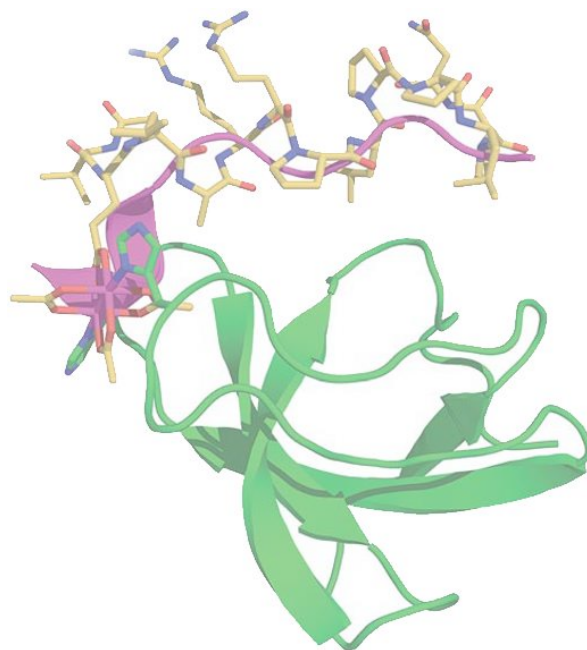


Chemical Protein Modification with Rhodium Metallopeptide Catalysts



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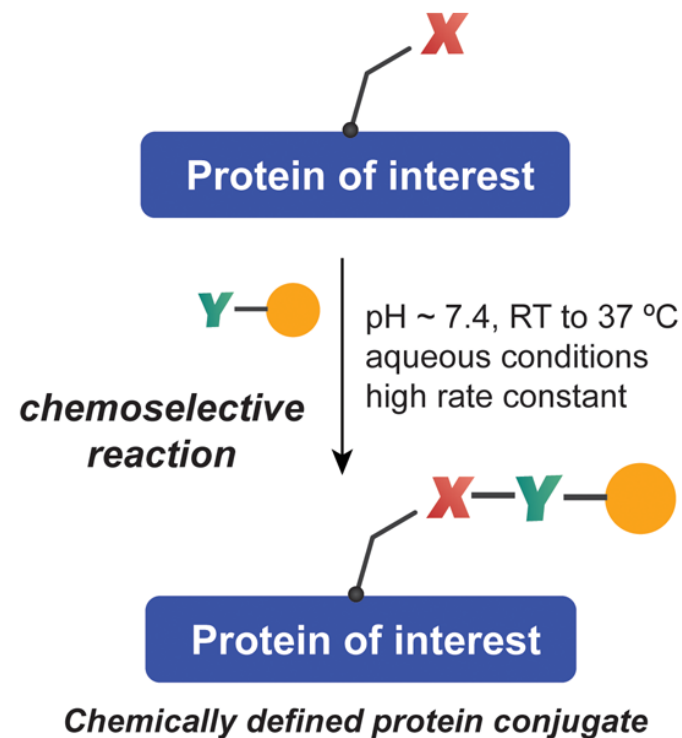
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- Purpose

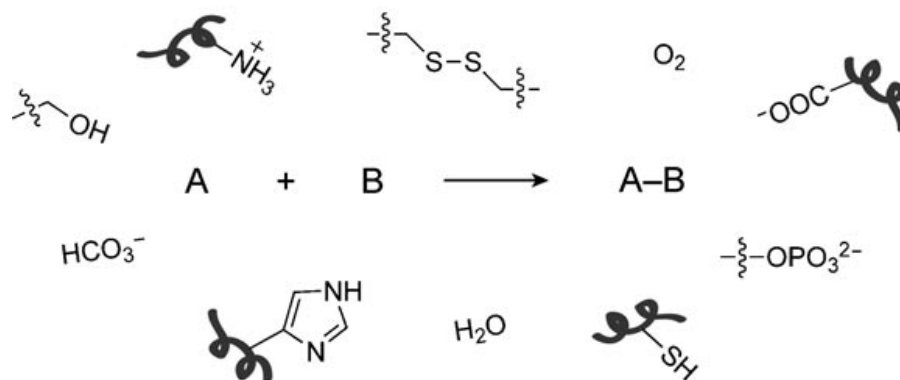
- study effects of post-translational protein modifications
- interrogate and intervene biological systems
- confer desired properties (affinity probes, fluorophores, reactive tags, increasing the circulation half-time,...)



Omar B, and Gonalo J. L.B., *Chem. Rev.* **2015**, *115*, 2174

1. Chemical Protein Modification

- Requirements for the reactions
 - functional group tolerance or compatibility
 - selectivity (site- or regio-)
 - water as a reaction media
 - near neutral pH and room temperature (or up to 40°C)
 - high reaction rates and high reaction efficiency
 - low reactant concentrations
 - nontoxic reagents



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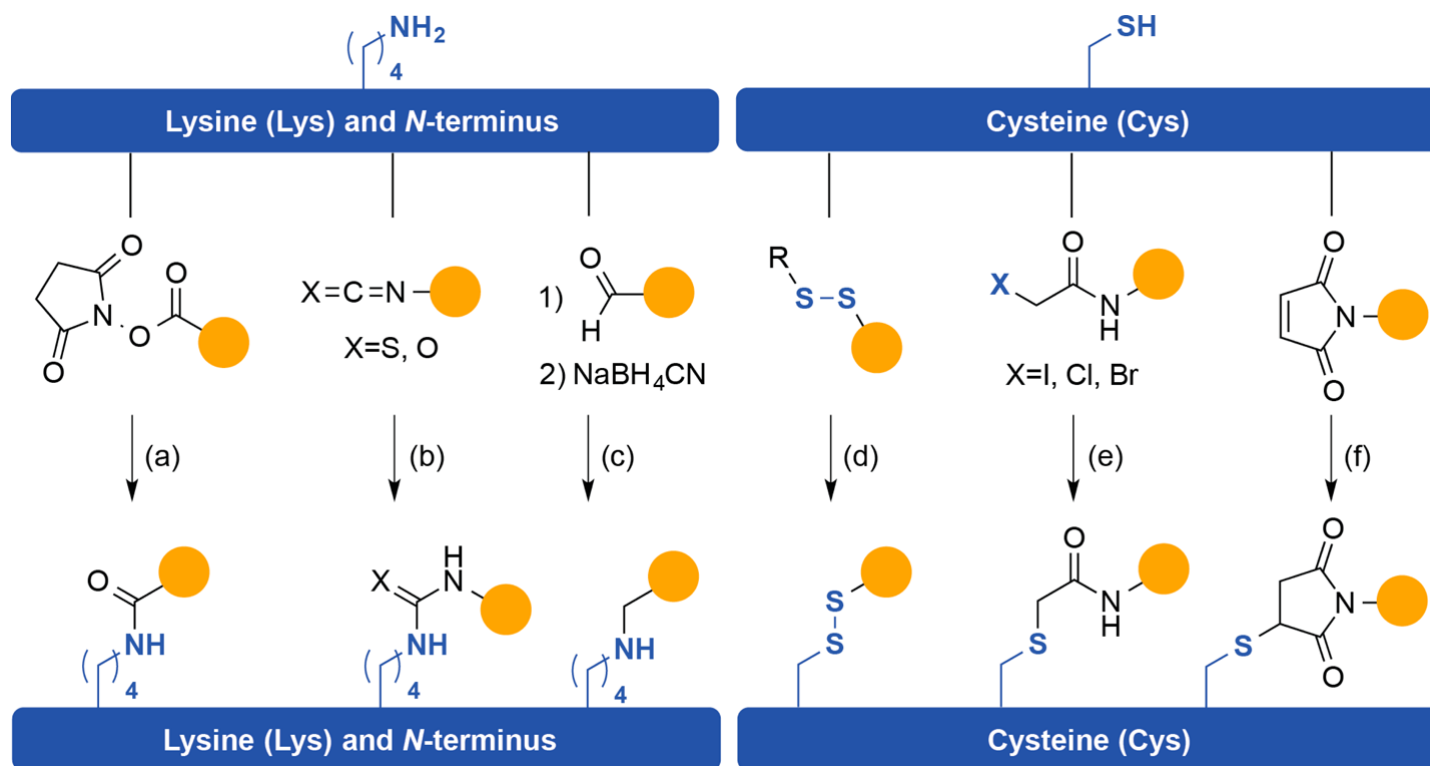
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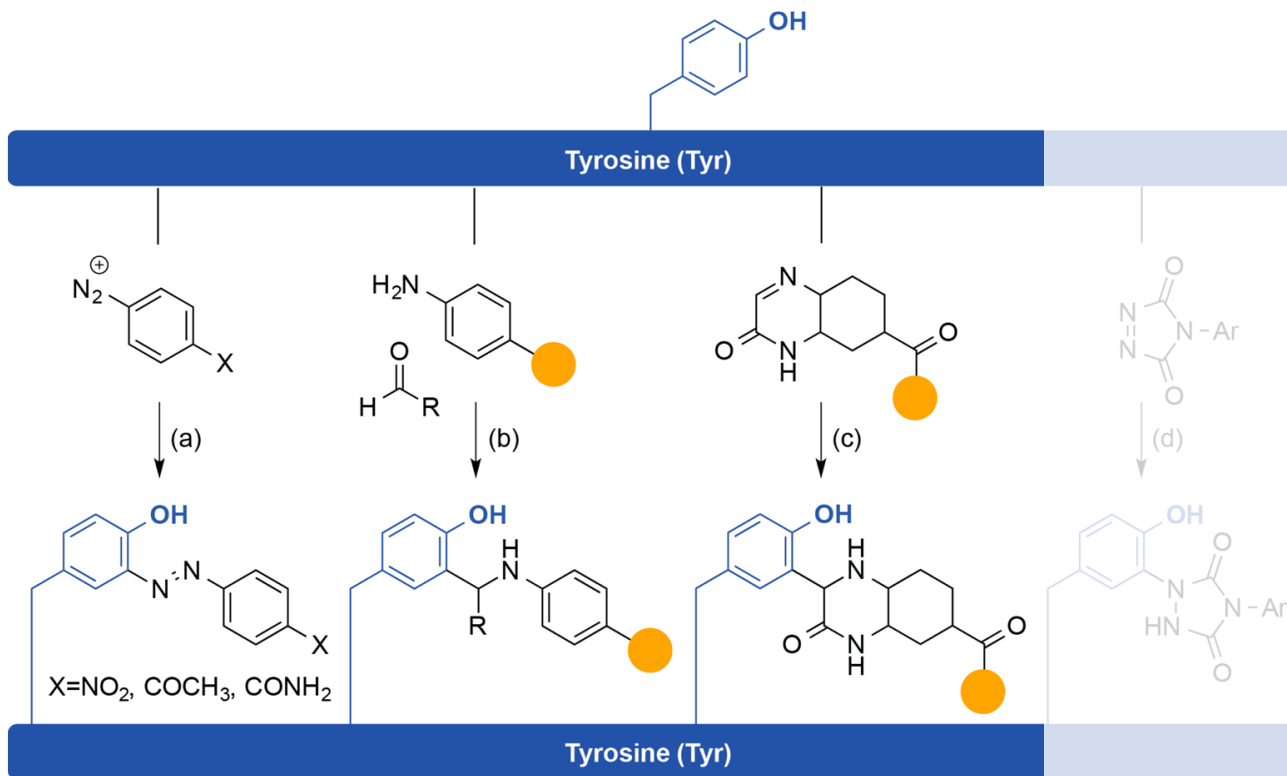
- Classical methods have relied on reactions at nucleophilic amino acids.



(a) Amide Formation, (b) Urea and Thiourea Formation, (c) Reductive Amination, (d) Cys-Specific Disulfide Exchange, (e) Alkylation, and (f) Conjugate Addition to a Representative Maleimide Michael Acceptor

2-1. Ionic reaction

- Electrophilic aromatic substitution is utilized in the modification of Tyr.



(a) Reaction with Diazonium Salts, (b) Three-Component Mannich Reaction, (c) Reaction with Preformed Imines, and (d) Ene-type Reaction with Diazodicarboxylate Reagents

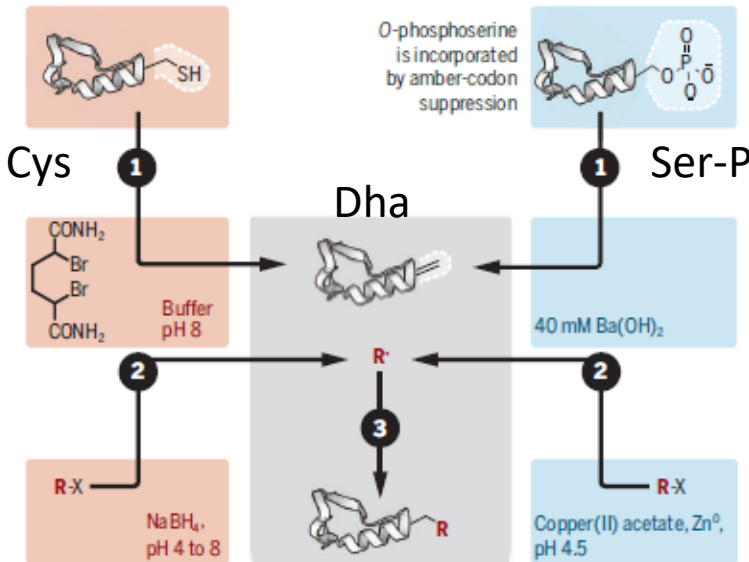
2-2. Radical reaction

- Radicallic C(sp³)-C(sp³) bond formation
 - tolerant of aqueous conditions
 - unreactive with the majority of the functionality

Free radical chemistry would be a powerful method for protein chemistry.

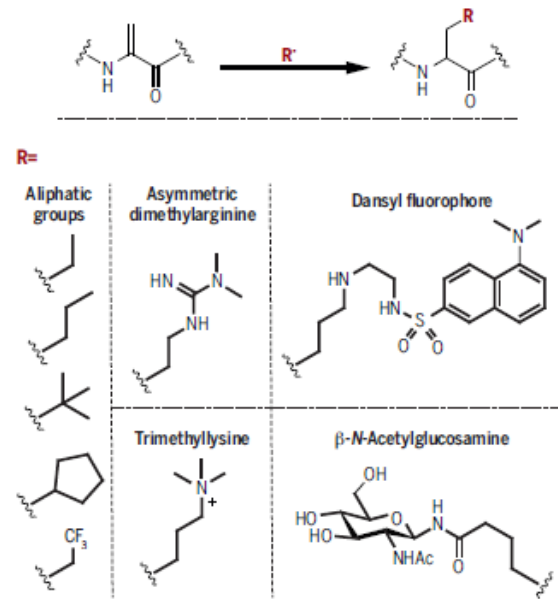
Two routes to side-chain editing

Genetic 'tagging' of modification site
A cysteine residue is introduced by site-directed mutagenesis.

