	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	i ₃	2.044	28.01	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	i ₄	2.057	27.68	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	j ₁	2.037	22.97	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	j ₂	2.024	22.83	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	k	2.091	22.96	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	l	2.090	14.74	C-CH ₃
Fig. S7	m ₁	2.264	34.30	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₂	2.270	34.32	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₃	2.275	34.29	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₄	2.283	34.28	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₅	2.254	34.36	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₆	2.245	34.19	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₇	2.238	34.14	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₈	2.232	34.11	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₉	2.220	34.27	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	m ₁₀	2.209	34.61	C-CH ₂

Fig. S7	n ₁	2.406	45.70	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	n ₂	2.421	45.78	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	n ₃	2.431	45.85	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	n ₄	2.438	45.84	C-CH ₂
Fig. S7	o	2.695	33.22	N-CH
Fig. S7	p	2.723	33.78	N-CH
Fig. S7	q ₁	2.986	39.80	N-CH ₂
Fig. S7	q ₂	3.013	39.69	N-CH ₂
Fig. S7	r	3.007	49.12	N-CH ₂
Fig. S7	s ₁	3.011	49.26	N-CH ₂
Fig. S7	s ₂	3.001	49.06	N-CH ₂
Fig. S7	s ₃	3.005	49.13	N-CH ₂
Fig. S7	s ₄	2.994	48.72	N-CH ₂
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Fig. S8	a	3.481	69.64	O-CH
Fig. S8	b	3.499	76.82	O-CH
Fig. S8	c	3.481	69.64	O-CH
Fig. S8	d	3.628	75.77	O-CH
Fig. S8	e	3.781	75.84	O-CH
Fig. S8	f	3.812	76.25	O-CH
Fig. S8	g	3.78-3.93	70-73	**O-CH
Fig. S8	g ₁	3.799	71.52	O-CH
Fig. S8	h	3.648	63.55	O-CH ₂
Fig. S8	i	3.758	61.36	**O-CH ₂
Fig. S8	j	3.897	61.57	**O-CH ₂
Fig. S8	k	4.018	43.18	N-CH ₂
Fig. S8	l	4.303	50.29	-CONH-CaH-
Fig. S8	m	4.283	54.18	-CONH-CaH-
Fig. S8	n ₁	4.532	56.25	-CONH-CaH-
Fig. S8	n ₂	4.495	56.40	O-CH
Fig. S8	o	4.224	71.35	O-CH
Fig. S8	p	4.064	70.86	O-CH
Fig. S8	q	4.114	74.95	O-CH
Fig. S8	r	4.115	81.89	O-CH
Fig. S8	s	4.024	83.44	O-CH
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Fig. S9	a ₁	4.506	103.33	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	a ₂	4.514	103.35	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	a ₃	4.524	102.95	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	b ₁	4.555	100.74	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	b ₂	4.533	102.90	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	c	4.555	100.73	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	d	4.621	100.59	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	e ₁	4.691	103.86	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	e ₂	4.685	103.67	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	e ₃	4.677	103.65	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	f ₁	4.786	101.11	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	f ₂	4.797	101.29	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	f ₃	4.771	101.19	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	g ₁	4.891	102.42	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	g ₂	4.887	102.41	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	g ₃	4.874	102.39	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	h ₁	5.048	102.26	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	h ₂	5.040	102.31	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	h ₃	5.031	101.89	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	i ₁	5.088	96.56	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	i ₂	5.080	95.76	O ₂ CH

Fig. S9	i ₃	5.086	95.39	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	j ₁	5.164	95.70	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	j ₂	5.169	95.93	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	k ₁	5.278	97.12	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	l ₁	5.084	107.83	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	l ₂	5.048	107.63	O ₂ CH
Fig. S9	l ₃	5.031	108.22	O ₂ CH