

Present state of membrane permeable peptides and its application

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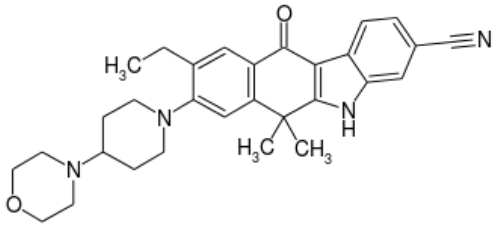
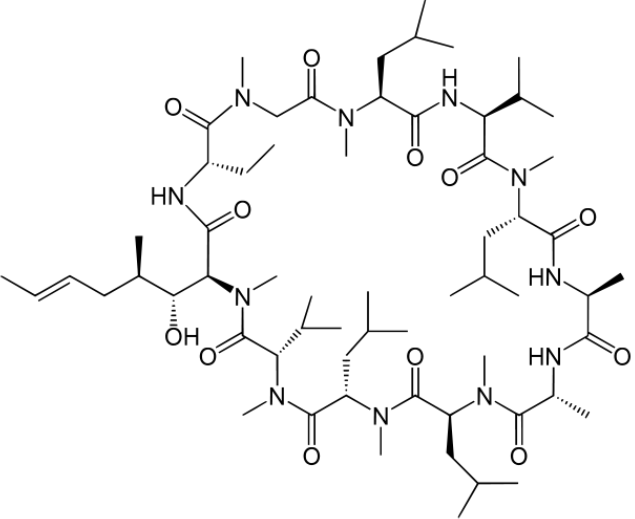
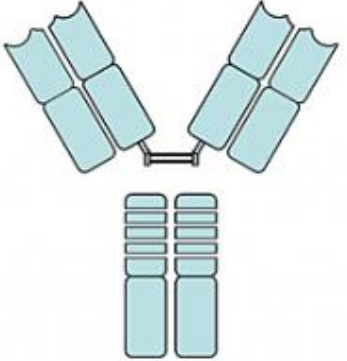
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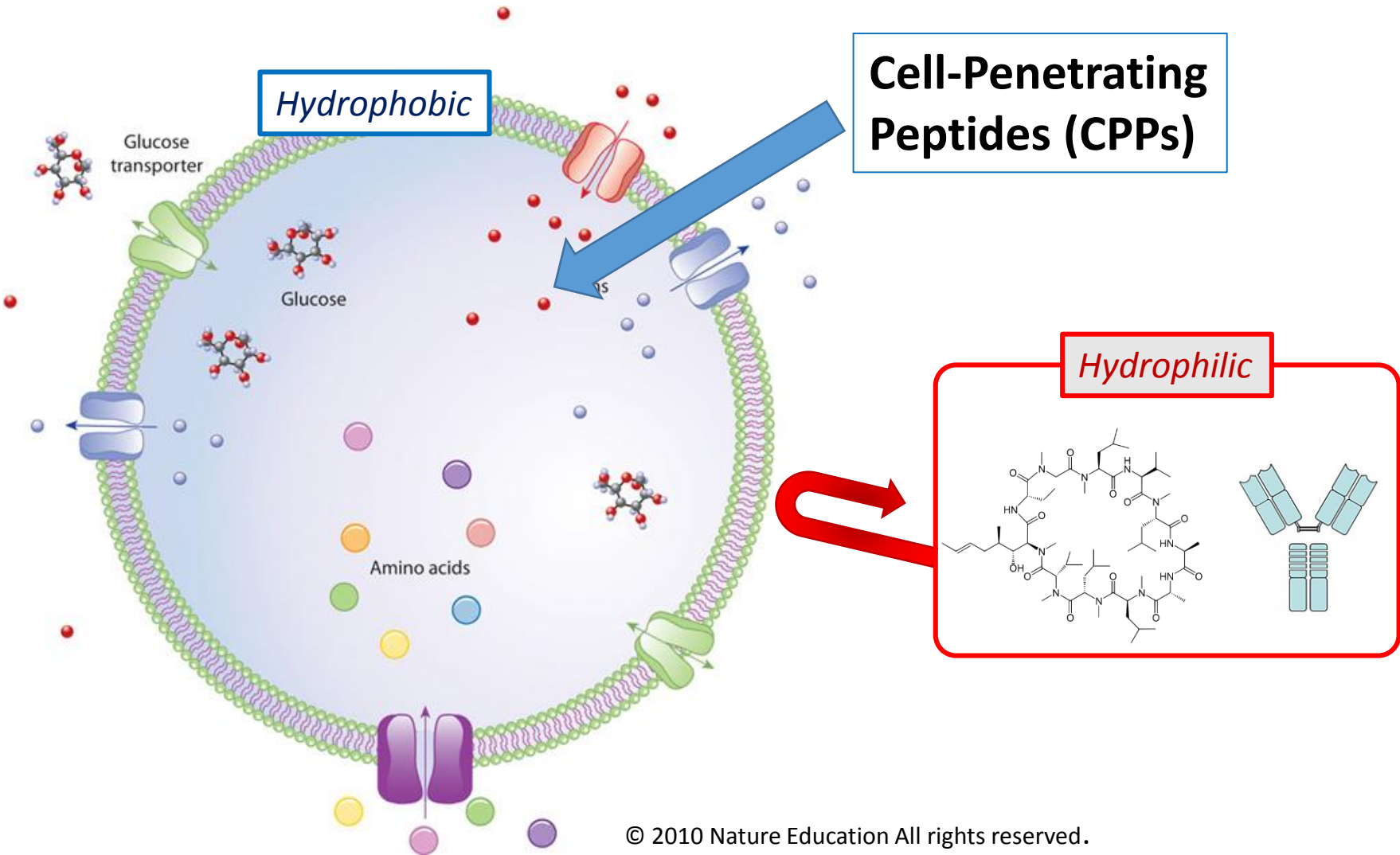
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- 1. Current status of pharmaceutical products and cell permeable peptides.**

Transition of pharmaceuticals to larger compounds

	Small molecule	Medium molecule	Antibody drugs
Structure	 <p>ex. Alectinib</p>	 <p>ex. Cyclosporin</p>	
Molecular weight	500 <	500 ~ 2000	≐ 150000
Specificity	Low	<u>High</u>	<u>High</u>
Side effect	High	<u>Low</u>	<u>Low</u>

Cell membrane : barrier function



Specialized proteins in the cell membrane regulate the concentration of specific molecules inside the cell.

HIV-1 TAT protein

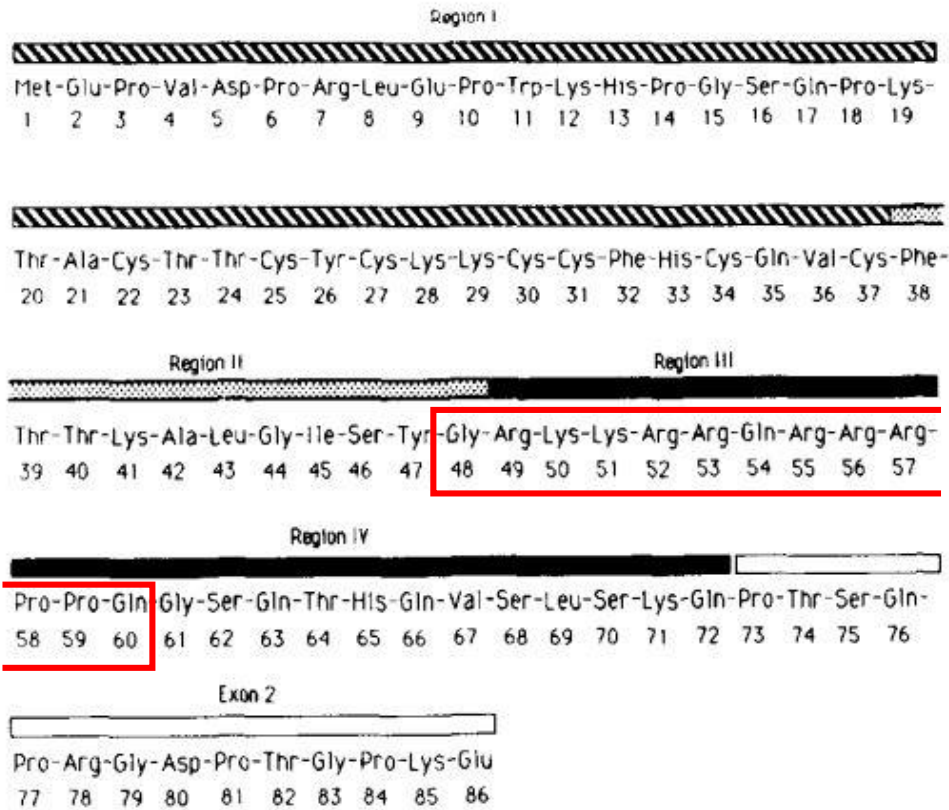


Figure 2. Amino Acid Sequence of HIV-1 Tat Protein (BRU Isolate)

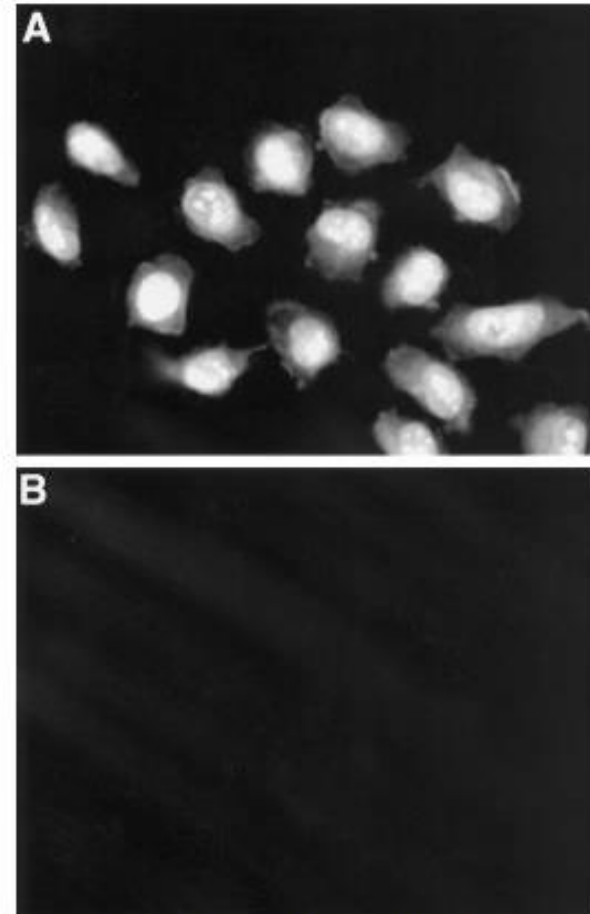
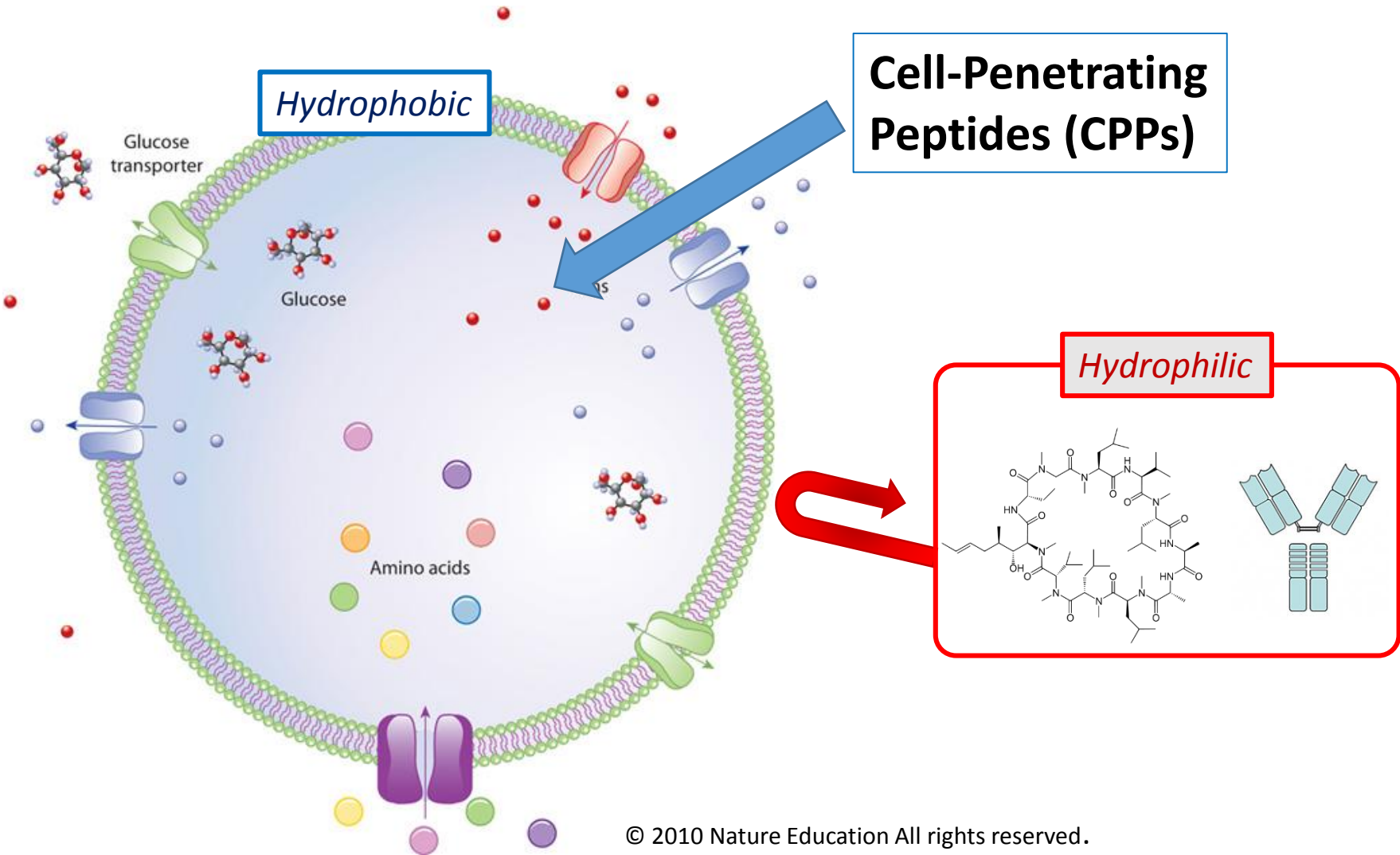


FIG. 4. Effect of trypsinization on peptide uptake. 3×10^5 HeLa cells were incubated with $5 \mu\text{M}$ fluorescein-labeled Tat-(48–60) peptide for 15 min at 37°C (panel A) or with the same amount of peptide digested with trypsin for 1 h at 37°C before incubation with cells (panel B).

Ref) Green, M. and Loewenstein, P.M. *Cell* 1988, 55, 1179–1188

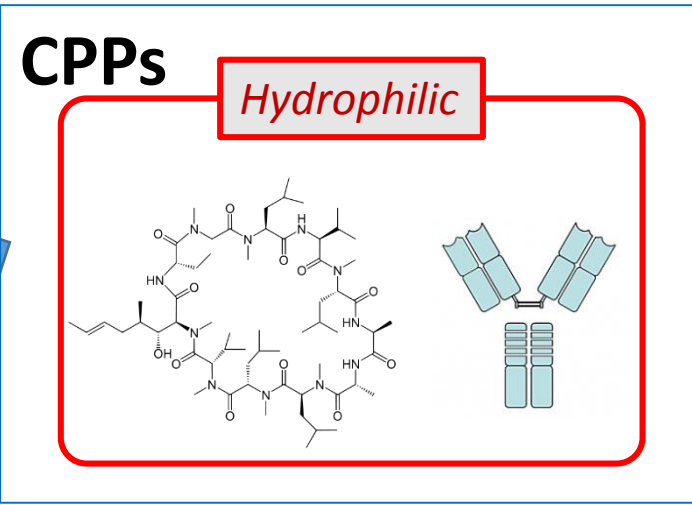
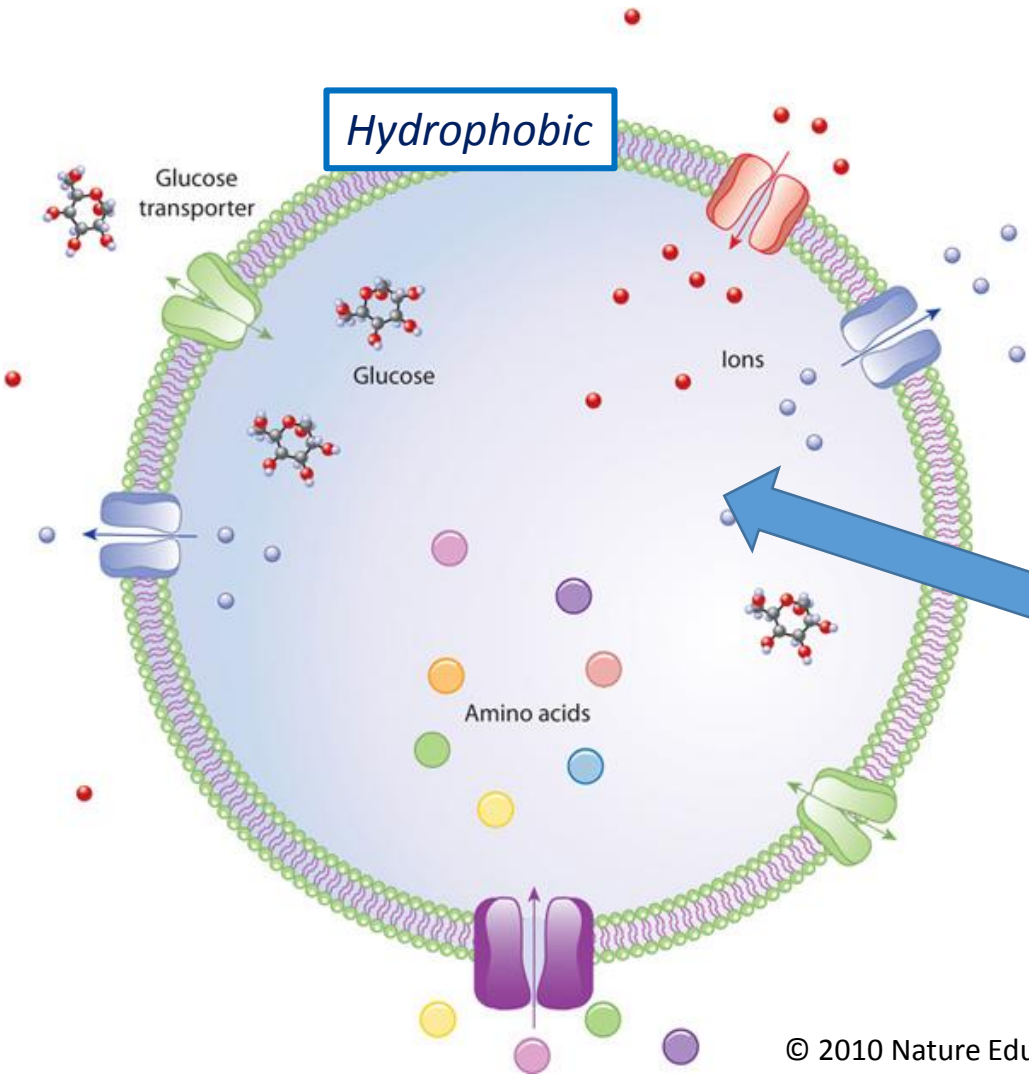
Ref) Vivès, E. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 1997, 272, 16010–16017

Strategy by CPPs



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2. Classification of Cell-Penetrating Peptides (CPPs)

2-1. Cationic CPPs

2-2. Amphipathic CPPs

2-3. Hydrophobic CPPs

Various Cell-Penetrating Peptides (CPPs)

Table 1. Examples of CPPs and Their Sequences, Origins, and Physical-Chemical Properties

