
Boronic Acid Assisted Bioorthogonal Chemistry

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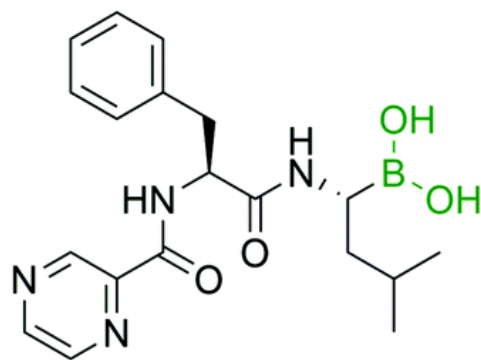
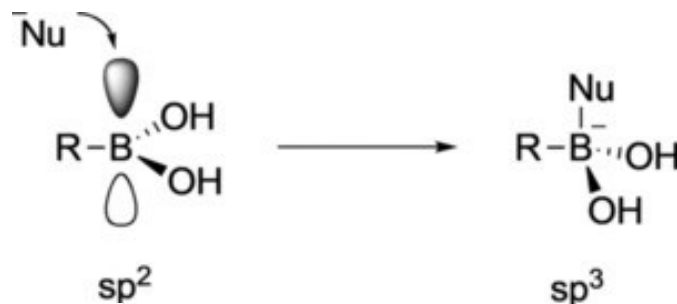
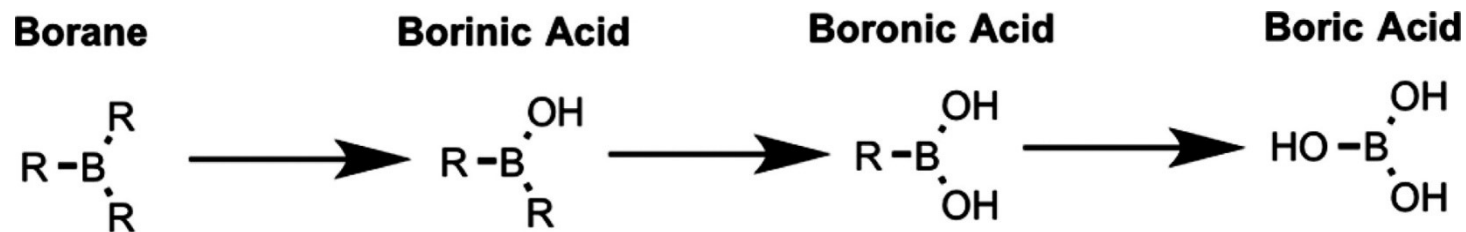
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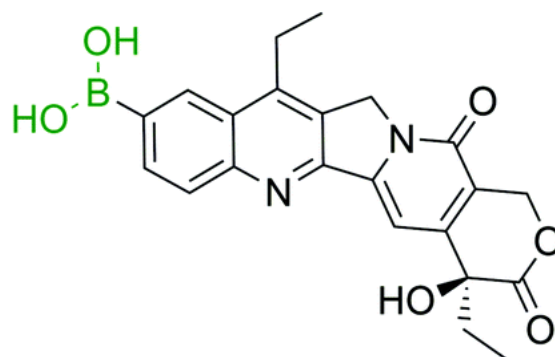
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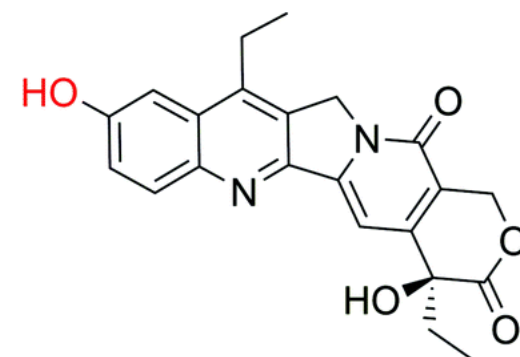
Boronic Acid



Bortezomib



SN-38 Prodrug



Active SN-38

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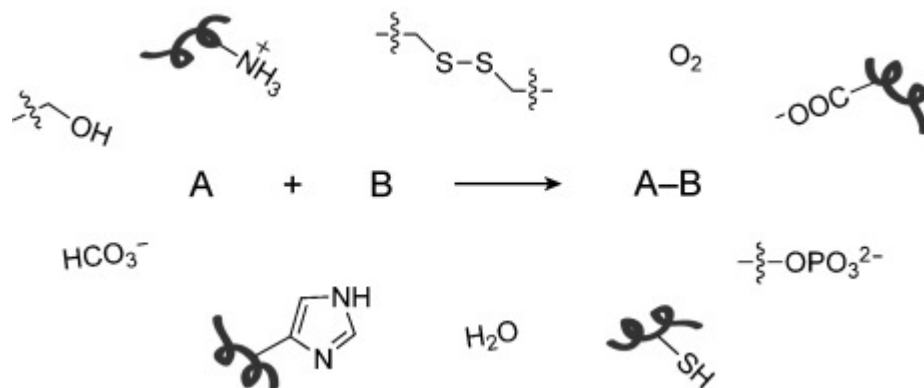
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Bioorthogonal Chemistry

Requirements of Bioorthogonal Chemistry

- ✓ Selectivity
- ✓ Biological inertness
- ✓ Chemical inertness
- ✓ Kinetics
- ✓ Reaction biocompatibility
- ✓ Accessible engineering



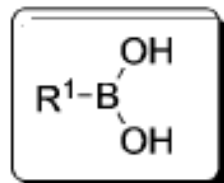
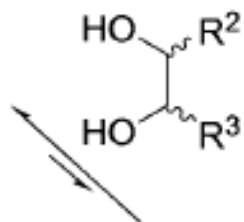
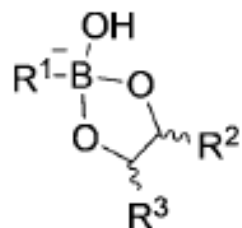
Usual Concerns of Current Biocompatible Chemistry:

- ✓ Off-target labeling
- ✓ Unintended immune
- ✓ Slow kinetics
- ✓ Side reactions with endogenous molecules.

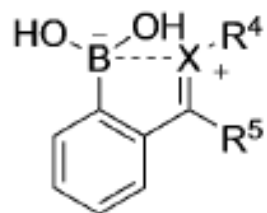
Boronic Acid for Bioorthogonal Chemistry

A) and B)
both reversible and irreversible
products

A) Boronic esters



B) Iminoboronates



R⁵ = CH₃, H

X = NH₂, NH₂O,
NH₂NH etc.

- ✓ High kinetics
- ✓ Reaction biocompatibility

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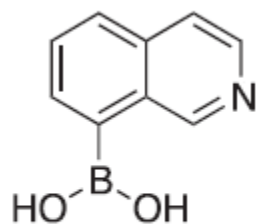
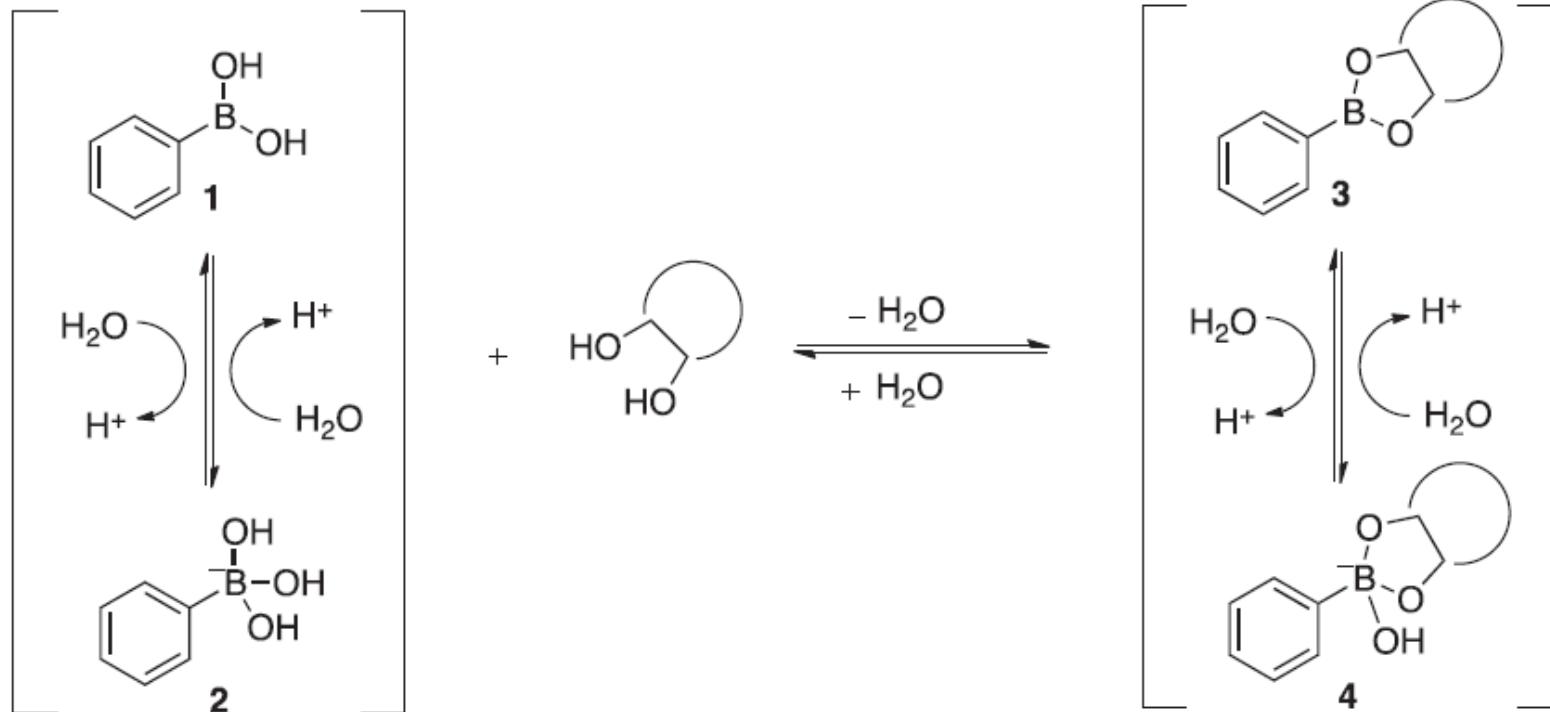
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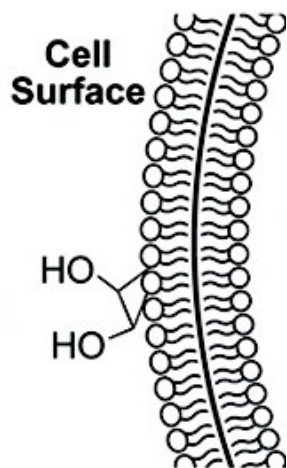
Boronic Ester with Sugars