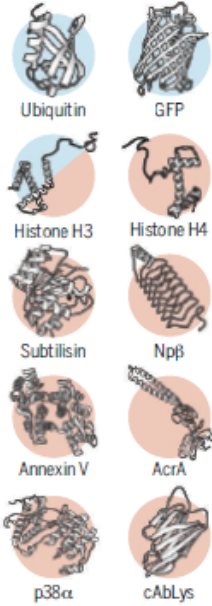


Wright et al. (1) Prof. Davis
Yang et al. (2) Prof. Park

Diversity of side chains



Modified proteins

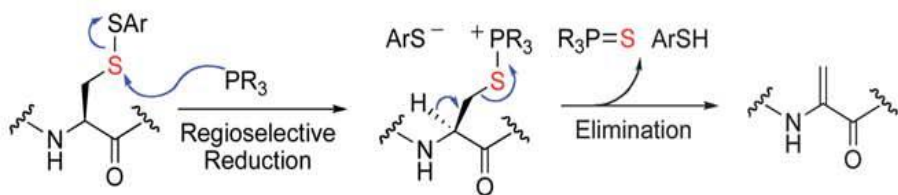


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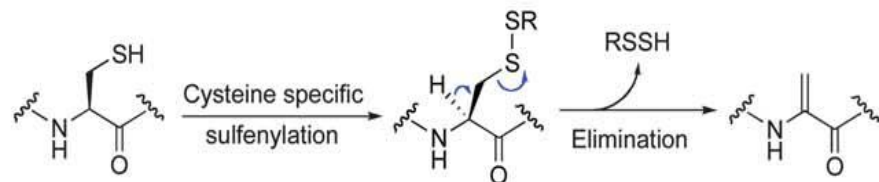
2-2. Radical reaction

- Four complementary modes of elimination of cysteine to dehydroalanine

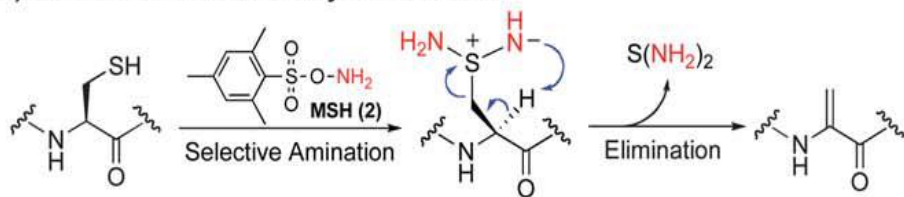
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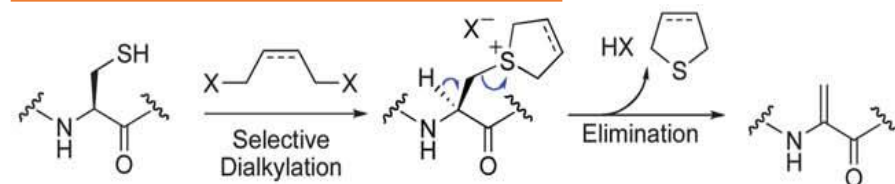
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C) Oxidative Elimination of Cysteine to Dha



D) Bis-Alkylation-Elimination of Cysteine to Dha

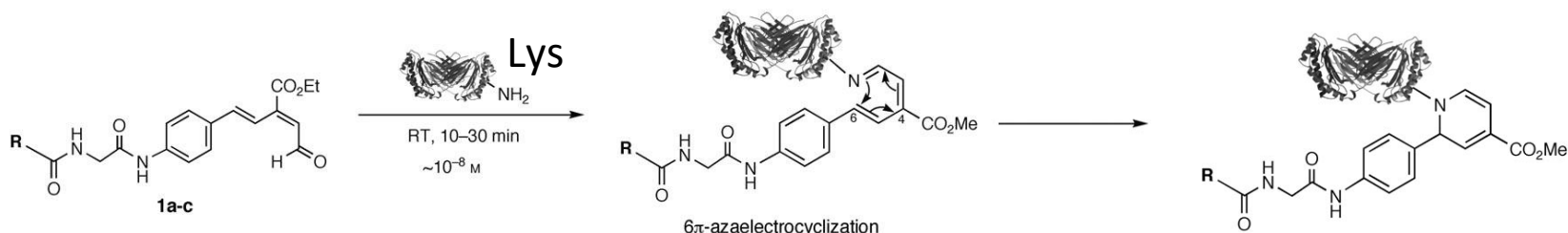


Benjamin Davis's
method

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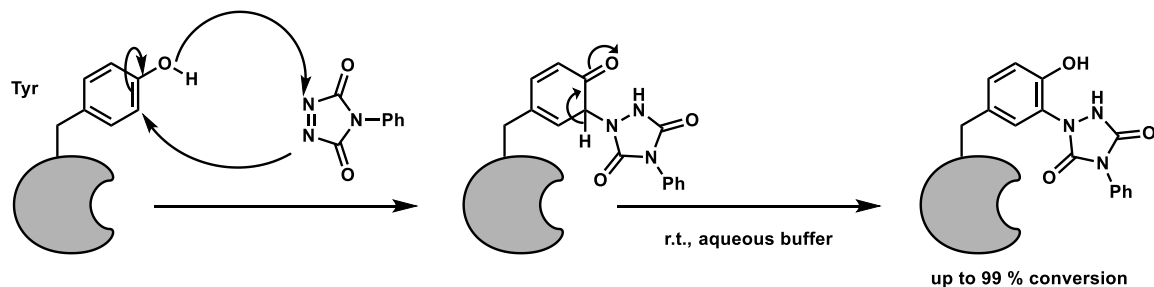
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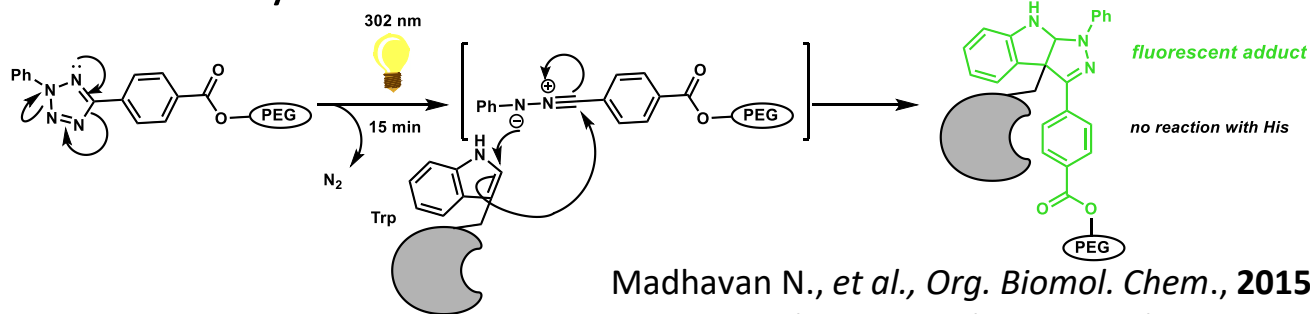
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2. Ene-like reaction with triazoline-dione



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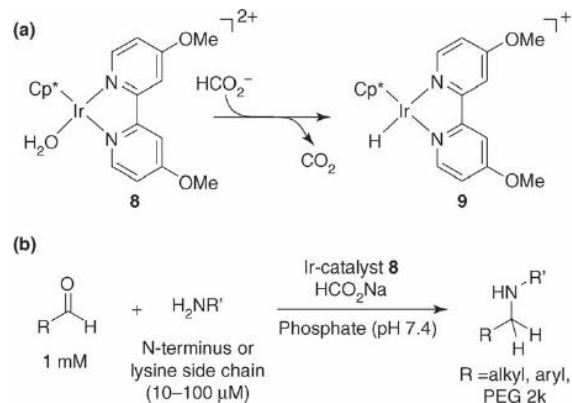
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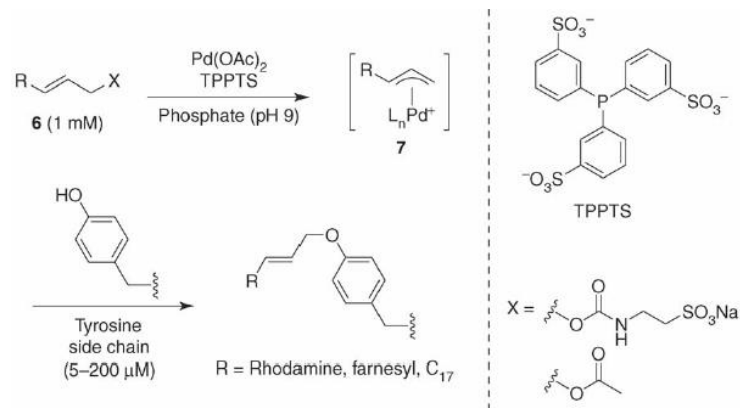
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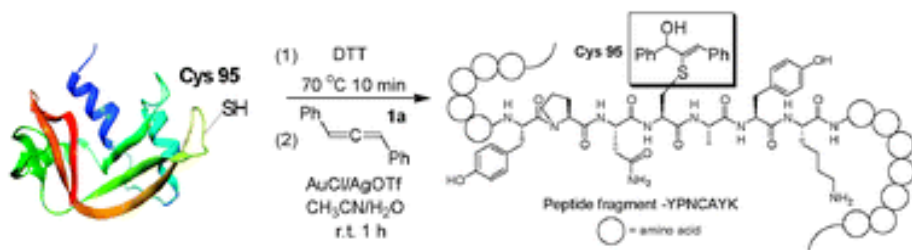
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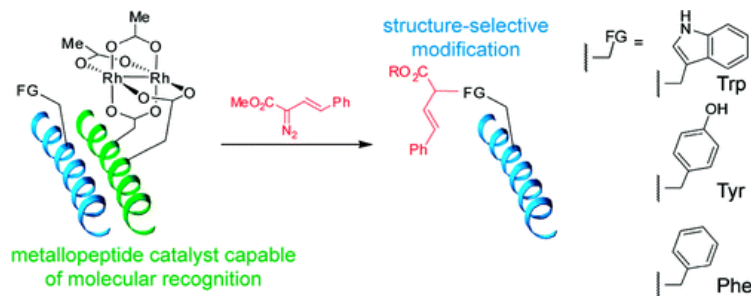
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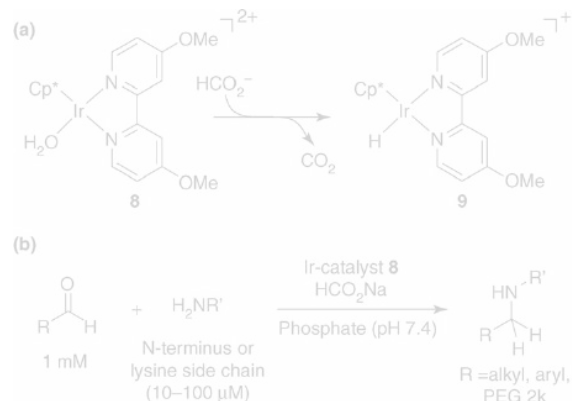
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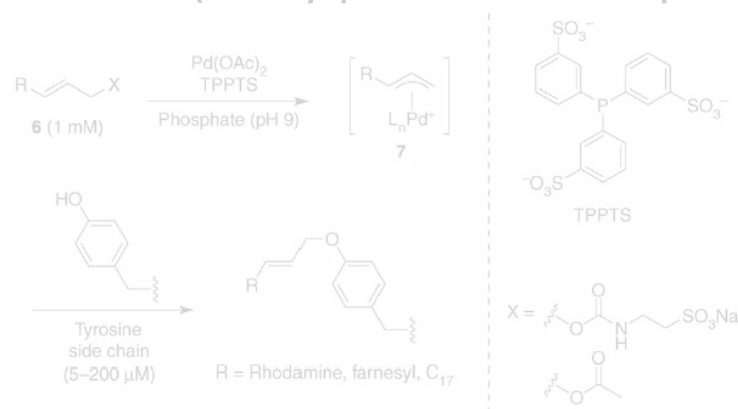
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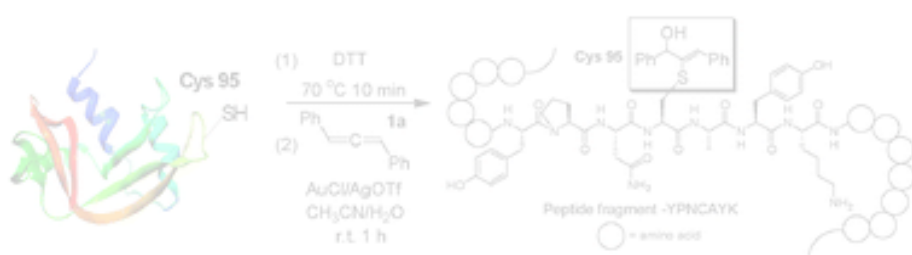
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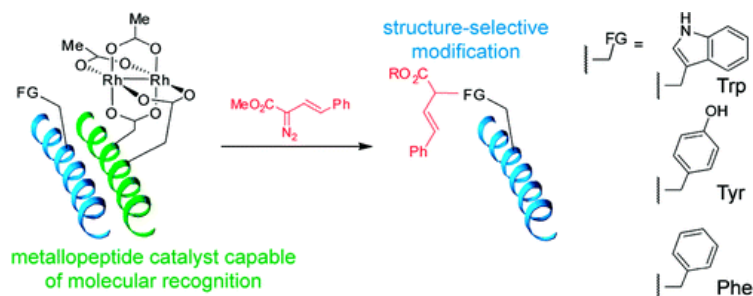
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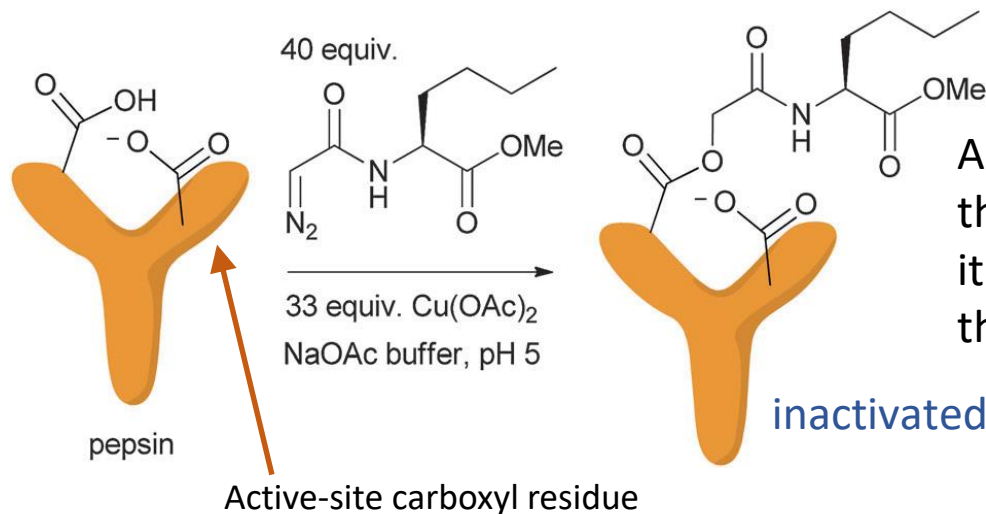
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3. Earliest examples of carbenoid chemistry for protein modification

- Copper-carbenoid chemistry



Although mechanistic underpinnings of the reaction were unknown at the time, it is reasonable that this is ***catalytic O-H insertion reaction***.

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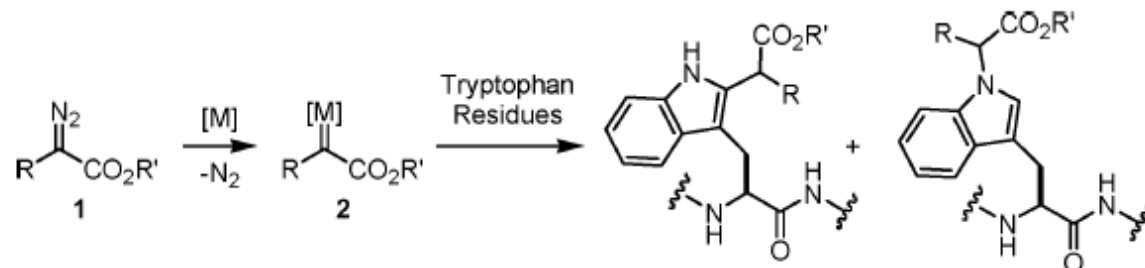
38 years later ...



Rh(II) complexes promote catalytic X-H insertion reactions for chemical biology.