CPP name	Sequence	Origin	Class
HIV-1 TAT protein, TAT ₄₈₋₆₀	GRKKRRQRRRPPQ	HIV-1 TAT protein	Cationic
HIV-1 TAT protein, TAT ₄₉₋₅₇	RKKRRQRRR	HIV-1 TAT protein	Cationic
Penetratin, pAntp(43-58)	RQIKWFOQRPMKWKK	Antennapedia <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	Cationic
Polyarginines	Rn	Chemically synthesized	Cationic
DPV1047	VKRGKLKRHVRPRVTRMDV	Chemically synthesized	Cationic
MPG	GALFLGFLGAAGSTMGAWSQPKKCRKV	HIV glycoprotein 41/ SV40 T antigen NLS	Amphipathic
Pep-1	KETWWETWWTEWSQPKKCRKV	Tryptophan-rich cluster/SV40 T antigen NLS	Amphipathic
pVEC	LLILRRRIRKQAHASK	Vascular endothelial cadherin	Amphipathic
ARF(1-22)	MVRRFLVTLRIRACGPPRVV	p14ARF protein	Amphipathic
BPrPr(1-28)	MVSKKIGSWILVLPVAMWSDVGLCKKRP	N terminus of unprocessed bovine prion protein	Amphipathic
MAP	KLALKLALKALKAAKLKLA	Chemically synthesized	Amphipathic
Transportan	GWTLNSAGYLLGKINLKALAALAKKIL	Chimeric galanin- mastoparan	Amphipathic
p28	LSTAADMQGWTDGMASGLDKDYLPDD	Azurin	Amphipathic
VT5	DPKGDPKGVTVTVTVTVTGKGDPKPD	Chemically synthesized	Amphipathic
Bac 7 (Bac ₁₋₂₄)	RRIRPRPRRLPRPRPRPLPFRPG	Bactenein family of antimicrobial peptides	Amphipathic
C105Y	CSIRPEVKFNKPFVYLI	α 1-Antitrypsin	Hydrophobic
PFVYLI	PFVYLI	Derived from synthetic C105Y	Hydrophobic
Pep-7	SDLWEMMMVSLACQY	CHL8 peptide phage clone	Hydrophobic



- ① Cationic
- ② Amphipathic
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① Cationic CPPs

TAT (Green, M. and Loewenstein in 1988)



Polyarginines (Futaki, S. in 2001)

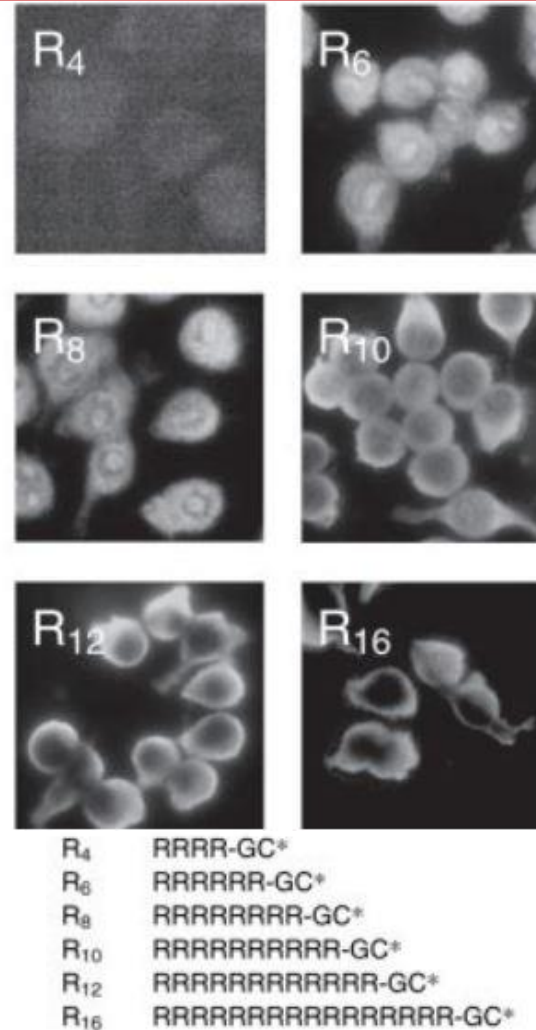
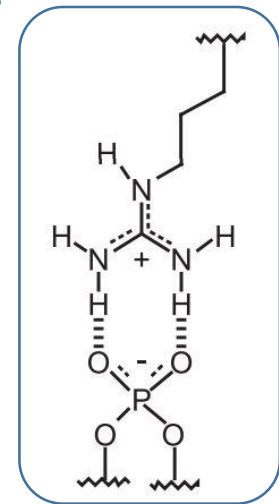
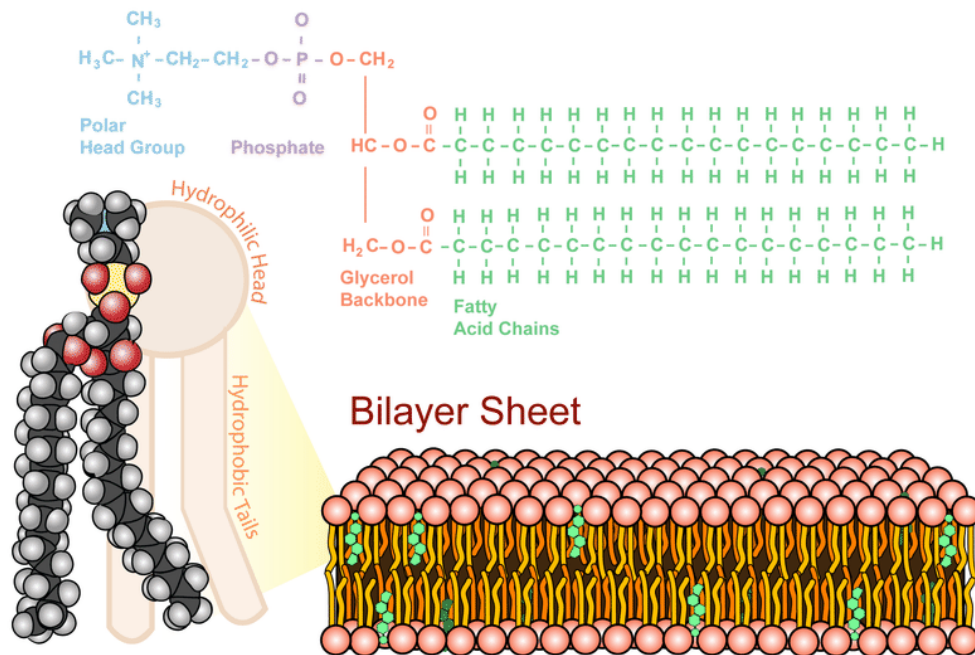


FIG. 1. **Structure of arginine-rich peptides used in this study.** C-terminal cysteine amide (C*) was fluorescein-labeled for monitoring the internalization of the peptides by fluorescence microscopy.

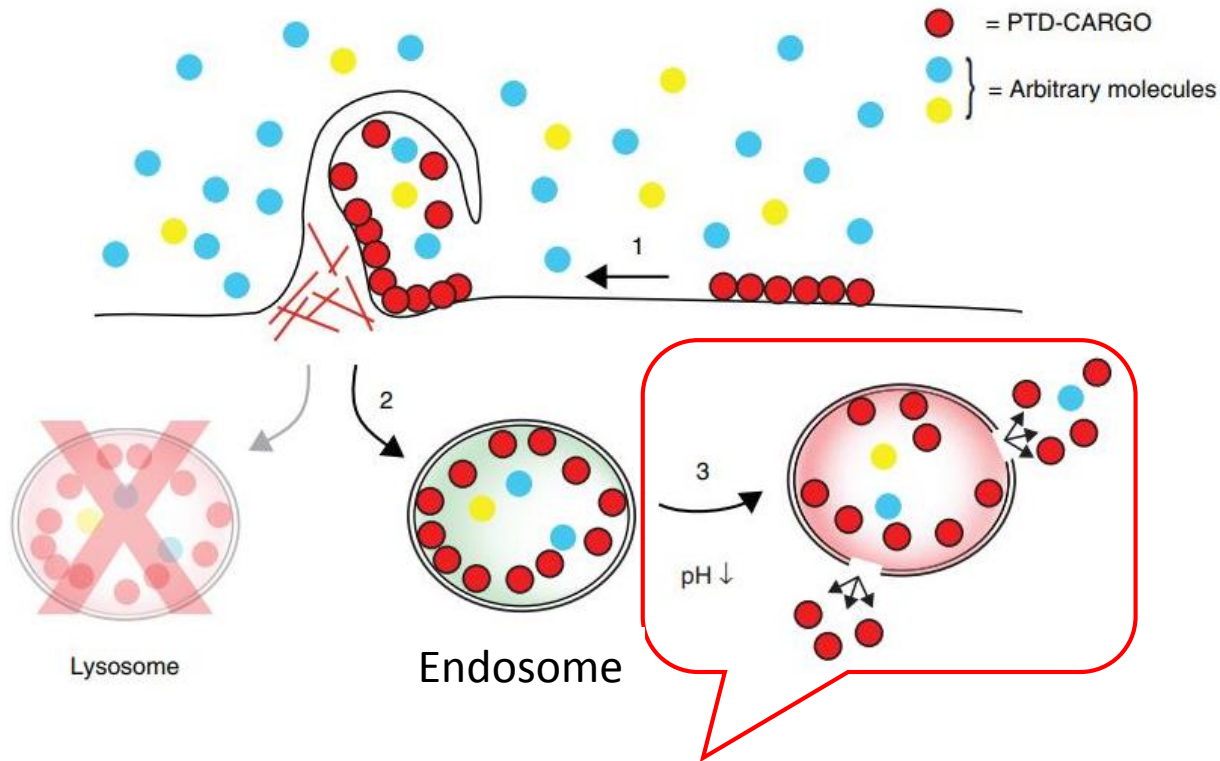
① Cationic CPPs

Abundant basic amino acids will be cationic under physiological environment. So they interact with phospholipid head groups of cell membrane.

Especially, arginine can form hydrogen bond with it.

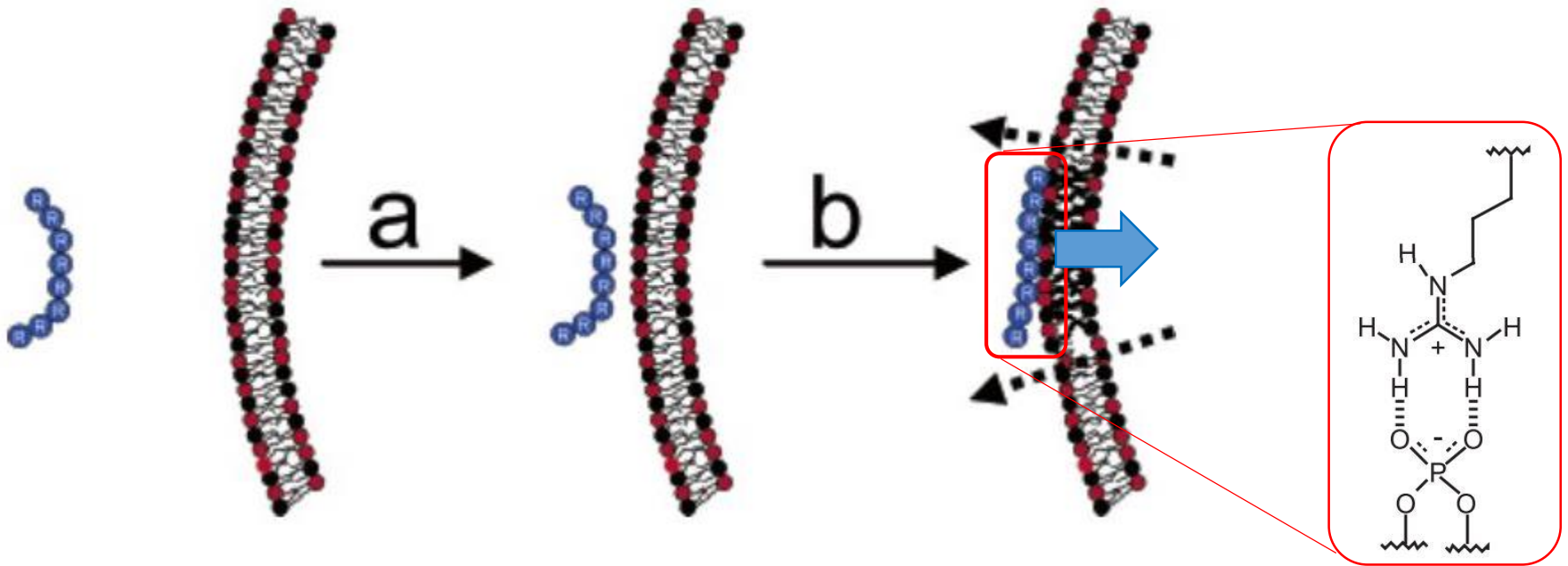


Endocytosis



CPPs can be more positive and interact with the negatively charge components of the endosomal membrane. This binding causes stiffening of the membrane, determining its rupture and the release of the vesicle's contents.

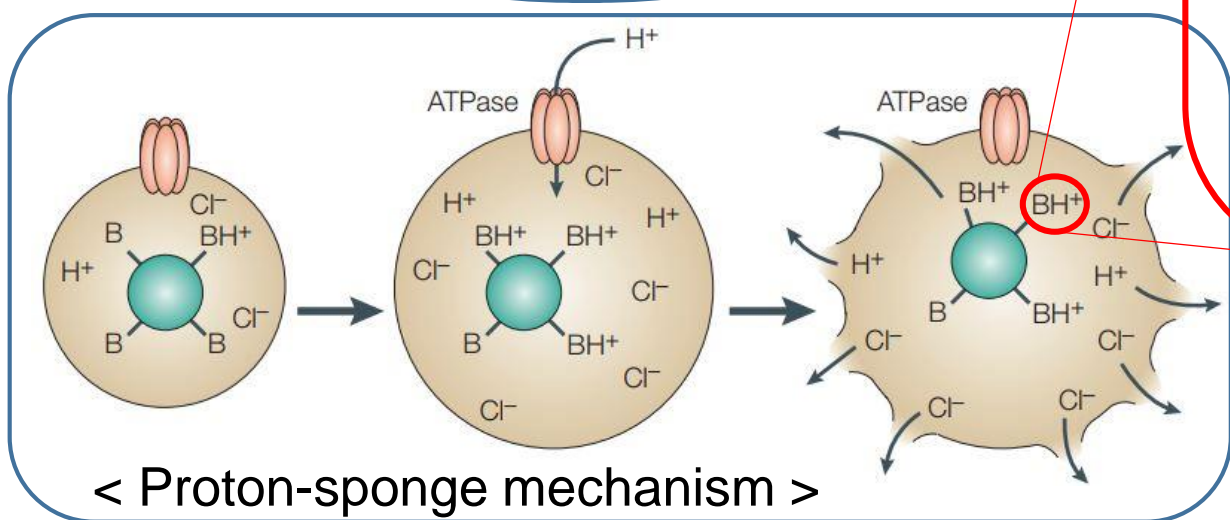
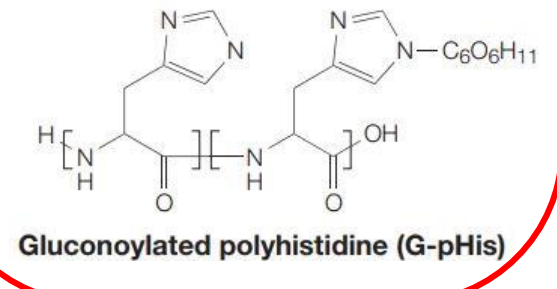
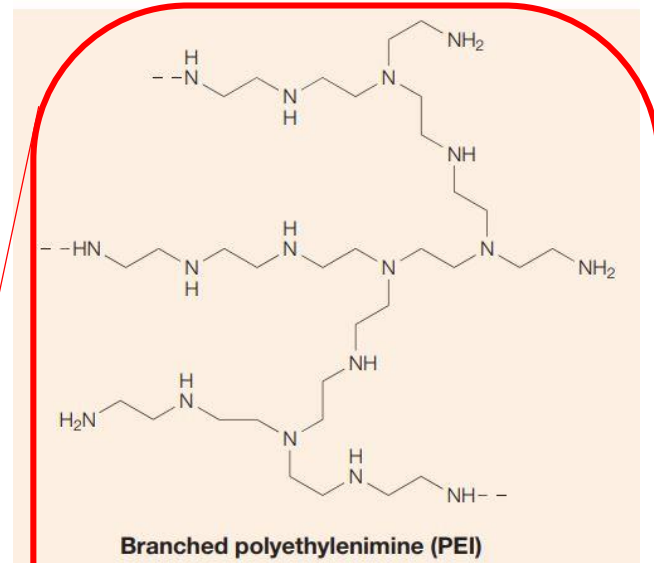
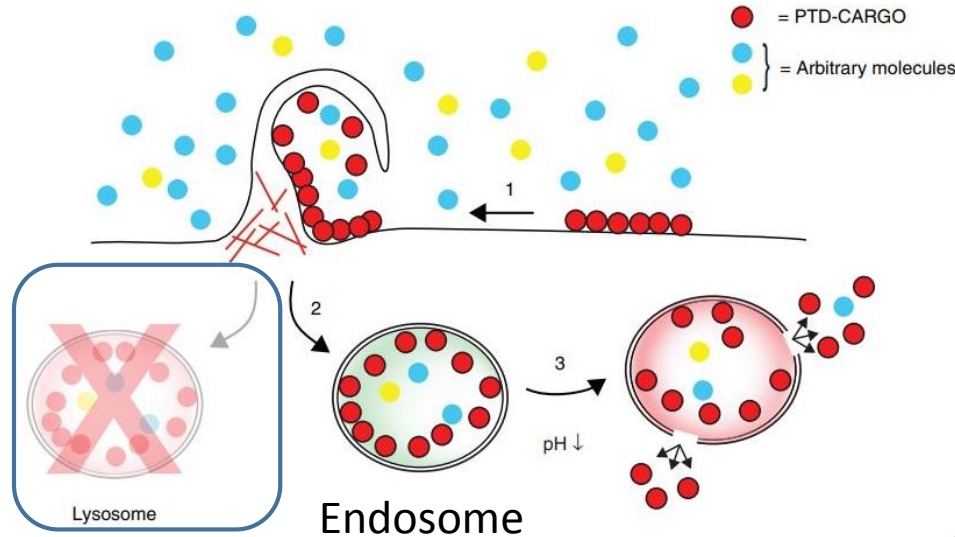
Polyarginines



Electrostatic interaction : 25 - 30%
Hydrogen bond : **70 – 75%**

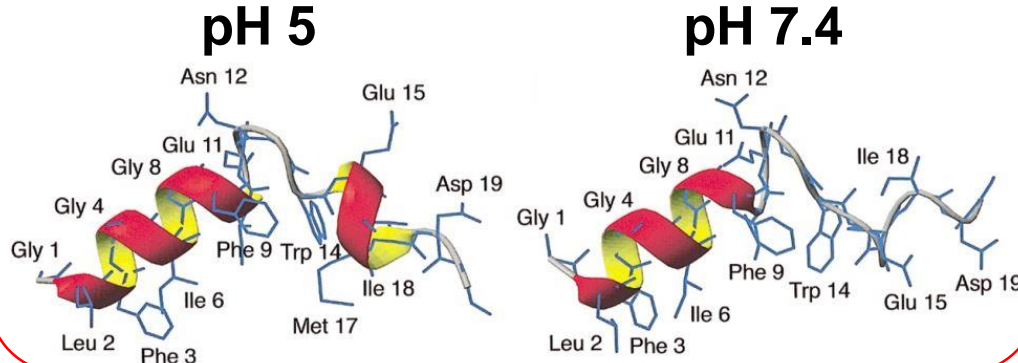
Polyarginines can interact with the membrane by hydrogen bond.
So, arginine-rich CPPs may enter the cell via a nonendocytotic mechanism.

Escape from endosome : Proton-sponge mechanism

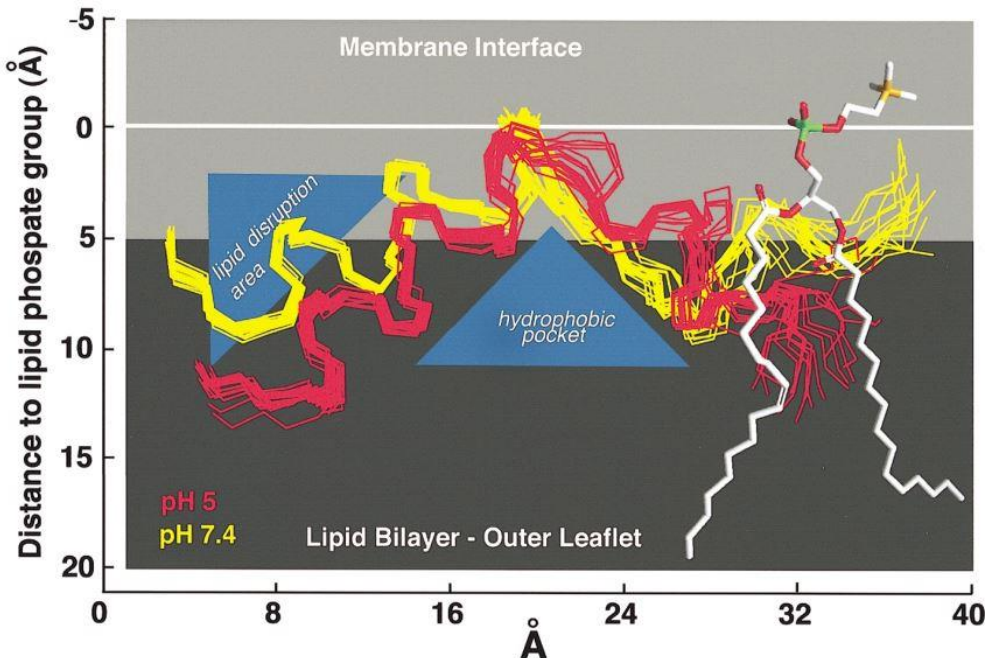


Escape from endosome : TAT-HA2

HA2 peptide



N-terminal 20 amino acids of the influenza virus hemagglutinin protein



The deeper insertion of the V-shaped structure destabilizes the membrane. So, TAT-HA2-fusion protein can escape from endosome.