8-isoquinolinyboronic acid
(8-IQBA)

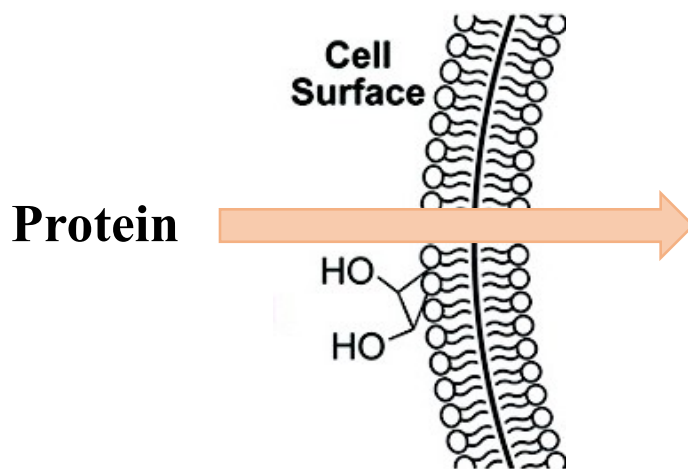
D-Sugar	8-IQBA			
	k_{on} ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$)	k_{off} (s^{-1})	Calculated K_{a} (M^{-1})	Literature K_{a}^{a} (M^{-1})
Fructose ^a	287	0.38	755	1493 ± 25
Tagatose ^b	169	0.36	469	1183 ± 367
Mannose ^b	17	0.38	45	84 ± 16
Glucose ^a	0.6	0.13	5	46 ± 12

Boronate-Mediated Biologic Delivery



Role of Glycoproteins

- ✓ Cell-cell communication
- ✓ Infection
- ✓ Inflammation
- ✓ Metastasis
- ✓ Reproduction



Biologic drug delivery helped by recognition parts of Glycoproteins

Boronate-Mediated Biologic Delivery

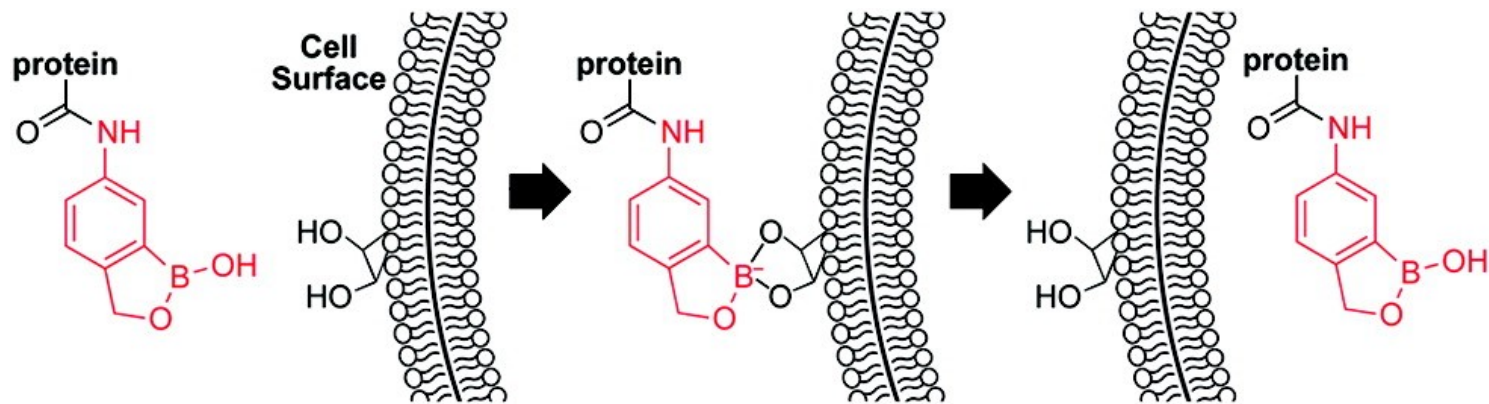
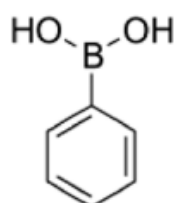
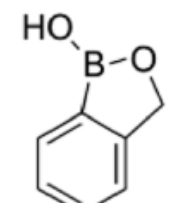
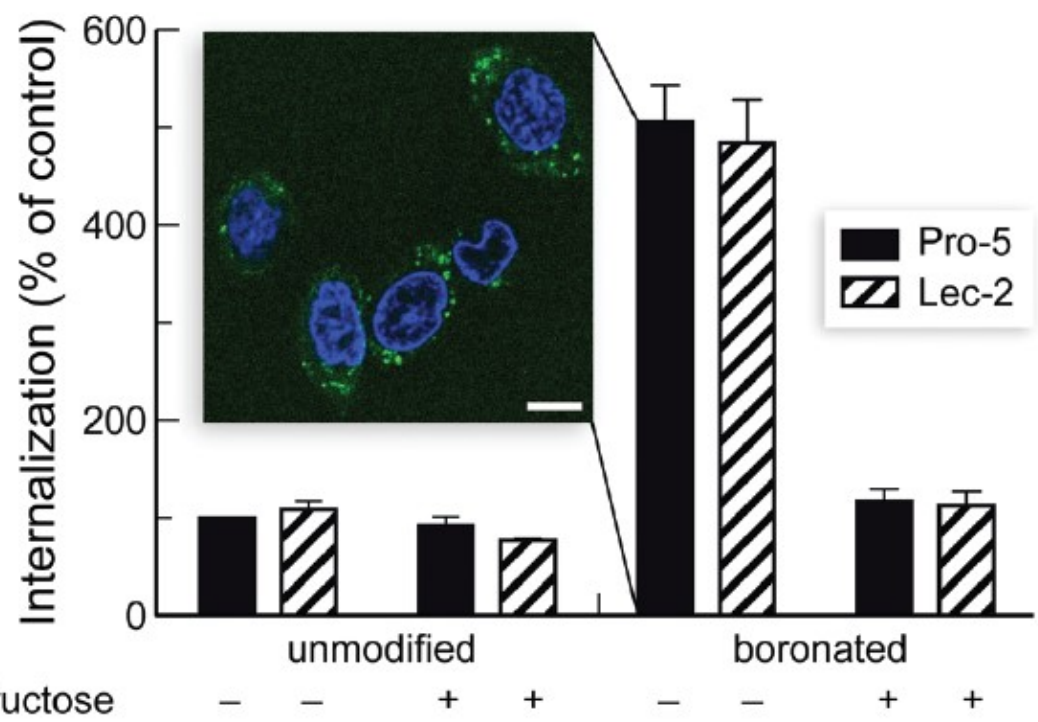
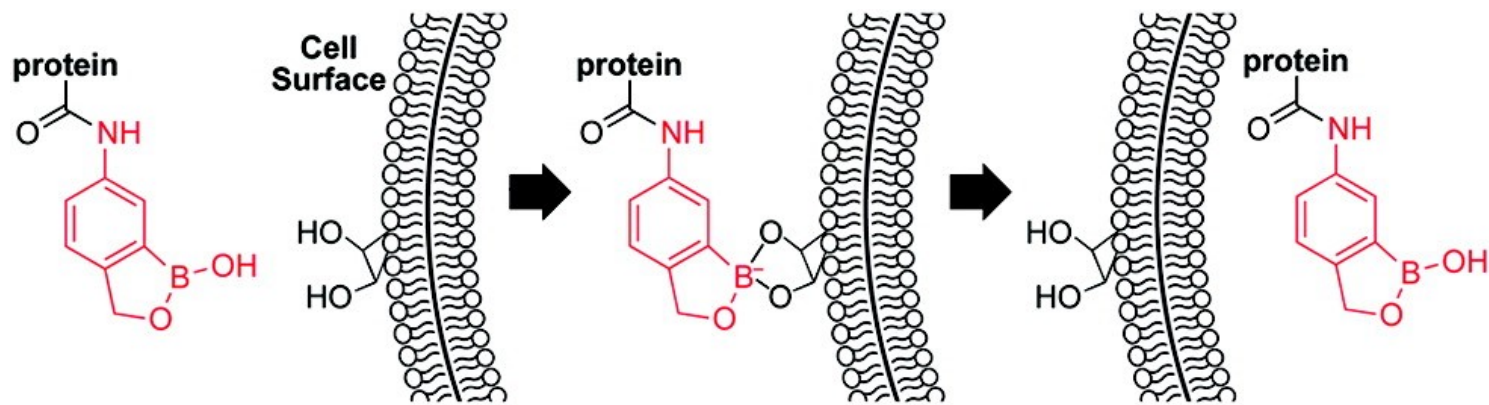