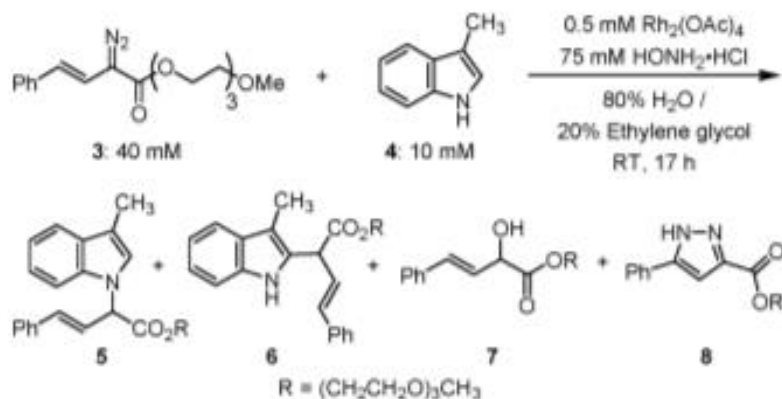
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Scheme 1. Covalent Modification of Tryptophan Residues on Proteins Using Metallocarbenes



- Preliminary study with model compound

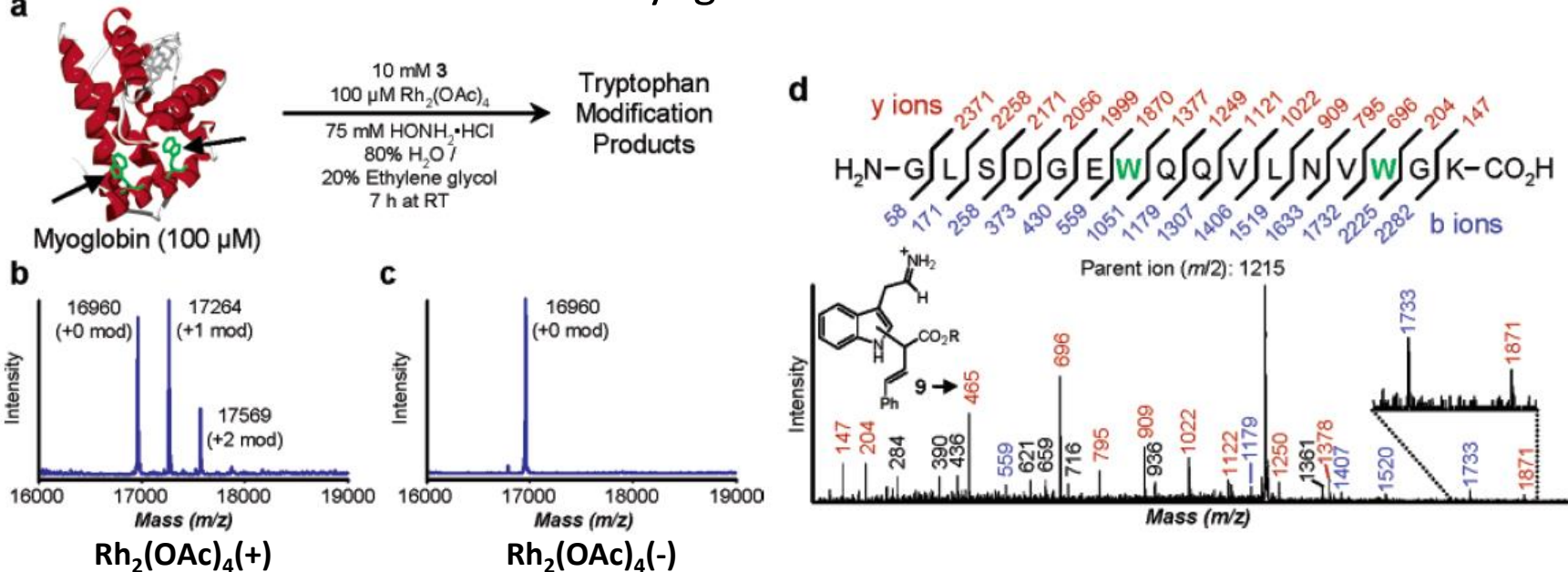
Scheme 2. Modification of 3-Methylindole with Metallocarbenes in Aqueous Media



- HONH₂ ... a necessary additive (presumably by binding to the metal center and stabilizing the reactive intermediates)
- compound 7 ... reaction with H₂O
- compound 8 ... electrocyclization pathway

3. Selective Trp Modification with Rh carbenoids in aqueous solution

- Reaction with horse heart myoglobin



Clean conversion to the singly and doubly modified products utilizing rhodium carbenoid species with very high selectivity.

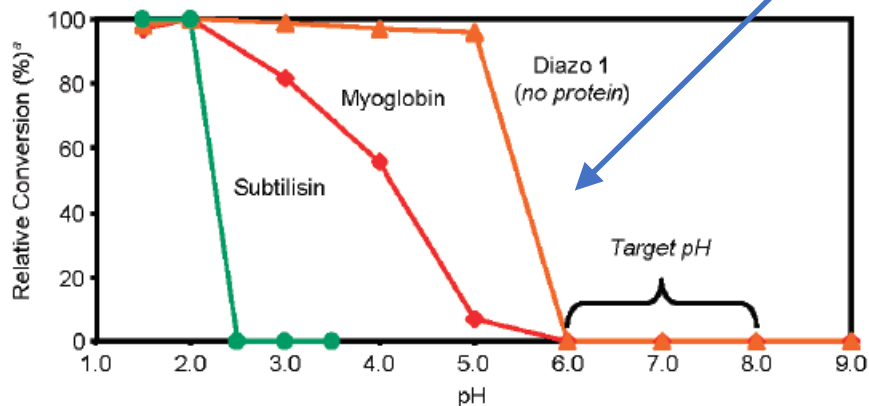
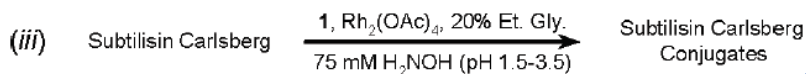
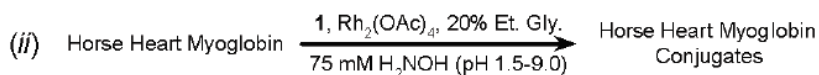
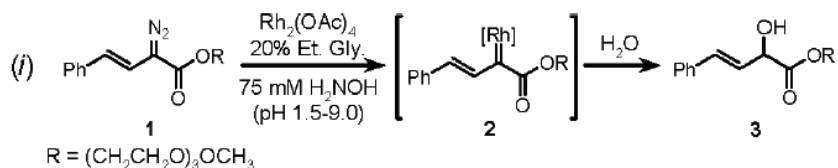
- Problem

Using **HONH₂** causes the low pH of the reaction medium (<3.5)

➡ The scope of this methodology is limited.

3. Overcoming the drawbacks

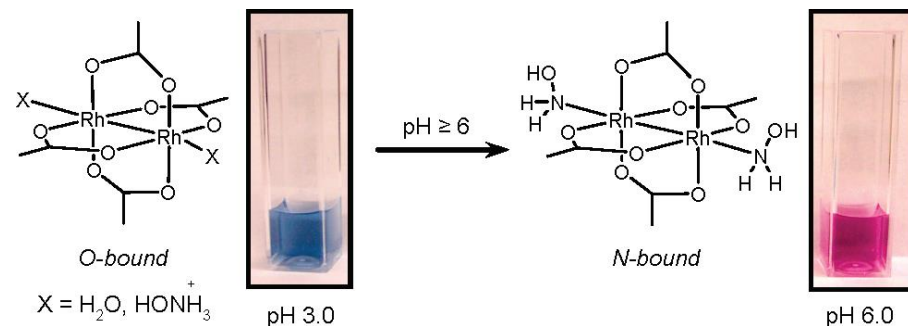
- Coordination sites of rhodium



This dramatic drop in catalytic activity around pH 6.0 can be explained by considering the pKa of HONH₂ (pKa = 5.97).



pH-dependent binding of HONH₂ to Rh₂(OAc)₄ in aqueous solution



This ligand exchange process effectively deactivates the Rh catalyst.

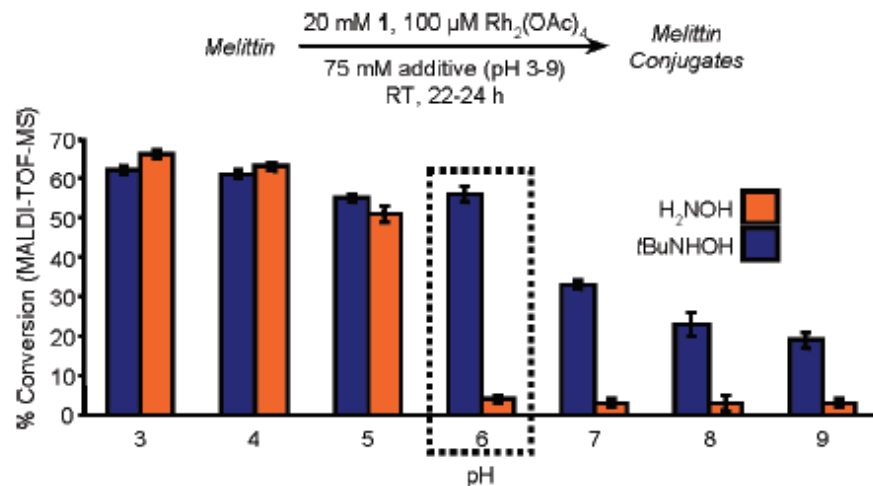
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- Optimization of additives

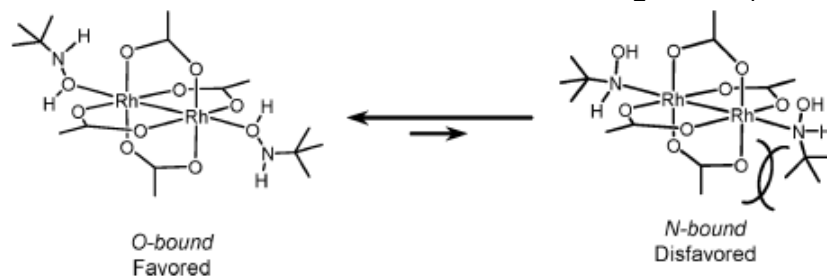
Table 1. Modification of Melittin in the Presence of Various Solution Additives^a

Buffer/Additive	+0 mod (%)	+1 mod (%)	+2 mod (%)
—	94	6	0
NaCl	95	5	0
phosphate	90	10	0
borate	92	5	3
TRIS	73	21	6
triethanolamine	96	4	0
HEPES	92	8	0
H ₂ NOH	96	4	0
<i>t</i> BuNHOH	49	43	8
NH ₄ Cl	91	8	1
Me ₃ NO	90	9	1
AcNHOH	97	3	0
H ₂ NOCH ₂ CO ₂ H	81	17	2
H ₂ NNH ₂	75	22	3

^a Conditions: 100 μ M melittin, 100 μ M Rh₂(OAc)₄, 20 mM 1, 2 *t*BuOH (v/v), RT, 24 h. Product ratios estimated by MALDI-TOF-MS. Values represent the average of three independent MALDI-TOF-MS analyses of the same sample.

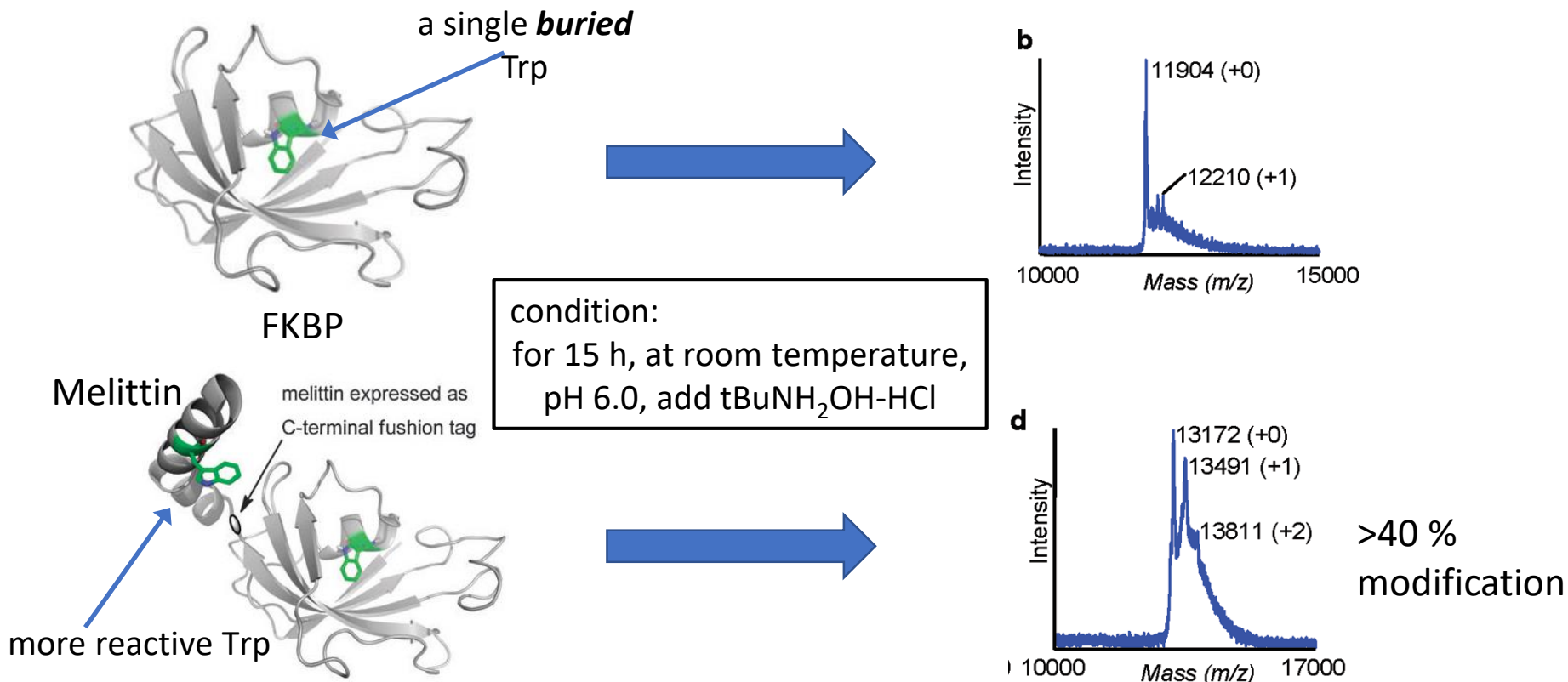


Proposed binding of *t*BuNHOH with Rh₂(OAc)₄ at pH 6.0



3. Overcoming the drawbacks

- Addition of tryptophan containing tags



A general protein labeling strategy with Trp was established based on the expression of Trp-containing tags.

3. Different approach

However, in the Francis's method, there are many points to be improved.

- require large amounts of Rh complex
- modification is limited to Trp
- may be necessary to denature with pH or temperature
- conversions were only moderate

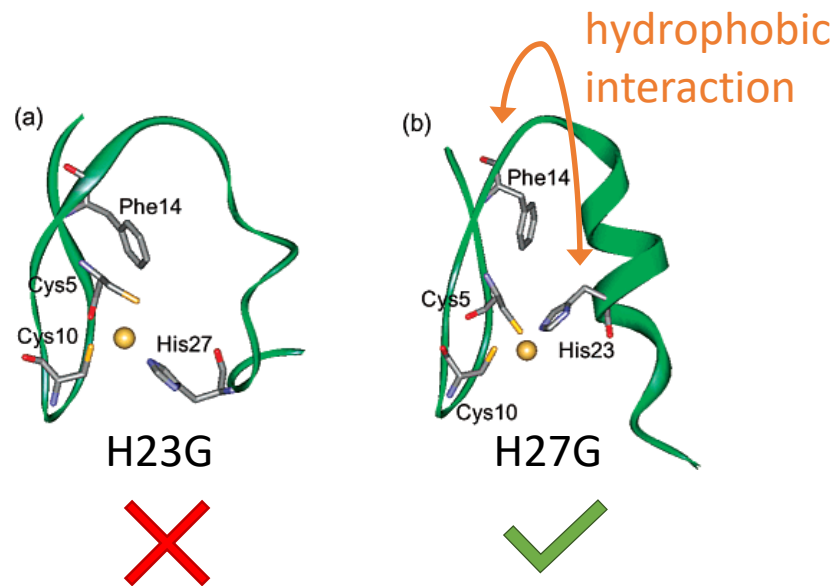
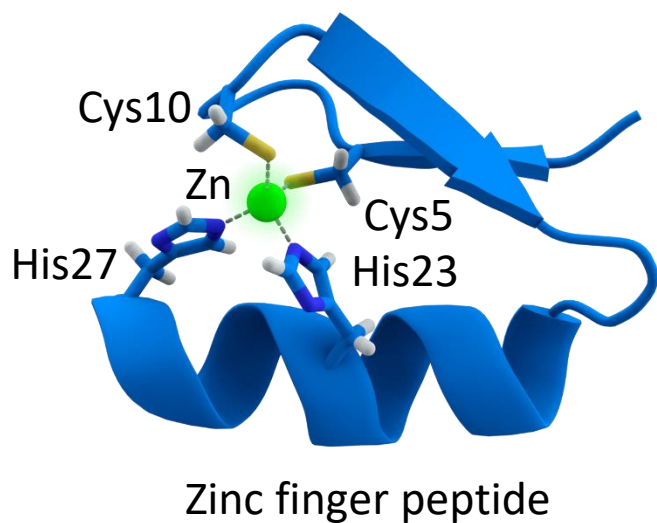


Different approach : ***Rhodium Metallopeptide***

- catalytic amount of Rh complex
- modification of a variety of amino acid side-chain including unreactive ones
- site-selectivity controlled by catalyst
- in a mild reaction condition
- high conversion

3. Dawn of the metalloprotein chemistry

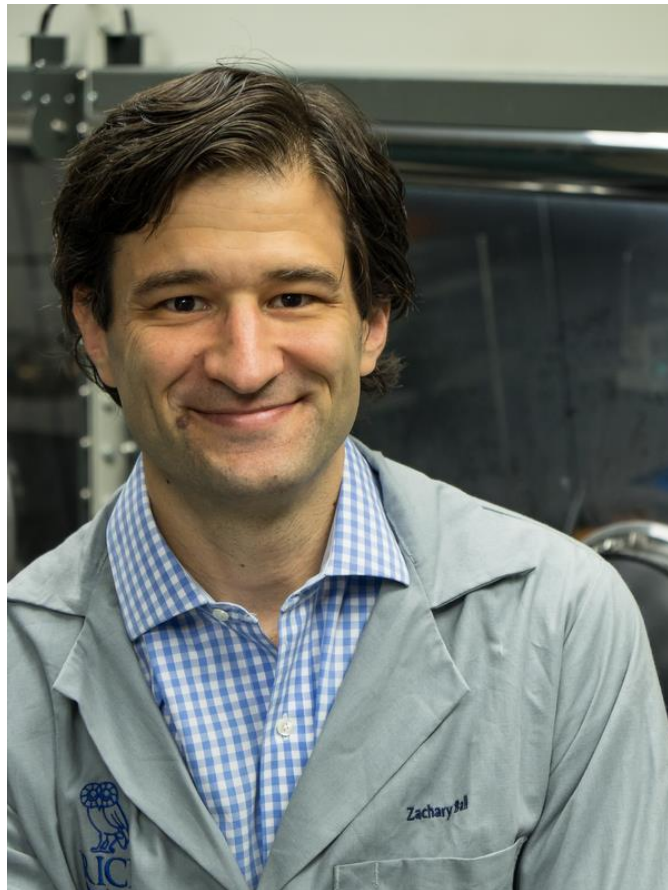
- Contribution of zinc-liganding amino acid residues for α -helix formation in the zinc finger peptide



By choosing an appropriate amino acid sequence, small metalloprotein with the desired coordination geometry can be synthesized.