Ref) Han, X., Bushweller, J.H., Cafiso, D.S., Tamm, L.K. *Nat. Struct. Biol.* 2001, 8, 715–720

Ref) David, Y., Vila-Perello, M., Verma, S., Muir, T. W. *Nat. Chem.* 2015, 7, 394

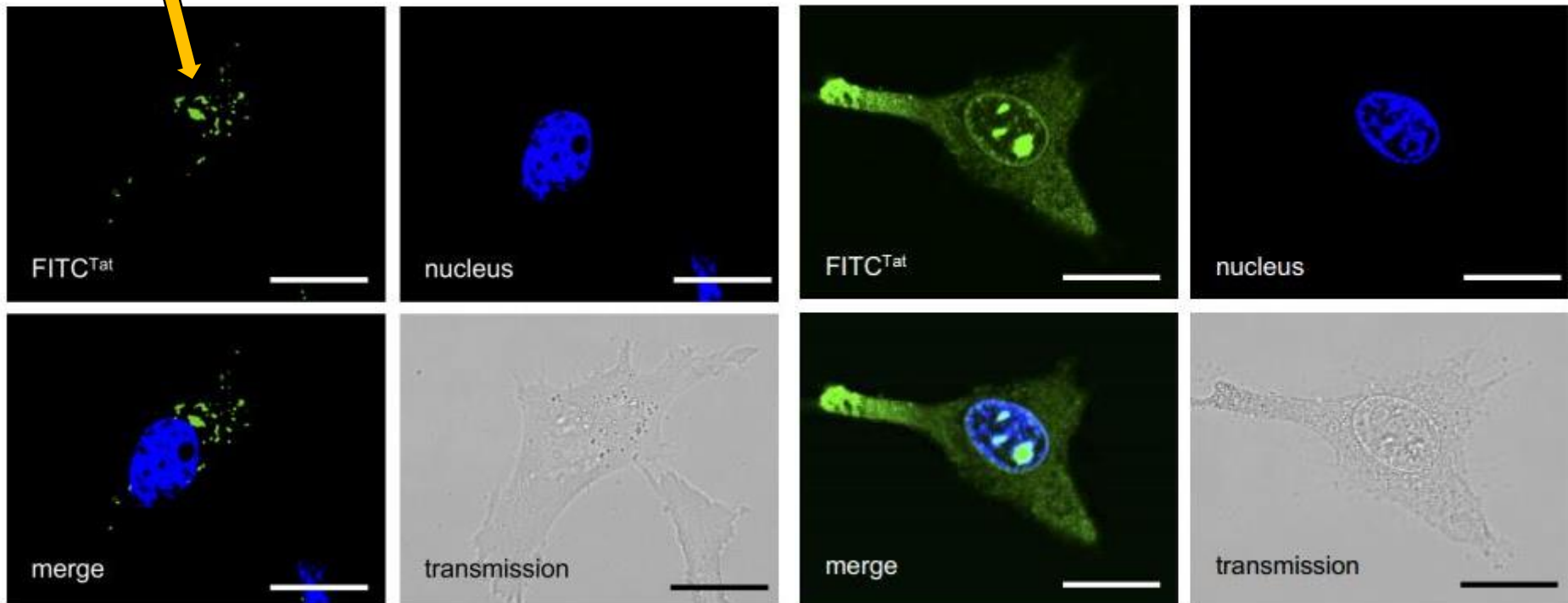
Escape from endosome : agents to help endosomal escape

Only using TAT-HA2 as a reagent can help endosomal escape.

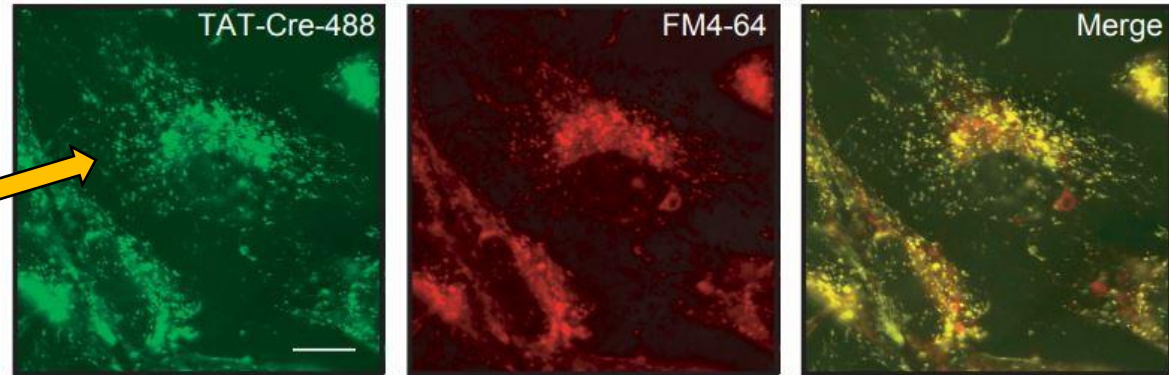
FITC-TAT trapped in endosome.

– TAT-HA2

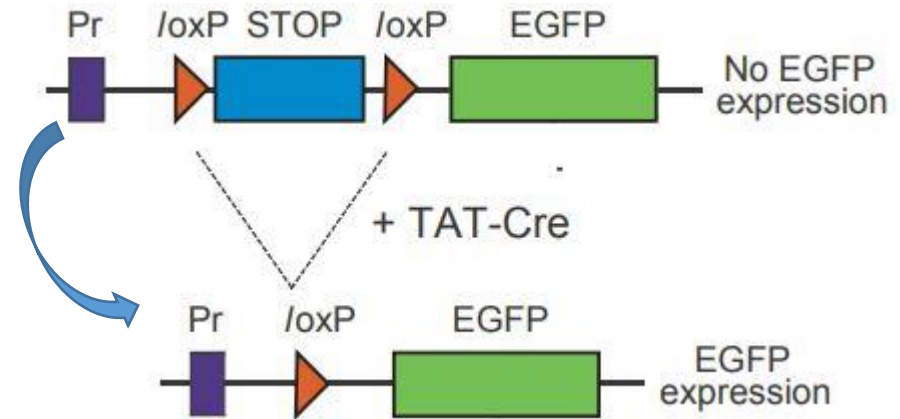
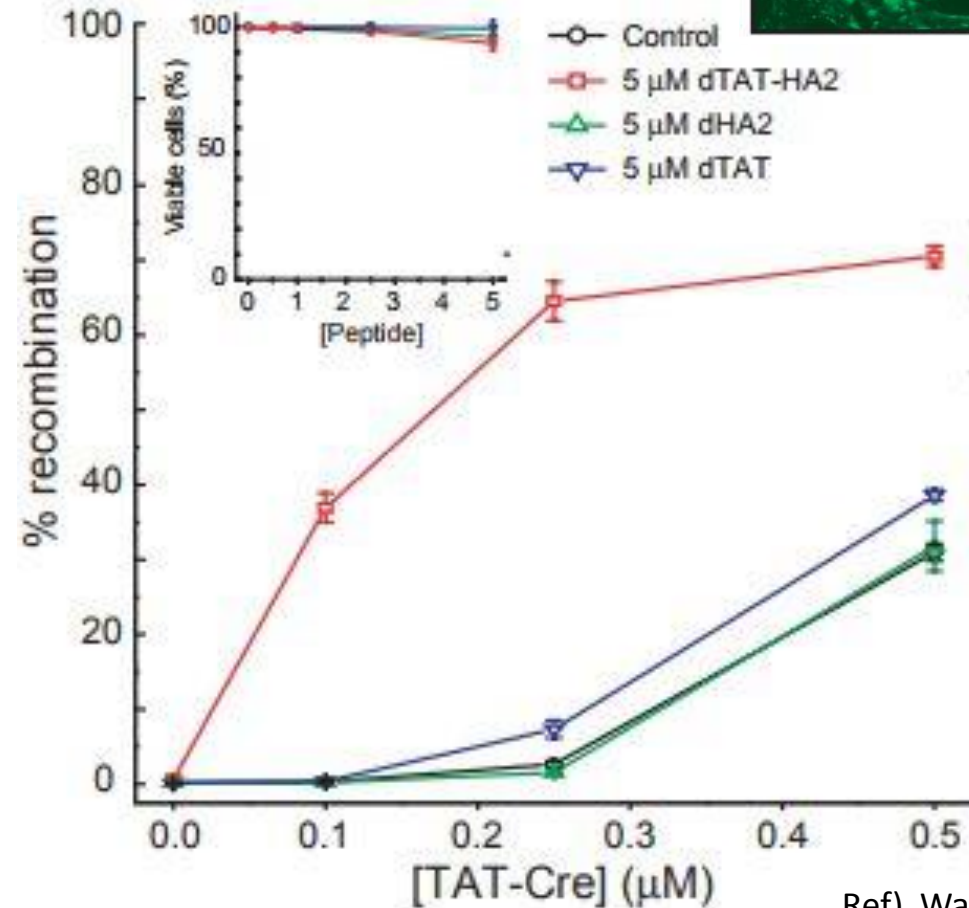
+ TAT-HA2



Escape from endosome : agents to help endosomal escape

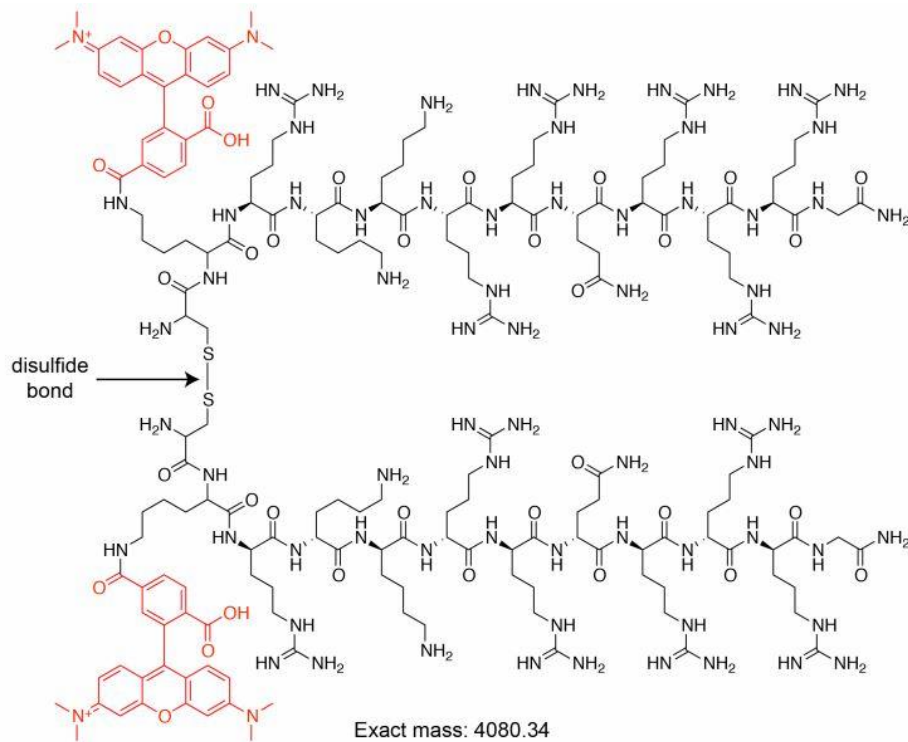


TAT-Cre trapped in endosome.



When TAT-Cre enters in cells, it recombine EGFP reporter gene.

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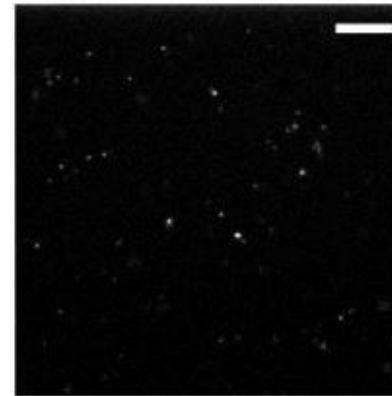


dfTAT = *dimeric* fluorescent TAT



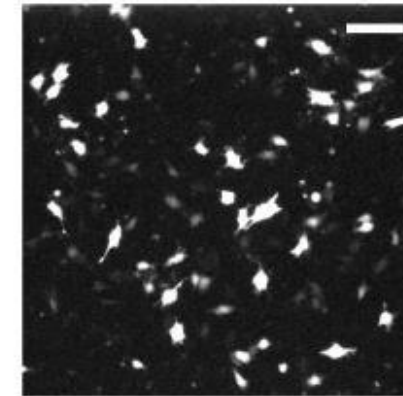
dfTAT is more endosomolytic and cause lysis of endosomal membrane than monomeric TAT.

TAT-Cre (1 μ M)
+ fTAT (5 μ M)



4.8% EGFP⁺

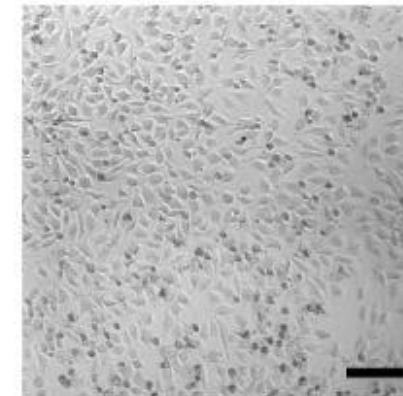
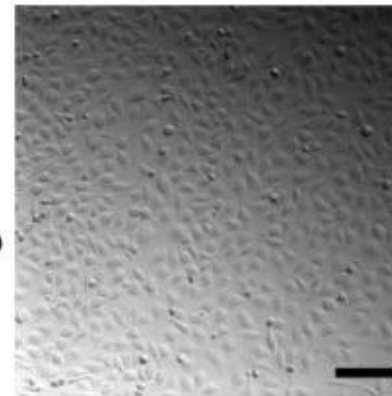
TAT-Cre (1 μ M)
+ dfTAT (5 μ M)



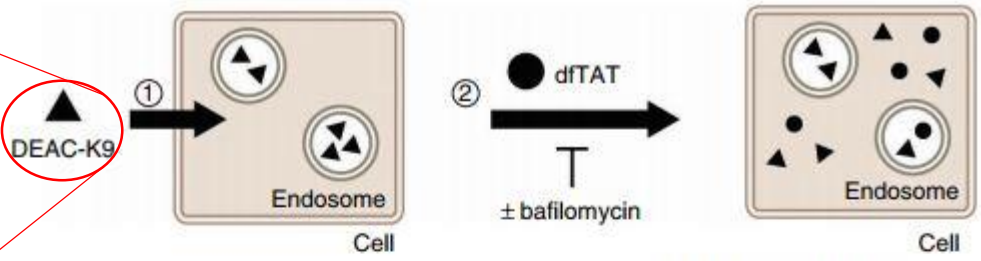
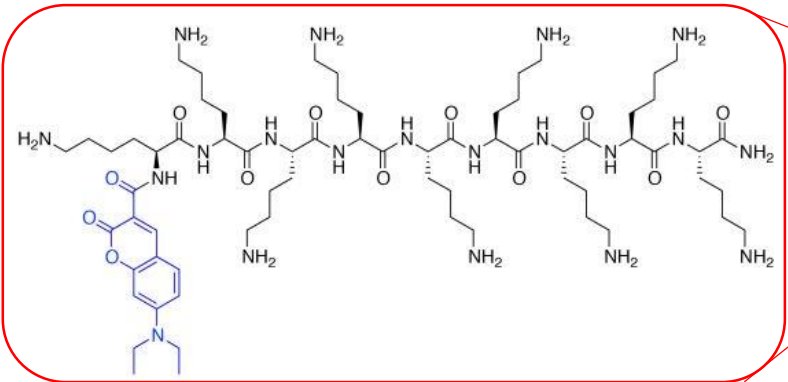
47% EGFP⁺

EGFP

Bright field



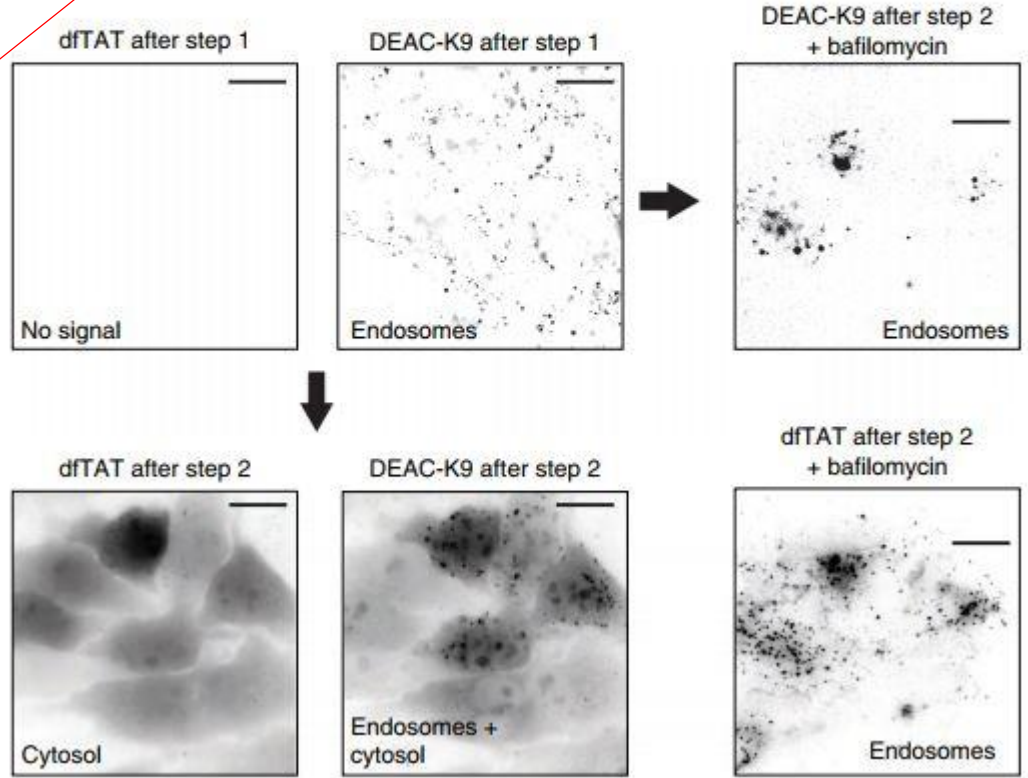
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Bafilomycin (V-ATPase inhibitor) inhibited the delivery by dfTAT.



Endocytosis and endosomal acidification are important for cytosolic penetration.