Table 1. Values of K_a (M^{-1}) for Boronic Acids and Saccharides^a

	D-fructose	D-glucose	Neu5Ac
	128 ± 20	5 ± 1	13 ± 1
	336 ± 43	28 ± 4	43 ± 5

✓ Benzoxaborole has a greater affinity than phenyl boronic acid for each saccharide.

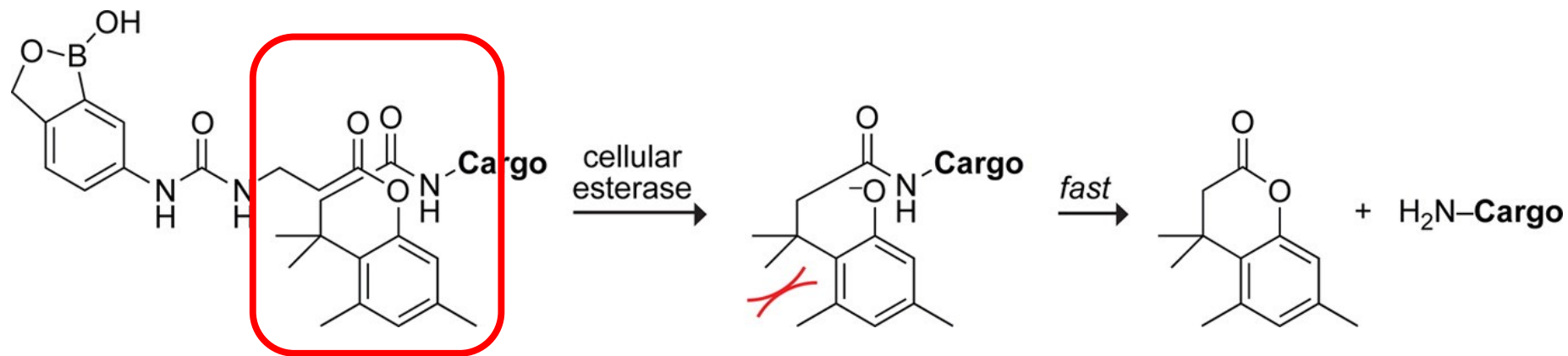
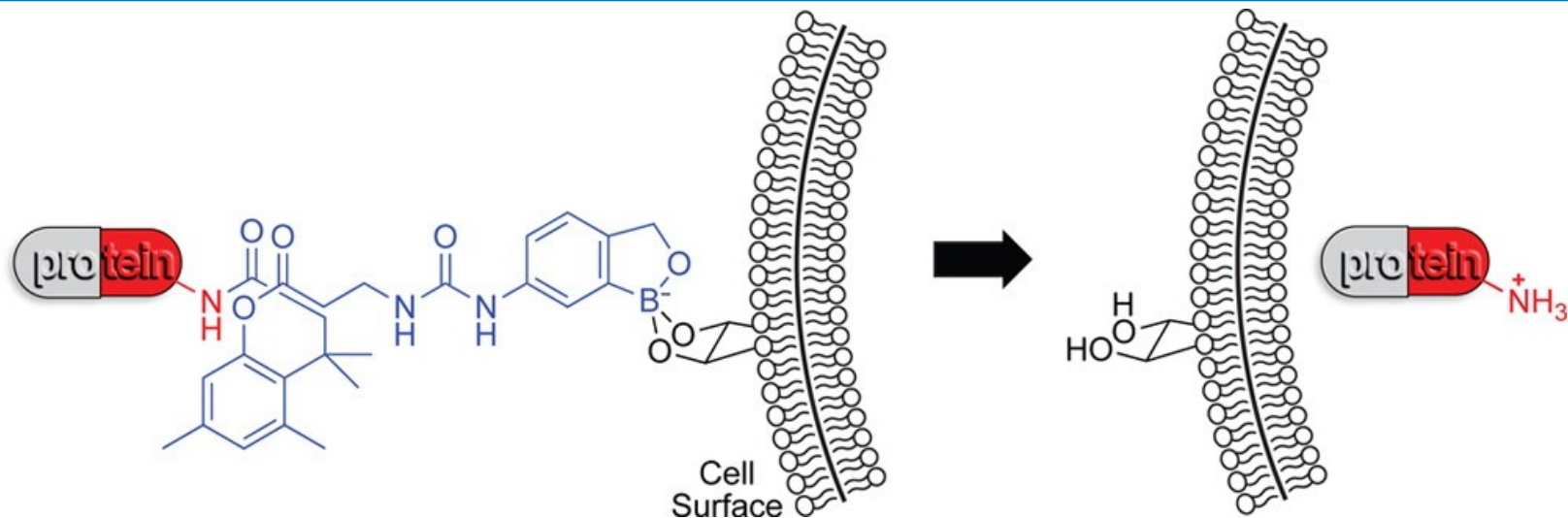
Boronate-Mediated Biologic Delivery



- ✓ Lec-2 have lower levels of sialic acid in their glycoprotein than Pro-5.
- ✓ Fructose decreased the enhancement.
- ✓ Cell-surface sialic acid content did not affect uptake significantly.

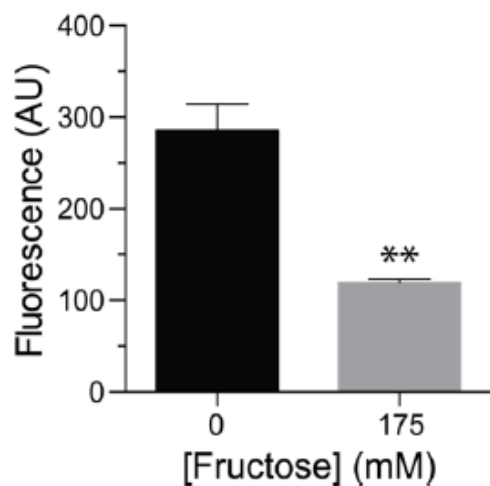
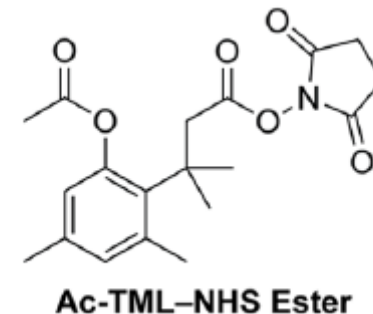
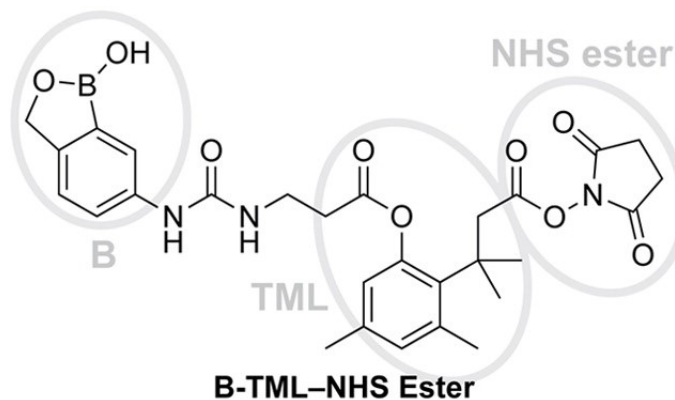
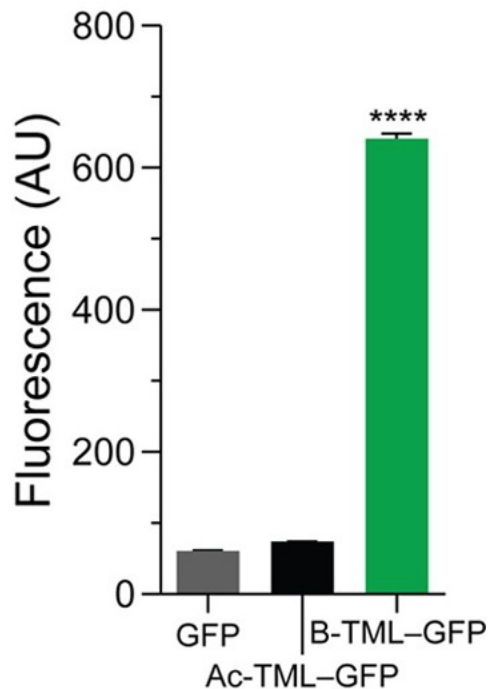
Limitation: irreversible of protein.