3. Zachary Ball's Chemistry

- Zachary T. Ball

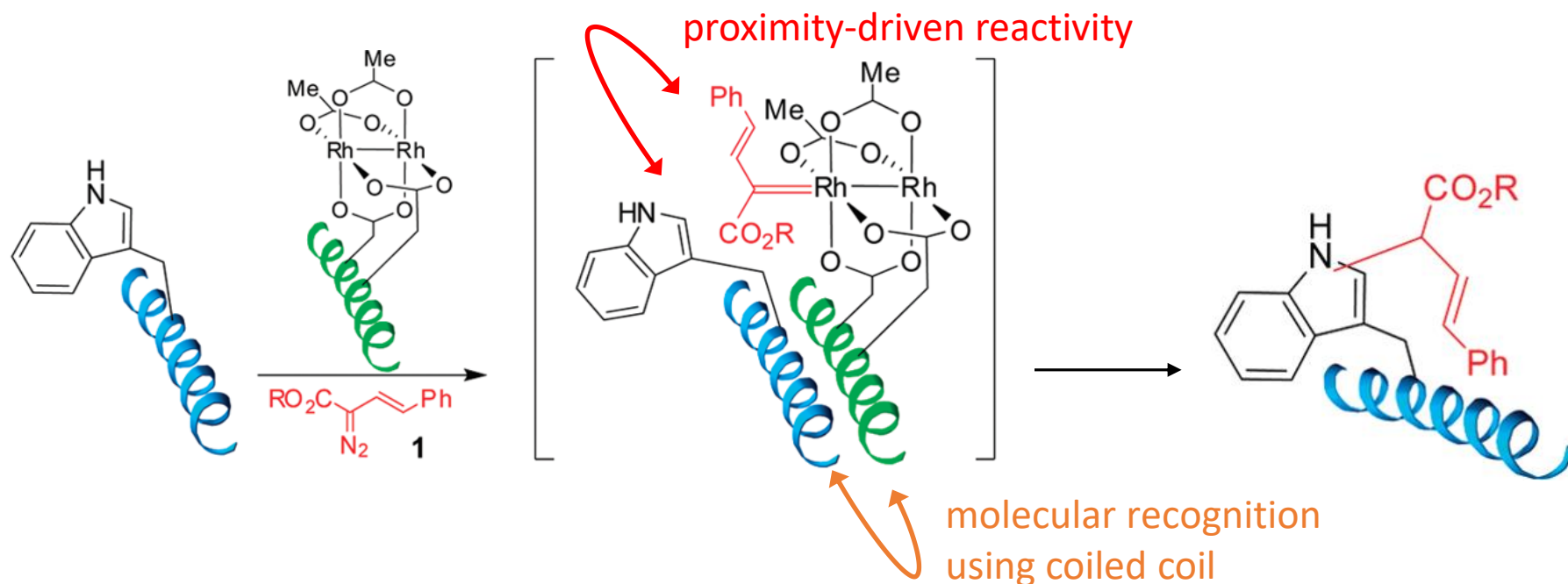


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Research themes

- 1. Rhodium metallopeptides (synthesis and structure)**
- 2. Rhodium metallopeptides that interact with proteins**
- 3. Small-molecule catalysis**
- 4. Copper catalysis and other research**

3. Concept of the rhodium metalloprotein

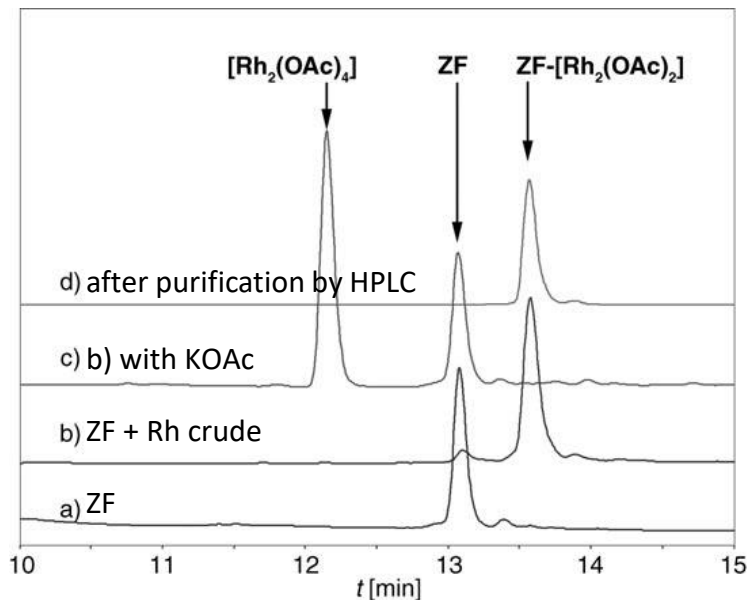
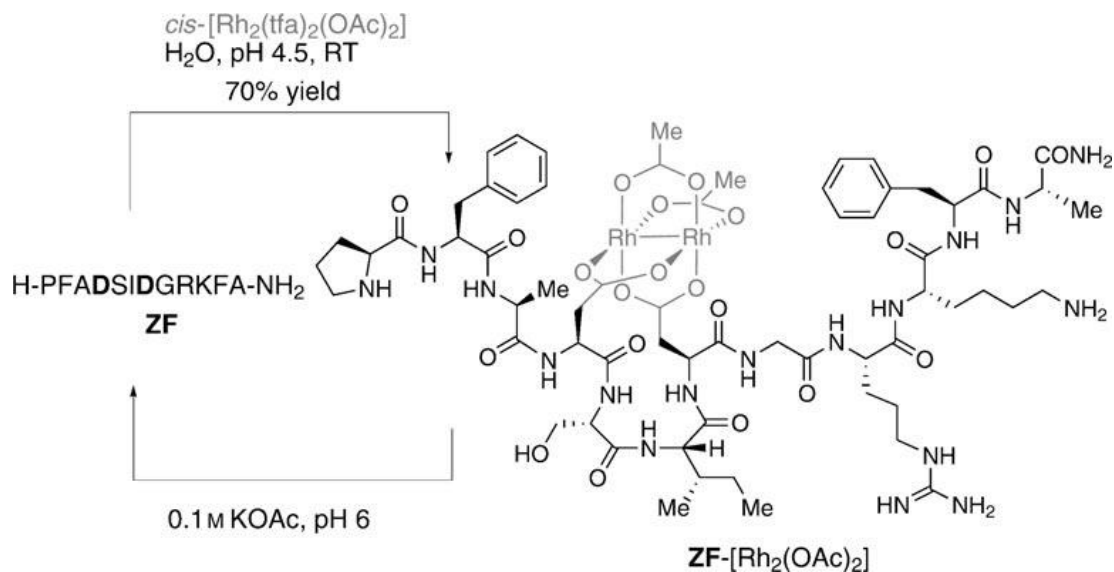


dirhodium metalloprotein bound to side chain carboxylate

- stable with respect to ligand exchange in water at $\text{pH} \leq 7$
- catalyze X-H and C-H insertion in water

3. Synthesis and structure of the rhodium metalloprotein

- Reversible synthesis of a peptide-dirhodium adduct



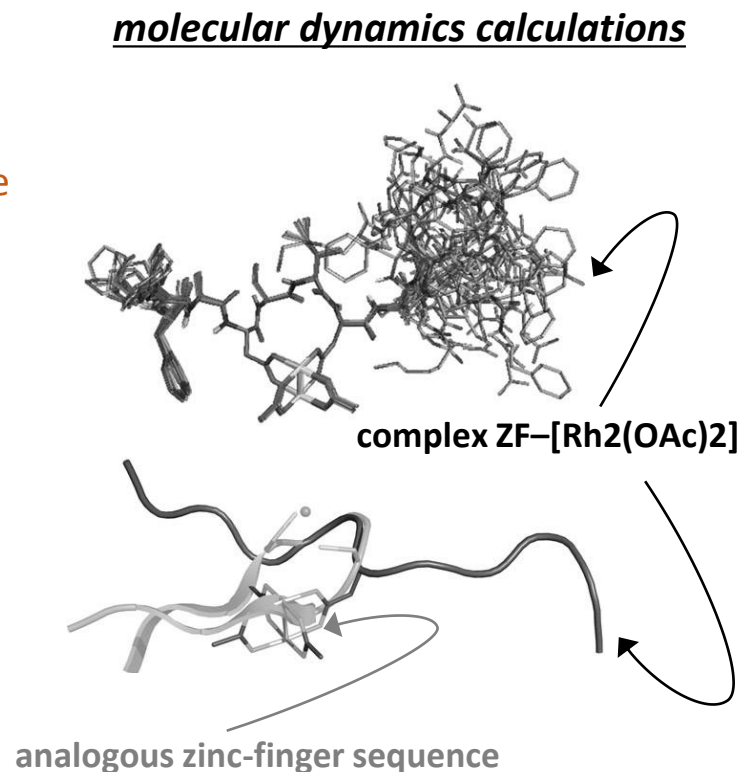
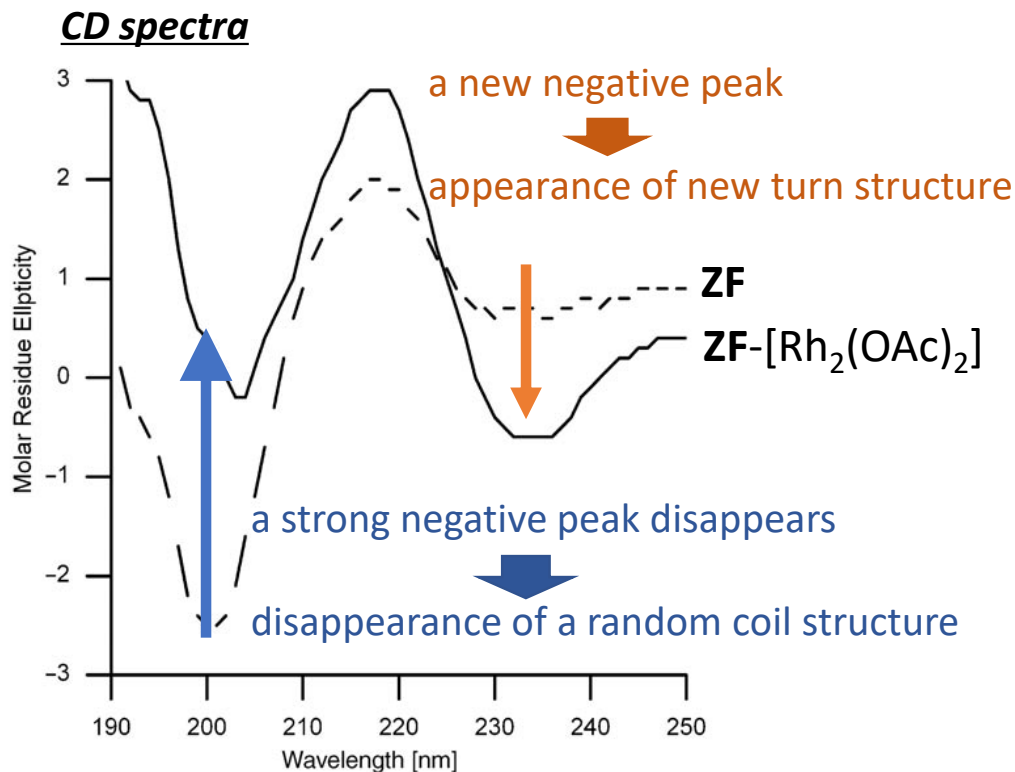
In the presence of reactive amino acids, yield is low....

with Ac-His-NHMe (2 eq.) ... > 50 % yield

with Ac-Met-OMe (2 eq.) ... ca. 40 % yield

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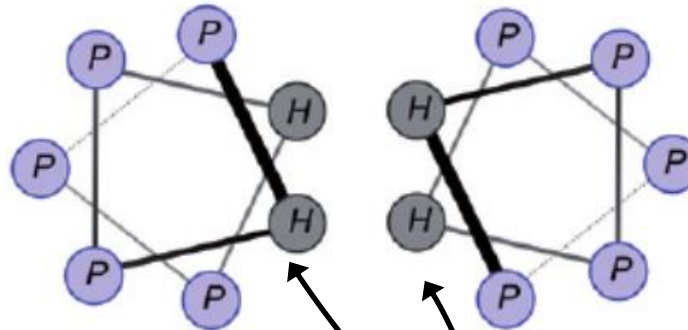
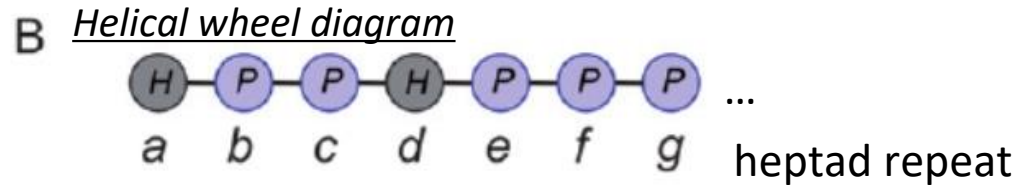
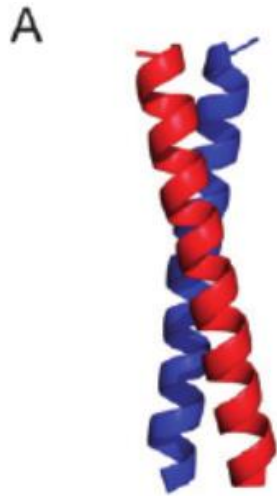
- Structure of the rhodium metalloprotein



Dirhodium binding can be used to control the conformation of the bound peptide.