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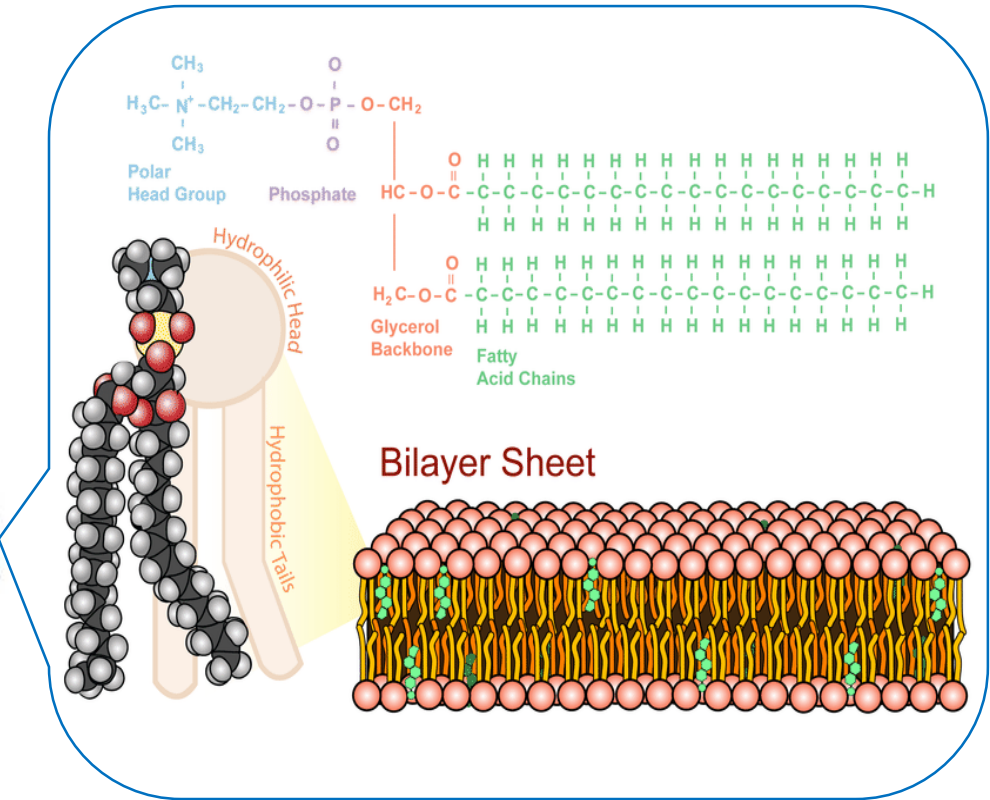
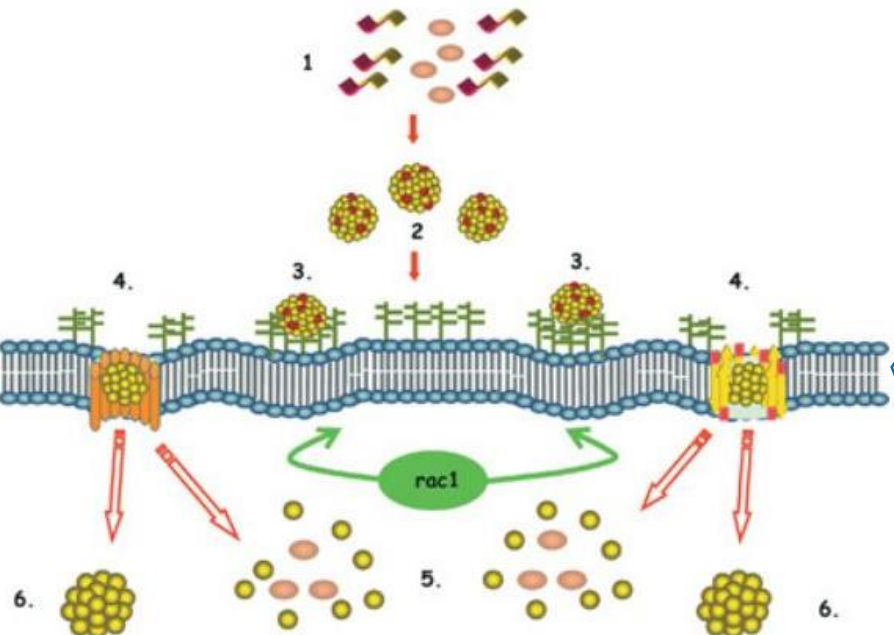
② Amphipathic CPPs

Amphipathic CPPs contain both polar (hydrophilic) and nonpolar (hydrophobic) regions of amino acids.

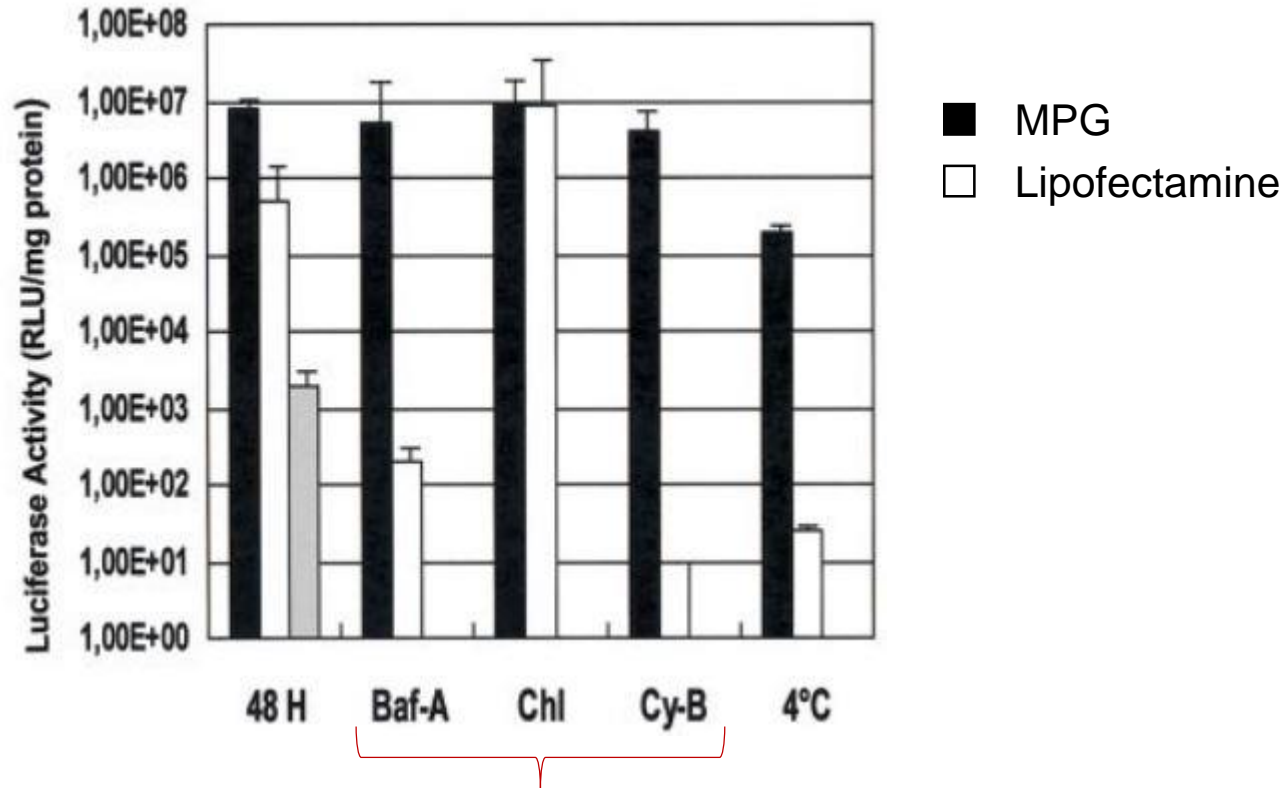
CPP name	Sequence	Origin
MPG	GALFLGFLGAAGSTMGAWSQPKKKRKV	HIV glycoprotein 41/ SV40 T antigen NLS
Pep-1	KETWWETWWTEWSQPKKKRKV	Tryptophan-rich cluster/SV40 T antigen NLS
pVEC	LLIILRRRIRKQAHASK	Vascular endothelial cadherin
ARF(1–22)	MVRRFLVTLRIRACGPPRVRV	p14ARF protein
BPrPr(1–28)	MVKSKIGSWILVLFVAMWSDVGLCKKRP	N terminus of unprocessed bovine prion protein
MAP	KLALKLALKALKAAKLA	Chemically synthesized
Transportan	GWTLNSAGYLLGKINLKALAALAKKIL	Chimeric galanin– mastoparan
p28	LSTAADMQGVTDGMASGLDKDYLPDD	Azurin
VT5	DPKGDPKGVTVTVTVTGKGDPKPD	Chemically synthesized
Bac 7 (Bac _{1–24})	RRIRPRPPRLPRPRRPLPFPRPG	Bactenecin family of antimicrobial peptides

② Amphipathic CPPs

Amphipathic CPPs can enter the cell directly in addition to endocytosis.



Amphipathic CPPs can enter cells directly



Inhibitors that interfere with the endosomal pathway

MPG and Pep-1

MPG:

Ac-GALFLGFLGAAGSTMGAWNSQP KKKRKV-cya

HIV glycoprotein 41

Pep-1 :

Ac-KETWWETWWTEWSQP KKKRKV-Cya

tryptophan-rich cluster

Hydrophobic domain

Linker

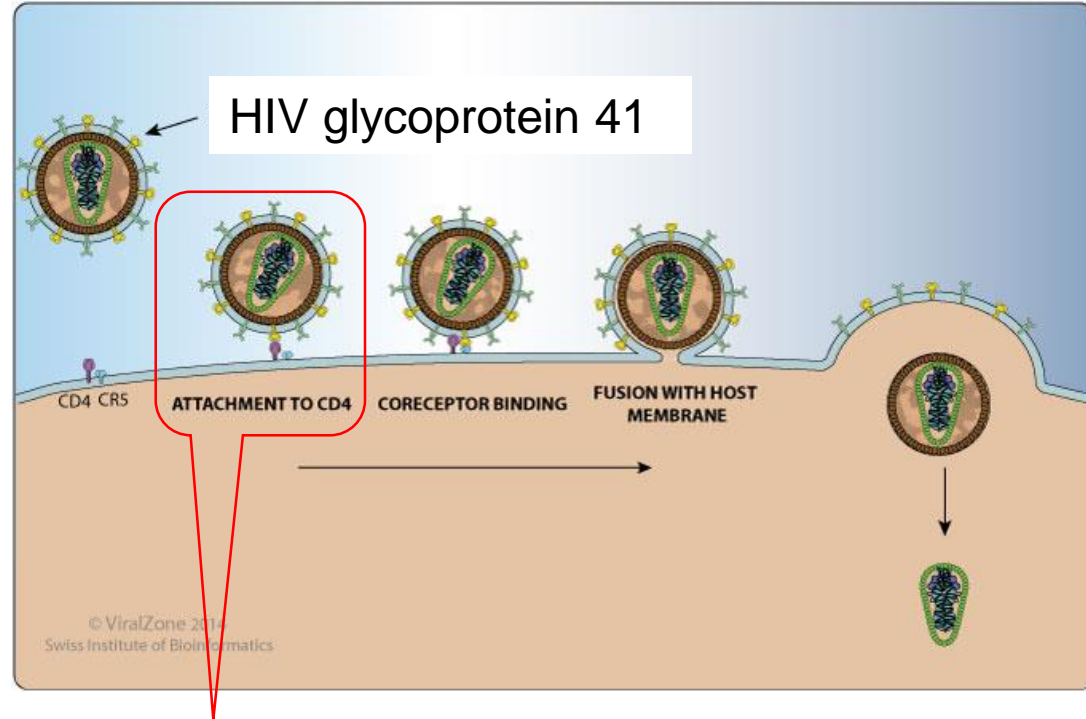
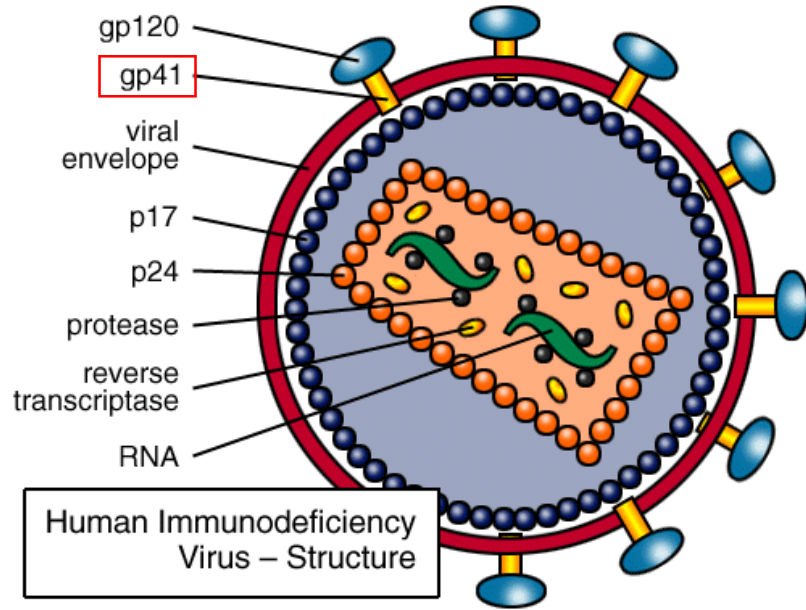
Hydrophilic

improves the flexibility and the integrity of both the hydrophobic and the hydrophilic domains

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HIV glycoprotein 41

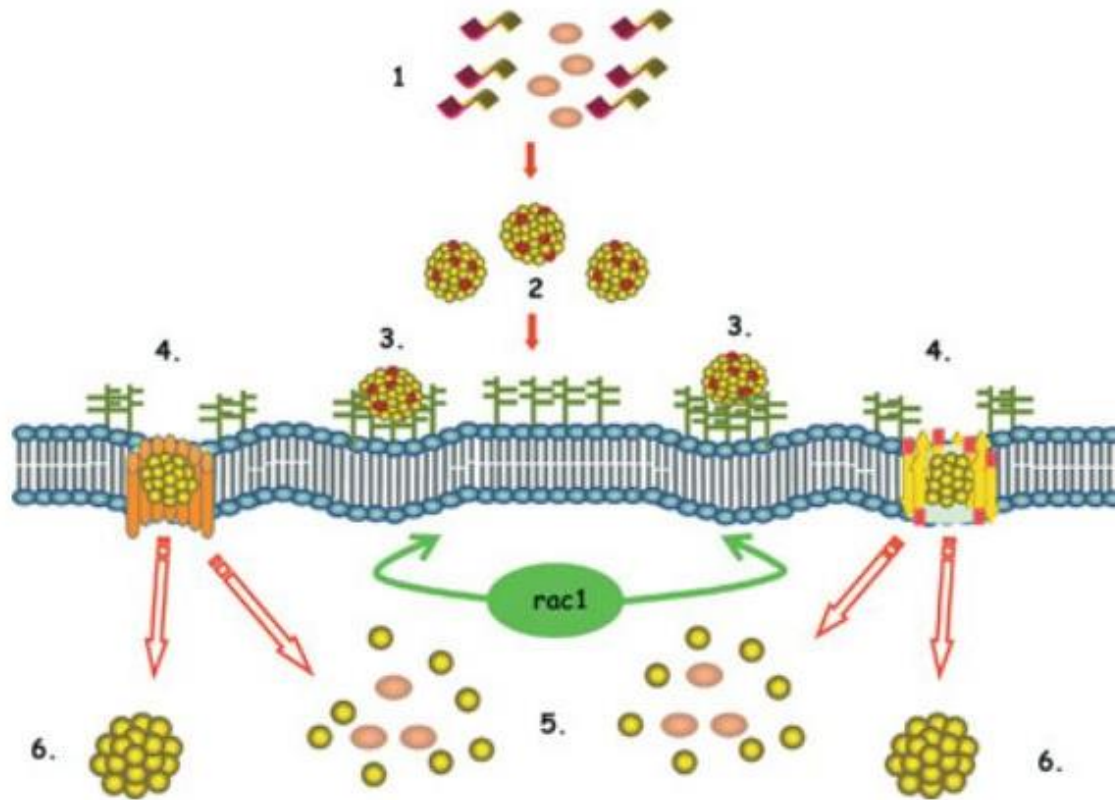


HIV gp41 interacts with the host cellular membrane.

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Amphipathic CPPs can enter the cell directly



- (1) Formation of the carrier—cargo complexes.
- (2) Interaction of the carrier—cargo nanoparticles with the cell surface proteoglycans
- (3) Interaction with the glycans and phospholipid head groups
- (4) Direct interaction with the lipid phase of the cell membrane
- (5) Complexes are released into the cytoplasm
- or (6) is targeted to the nucleus or to specific organelles.

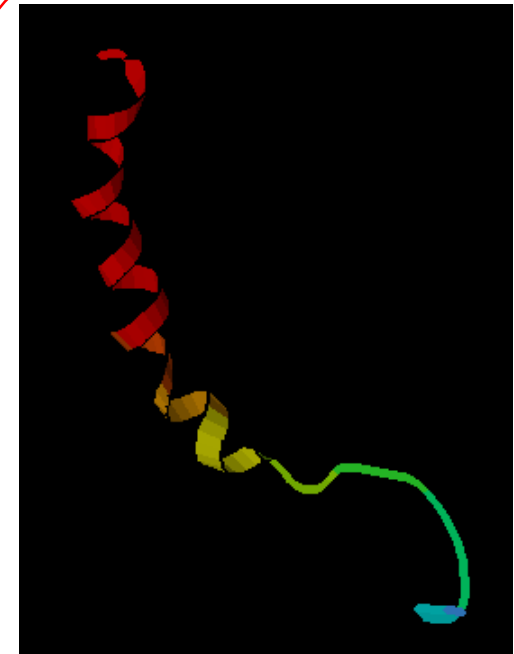
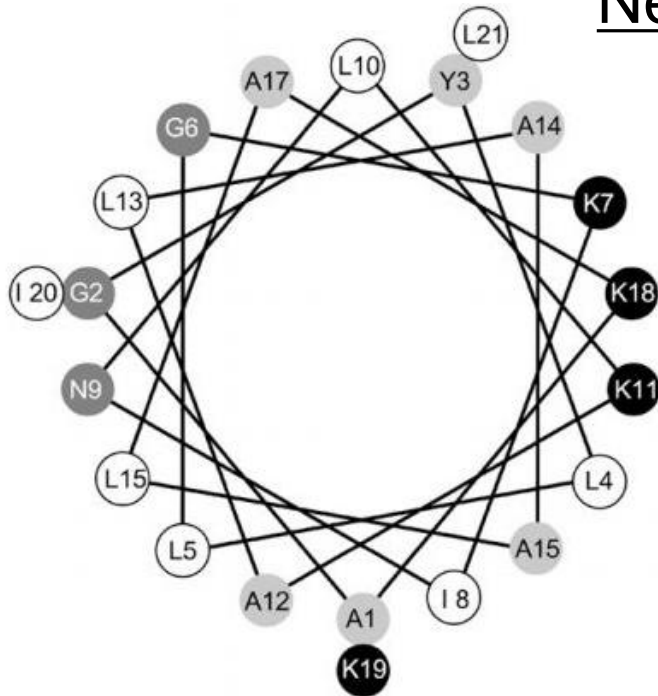
TP10

