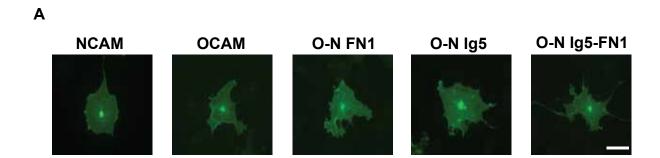
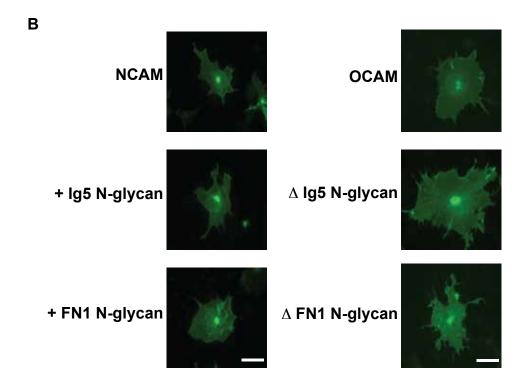
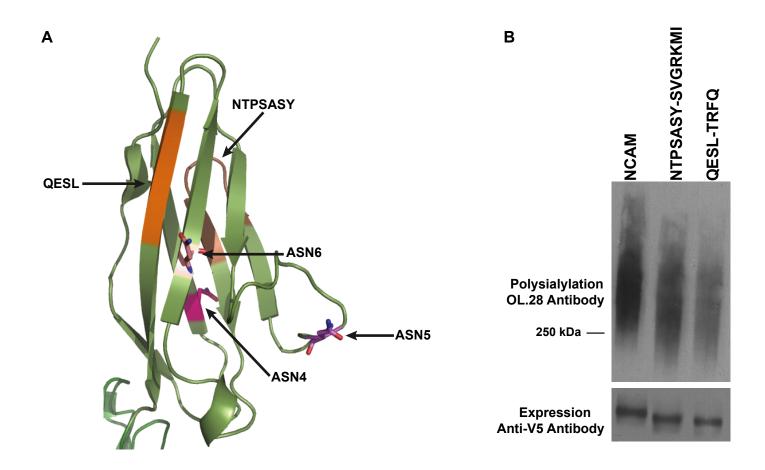
## Supplementary Table 1. Primers used in construction of mutants and chimeras.

MUTANT	TEMPLATE	PRIMER SEQUENCE
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G410N/P411Q/		5'-CCAAGTGTACACAGCTGTCTGATTCTGTAGCTTTGGGGC-3'
V412T		
NCAM	NCAM	5'-GGCCTGAAGCCCAACACACGTACGCC-3'
E569TT-NTT		5'-GGCGTACGTTGTGTGGGCTTCAGGCC-3'
OCAM	OCAM	5'-CTAAGTTTGTTTCACAGCAGACAATGTATTAC-3'
N406QT-QQT		5'-GTAATACATTGTCTGCTGTGAAACAAACTTAG-3'
OCAM	OCAM	5'-GAGCAGTCTGGAACCACAGACGACTTACGAAATTAG-3'
N562TT-QTT		5'-CTAATTTCGTAAGTCGTCTGTGGTTCCAGACTGCTC-3'
NCAM	NCAM	5'-
NTPSASY-		CAATATCAAGATCTACAGCGTCGGCCGTAAGATGATTCTGGAGG
SVGRKMI		TGACCCC-3'
		5'-
		GGGGTCACCTCCAGAATCATCTTACGGCCGACGCTGTAGATCTT
		GATATTG-3'
NCAM	NCAM	5'-GAACCGCATTGGGACGAGGTTCCAGGAATTCATCCTTG-3'
QESL-TRFQ		5'-CAAGGATGAATTCCTGGAACCTCGTCCCAATGCGGTTC-3'
NCAM	NCAM	5'-CAGCTGCCAAGCAAGAATTACAGCAATATC-3'
S448K/N476R		5'-GATATTGCTGTAATTCTTGCTTGGCAGCAGCTG-3'
	NCAM	5'-GAGAATGATTTTGGGAGATACAACTGTACTGC-3'
	S448K	5'-GCAGTACAGTTGTATCTCCCAAAATCATTCTC-3'
NCAM	NCAM	5'-CTGCTGCCAAGCGCCAATTACAGC-3'
S448A/N476A		5'-GCTGTAATTGGCGCTTGGCAGCAG-3'
	NCAM	5'-GAATGATTTTGGGGCCTACAACTGTAC-3'
	S448A	5'-GTACAGTTGTAGGCCCCAAAATCATTC-3'
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OCAM	OCAM	5'-GTTTGTTTCAAATCAGGCCATGTATTACTCTTGGG-3'
NQT-NQA		5'-CCCAAGAGTAATACATGGCCTGATTTGAAACAAAC-3'
OCAM	OCAM	5'-CTTACCAGCTAGCAATACGACTC-3'
NQA/K444S	NQA	5'-GAGTCGTATTGCTAGCTGGTAAG-3'
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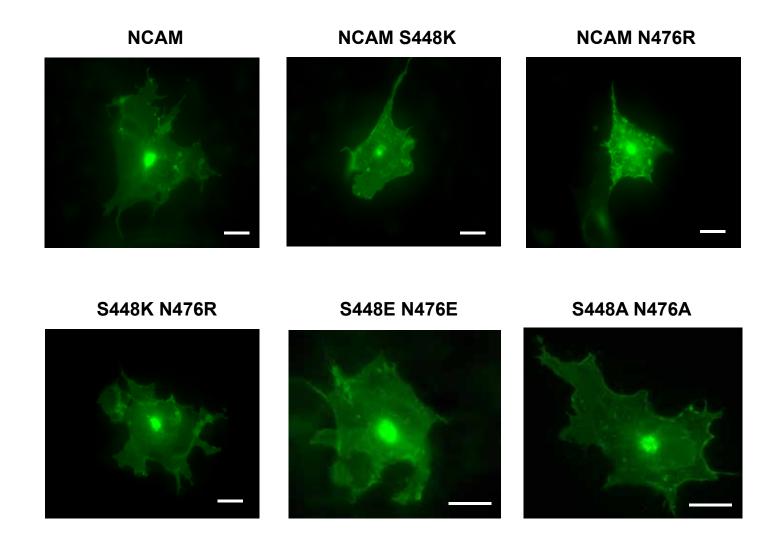