3. Coiled coil interaction

- Coiled coil ... a simple and robust peptide assembly

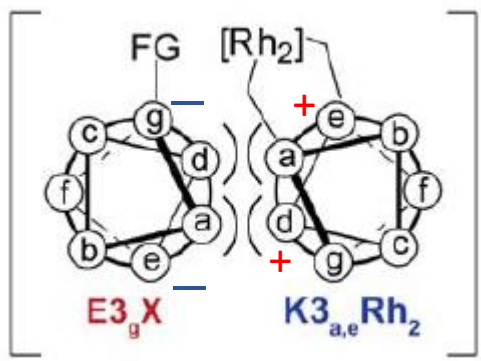


H ... hydrophobic
 P ... polar

hydrophobic interfaces

e.g. E3/K3 pair

Derek N. W., et al., *Faraday Discuss.*, 2009, 143, 1



at the position of **e** and **g**,
 K3 ... lysine-rich
 E3 ... glutamate-rich

sequences:

$Rh_2(OAc)_2$

K3_{a,e}Rh₂: KISALKQKESALEQKISALEK
 gabcdefgabcdefgabcdef

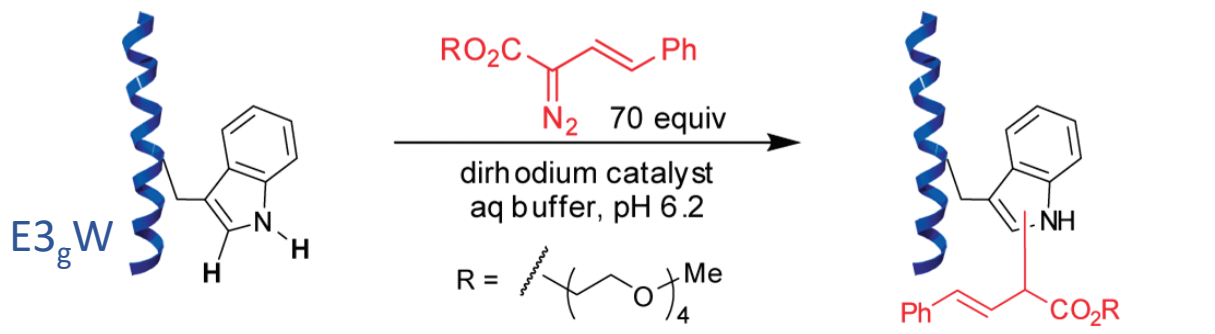
E3_gX: EISALEKXISALEQEISALEK

➡ electrostatic interaction

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3. Site-specific protein modification

- comparison of rhodium metalloprotein to $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$



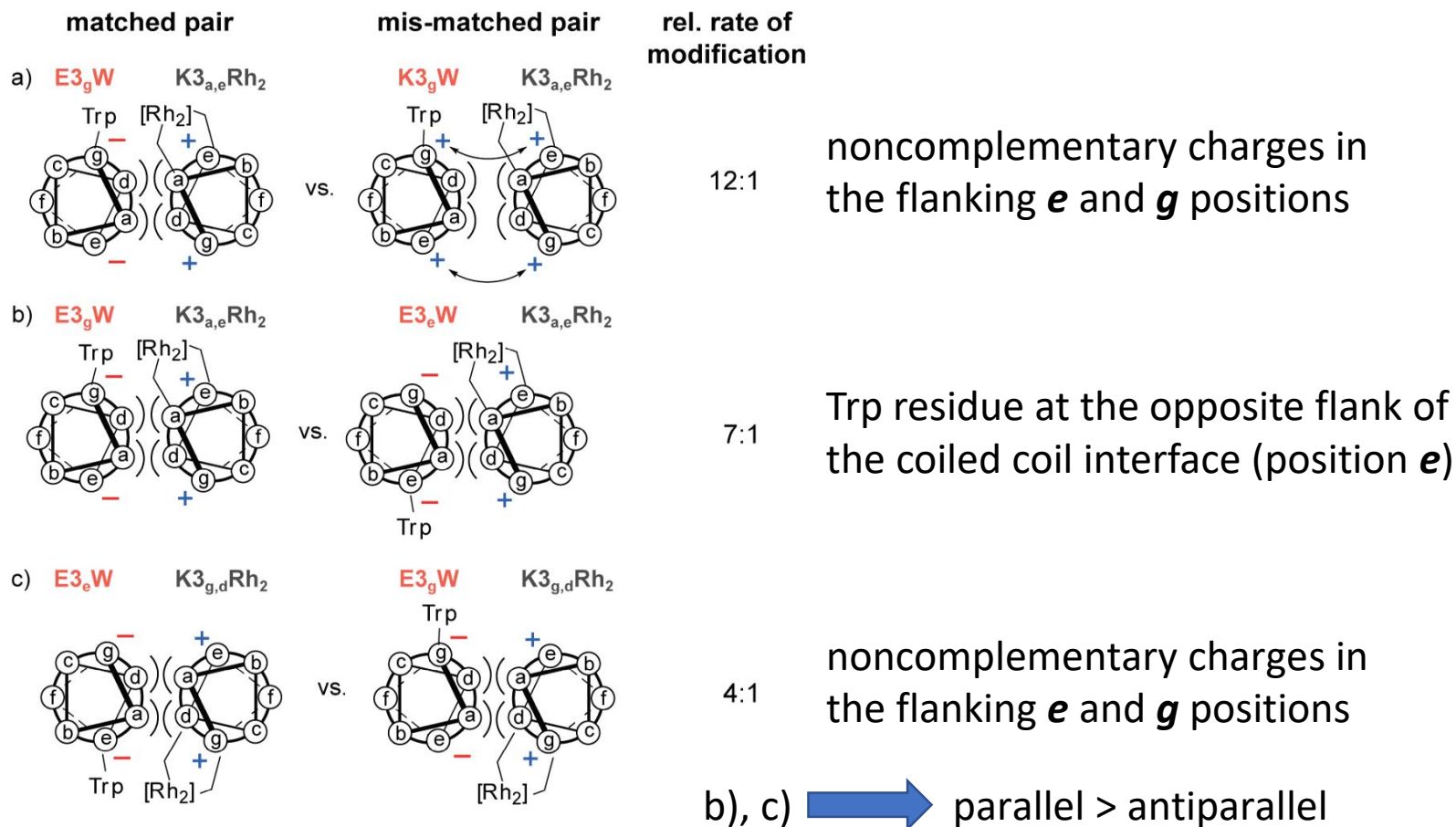
entry	catalyst (mol %)	conv. of E3 _g W			
		0.3 h	2 h	20 h	$t_{1/2}$
1	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ (100)	10	8	17	>20
2	K3_{a,e}Rh₂ (10)	64	>95	>95	0.25
3	K3_{a,e}Rh₂ (2)	30	74	>95	1
4 ^b	K3_{a,e}Rh₂ (10)	7	22	35	—

^a All of the reactions used 50 μM substrate at room temperature. Conversion data are based on MALDI-TOF MS analysis of the reaction mixture. ^b Using 1 equiv of diazo reagent.

Only 2 mol % of **K3_{a,e}Rh₂** shows **>10³ rate enhancement** compared with 100 mol % of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ due to substrate binding.

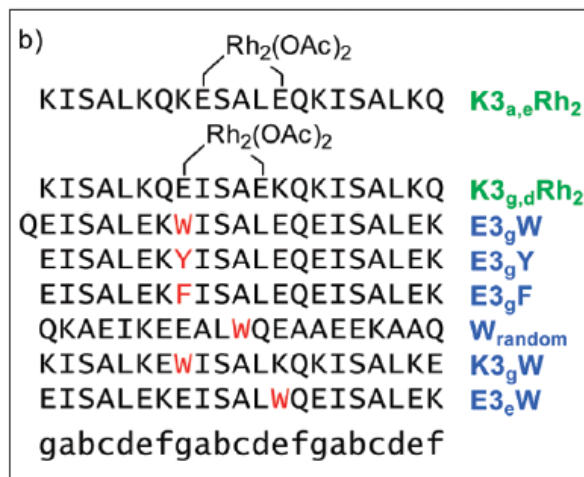
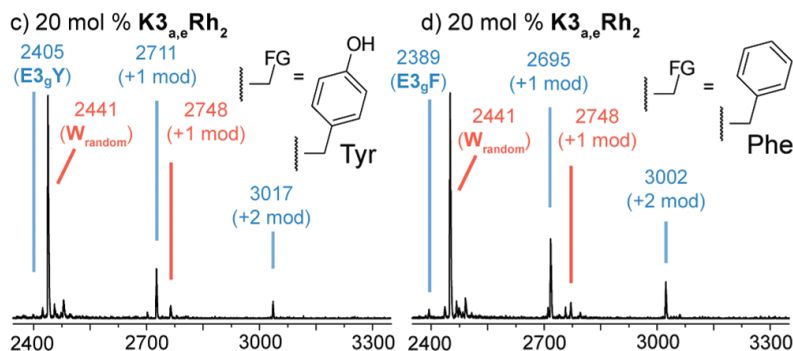
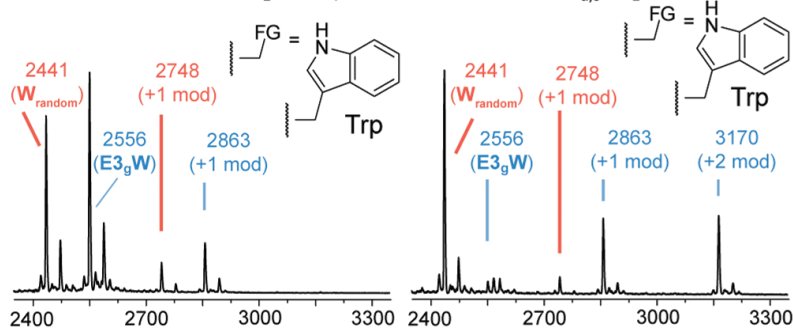
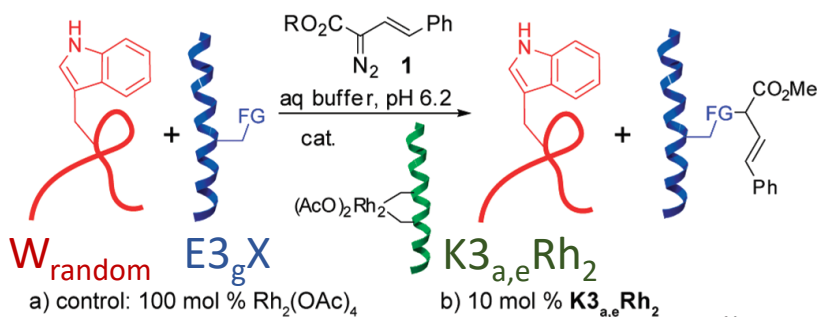
3. Site-specific protein modification

- Effect of the coiled coil interaction on the rate of modification



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- Expansion of the scope of dirhodium-catalyzed side-chain modification



Proximity-driven reactivity promotes the site-specificity even in **Tyr** or **Phe** residue.

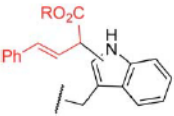
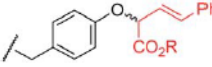
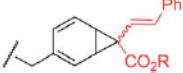
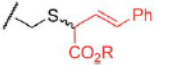
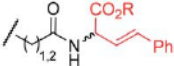
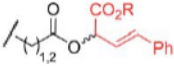
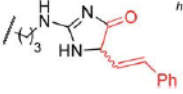

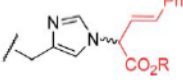
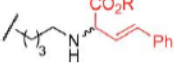


Unreactive residues (aliphatic residues) can be modified with this rhodium metalloprotein?

3. Site-specific protein modification

- Expansion of the scope of dirhodium-catalyzed side-chain modification

Table 1 Covalent modification of E3_gX peptides.^a

Entry	E3 _g X X =	Mol % K3 _{3,4} Rh ₂	Proposed product bond connectivity ^b	% Conv at 24 h ^c	<i>k</i> _{rel} ^d
1	Trp	1		> 95 (1 : 1.3) ^{e,f}	3000
2	Tyr	10		> 95 (7 : 1) ^g	100
3	Phe	10		> 95 (8 : 1) ^g	87
4	Cys	10		78 (5 : 1)	560
5	Gln	10		> 95 ^f	280
6	Asn	10		70	110
7	Glu	20		76 (9 : 1) ^g	130
8	Asp	20		53 (5 : 1) ^g	100
9	Arg	50		73 (3 : 1) ^{e,g}	97
10	Ser	50		28 ^g	32
11	His	50		17 ^g	18
12	Lys	50		8 ^g	11
13	Thr	50	—	NR	—
14	Val	50	—	NR	—
15	Ala	50	—	NR	—
16	Met	50	—	NR	—

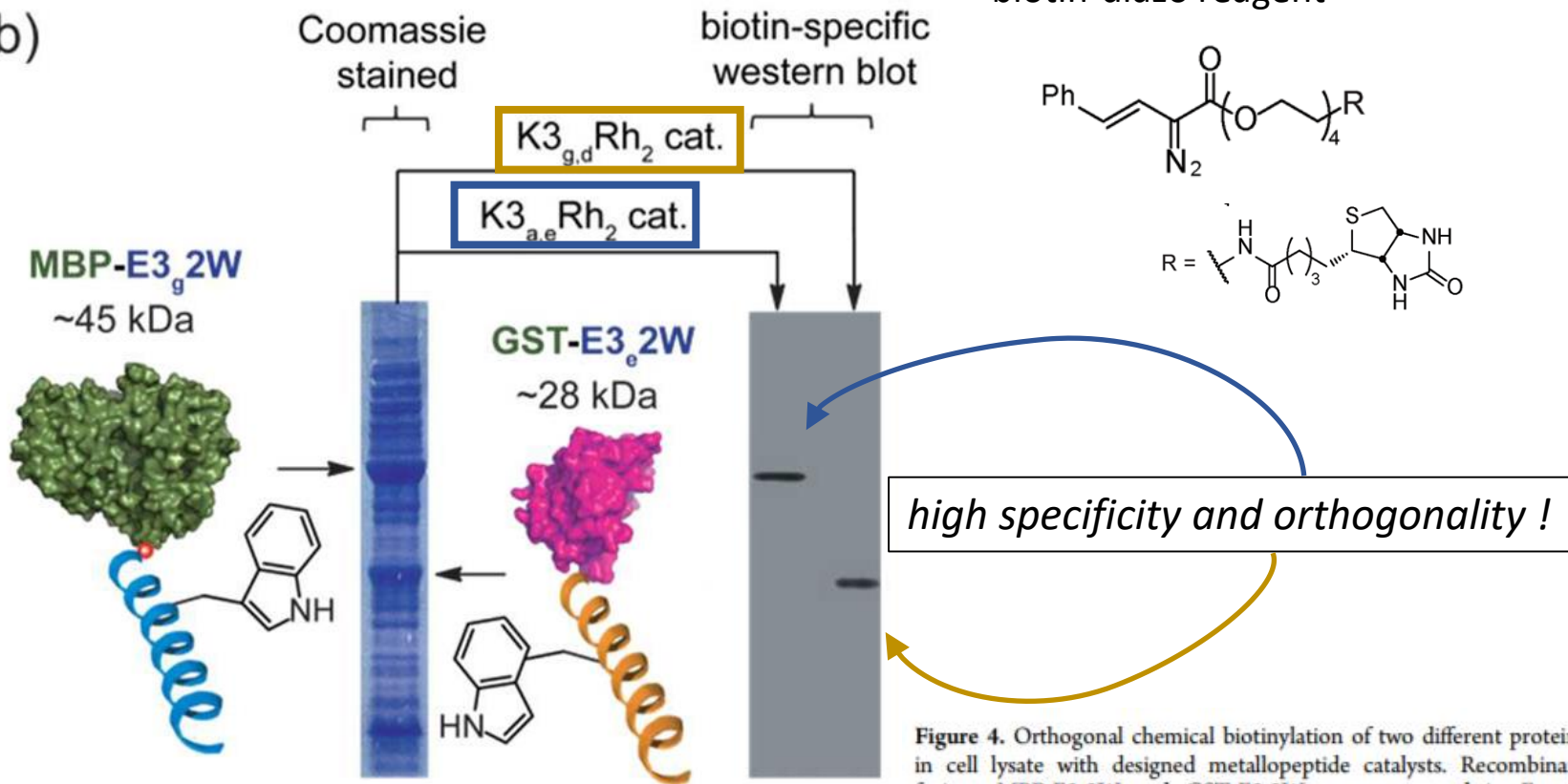
>50% conversion for
**X = Trp, Tyr, Phe, Asn,
 Gln, Asp, Glu, Arg, Cys**
 (in order of reactivity)

comprising >40% of
 natural protein space!