TP10 : AGYLLG | K | INLKALAALAKKIL-amide

Galanin

Mastoparan

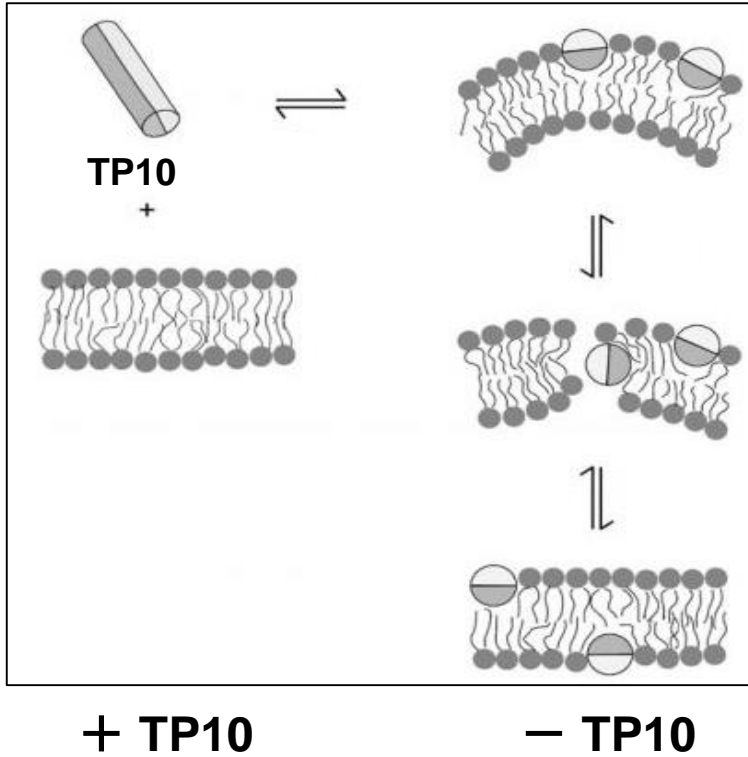
Neuropeptide



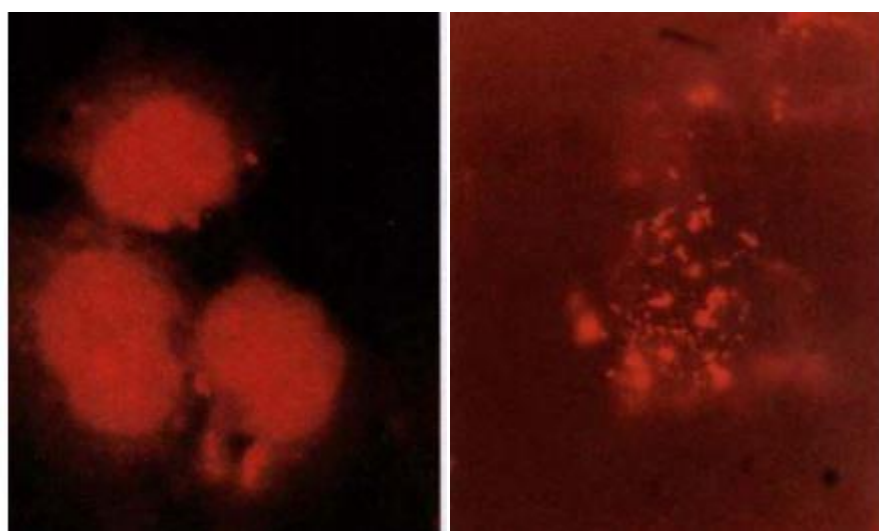
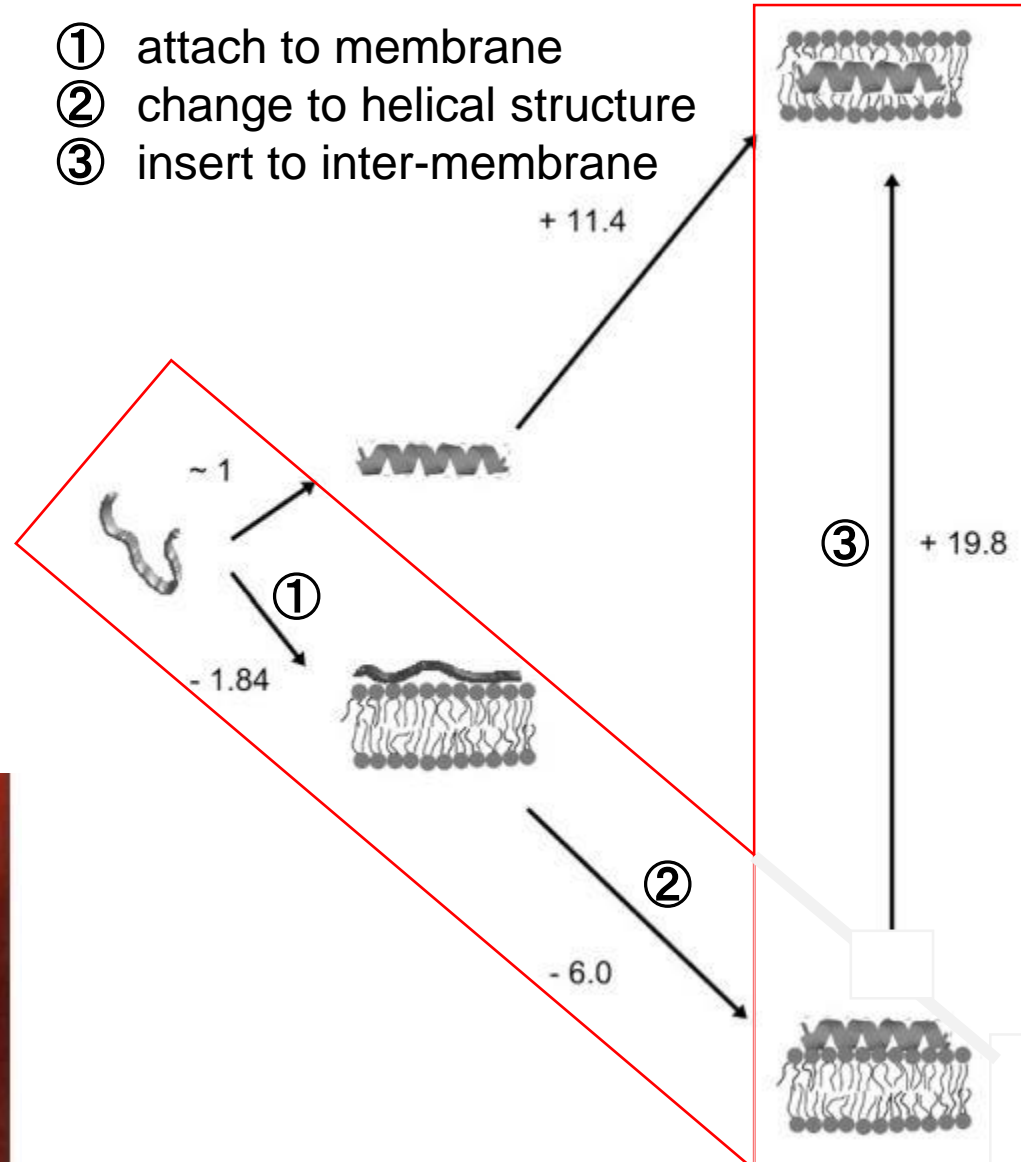
Helical structure

Sectional view of TP10

Mechanism of TP10 / membrane interaction



- ① attach to membrane
- ② change to helical structure
- ③ insert to inter-membrane



Ref) Ulo Langel et al. *Nat. Bio. Tech.* 1998, 16, 857-861

Ref) Ulo Langel et al. *Biophysical Journal* 2007, 92, 2434-2444

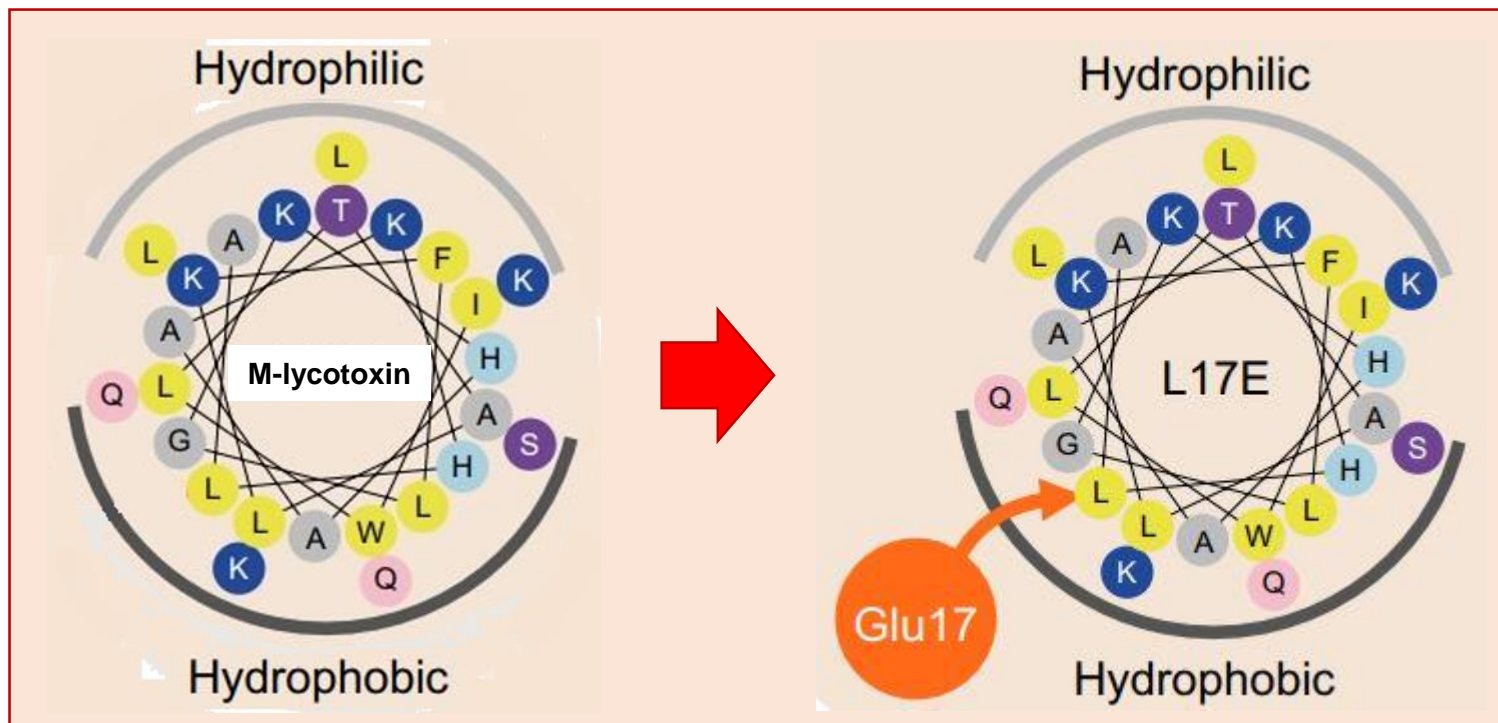
L17E : agents to help endosomal escape

L17E is an agent to help endosomal escape derived from Amphipathic CPP.

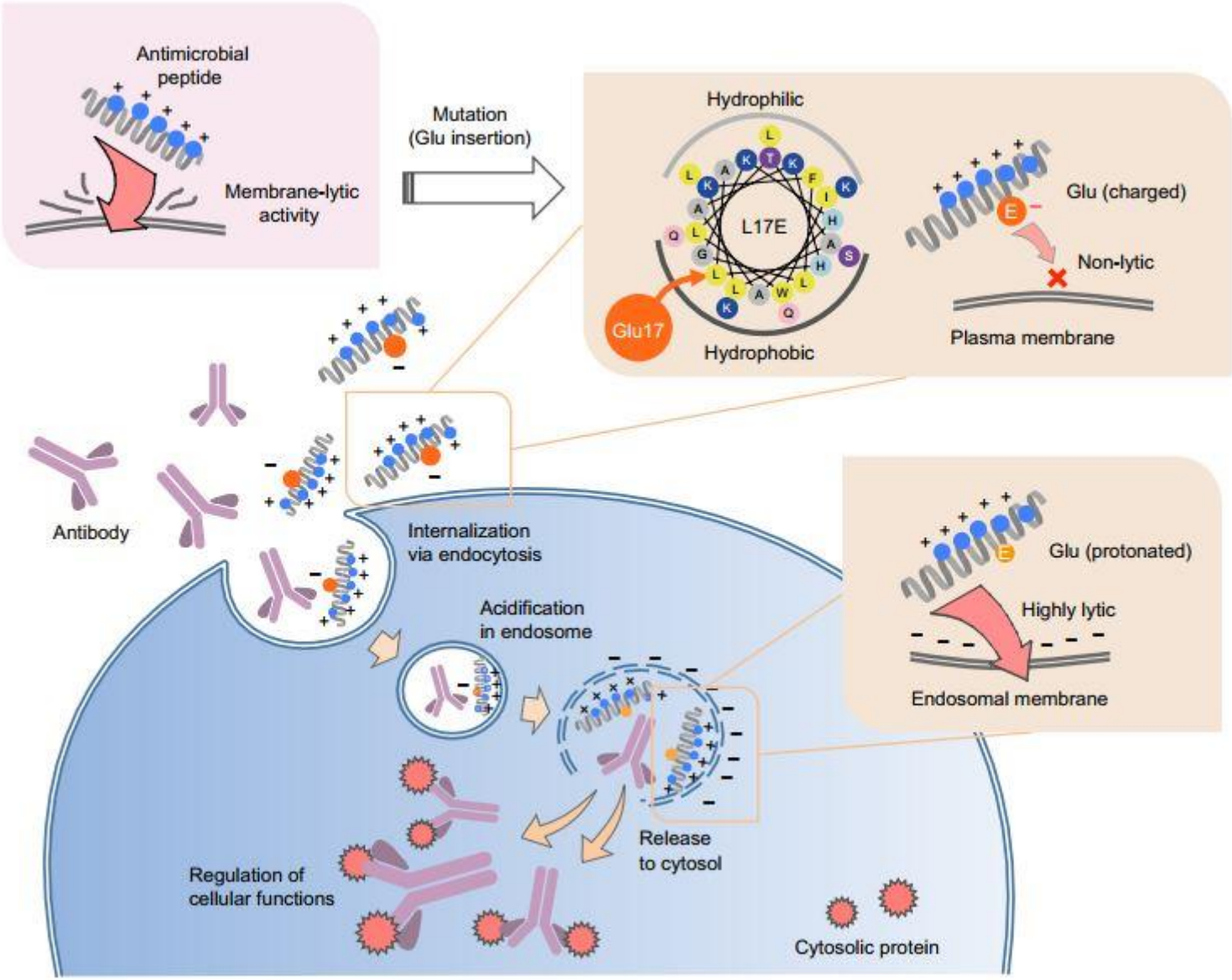
M-lycotoxin, which disrupts cell membrane, derived from the venom of the wolf spider *Lycosa carolinensis*²⁷.



Prof. Futaki @ Kyoto Uni.



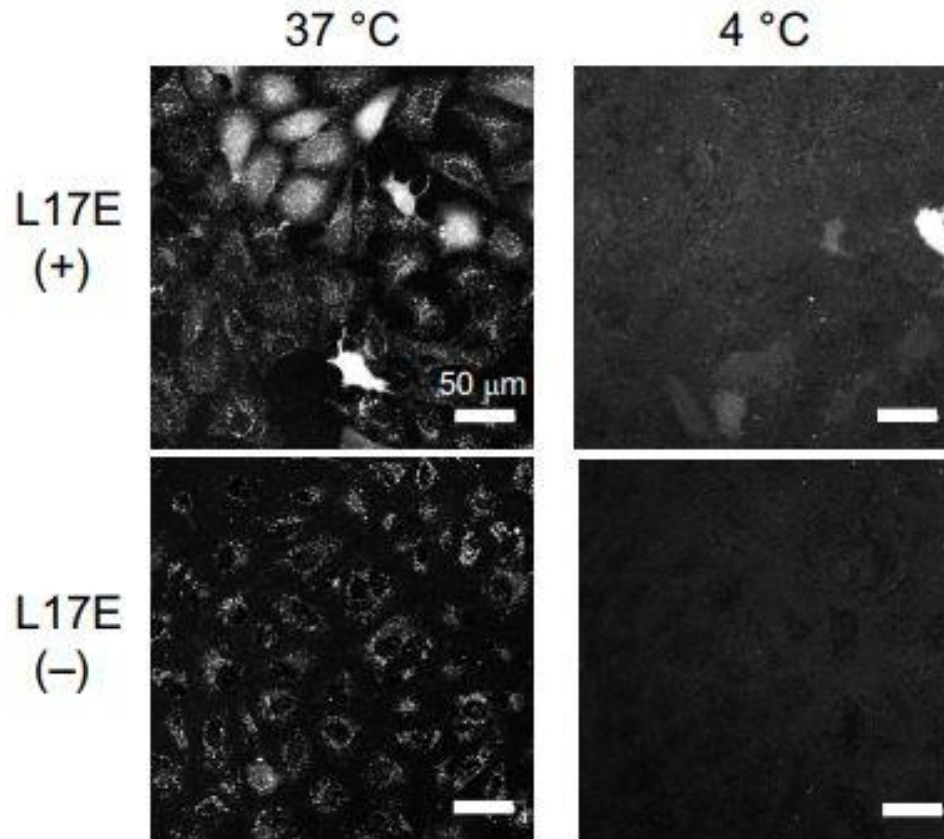
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Ref) Shiroh Futaki et al. *Nat. Chem.* 2017, 9, 751–761

L17E : agents to help endosomal escape

Alexa488–dextran



L17E mediated cytosolic delivery.

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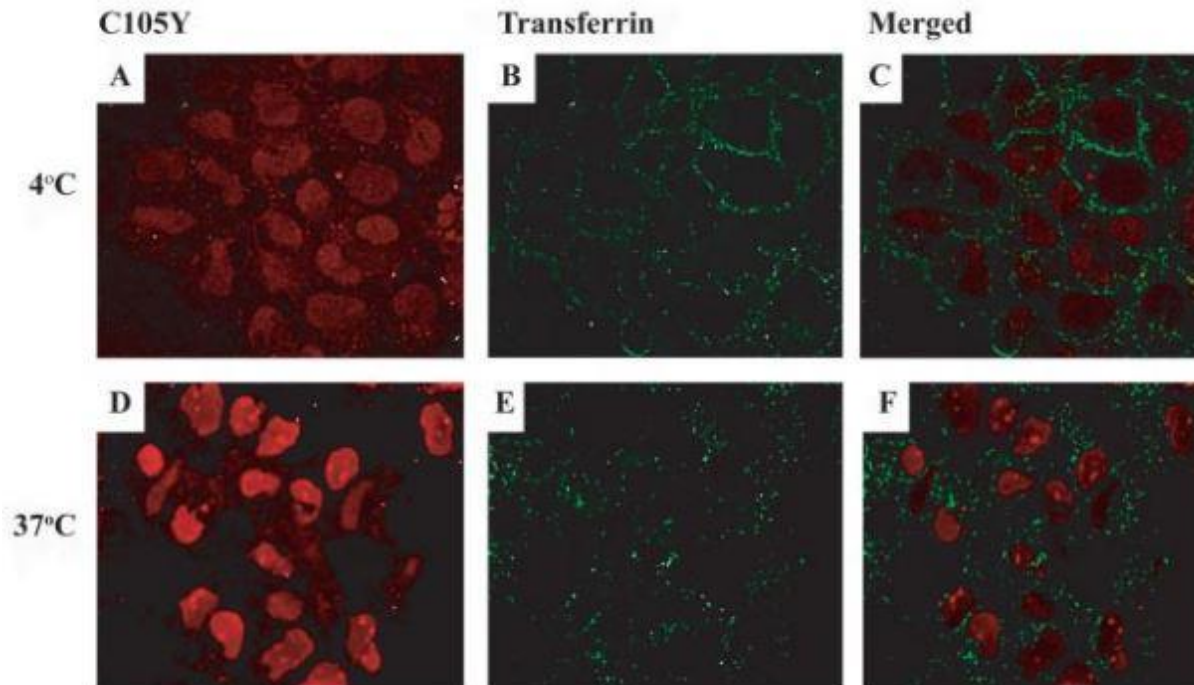
2-2. Amphipathic CPPs

2-3. Hydrophobic CPPs

③ Hydrophobic CPPs

As yet only a limited number of hydrophobic peptides has been discovered and their internalization mechanisms have been poorly studied compared with the cationic and amphipathic classes.

However, it has been proposed that this family of peptides could spontaneously translocate across membranes in an energy-independent manner.



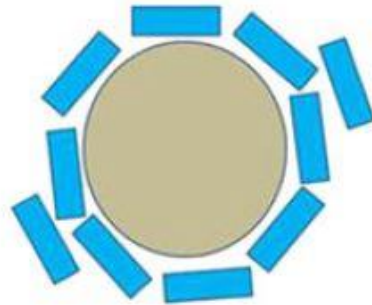
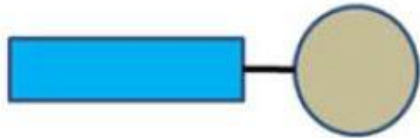
C105Y is a synthetic peptide (CSIPPEVKFNKPFVYLI) based on the amino acid sequence corresponding to residues 359–374 of α 1-antitrypsin.

3. Applications of CPPs

Assembly of complex CPP structures

Non-covalent complex between cargo and CPP

CPP with coupled cargo

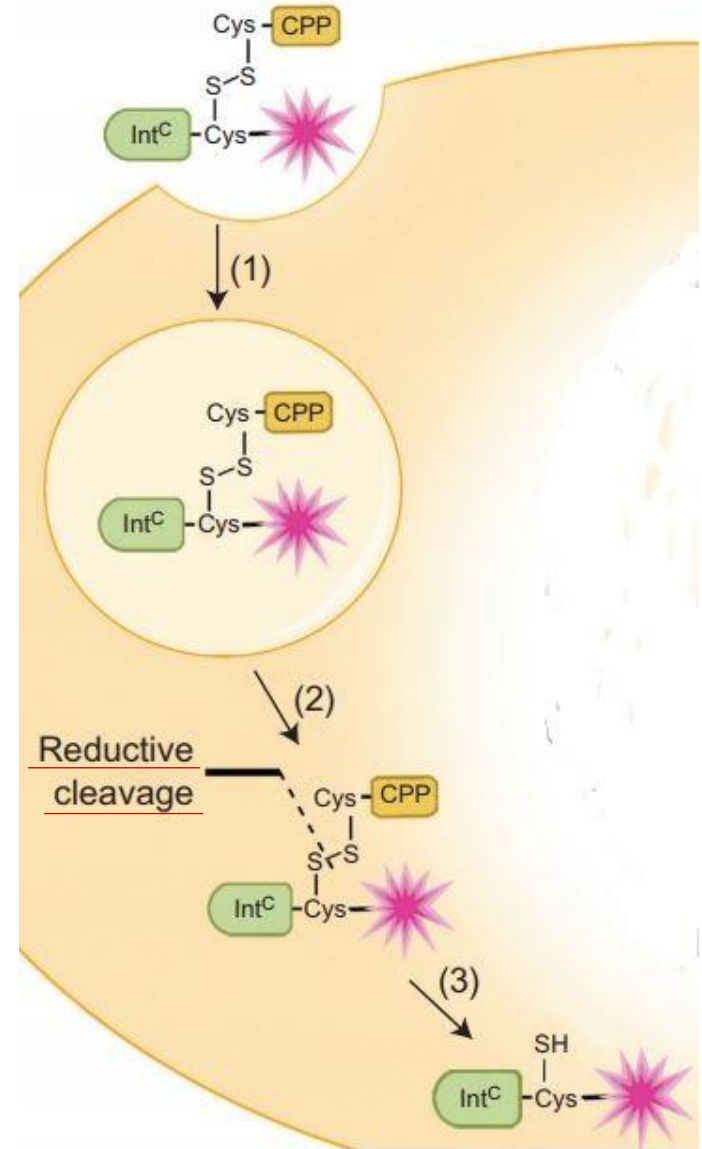


Cargo; CPP

CPP doesn't change the nature of cargo.