Boronate-Mediated Biologic Delivery



Trimethyl lock (TML)

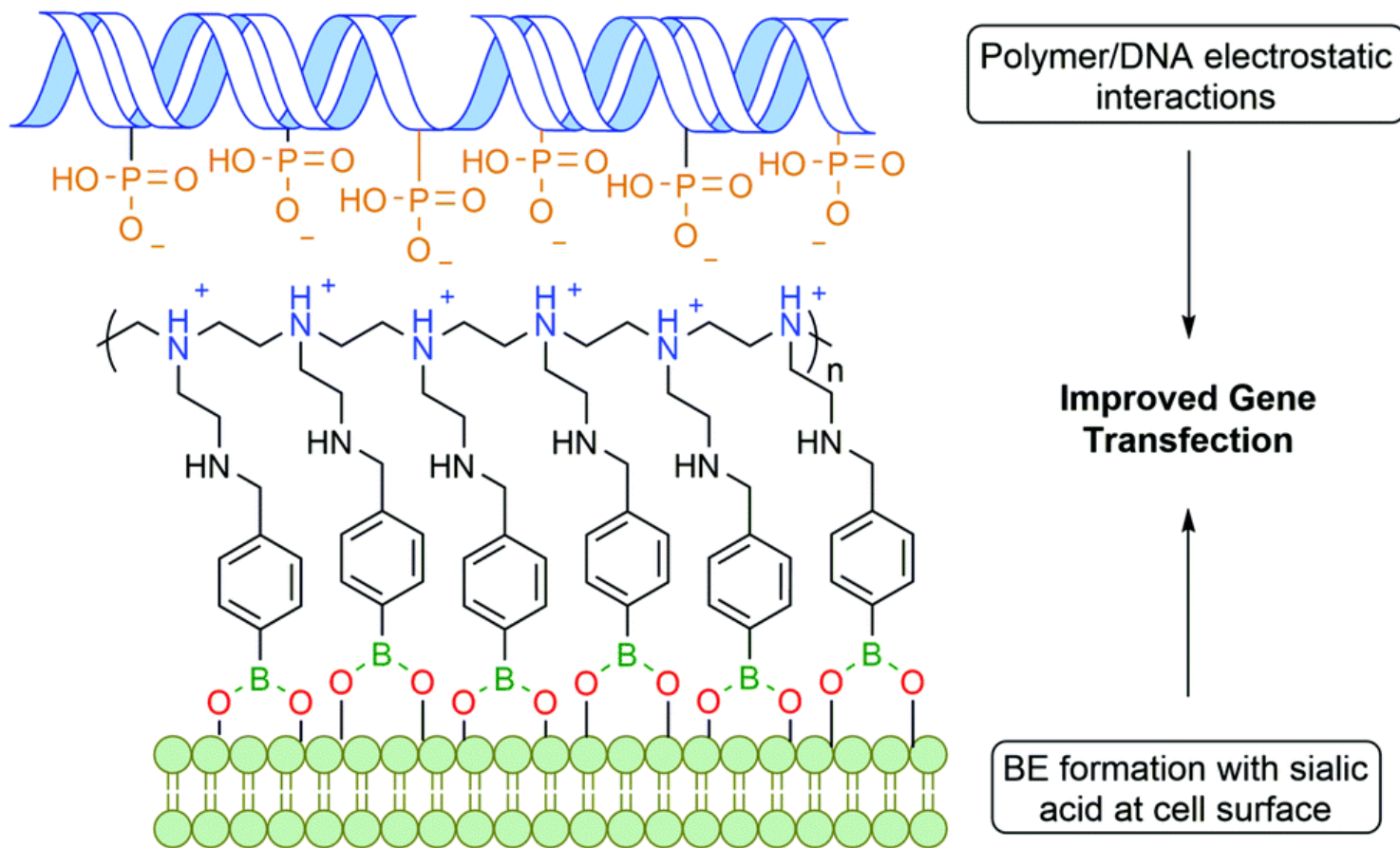
Boronate-Mediated Biologic Delivery



- ✓ B-TML-GFP shows dramatic increase compared with two others.
- ✓ Fructose decreases the cellular uptake.

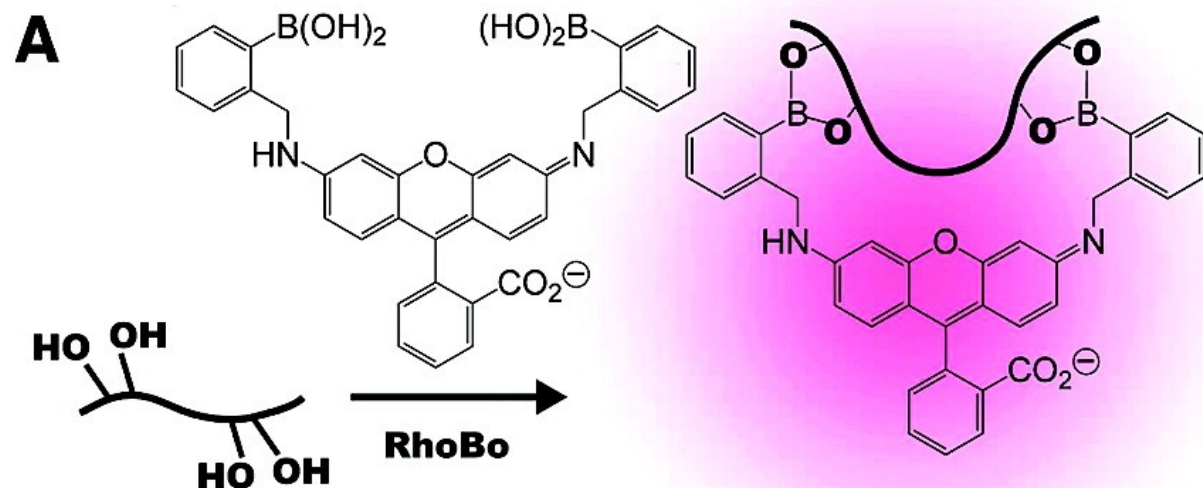
Advantage: reversible biomodification.

Boronate Assisted DNA Transfection



- ✓ Cations and anions interaction.
- ✓ Boronic ester improves gene cellular uptake (2 to 3 orders of magnitude).

Rhodamine-derived Bisboronic Acid



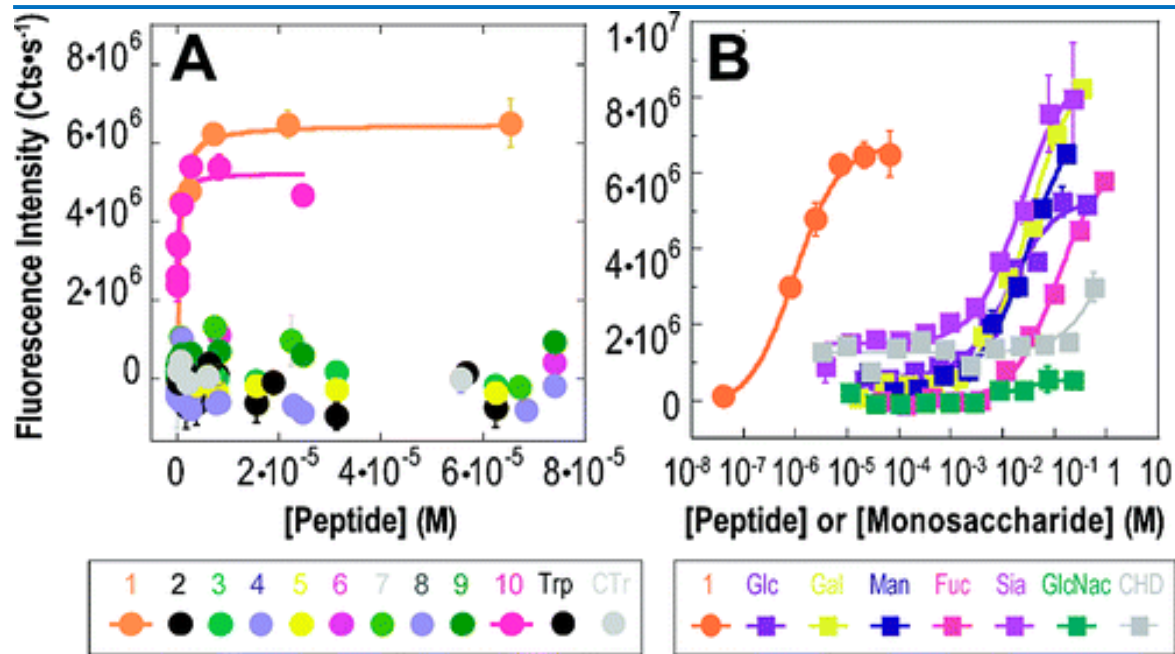
- ✓ Cell-permeable
- ✓ Turn-on fluorescent sensor

