## **CONCEPT:** POLYSACCHARIDES

●Polysaccharides (glycans) can be E	ENORMOUS (>1 million u	nits), while their composition can stay	relatively
□ Usually consist of just	_ or monosaccharid	es repetitively linked together.	
□ Functions include	support or	-storage.	

Types of Polysaccharides					
Polysaccharide	Source	Linkage Type	Description		
Cellulose		branched1,4 Linkage	Composes plant cell; Thousands of repeated units		
Chitin		branched1,4 Linkage	and Fungal cell		
Amylose		branched1,4 Linkage	Makes up of plant starch		
Amylopectin			Makes up of plant starch; some branching		
Glycogen			" Starch" extensive branching		

<b>EXAMPLE</b> : Match each of the following statements with the correct polysaccharide.					
I. Amylopectin, glycogen	II. Glycogen	III. Cellulose			
$\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ a) An unbranched polysaccharide composed of $\beta$ -1,4 glycoside linkages.					
b) A polysaccharide that is stored in muscle tissues.					
c) A polysaccharide containing $lpha$ -1,4 and $lpha$ -1,6 glycosidic linkages.					

**PRACTICE:** Which plant-based polysaccharide possesses only  $\alpha$ -1,4 glycosidic linkages?

- a) Chitin
- b) Glycogen
- c) Glycan
- d) Amylose
- e) Cellulose