But, only a few CPPs are applicable to this method.

Amphipathic CPPs are likely to be applicable because of their hydrophobic interaction with cargo.

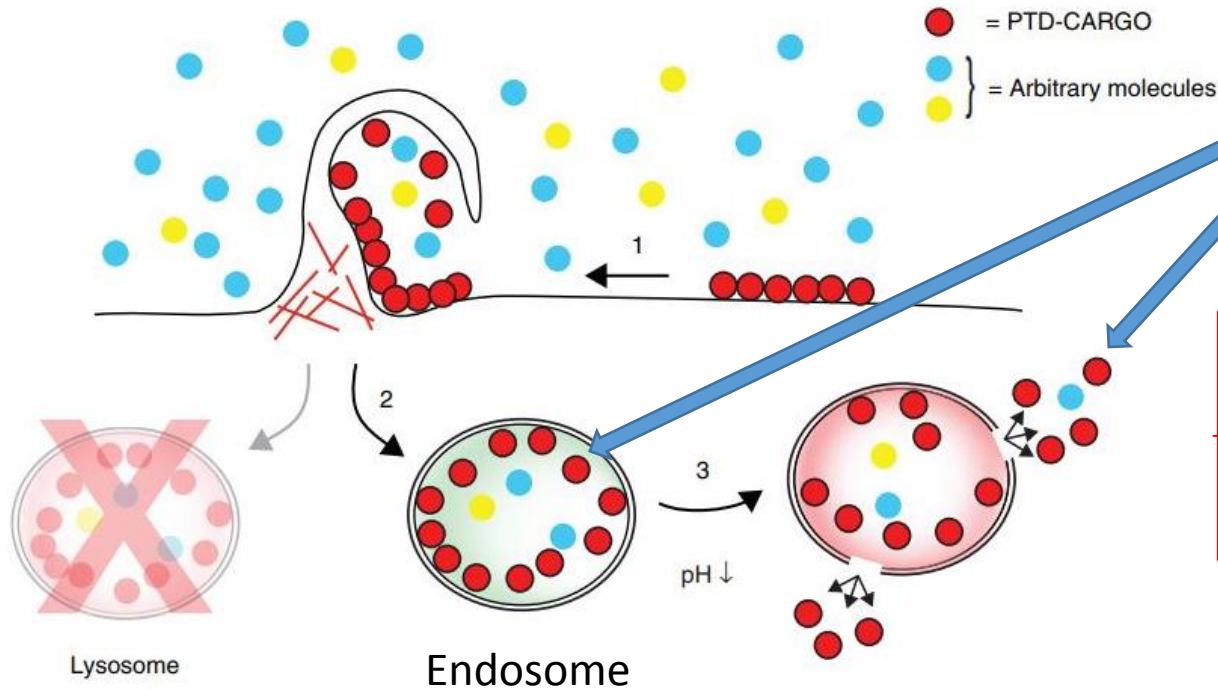


Comparison between CPPs

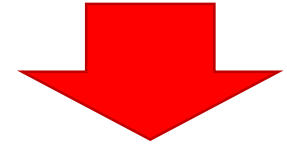
	<u>Cationic</u>	<u>Amphipathic</u>	<u>Hydrophobic</u>
Uptake mechanism	Endocytosis	Direct insertion	Direct insertion
Concentration tolerance	High	Moderate	Low
Applicability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Big size compounds (ex. antibody)▪ Some agents can help endosomal escape	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Acidically weak compounds▪ Non-covalent complex with cargo	Unknown

⌘ **Actually, which one is better depends on the nature of the compound and cell which you want to introduce.**

Enhancing the metabolic stability of CPPs



Peptidase degrades CPP.



- The membrane permeation efficiency drops.
- The localization of cargo changes.

Stabilization of CPPs

- ① Changing L-form amino acid to D-form
- ② N-methylation
- ③ Cyclization

Ref) van den Berg, A. and Dowdy, S.F. *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 2011, 22, 888–893

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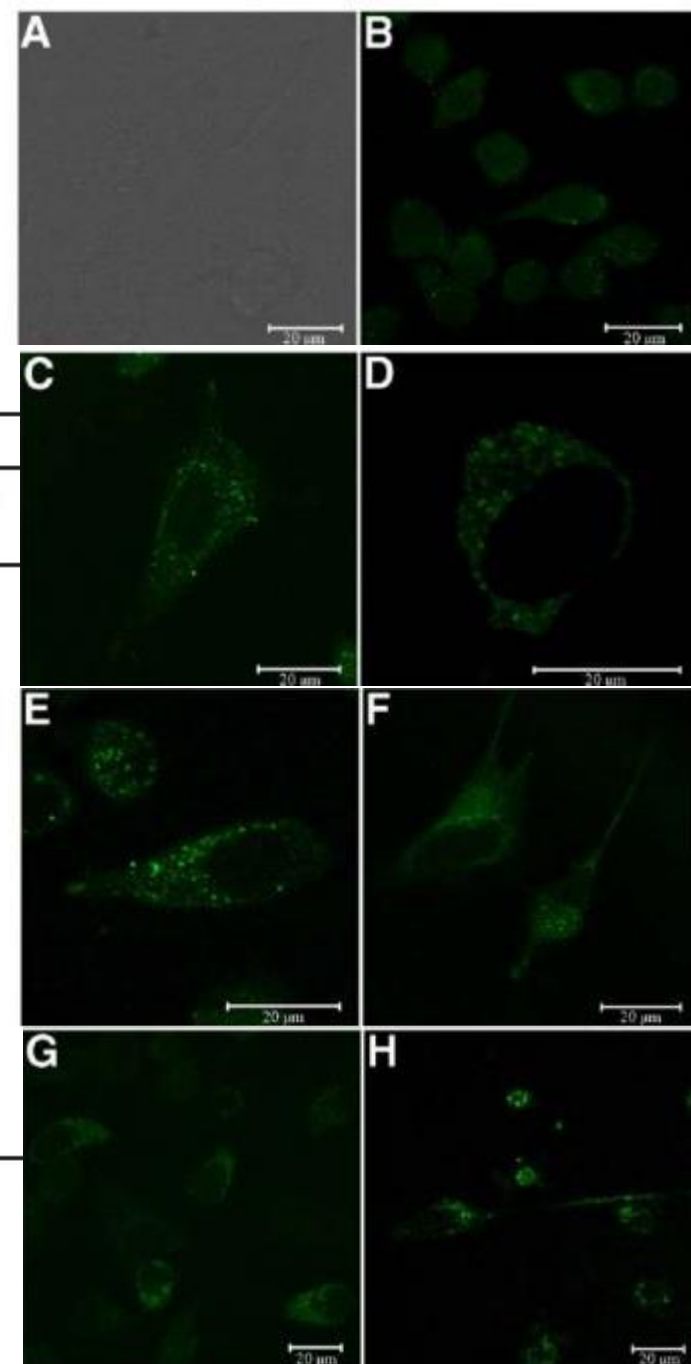
- ① Changing L-form amino acid to D-form
- ② N-methylation

hCT(9 – 32) : Amphipathic CPP

only CF (A)

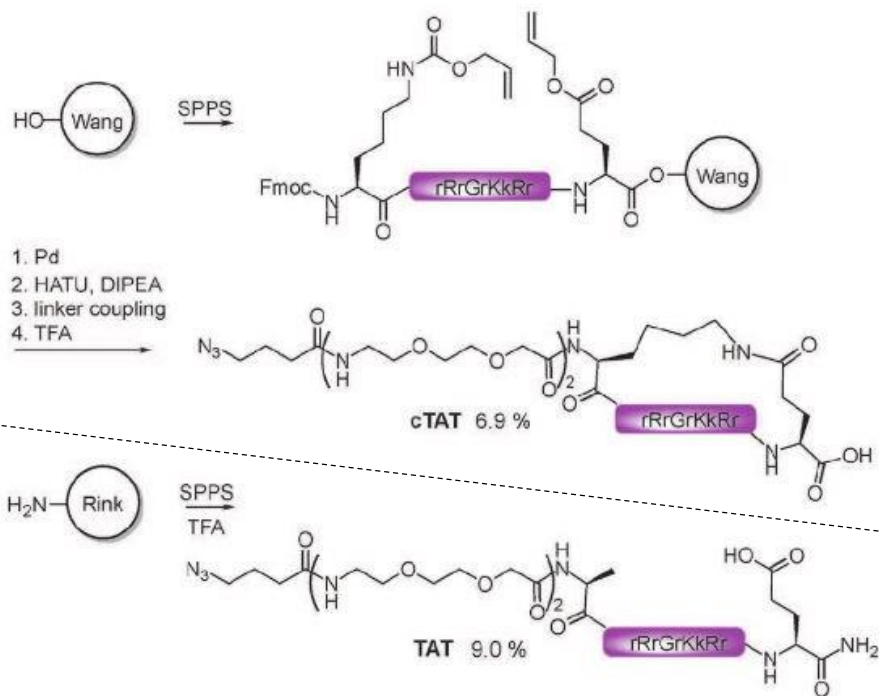
Peptides		Half-life [h]
Name and sequence		human blood plasma
hCT(9–32)	(B)	36.2±3.2
LGTYTQDFNKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(B)	36.2±3.2
[f ¹²]-hCT(9–32)	(C)	51.2±1.7
LGTTTQDFNKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(C)	51.2±1.7
[f ¹⁶]-hCT(9–32)	(D)	51.0±4.9
LGTYTQDfNKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(D)	51.0±4.9
[f ^{12,16}]-hCT(9–32)	(E)	59.6±7.4
LGTTTQDfNKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(E)	59.6±7.4
[N-Me-F ¹²]-hCT(9–32)	(F)	37.2±4.9
LGT-N-Me-F-TQDFNKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(F)	37.2±4.9
[N-Me-F ¹⁶]-hCT(9–32)	(G)	53.5±8.2
LGTYTQD-N-Me-F-NKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(G)	53.5±8.2
[N-Me-F ^{12,16}]-hCT(9–32)	(H)	126.2±15.9
LGT-N-Me-F-TQD-N-Me-F-NKFHTFPQTAIGVGAP-NH ₂	(H)	126.2±15.9

^a All peptides are N-terminally labelled with CF.



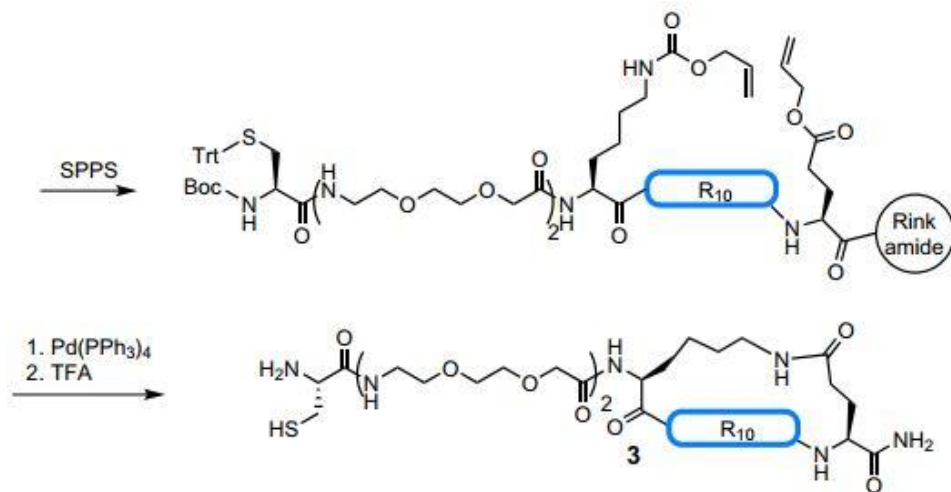
③ Cyclization

Cyclic TAT



Linear TAT

Cyclic R10



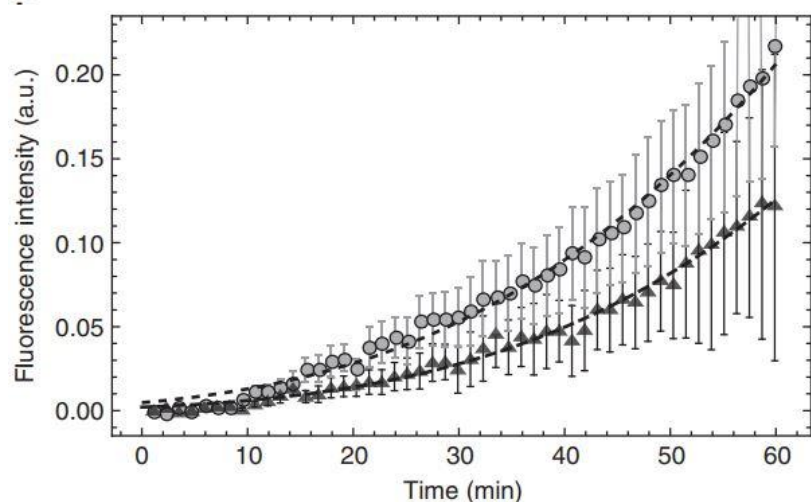
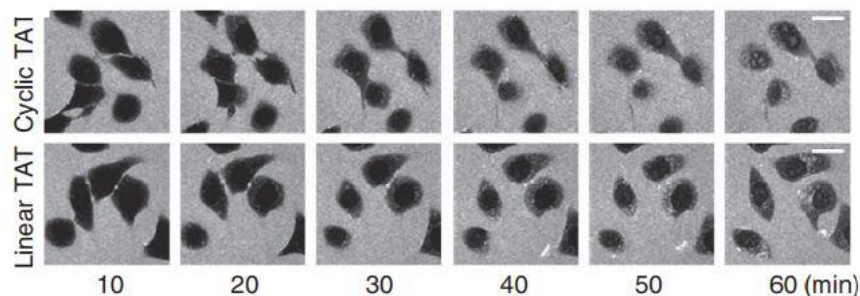
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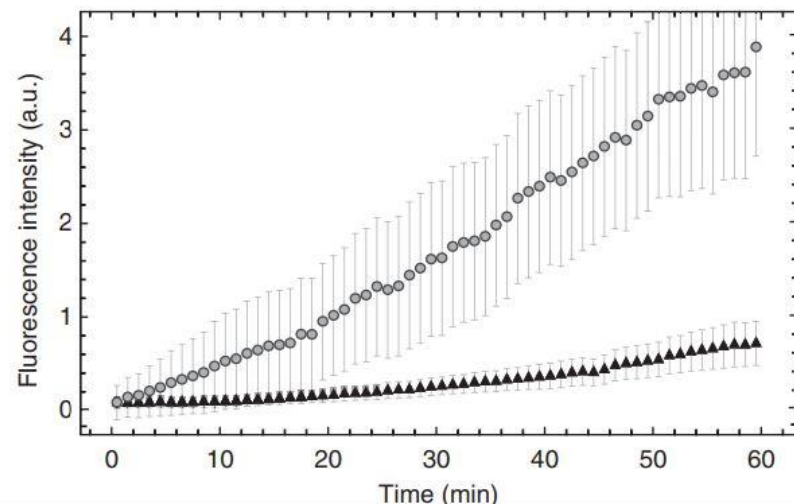
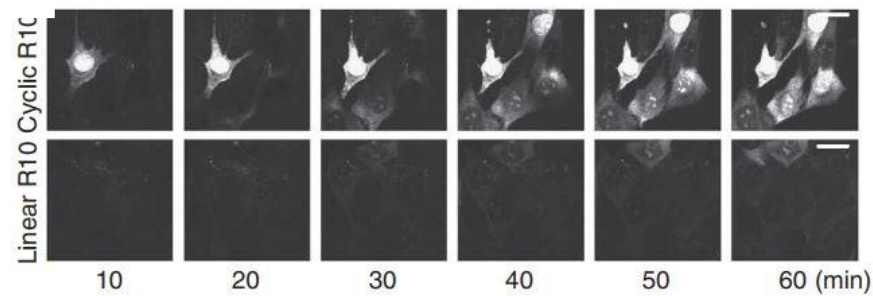
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Cyclic TAT and R10

Cyclic TAT



Cyclic R10



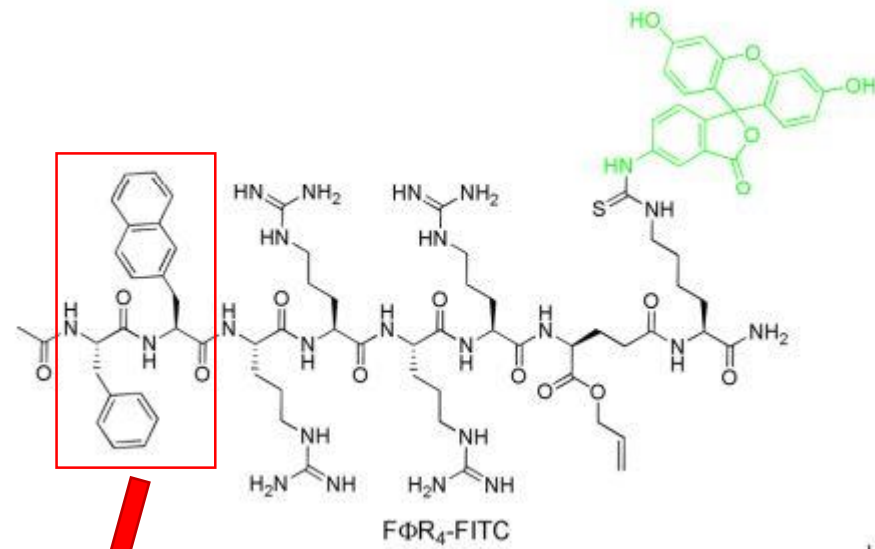
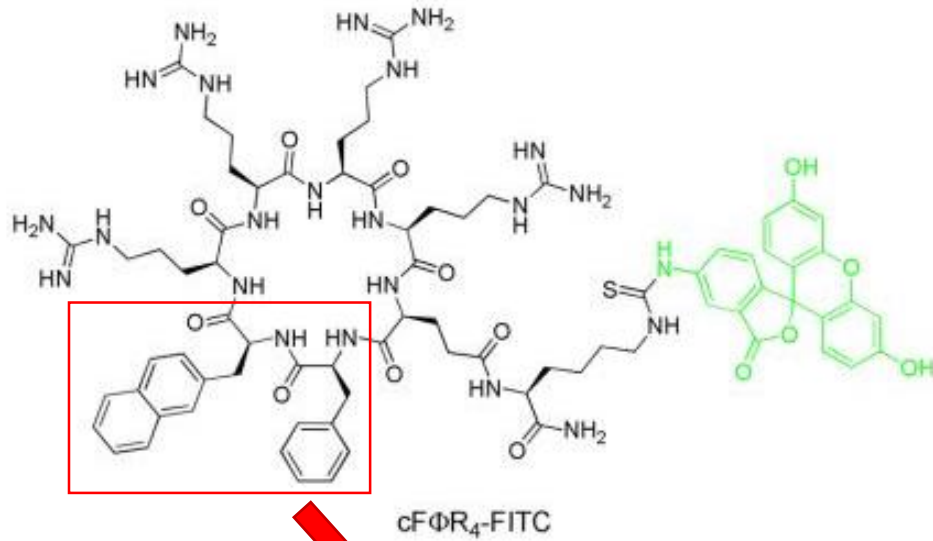
Cyclic CPPs have enhanced cell permeability than linear CPPs because of their metabolic stability.