B

	K_{app} (μM)		K_{app} (μM)
1 Ac-WD SSPGSSK -NH ₂	0.45 ± 0.11	Gal	29,000 ± 5,000
2 Ac-WDAAPGG SSK -NH ₂	No ΔF	Glc	13,000 ± 3,000
3 Ac-WD SSPSSK -NH ₂	No ΔF	Man	29,000 ± 6,000
4 Ac-WD SSKSSK -NH ₂	No ΔF	Fuc	445,000 ± 16,000
5 Ac-WD SSPGGSSK -NH ₂	No ΔF	Sia	21,000 ± 4,000
6 Ac-WD SSGGSSK -NH ₂	No ΔF	GlcNAc	No ΔF
7 Ac-WD TTPGTTK -NH ₂	No ΔF	CHD	No ΔF
8 Ac-WD YYPGYK -NH ₂	No ΔF	10	0.35 ± 0.23
9 Ac-WD DDPGDDK -NH ₂	No ΔF		

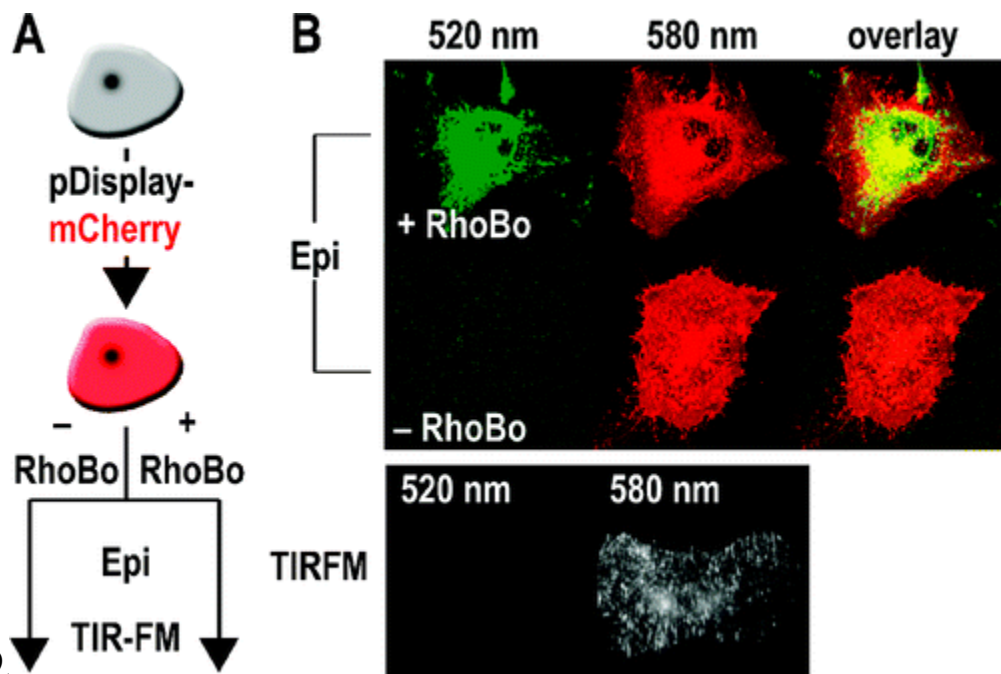
- ✓ SSPGSS in **1** shows high affinity.

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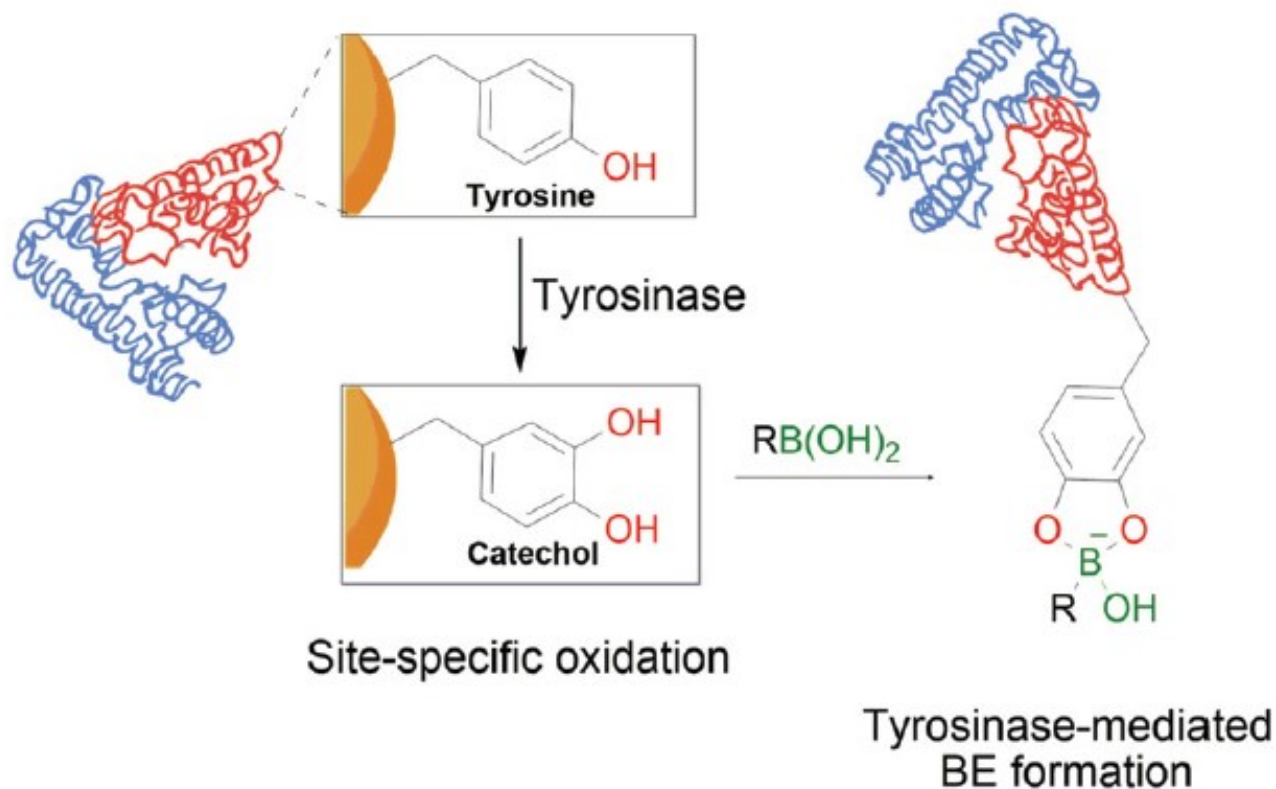


- ✓ 1 and 10 show high fluorescence change.
- ✓ 2-9 show no detectable fluorescence change.

- ✓ High fluorescent intensity in the cytoplasmic region
- ✓ Lower fluorescence intensity in nucleus and outer plasma membrane.