**Supplementary Figure 1** 



**Supplementary Figure 2** 



**Supplementary Figure 3** 

## **Supplementary Figure Legends**

Supplementary Fig. 1. Localization of NCAM and OCAM chimeric proteins and glycosylation mutants expressed in COS-1 cells. The localization of NCAM, OCAM and O-N chimeric proteins, O-N FN1, O-N Ig5 and O-N Ig5-FN1 (A), or NCAM and OCAM glycosylation mutants (B), was determined by indirect immunofluorescence microscopy of methanol fixed and permeabilized COS-1 cells expressing these proteins. An anti-V5 epitope tag antibody and a FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG secondary antibody were used to detect proteins in cells, as described in *Experimental Procedures*. Bar, 10 µm.

Supplementary Fig. 2. **Replacing nonconserved NCAM Ig5 sequences has minimal effect on polysialylation.** *A*, a schematic diagram of NCAM Ig5 highlighting two regions not conserved in OCAM Ig5. The sequence Asn<sup>457</sup>-Thr<sup>458</sup>-Pro<sup>459</sup>-Ser<sup>460</sup>-Ala<sup>461</sup>-Ser<sup>462</sup>-Tyr<sup>463</sup> (NTPSASY) is shown in brown and Gln<sup>487</sup>-Glu<sup>488</sup>-Ser<sup>489</sup>-Leu<sup>490</sup> (QESL) is in orange. The three consensus N-linked glycosylation sites in NCAM Ig5 are also indicated. *B, upper panel*, wild type or mutated NCAM proteins were co-expressed with ST8SiaIV/PST in COS-1 cells. NCAM proteins were immunoprecipitated from cell lysates, and polysialylation determined by immunoblotting with the OL.28 anti-polySia antibody. *Lower panel*, relative NCAM protein expression levels were measured by immunoblotting with the anti-V5 epitope tag antibody.

Supplementary Fig. 3. Localization of NCAM Ser<sup>448</sup> and Asn<sup>476</sup> mutants expressed in COS-1 cells. The localization of NCAM and mutant NCAM proteins with S448 or N476 replaced individually or together with analogous OCAM Ig5 residues, alanine or glutamic acid residues, was determined by indirect immunofluorescence microscopy of methanol fixed and permeabilized COS-1 cells expressing these proteins. An anti-V5 epitope tag antibody and a FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG secondary antibody were used to detect proteins in cells, as described in *Experimental Procedures*. Bar, 10 μm.