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (1)

Orthogonal protein modification in lysate

b)

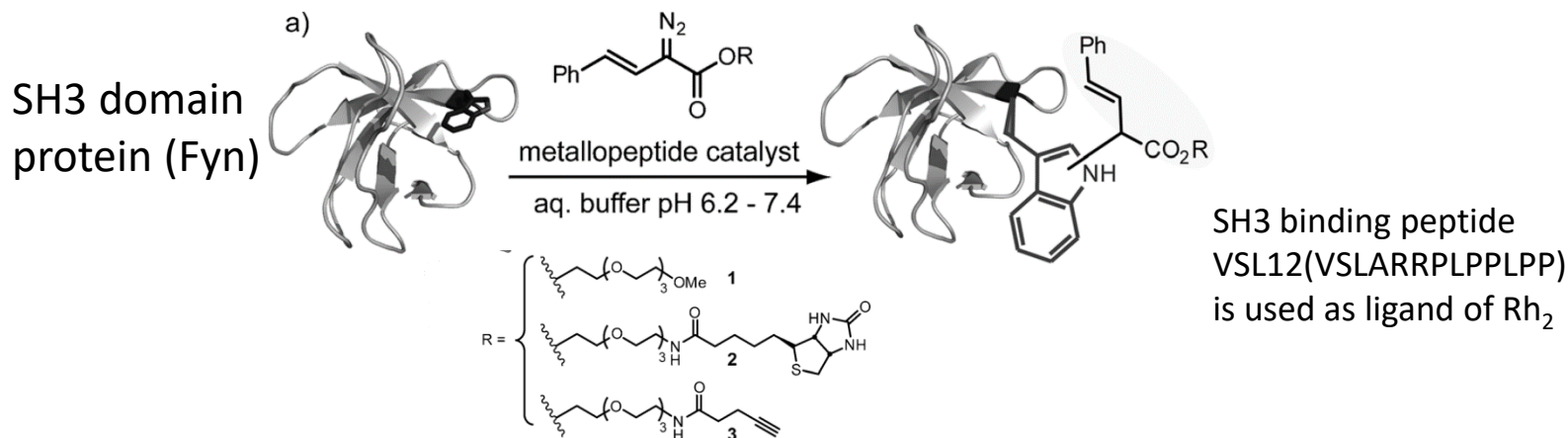


1 : 1 mixture of lysates from expression of MBP-E_{3g}2W and GST-E_{3e}2W

Figure 4. Orthogonal chemical biotinylation of two different proteins in cell lysate with designed metallopeptide catalysts. Recombinant fusions MBP-E_{3g}2W and GST-E_{3e}2W were expressed in *E. coli*. Reaction conditions: proteins, ~1.0 μM for each; metallopeptide, 2.0 equiv, 2.0 μM; biotin diazo **1b** (100 μM) in aq PBS buffer (0.10 M, pH = 7.2); total reaction volume, 20 μL; 4°C; 16 h. MBP = Maltose-binding protein, GST = glutathione S-transferase.

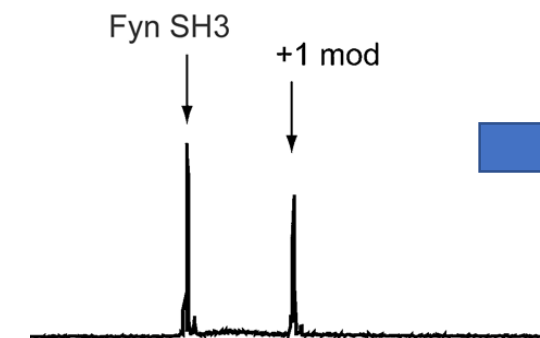
3. Application of rhodium metalloprotein (2)

SH3 domain site-selective modification



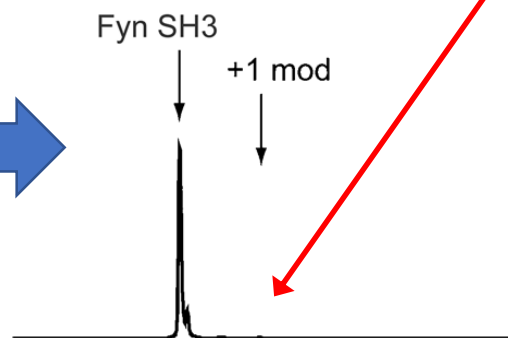
- Improvement of efficiency and realization of useful functionalization ①

b) diazo 2 and Rh₂(OAc)₄



Non-selective reactivity diazo 2 is due to interaction of the thiolester group with a metallocarbene intermediate.

c) diazo 3 and Rh₂(OAc)₄



Negative control doesn't show +1 modification peak.

diazo 3 can be bound to fluorophore by Cu-mediated azide-alkyne cycloaddition.

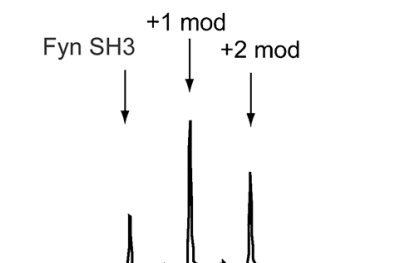
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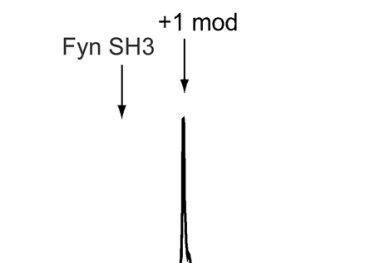
- Improvement of efficiency and realization of useful functionalization②

R5E^{Rh} → R5D^{Rh} ... decrease conformational freedom (aspartate < glutamate)

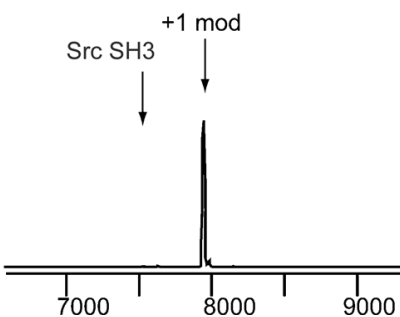
d) R5E^{Rh} as catalyst



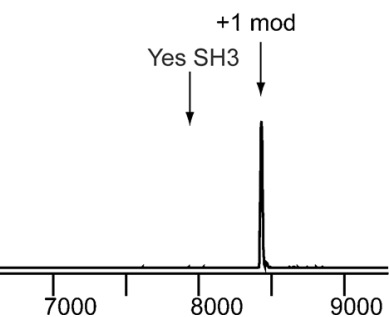
e) R5D^{Rh} as catalyst



f) Src SH3 with R5D^{Rh} as catalyst



g) Yes SH3 with R5D^{Rh} as catalyst

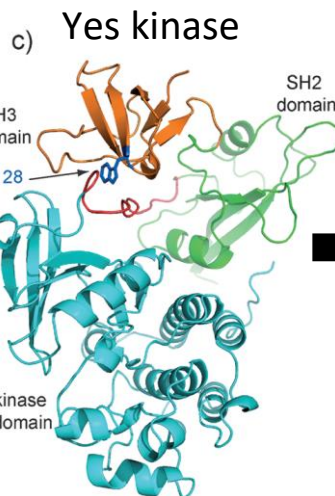


mixture of +1 mod and +2 mod



only +1 mod

- Selectivity is retained across of the other members of the Src SH3 family.

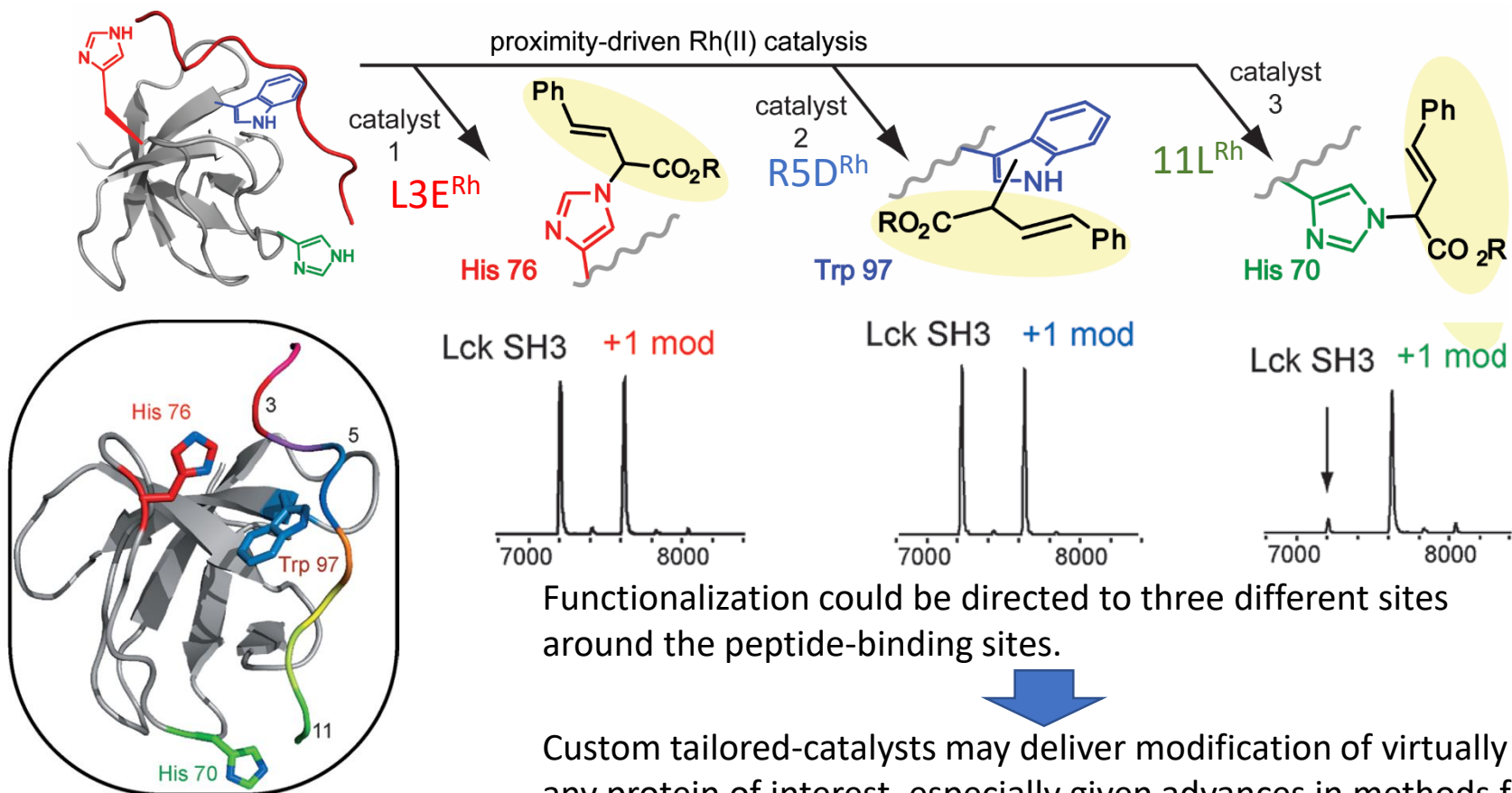


- Selectivity is retained even in Yes SH3 (containing buried SH3 and Trp).

3. Application of rhodium metalloprotein (2)

SH3 domain site-selective modification

- A wide range of Src-family SH3 domains modification

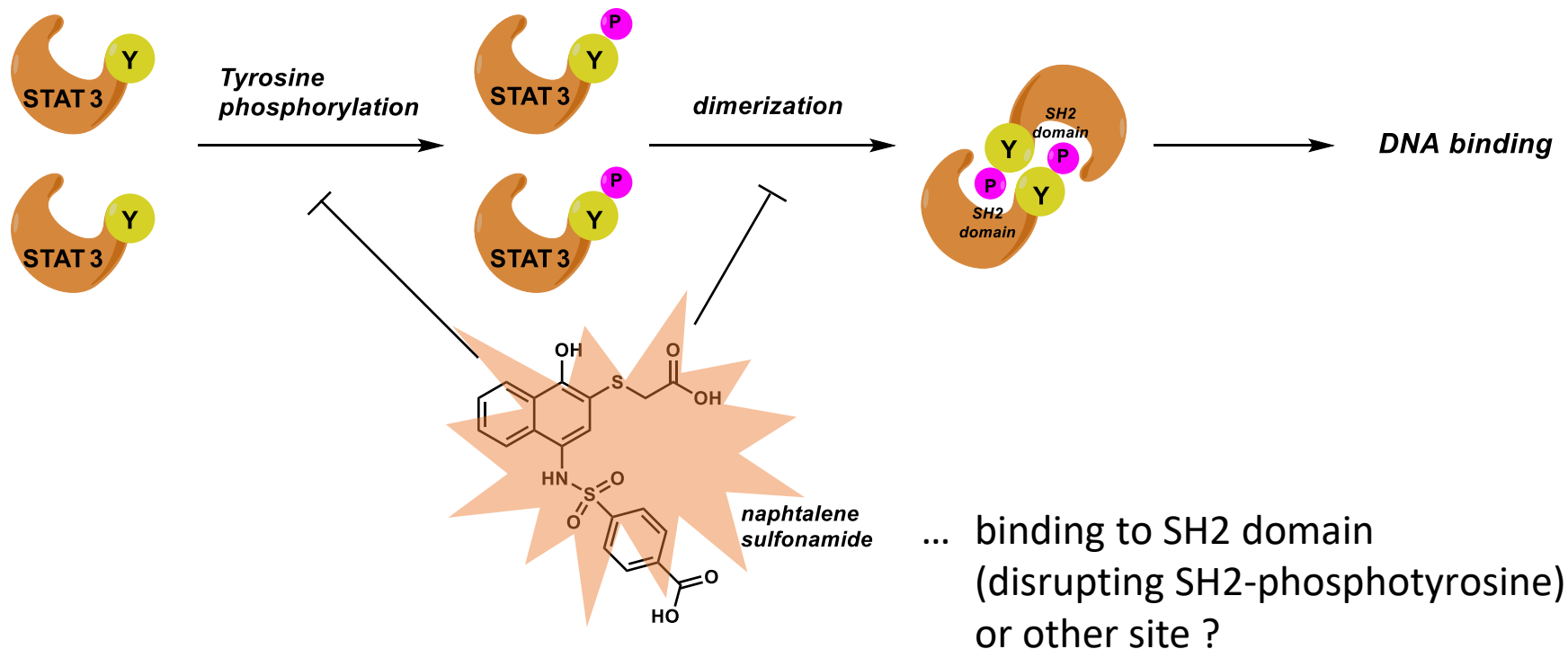


Functionalization could be directed to three different sites around the peptide-binding sites.

Custom tailored-catalysts may deliver modification of virtually any protein of interest, especially given advances in methods for ligand discovery.

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (3)

Identification of naphthalene-sulfonamide-binding site of STAT3



3. Application of rhodium metalloproteinase (3)

Identification of naphthalene-sulfonamide-binding site of STAT3

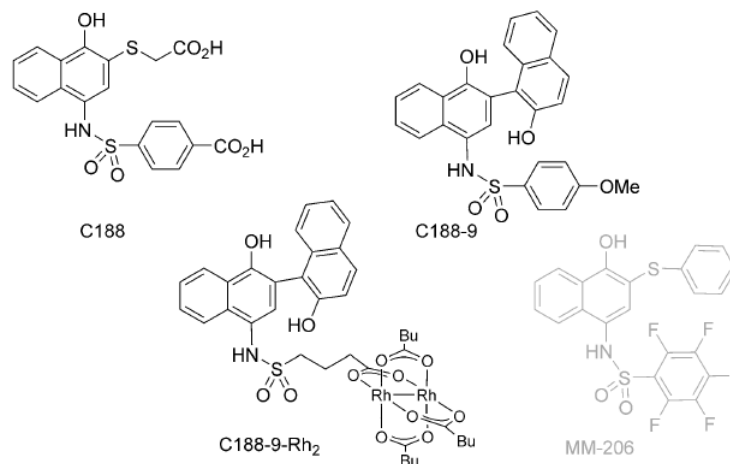
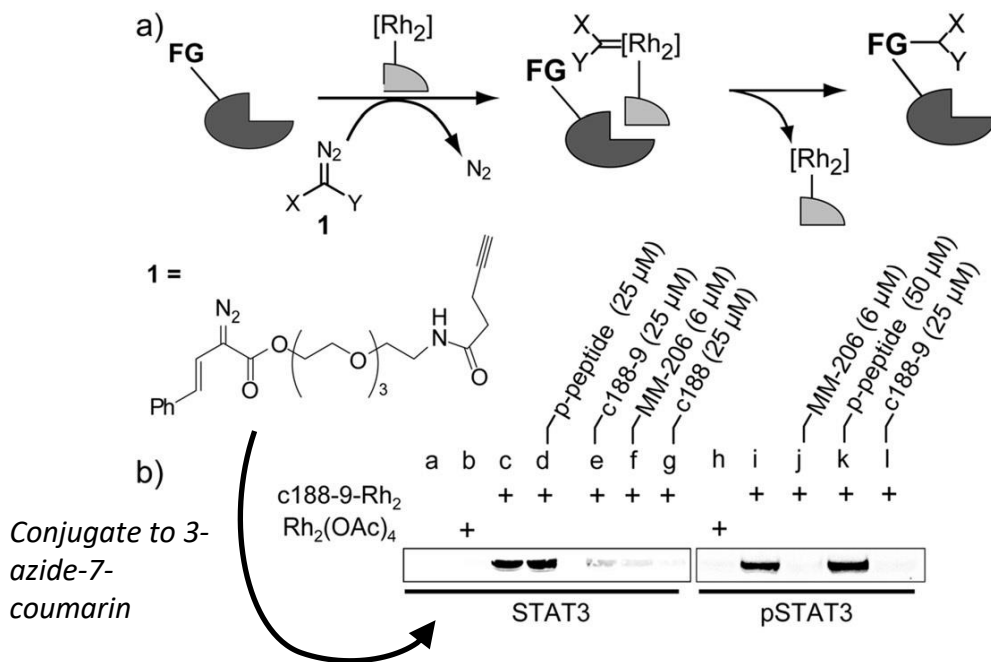


