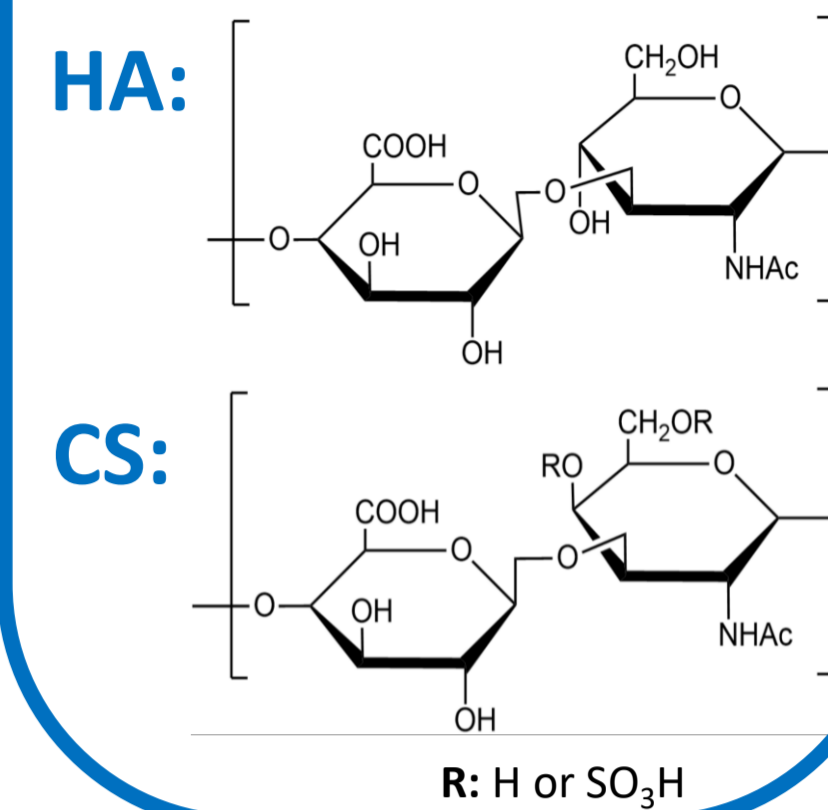


INTRODUCTION

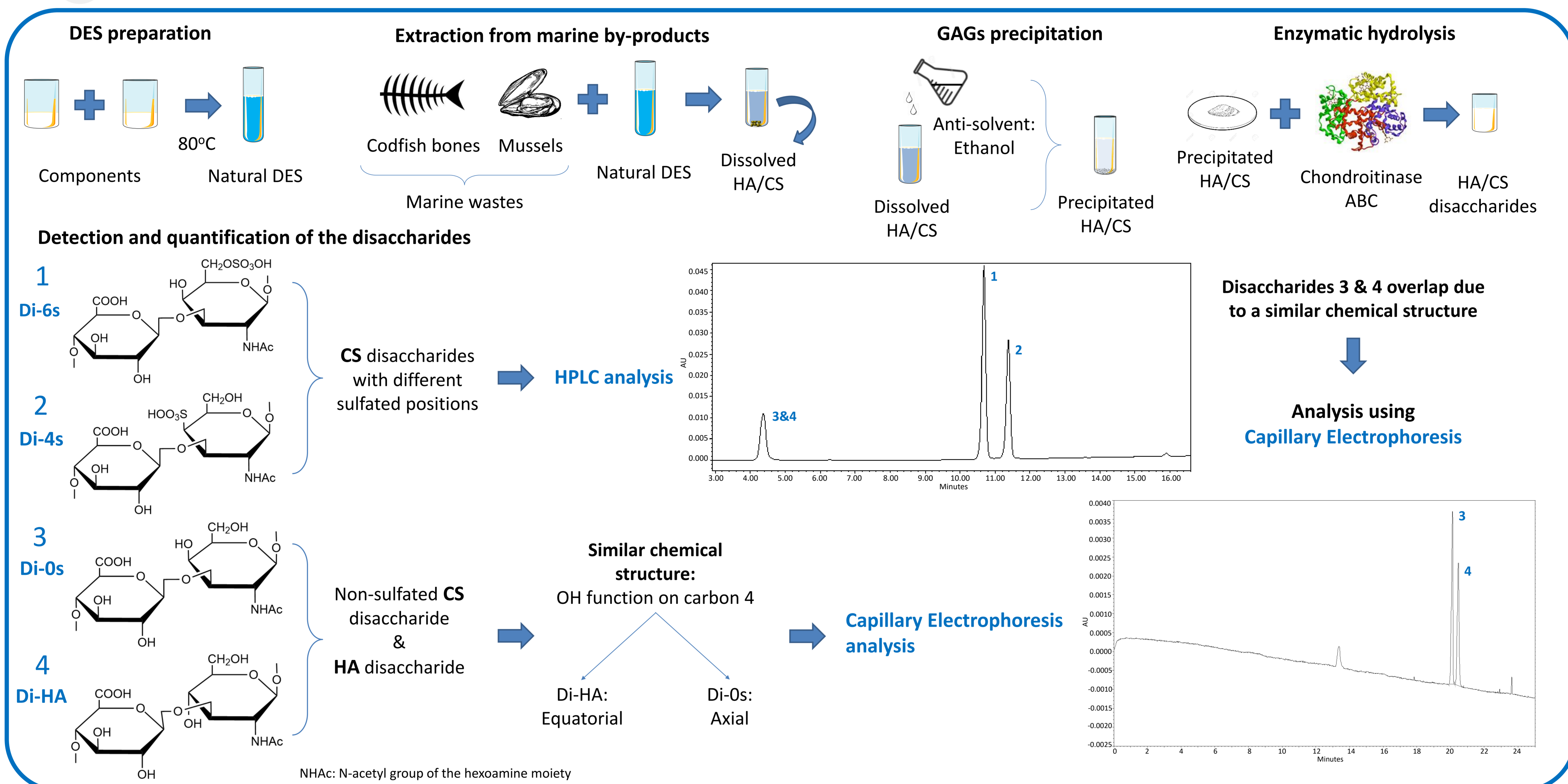
Deep eutectic solvents (DES) are prepared by heating and mixing two components at a specific molar ratio leading to a solvent with a lower melting point than that of the components used. DES are **novel, low-cost and green solvents** with simple production **for high purity extraction** applications to replace the time-consuming expensive conventional methods¹. The extraction of bioactive polymers from **marine by-products** as a cost-effective and abundant sources is highly investigated due to its **economical and environmental benefits**. Glycosaminoglycans (GAGs), including **hyaluronic acid (HA)** and **chondroitin sulfate (CS)**, are polysaccharides used in **medicine, biotechnology and cosmetics** due to their **biocompatibility, viscoelasticity and immunostimulatory effects**². Thus, it is essential to extract HA and CS **using natural green DES** while maintaining their **high quality and purity** to perform optimum exploitation of marine wastes.