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Cyclic Amphipathic CPP



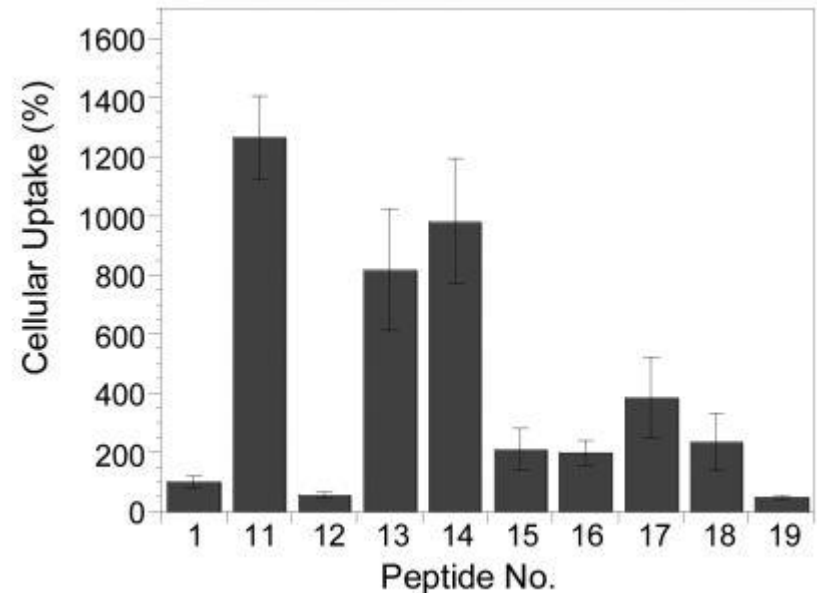
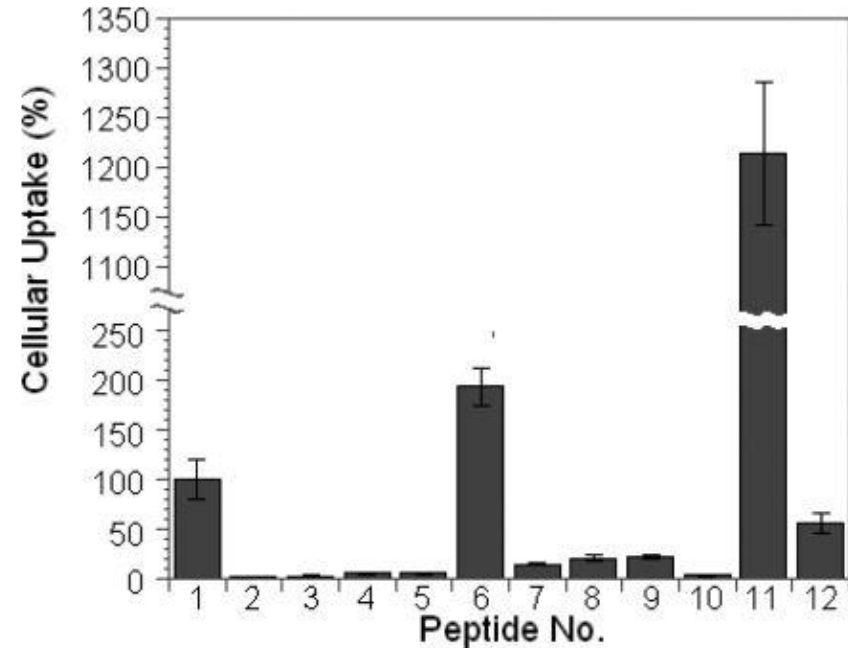
F and Φ(L-2-naphthylalanine) enhances the membrane transduction activity of CPPs.

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Cyclic Amphipathic CPP

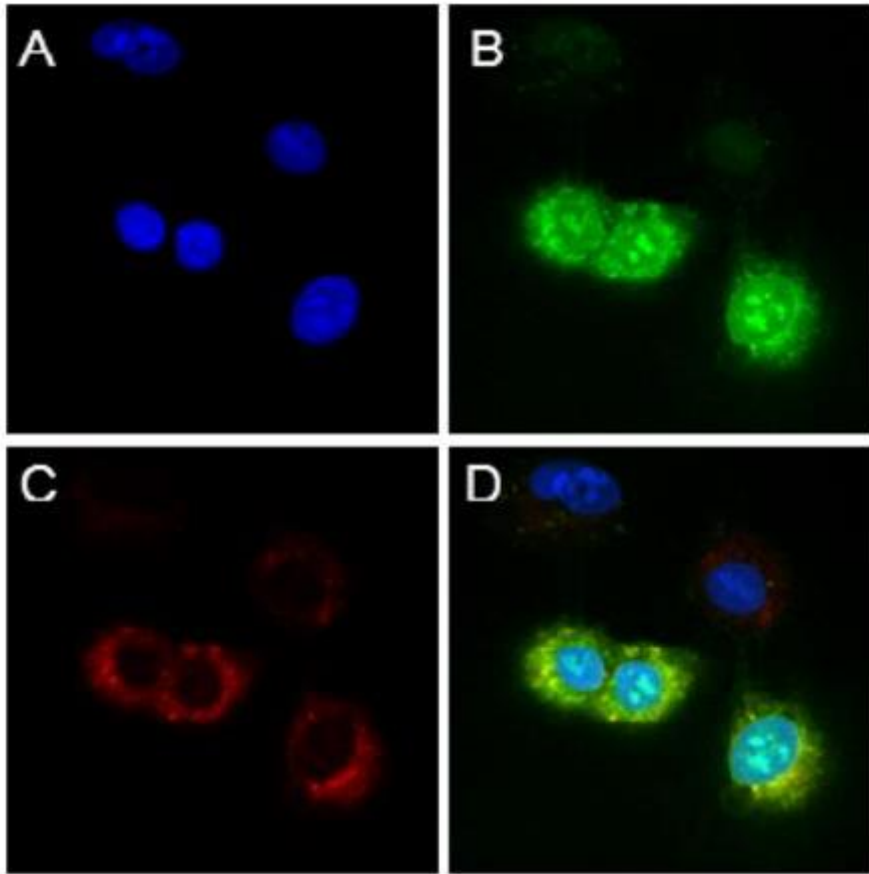
peptide no.	abbreviation	peptide sequence ^b	cellular association (%) ^c
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2	cR ₄	cyclo(RRRRQ)	2.5 ± 0.5
3	R ₄	Ac-RRRRQ-OAll	2.3 ± 0.8
4	cR ₆	cyclo(RRRRRRQ)	5.8 ± 1.1
5	R ₆	Ac-RRRRRRQ-OAll	5.8 ± 1.0
6	cF ₂ R ₄	cyclo(FFRRRRQ)	190 ± 20
7	F ₂ R ₄	Ac-FFRRRRQ-OAll	14 ± 1
8	cr ₆	cyclo(rrrrrrQ)	21 ± 3
9	r ₆	Ac-rrrrrrQ-OAll	21 ± 2
10	cA ₄ R ₄	cyclo(AAAARRRRQ)	3.2 ± 0.2
11	cFΦR ₄	cyclo(FΦRRRRQ)	1260 ± 140
12	FΦR ₄	Ac-FΦRRRRQ-OAll	55 ± 10
13	cAFΦR ₄	cyclo(AFΦRRRRQ)	820 ± 210
14	cA ₂ FΦR ₄	cyclo(AAFΦRRRRQ)	980 ± 210
15	cA ₃ FΦR ₄	cyclo(AAAFΦRRRRQ)	210 ± 70
16	cA ₄ FΦR ₄	cyclo(AAAAFΦRRRRQ)	200 ± 40
17	cA ₅ FΦR ₄	cyclo(AAAAAFΦRRRRQ)	390 ± 140
18	cA ₆ FΦR ₄	cyclo(AAAAAAFΦRRRRQ)	240 ± 100
19	cA ₇ FΦR ₄	cyclo(AAAAAAAFΦRRRRQ)	47 ± 5



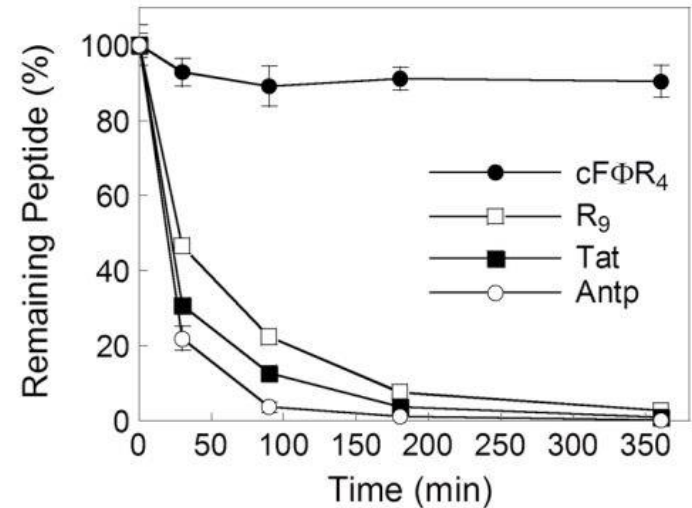
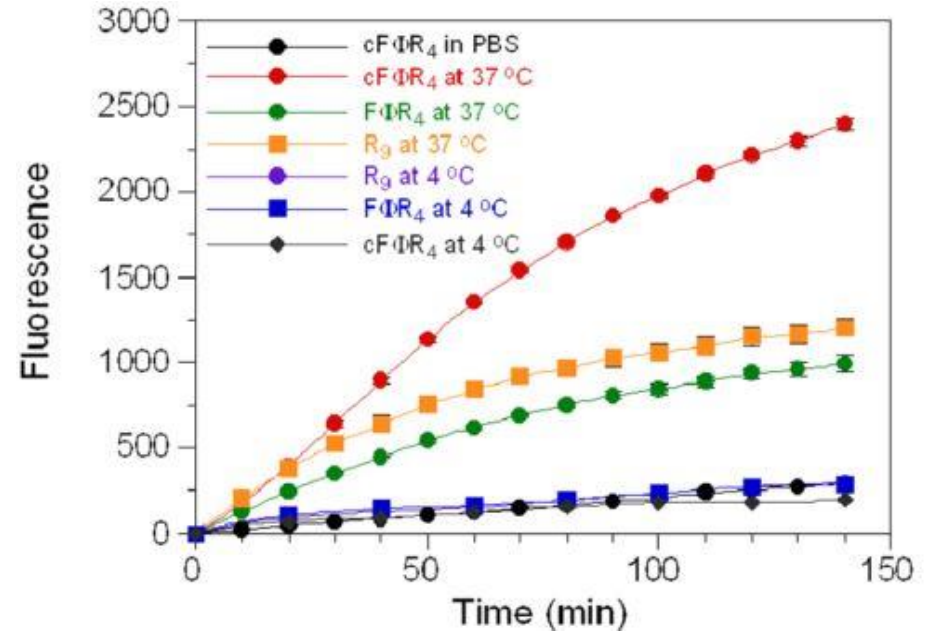
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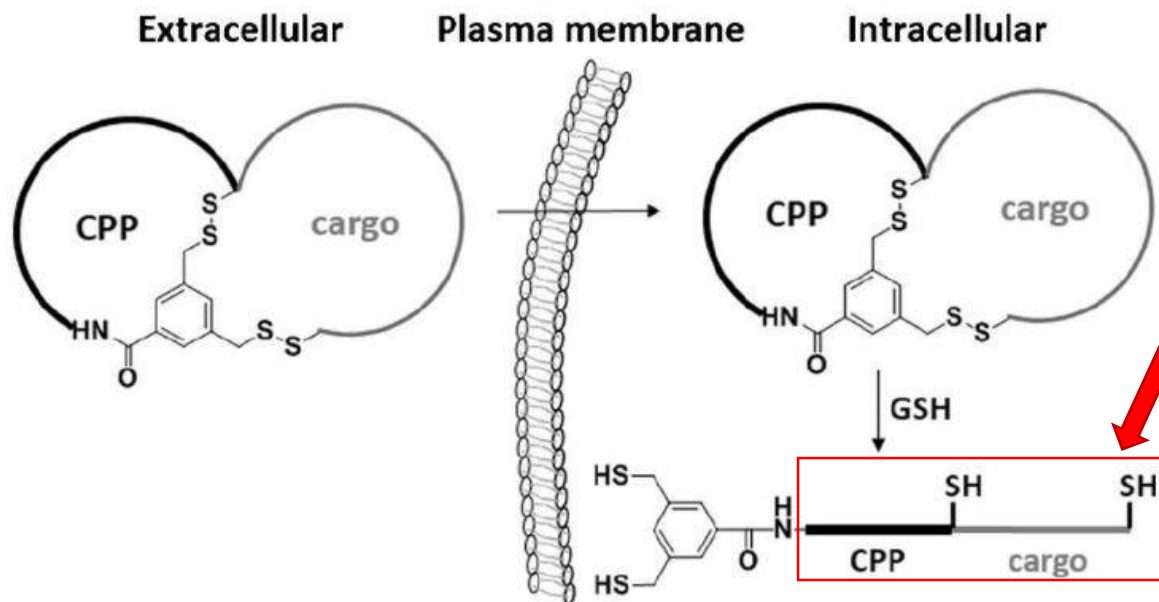


(A) Nuclear stain with DRAQ5
 (B) Green fluorescence of internalized cF Φ R4-FITC
 (C) Red fluorescence of rhodamine B-dextran
 (D) A merge of panels A-C



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Bicyclization

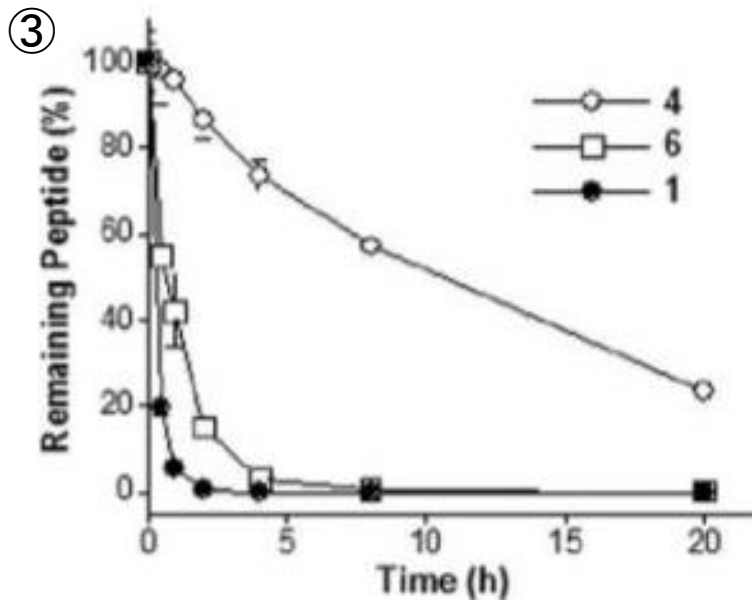
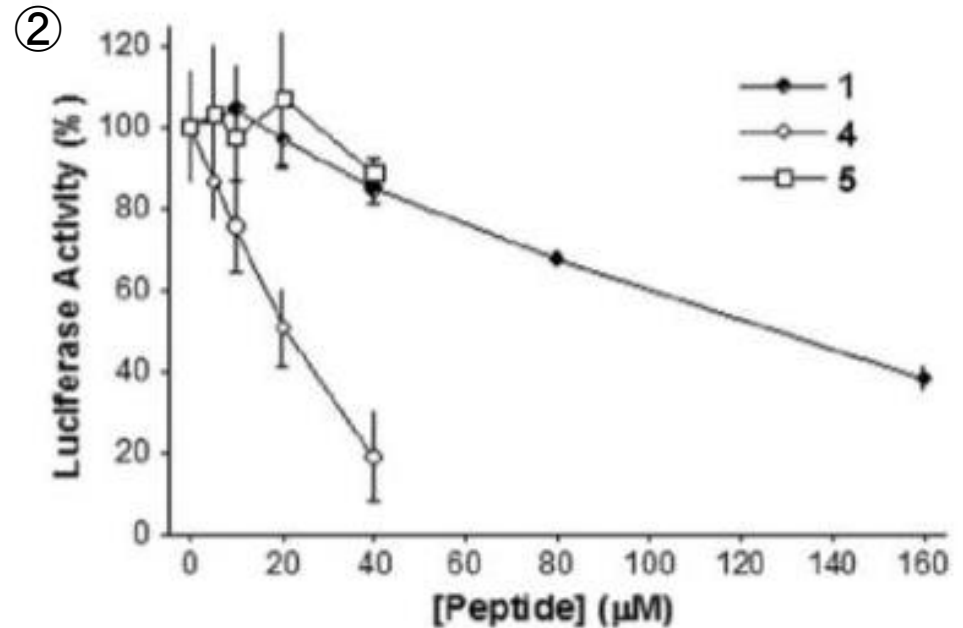
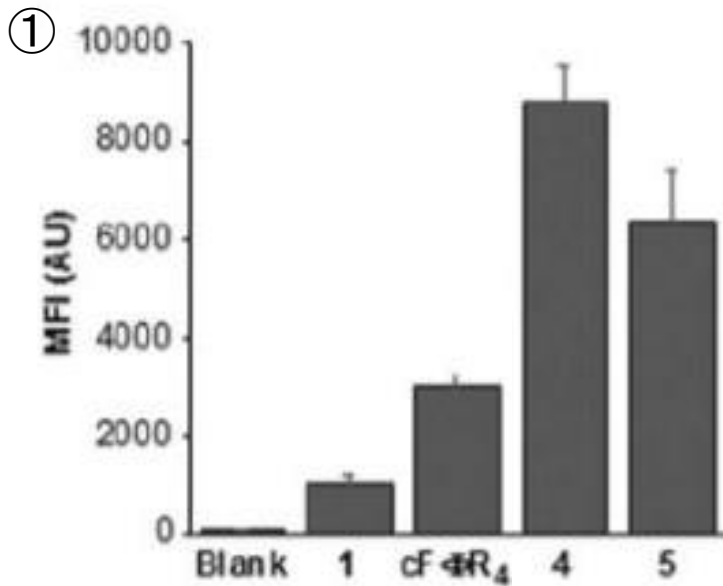


CPP and cargo, which were cyclic, regain the linear character in cell. Many peptide ligands must be in their linear conformations to be biologically active.

Peptide ID	Sequence
1	RQIKIWFQNRRMKWKKGG-TALDWSWLQTE
4	BMB-RRRRΦF-C-ALDWSWLQ-C $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{S} \quad \text{S} \quad \text{S} \\ \text{S} \quad \text{S} \quad \text{S} \end{array} \right]$
5	BMB-RRRRΦF-C-ALDASALQ-C $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{S} \quad \text{S} \quad \text{S} \\ \text{S} \quad \text{S} \quad \text{S} \end{array} \right]$
6	MP-RRRRΦF-C-ALDWSWLQ $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{S} \quad \text{S} \\ \text{S} \quad \text{S} \end{array} \right]$

NEMO-binding domain (NBD) reduces aberrant NF-κB activity. NF-κB is a transcription factor that controls the expression of numerous gene products.

Bicyclization



① : Peptides were labeled with fluorescein FITC on the sidechain of a C-terminal lysine. Mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) values showed their cellular uptake.

② : Cells transfected with a luciferase reporter gene under the control of NF- κ B were first treated with varying concentrations of a peptide and then TNF α . TNF α activates NF- κ B.

③ : The metabolic stability of peptides was tested by incubating the peptides in human serum.