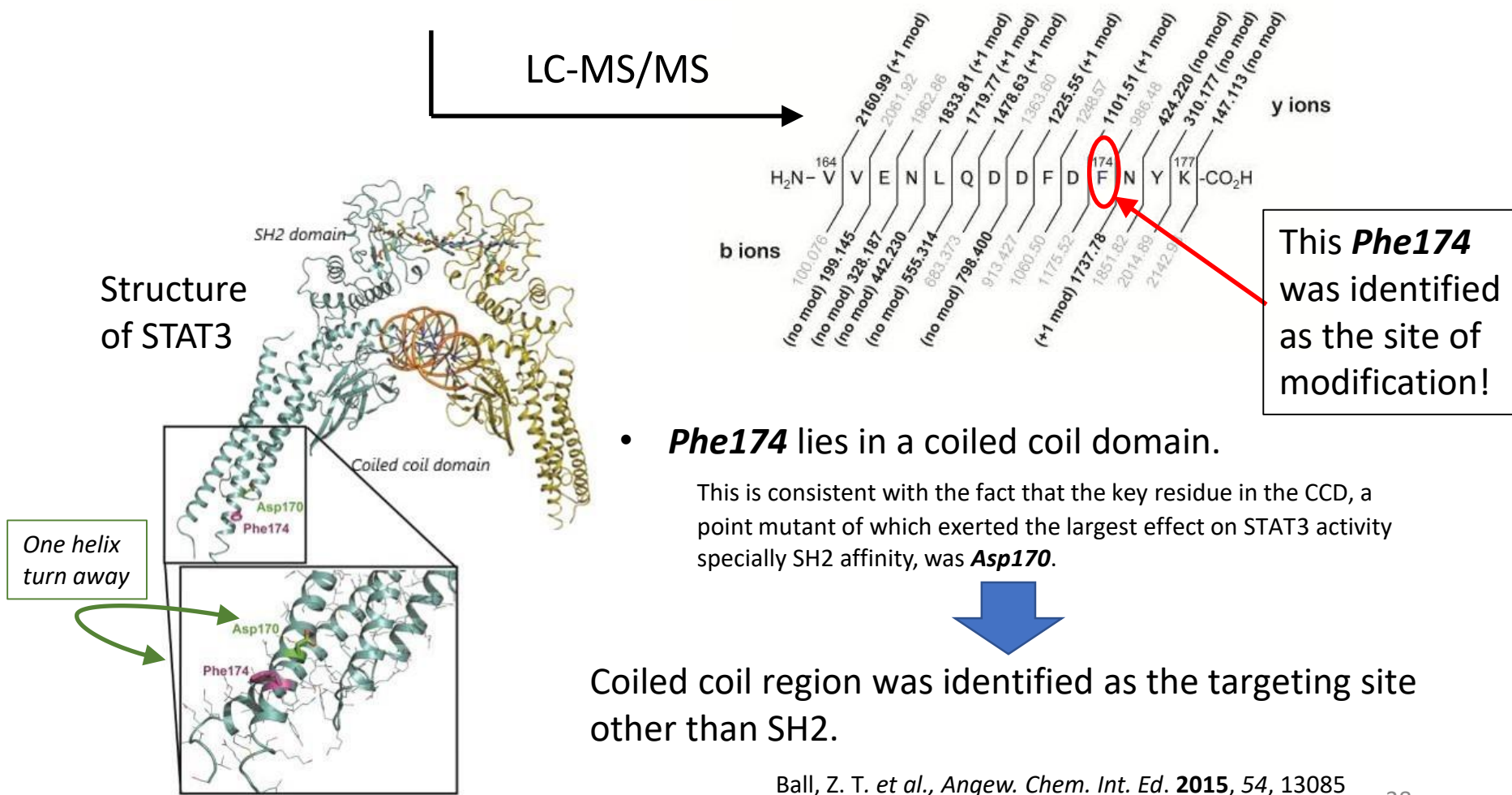
Figure 1. Structures of selected STAT3 inhibitors.

- lane d, k ... p-peptide doesn't inhibit C188-9-Rh₂ binding.
 - ➡ naphthalene sulfonamide doesn't bind to SH2 domain.
- lane e, g, l ... Other naphthalene sulfonamides inhibit C188-9-Rh₂ binding.
 - ➡ Other naphthalene sulfonamides are bound to the same site.

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (3)

Identification of naphthalene-sulfonamide-binding site of STAT3

Tryptic digestion of the modified STAT3



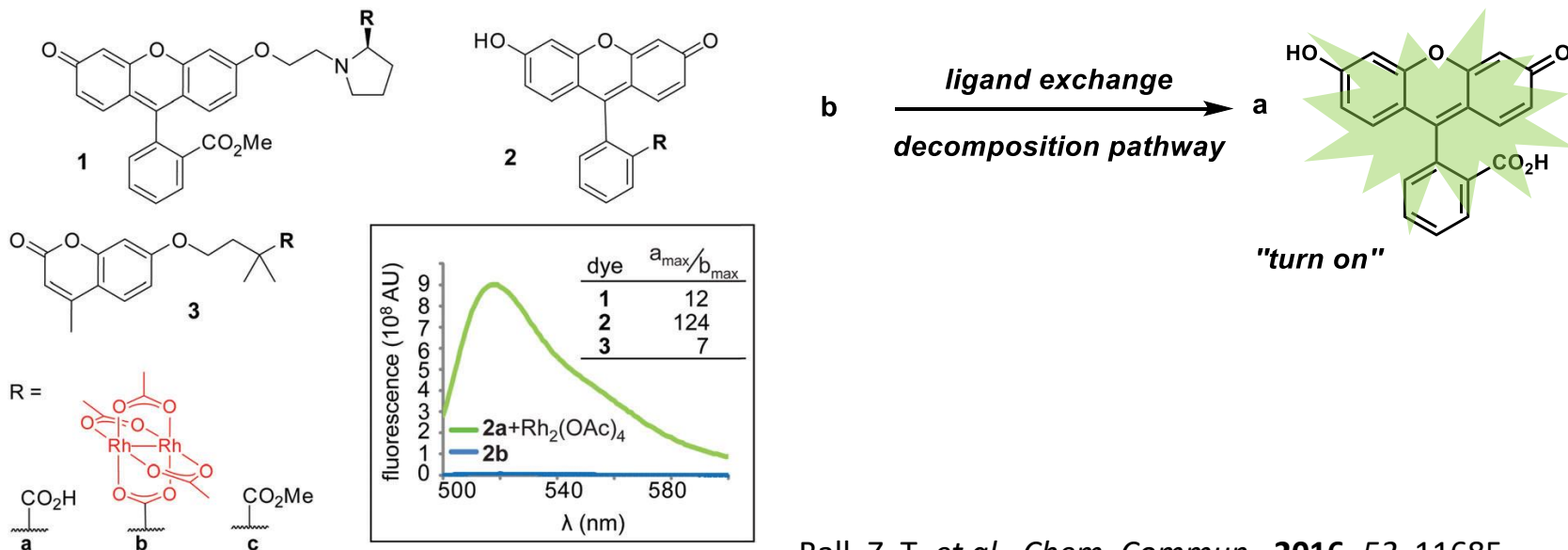
3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (4)

Assessing intracellular fate of rhodium complex

In utilizing of rhodium complexes in living cells,

- toxicity ... inherently low (able to design with the proper ligand choice)
- stability ... **limited stability under biologically relevant conditions** (ligand exchange, irreversible reduction, ...)

- Improvement of the stability of rhodium complex



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3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (4)

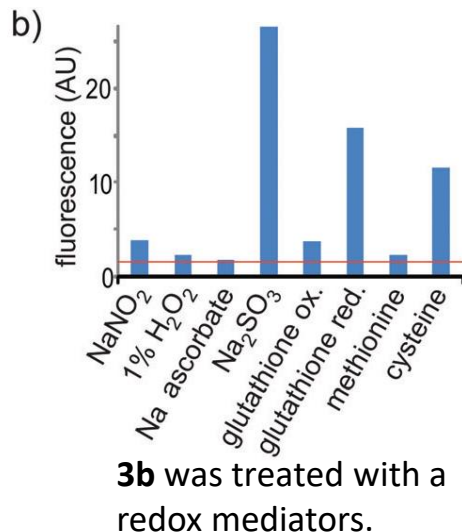
Assessing intracellular fate of rhodium complex

- Improvement of the stability of rhodium complex

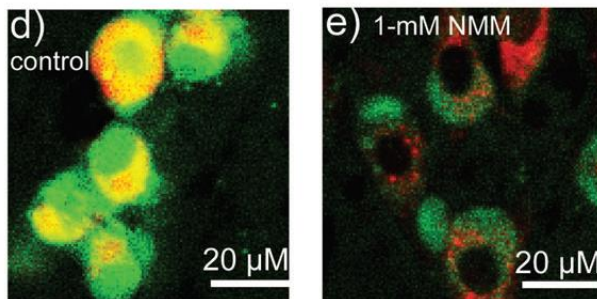
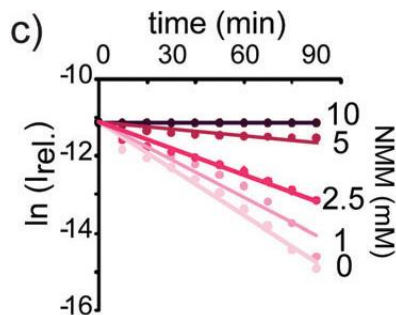
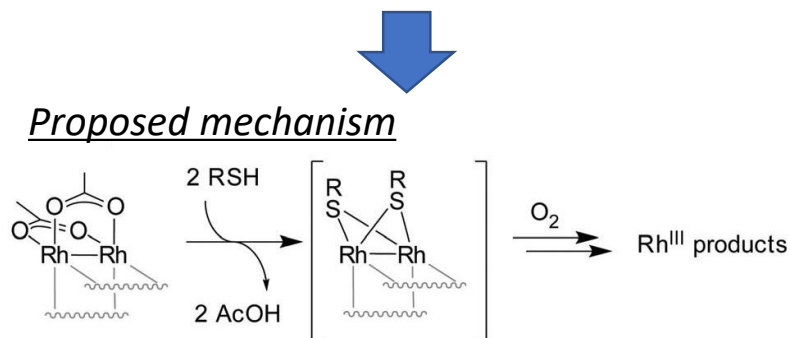
a)

entry	additive	concn (mM)	$t_{1/2}$ (h)
1	cysteine	0.2	0.2
2	TCEP	40	1
3	trypsin	2	5
4	BSA	0.15	8
5	medium		9
6	Gly-OEt	10	13
7	N-Ac-Gly	10	19
8	Glycine	10	31
9	MOL-M cells		66

half-life of **1b** with additive



- faster decomposition in containing surface-exposed thiols



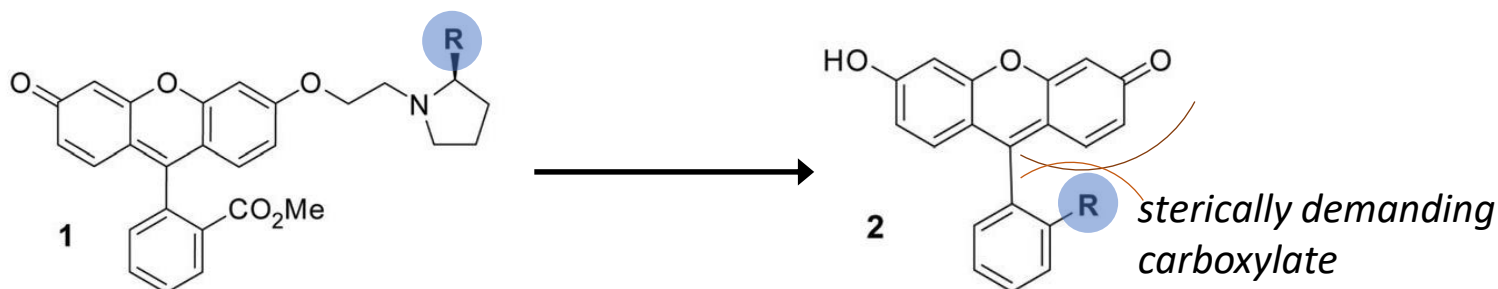
3b (15 μM) in 1x PBS with GSH (10 mM)

- N-methylmaleimide (NMM), a common thiol blocking reagent, retards decomposition of **3b** and slows the rate of fluorescence turn-on.

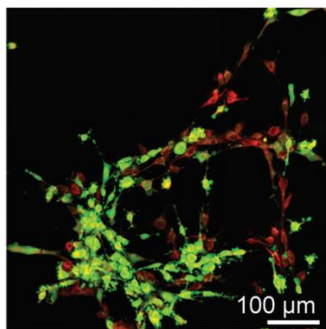
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Assessing intracellular fate of rhodium complex

- Improvement of the stability of rhodium complex

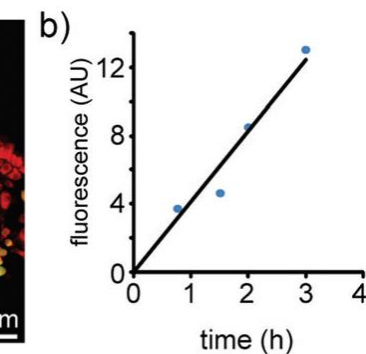
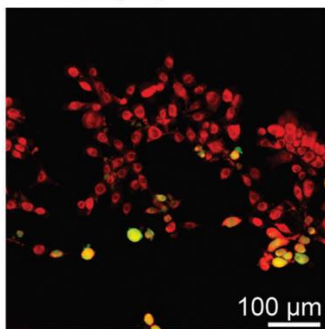


c) **1b** - 0.5 h (live)



Fluorescent image of cells (NIH 3T3)
Fluorescent probe (488 nm, green) is shown
overlaying cytosol stain (561 nm, red).

2b - 0.5 h (live)



Fluorescence of **2b** in MOL13-M cells
(1×10^5) treated with **2b** (30 mM, 0.5 h)
aliquots taken at different times were
analyzed by flow cytometry.