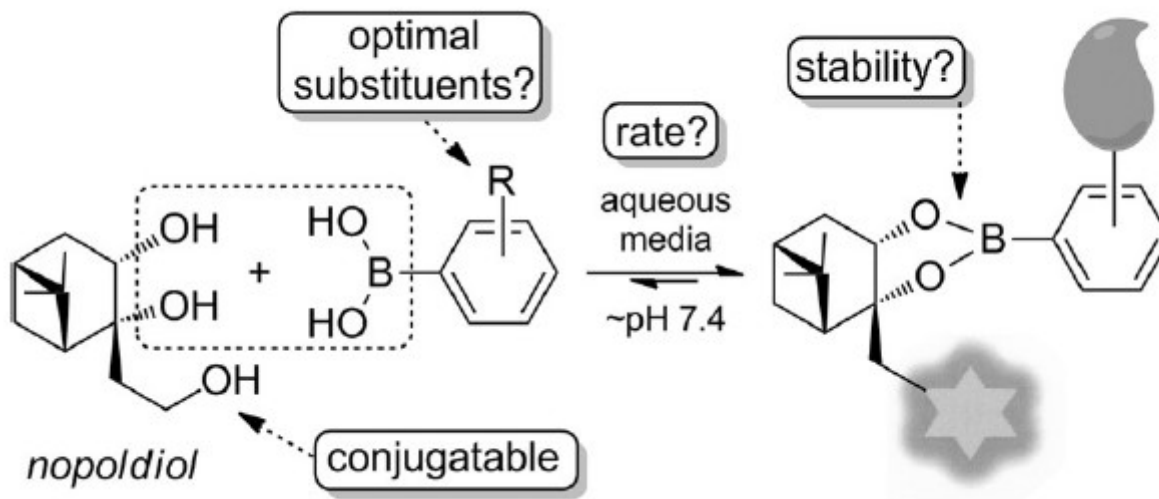


Tyrosinase-Mediated Bioconjugation



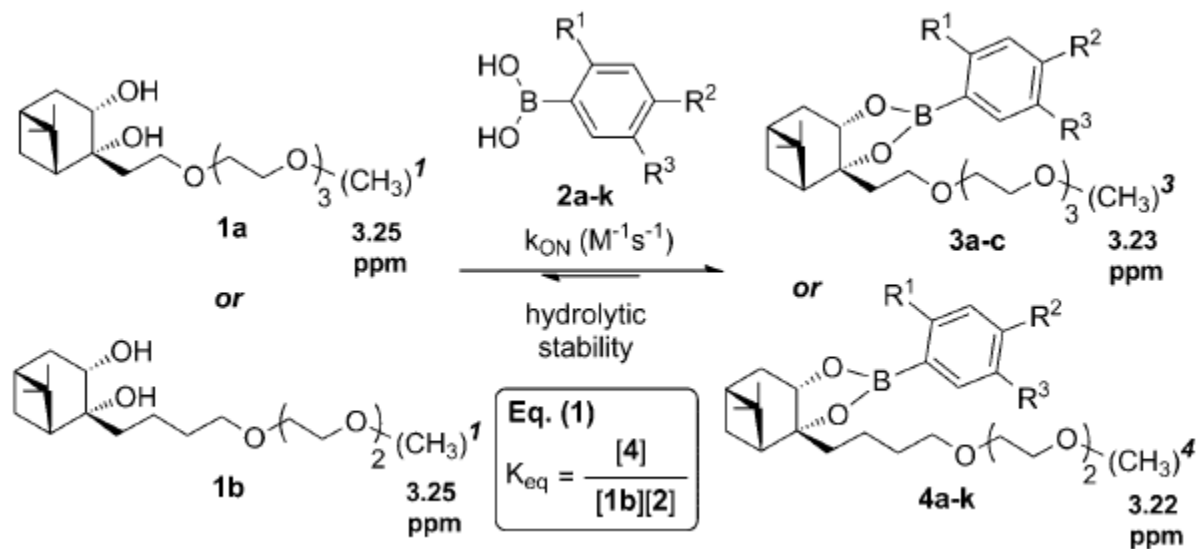
- ✓ Applied to different proteins using the hemagglutinin-derived HA-tag that can introduce exposed Tyr groups onto proteins.

Synergic “Click” Boronate/Thiosemicarbazone System



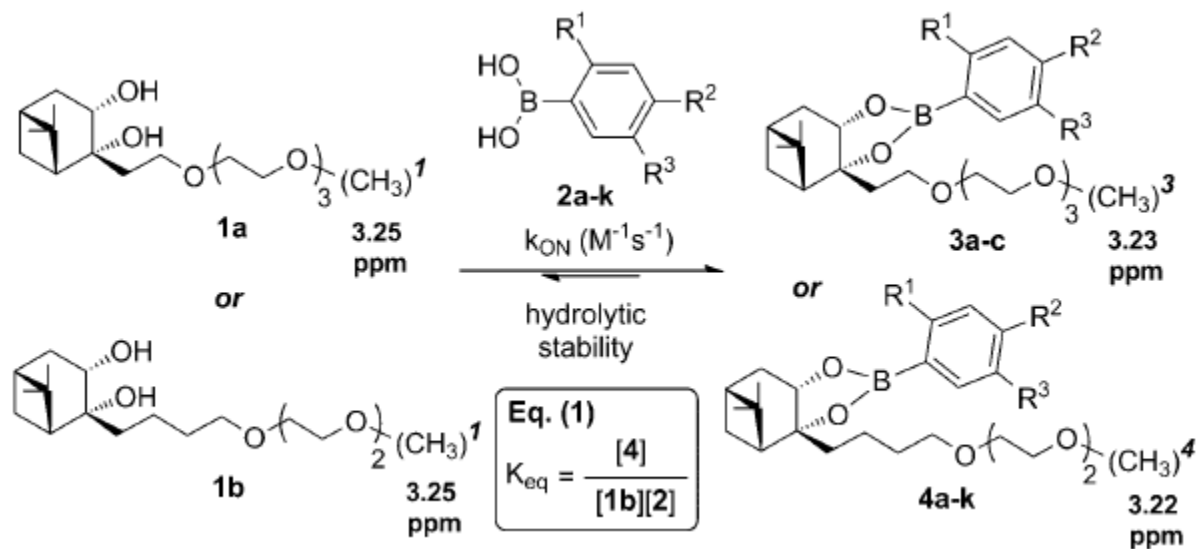
- ✓ Hindered, pre-organized vicinal diols mitigate the loss of entropy in the diol substrate.
- ✓ Tight-binding.

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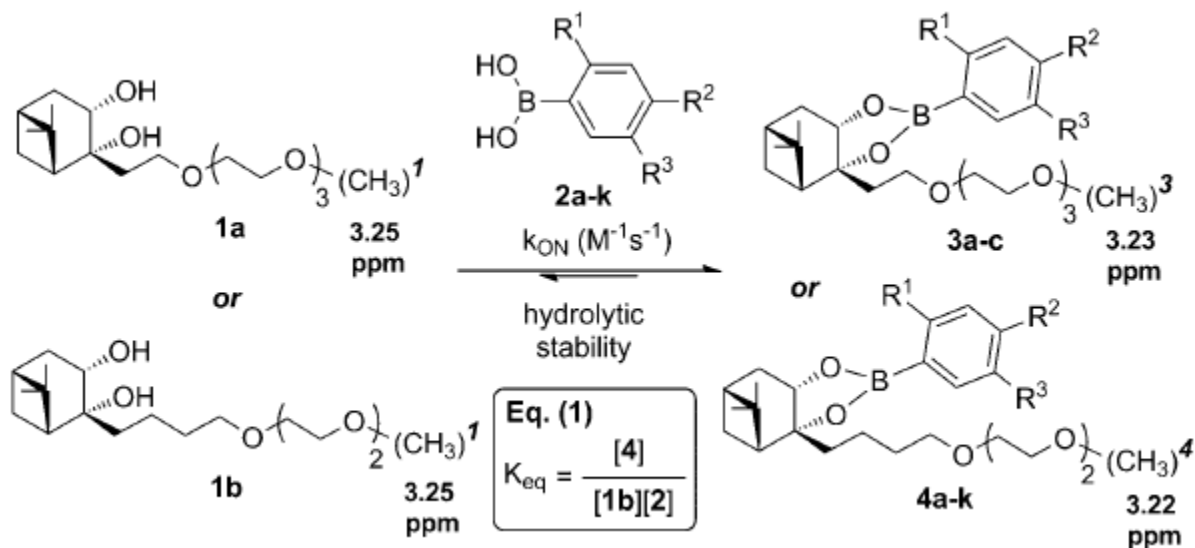
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1 (1a)	2a: Me, H, H	3a/1a: 87:13	–	1.6 ± 0.1
2 (1a)	2b: F, H, H	3b/1a: 78:22	–	18 ± 4
3 (1a)	2c: CN, H, H	3c/1a: 70:30	–	> 50 ^[e]
4 (1b)	2a: Me, H, H	4a/1b: 93:7	180	2.3 ± 0.2
5 (1b)	2b: F, H, H	4b/1b: 84:16	27	33 ± 2
6 (1b)	2c: CN, H, H	4c/1b: 83:17	25	> 50 ^[f]
7 (1b)	2d: Me, H, CO ₂ Me	4d/1b: 91:9	120	6.9 ± 0.6
8 (1b)	2e: Me, CO ₂ Me, H	4e/1b: 90:10	91	7.8 ± 0.7
9 (1b)	2f: Me, H, OMe	4f/1b: 92:8	130	3.3 ± 0.6
10 (1b)	2g: Me, OMe, H	4g/1b: 94:6	330	1.0 ± 0.2
11 (1b)	2h: F, H, CONMe ₂	4h/1b: 75:25	15	> 50 ^[f]
12 (1b)	2i: F, H, OMe	4i/1b: 82:18	25	> 50 ^[f]
13 (1b)	2j: F, OMe, H	4j/1b: 85:15	40	18 ± 1
14 (1b)	2k: CN, H, CO ₂ Me	4k/1b: 78:22	12	> 50 ^[f]