Application for Preclinical and Clinical Evaluations

Pre-clinical trials

CPP-derived therapeutics



PTD-HA-Bcl-XI
PTD-FNK
D-JNKI-1
KAI-9803
TAT-NBD
TAT₄₈₋₅₇-BH4
TAT₄₈₋₆₀-BH4
RI-TAT-p53C'
Antp-NBD
PEP-1-SOD-1
PEP-1-CAT
DTS-108
MPG-8/siRNA
TAT-DRBD/siRNA
AVI-5126

Administration:



i.v., i.p., topical,
intranasal



Clinical trials

CPP-derived therapeutics



AM-111
PsorBan
AZX100
p28
KAI-9803
KAI-1678
RT001
RT002
AVI-4658
AVI-5126
XG-102

Administration:



i.v.,
intramuscular,
intracoronary,
intratympanic,
topical, oral,
subcutaneous



Amphipathic CPPs interact with lipids

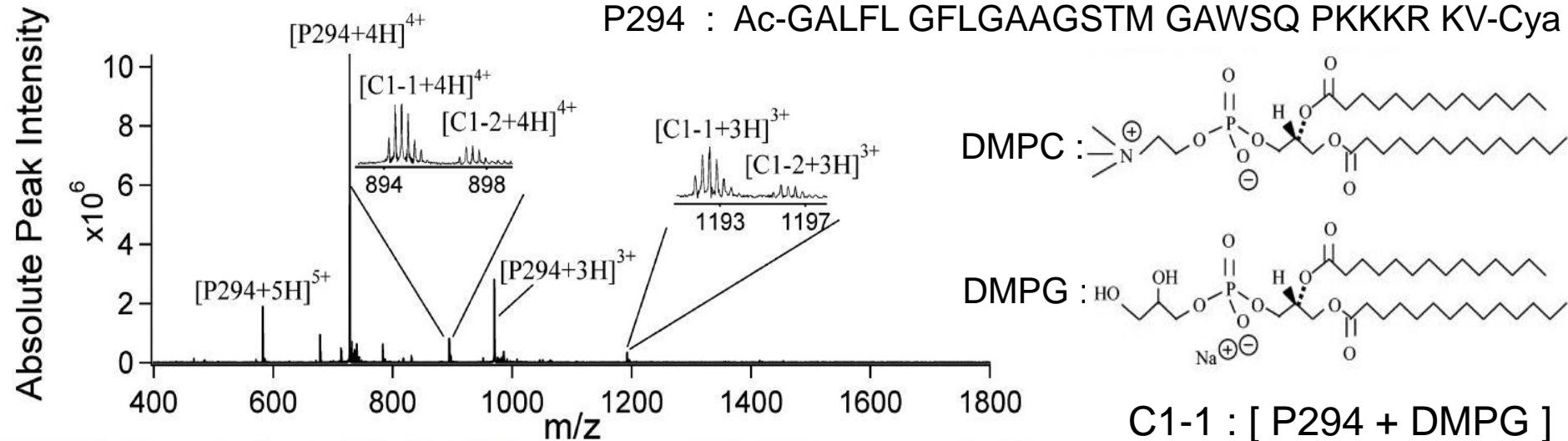
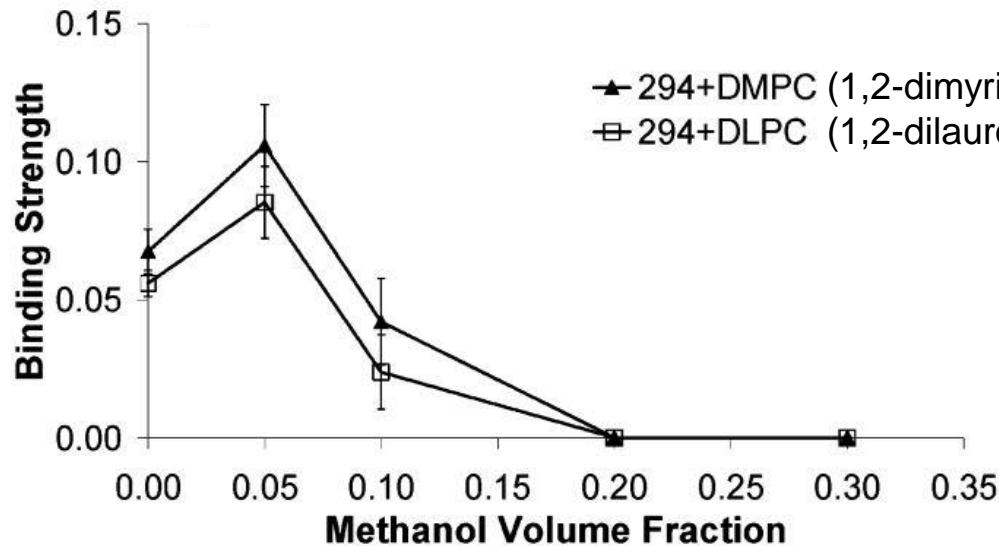


Figure 1. Electrospray mass spectrum of 20:20:20 μM P294–DMPC–DMPG in aqueous solution. “C1-1” and “C1-2” represent [P294 + DMPG – Na + H] and [P294 + DMPC] complexes, respectively.



P294 forms stable 1:1 complexes with lipids. And hydrophobic interaction is essential for forming complex.

weakens the hydrophobic interactions

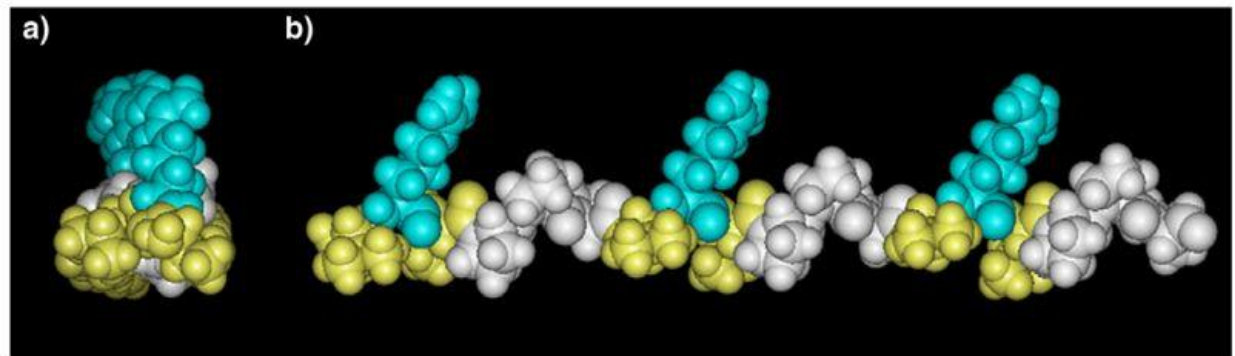
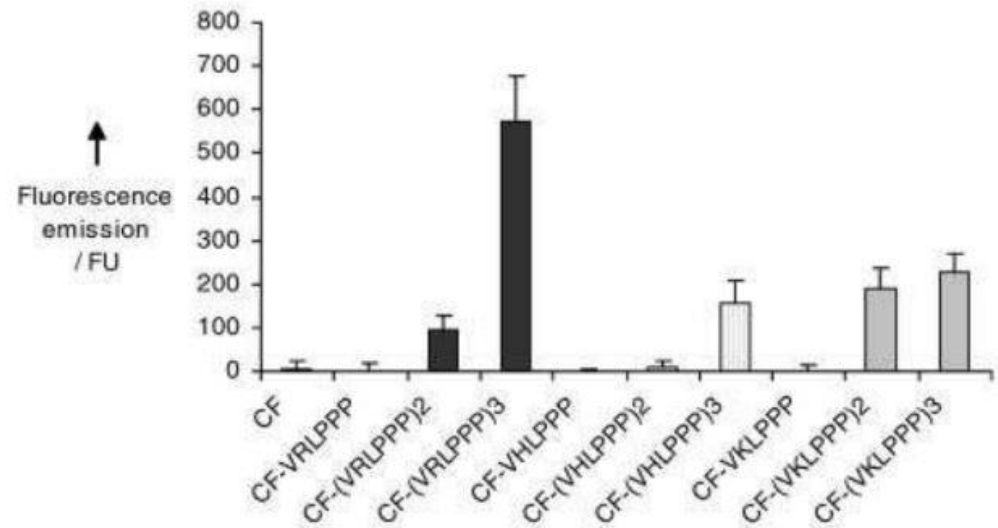
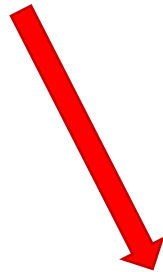
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Proline-rich CPPs

It was discovered that ...

- N-terminal γ -zein domain's octamer (VHLPPP)₈ can interact with cell membranes.
- A peptide containing just proline residues P₁₄ can internalize in cells.

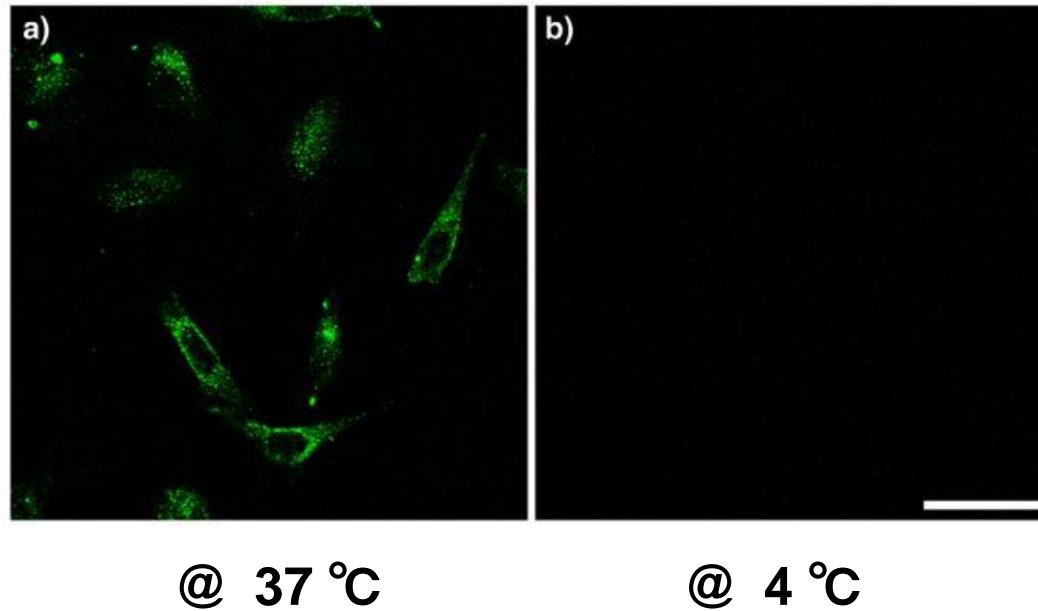
Pro content of 50% is enough to maintain a helical structure.



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CF-(VRLPPP)₈

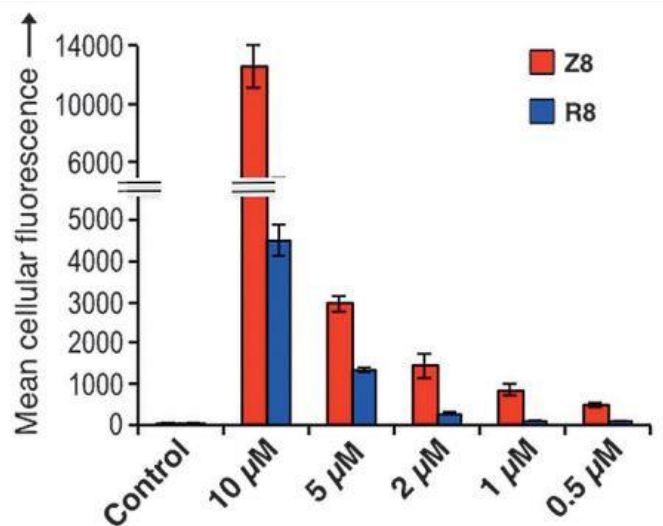
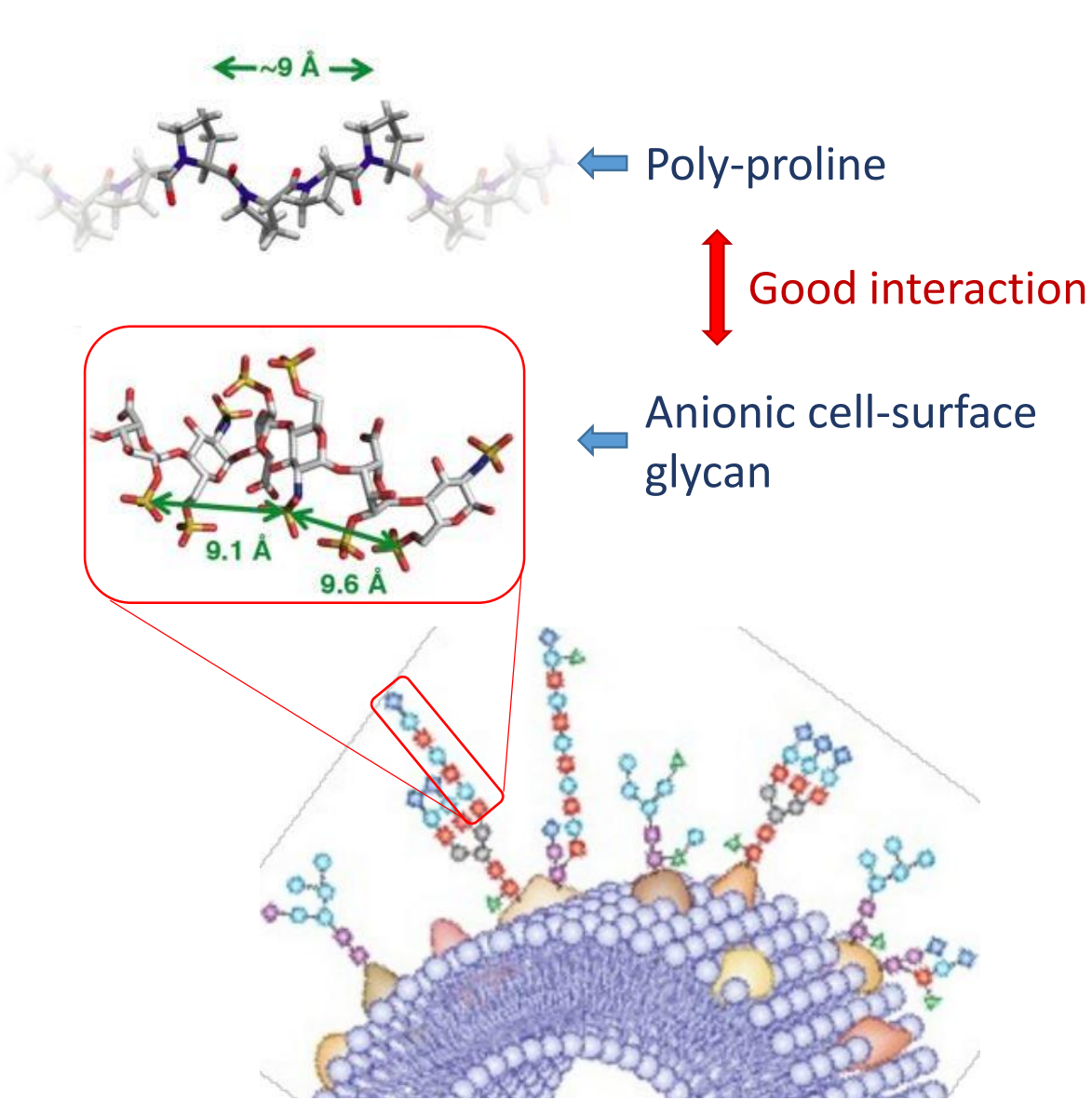
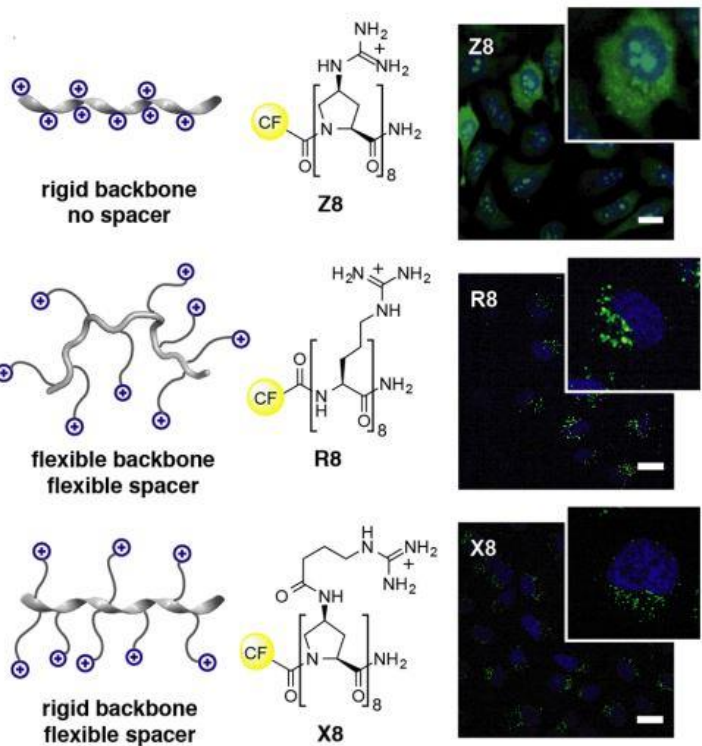


CF-(VRLPPP)₈ internalize in cell by endocytosis.

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Poly-proline as CPP



MPG and Pep-1

MPG: Ac-GALFLGFLGAAGSTMGANSQP KKKRKV-cya

HIV glycoprotein 41

Pep-1 : Ac-KETWWETWWTEWSQP KKKRKV-Cya

tryptophan-rich cluster

Hydrophobic domain

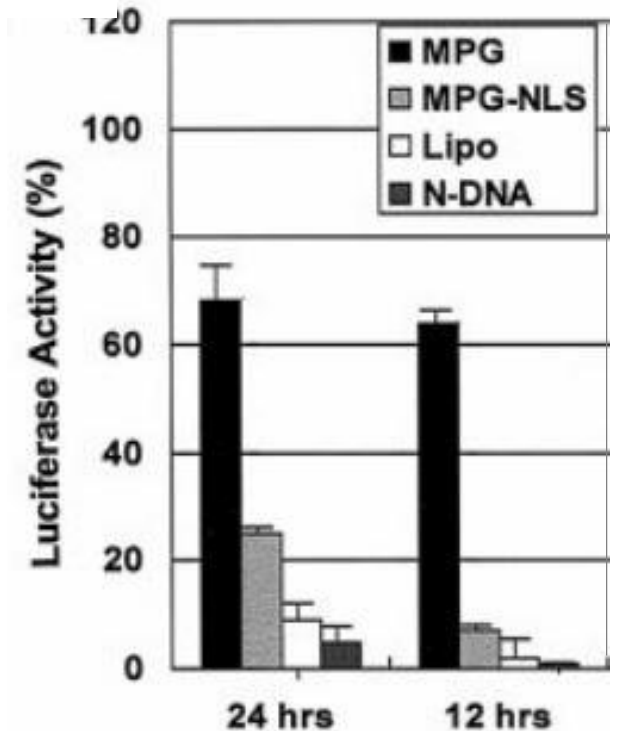
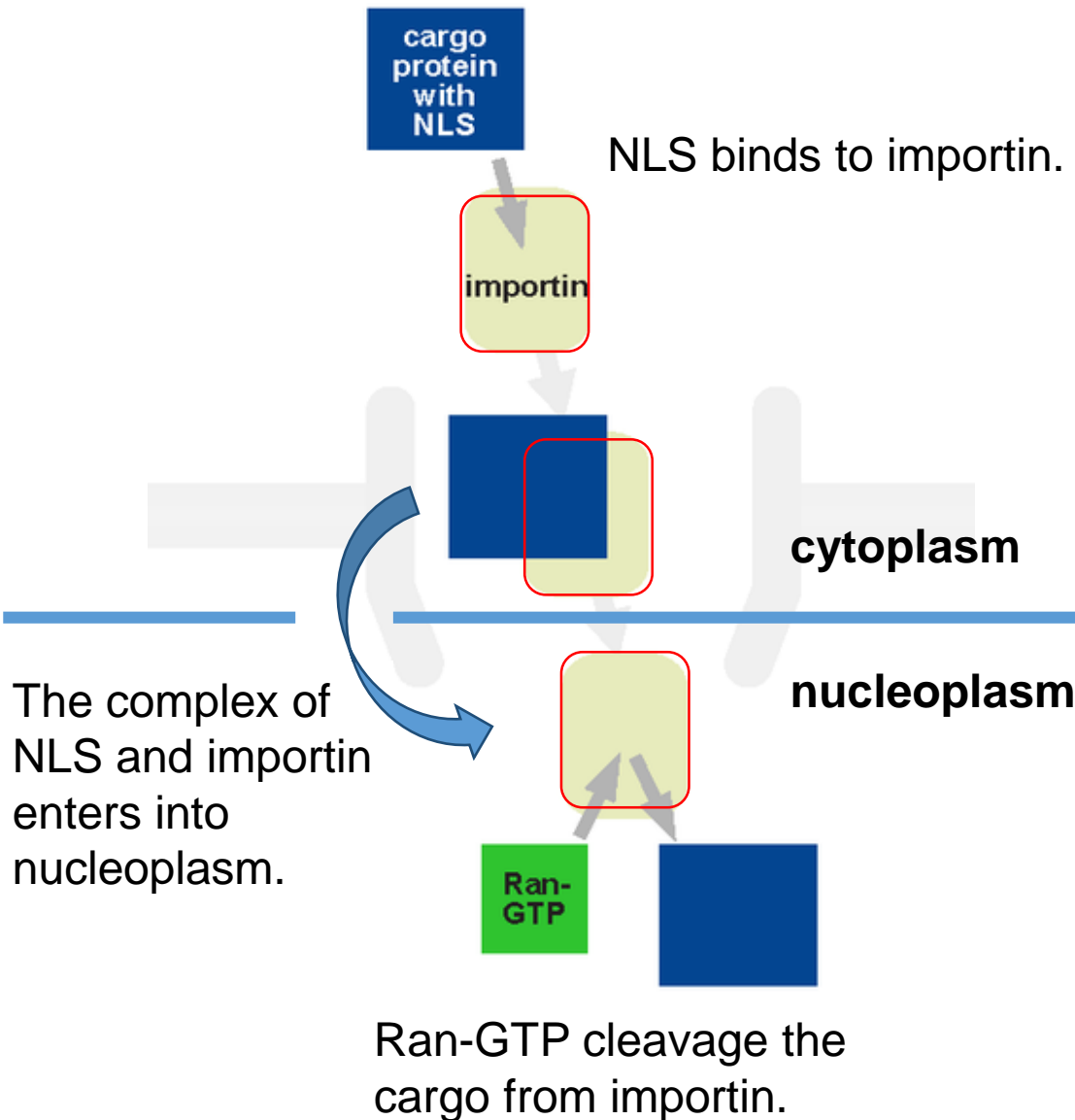
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Nuclear
Localization
Signal
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Nuclear Localization Signal



The NLS of MPG is essential for nuclear translocation.

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