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Glycoproteins isolated from plants but recently found also in animals and microorganisms that react specifically with terminal glycosidic residues of other molecules (e.g. cell wall polysaccharides); some causing cells to agglutinate (cf. agglutination).

Source:

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 158