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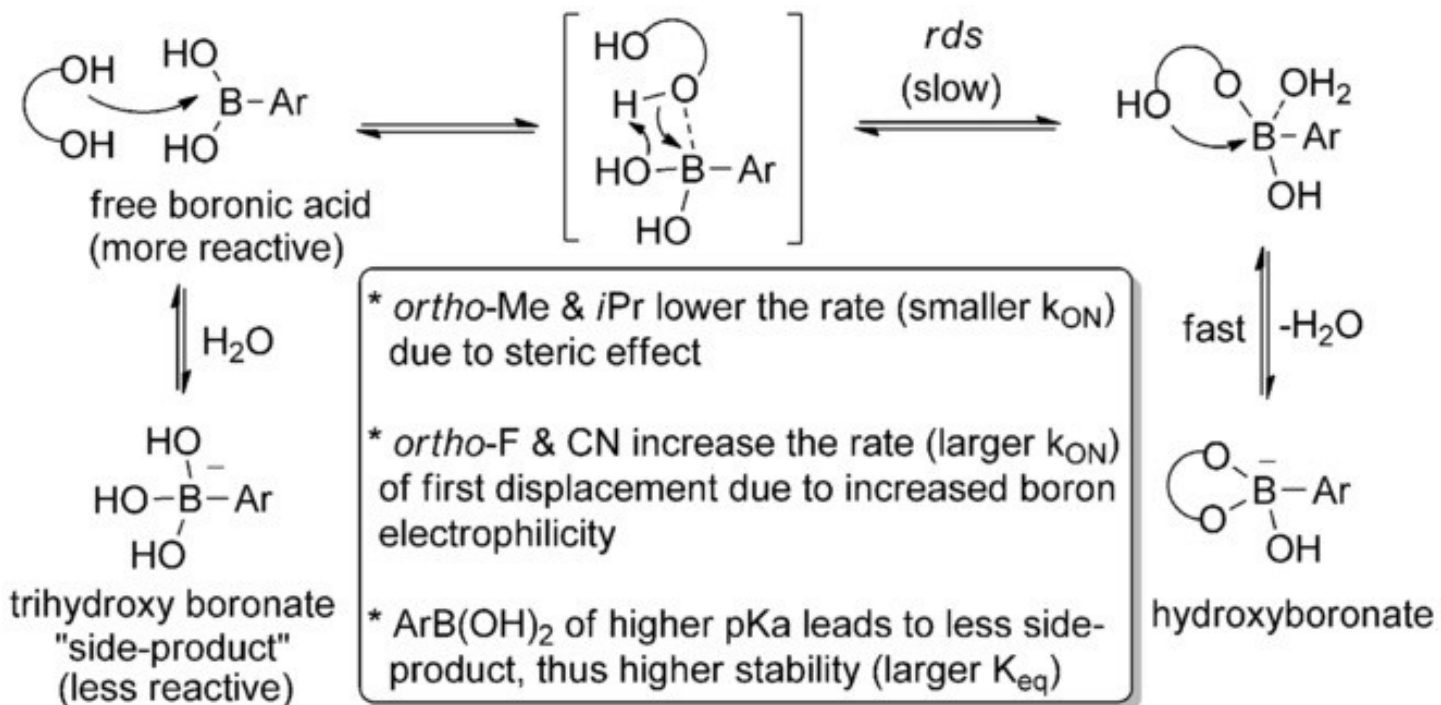
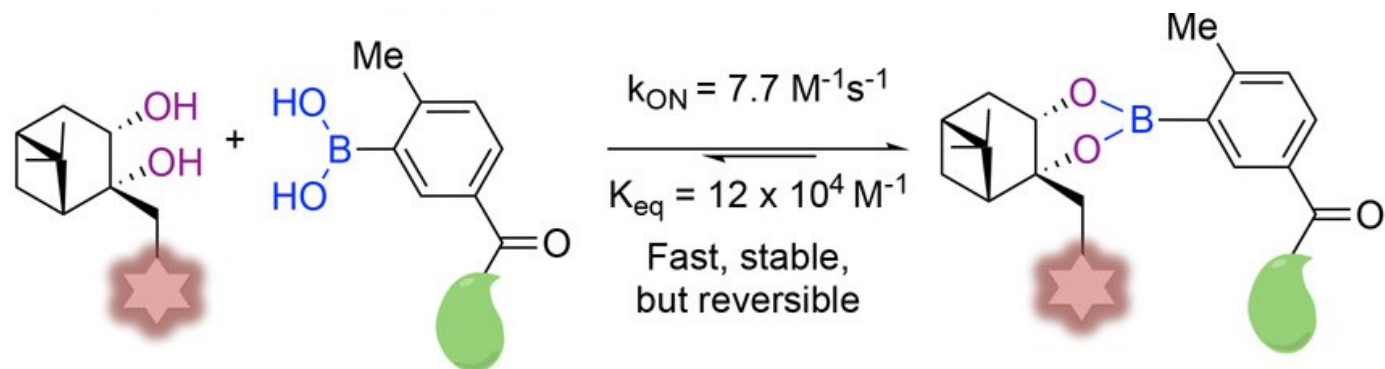
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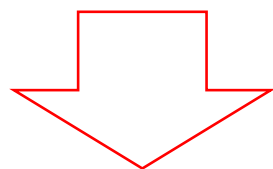
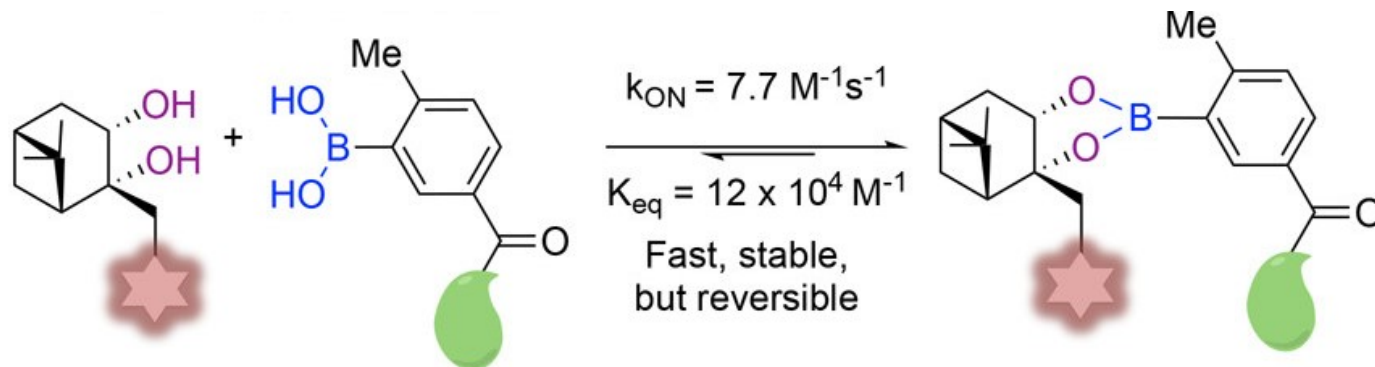