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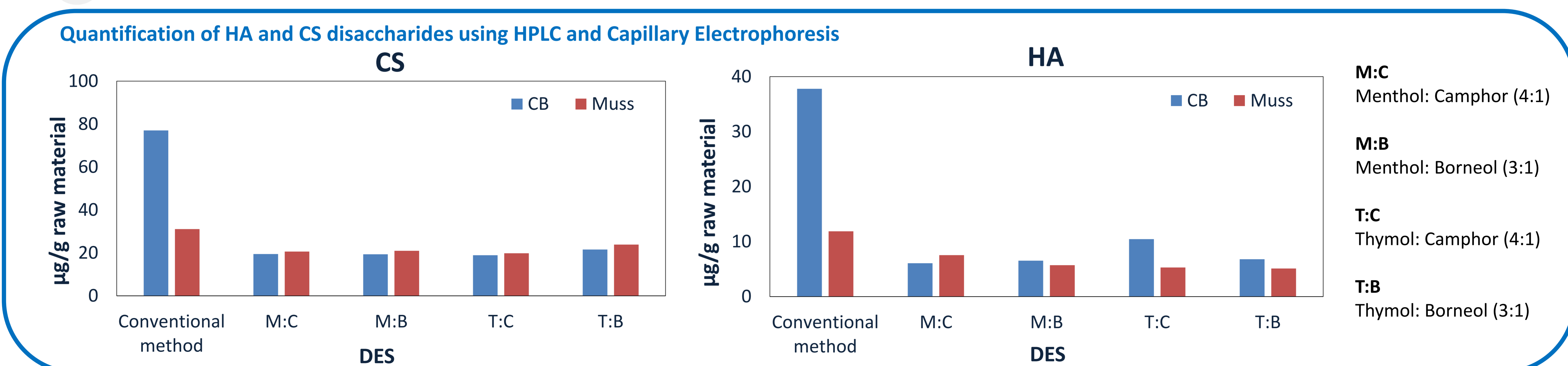
HA and CS isolation from codfish bones and mussels using terpene based-DES.



METHODS



RESULTS



CONCLUSION

HA and CS are efficiently extracted from marine sources using a novel, green and low-cost technique by their dissolution in terpene-based solvent systems. HA and CS as well as the terpene solvent systems are currently being tested to assess their safety and applicability in the dry eye disease treatment.

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