1b ... maximally fluorescent within 30 min

2b ... mostly dark after 30 min, but continued
to grow in brightness over time

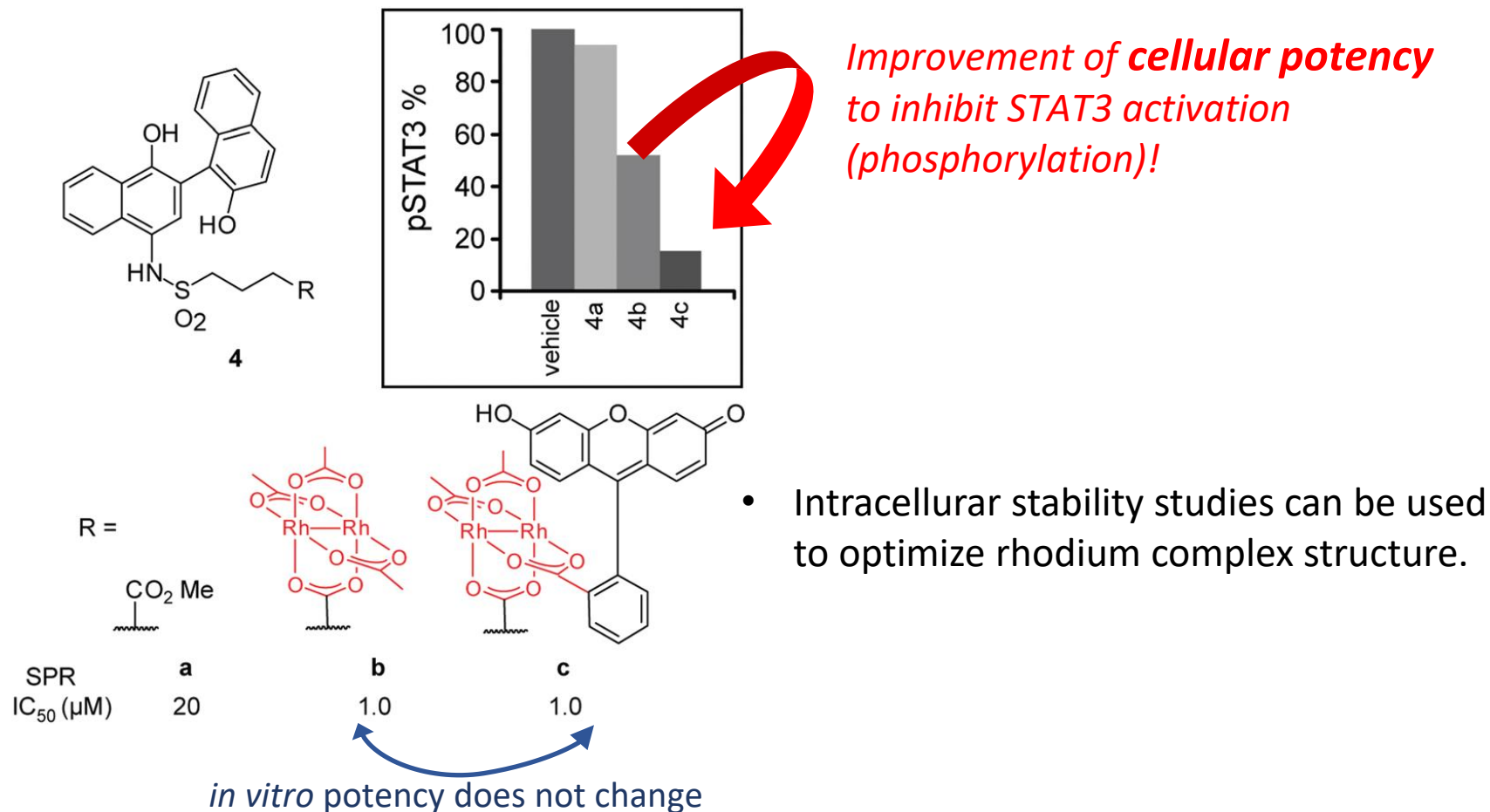


A long-lived rhodium
complex inside cells was
successfully prepared.

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (4)

Assessing intracellular fate of rhodium complex

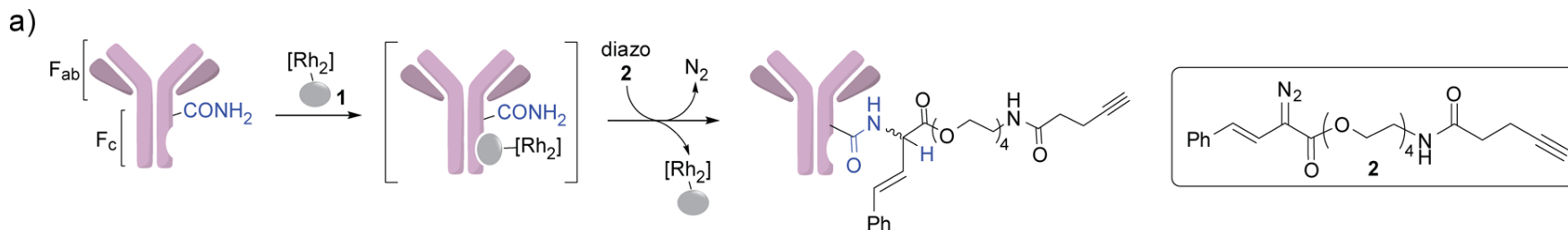
- Improvement of the stability of rhodium complex



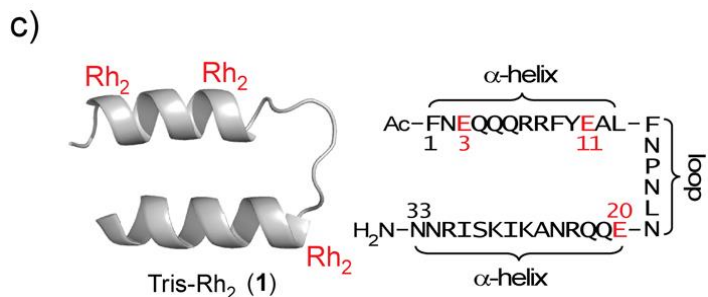
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Antibody modification using hexa-rhodium metallopeptide

Assumed scheme

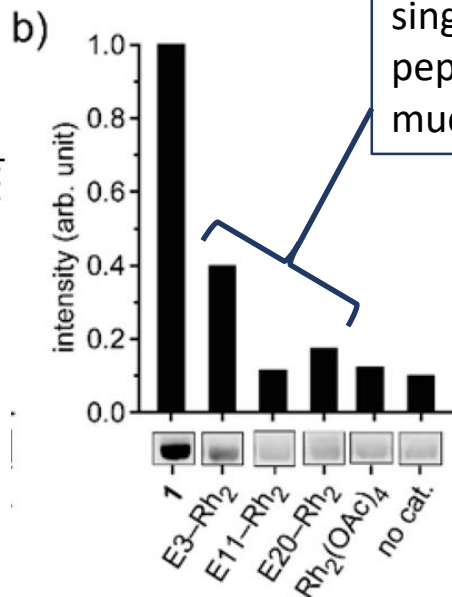


hexa-rhodium metallopeptide (triple metalated peptide)



d)

	human IgG (3)		Fab		Fc	
1	+	-	+	-	+	-
Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	-	+	-	+	-	+
chem blot						
CBB						



singly metalated peptides displays much lower reactivity

- The reactivity of triply metalated peptide may stem from **synergetic action of the dirhodium cores.**

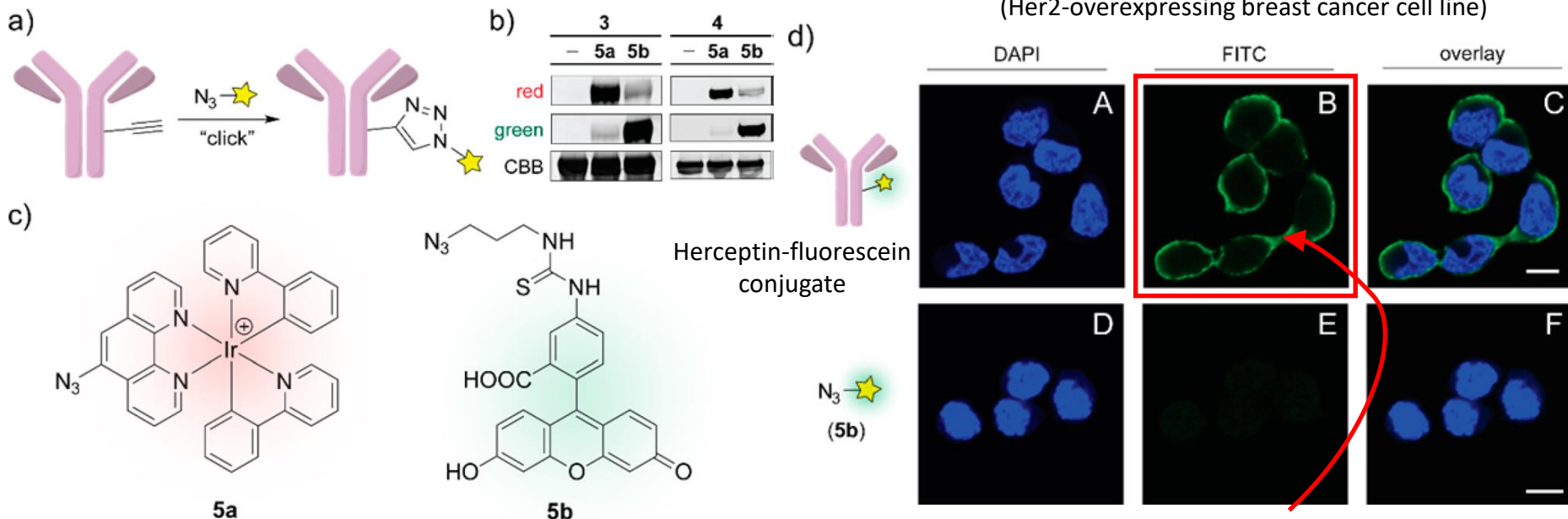
- one Rh acts as a **catalytic site**
- other Rh's act as **Lewis acids** to anchor the catalyst at the binding site on the Fc region

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (5)

Antibody modification using hexa-rhodium metallopeptide

- Antibody's functionalization using azide-alkyne cycloaddition ①

Fluorescently labeling



- localization of the fluorescein fluorescence on the surface of the cells (B),
- absent in control experiment (E)



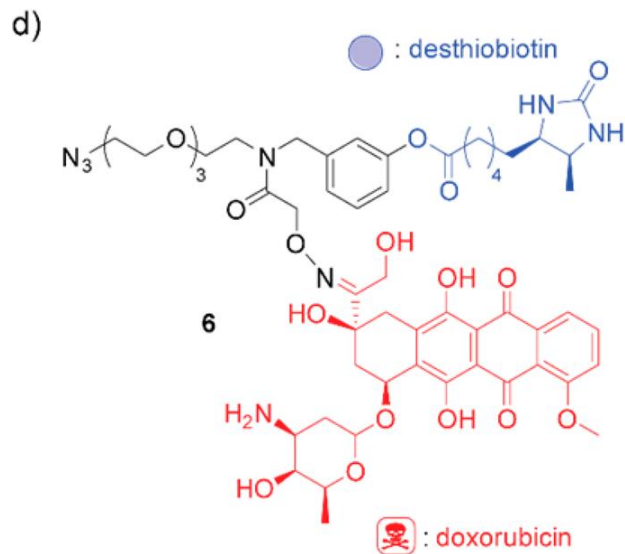
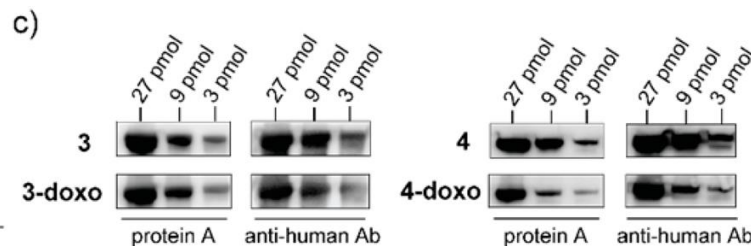
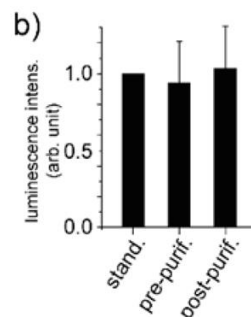
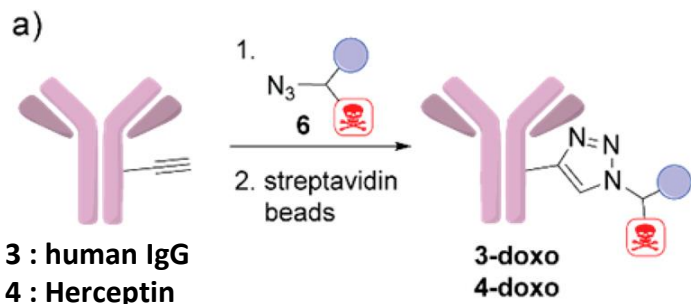
Modified antibodies retain antigen-binding properties. So, it can be used as a **fluorescently labelled antibody**.

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (5)

Antibody modification using hexa-rhodium metallopeptide

- Antibody's functionalization using azide-alkyne cycloaddition ②, ③

Desthiobiotinylation for facile purification and Preparation of antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs)



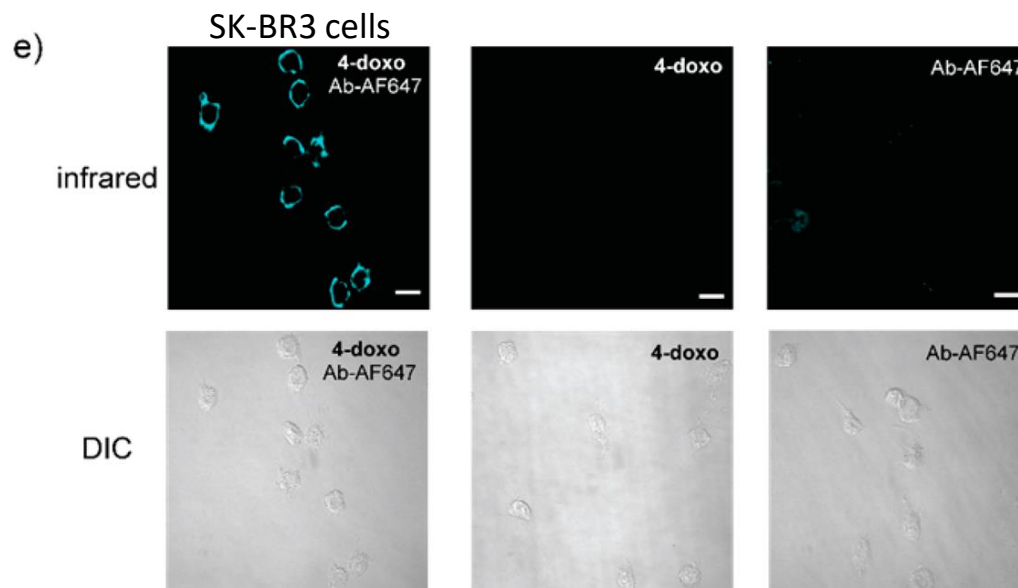
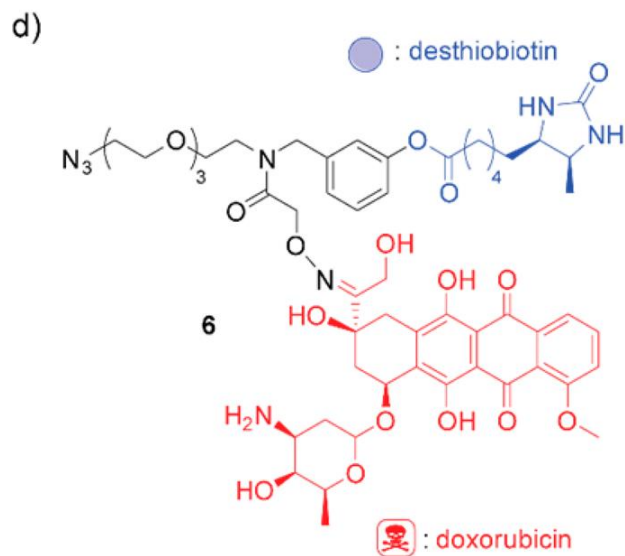
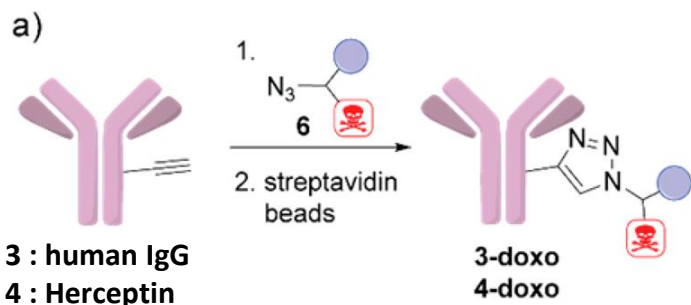
- Chemiluminescence determined a **1:1 herceptin/ doxorubicin ratio (DAR, drug antibody ratio)**.
- ADCs bind protein A with efficacy comparable to the unmodified antibodies.
- Secondary antibodies show binding ability to F(ab')₂ of ADCs as well as that of unmodified ones.

3. Application of rhodium metallopeptide (5)

Antibody modification using hexa-rhodium metallopeptide

- Antibody's functionalization using azide-alkyne cycloaddition^②,^③

Desthiobiotinylation for facile purification and Preparation of antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs)



- 4-doxo retains affinity for both Her2 receptor and the antihuman antibodies.

the function of antibody can be maintained in presence of modification when modified site was chosen with tactful design.

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4. Conclusion

- Rhodium carbenoid is the approach of chemical modification of Trp through C-H activation.
- Directing with the ligand peptide (rhodium metallopeptide) enables catalytic and residue-selective reaction.
- Directing with the ligand peptide amino acids comprising >40% of natural protein other than Trp. (over 50% conversion)
- Many applications of rhodium metallopeptide are possible even in cellular reaction or preparation of ADCs.