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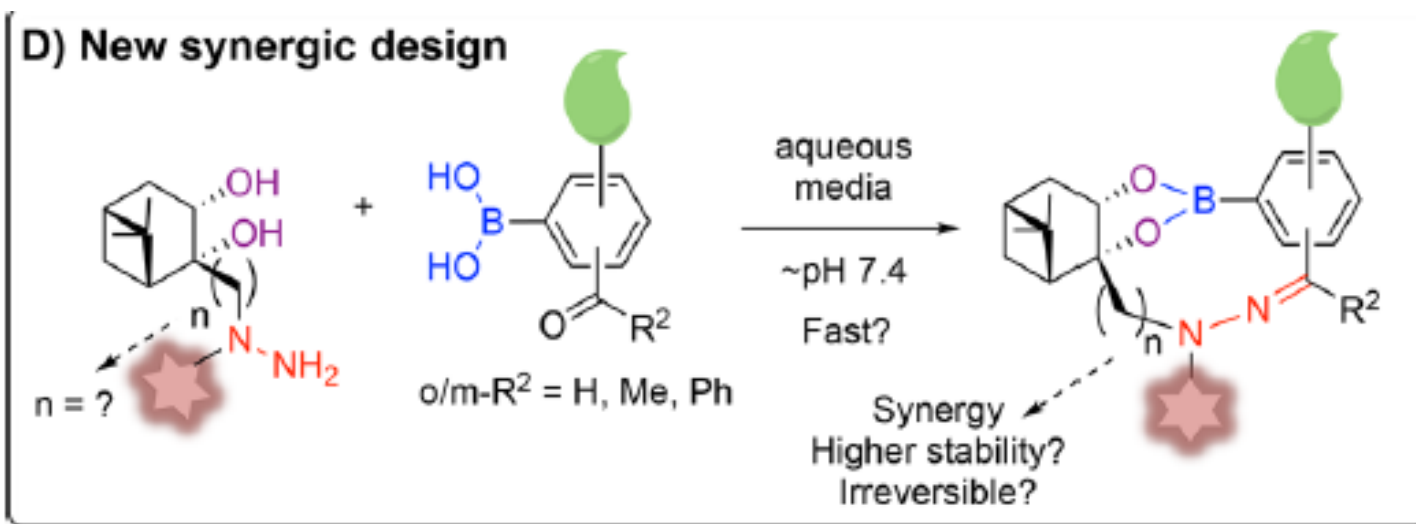
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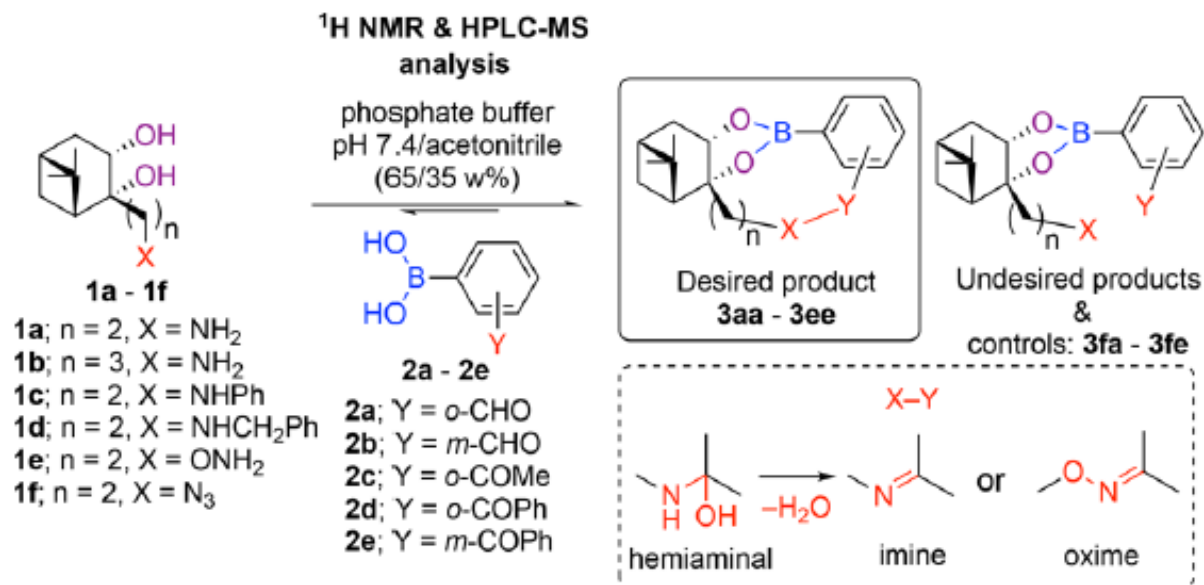
Synergic "Click" Boronate/Thiosemicarbazone System (Irreversible)



Undesirable cleavage!



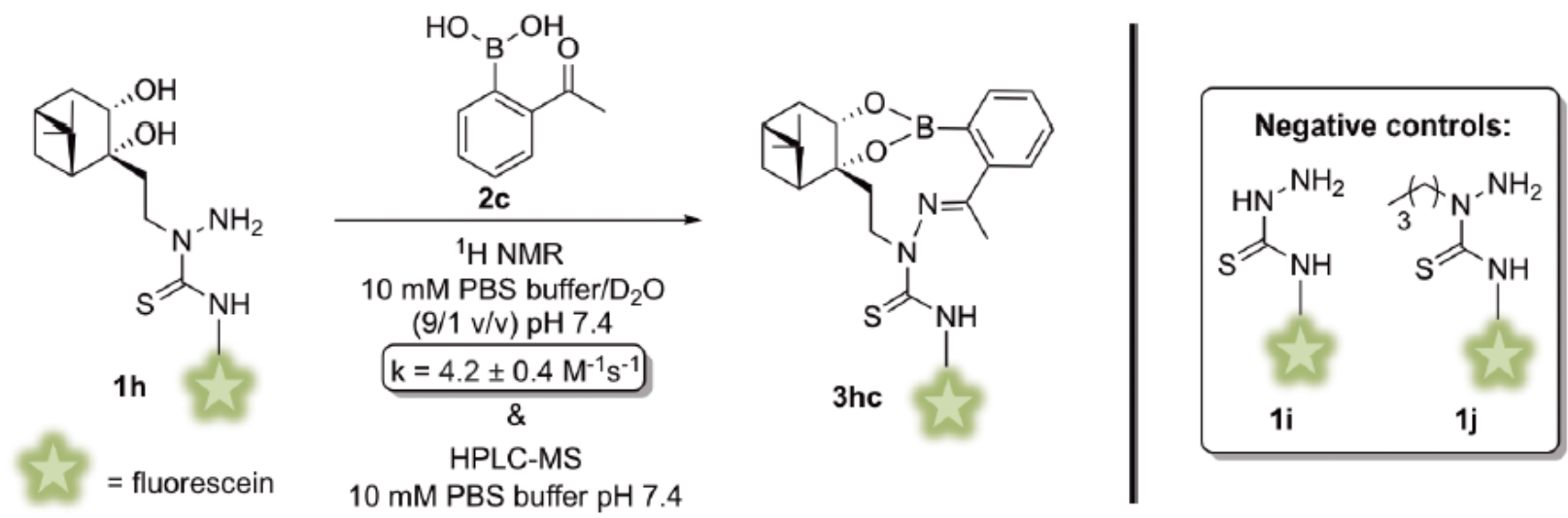
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entry (1a–1f)	boronic acid	product (2 h) (1 mM) 3/1 ^a	product (24 h) (1 mM) 3/1 ^a	imine/oxime formation?
1 (1a)	2a	3aa/3aa·H ₂ O/1a: 11/67/22	71/21/8	yes ^{b,c}
2 (1a)	2c	3ac/1a: 43/57	43/57	yes ^b
3 (1b)	2a	3ba/1b: 79/21	79/21	no
4 (1c)	2a	3ca/1c: 68/32 ^d	68/32 ^d	no
5 (1d)	2a	3da/1d: 86/14 ^d	86/14 ^d	no
6 (1e)	2a	3ea/1e: 100/0	100/0	yes ^b
7 (1e)	2c	3ec/1e: 100/0	100/0	yes ^b
8 (1e)	2d	3ed/1e: 100/0	100/0	yes ^b
9 (1f)	2a	3fa/1f: 73/27	73/27	no

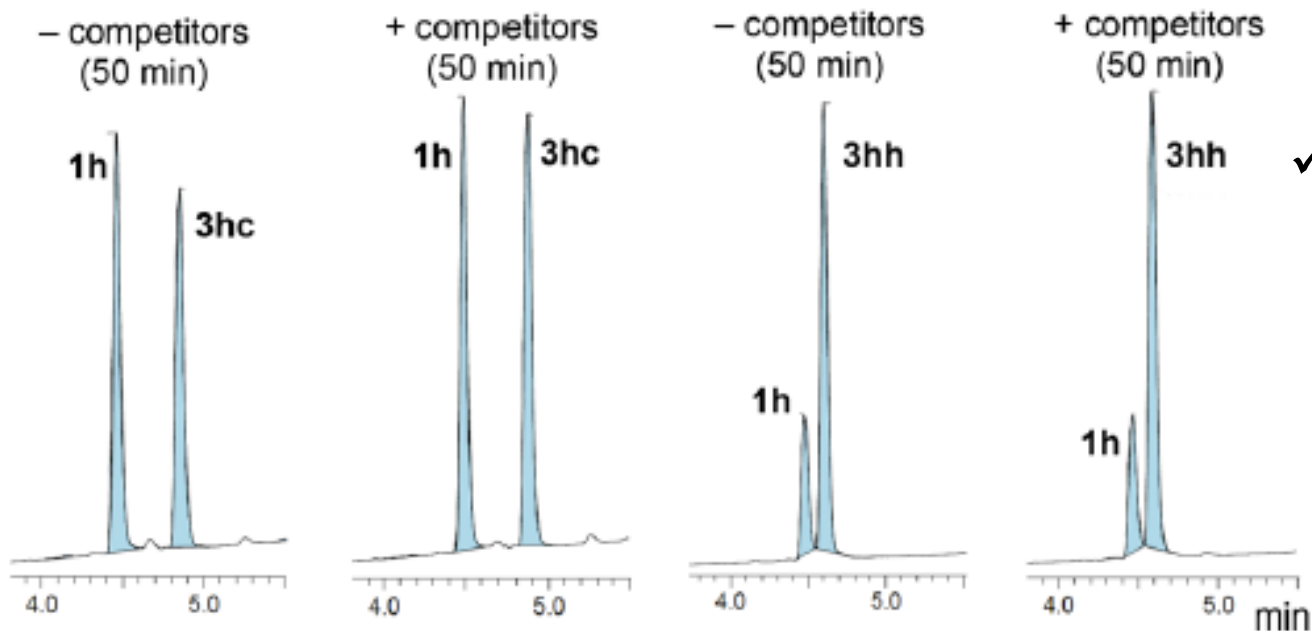
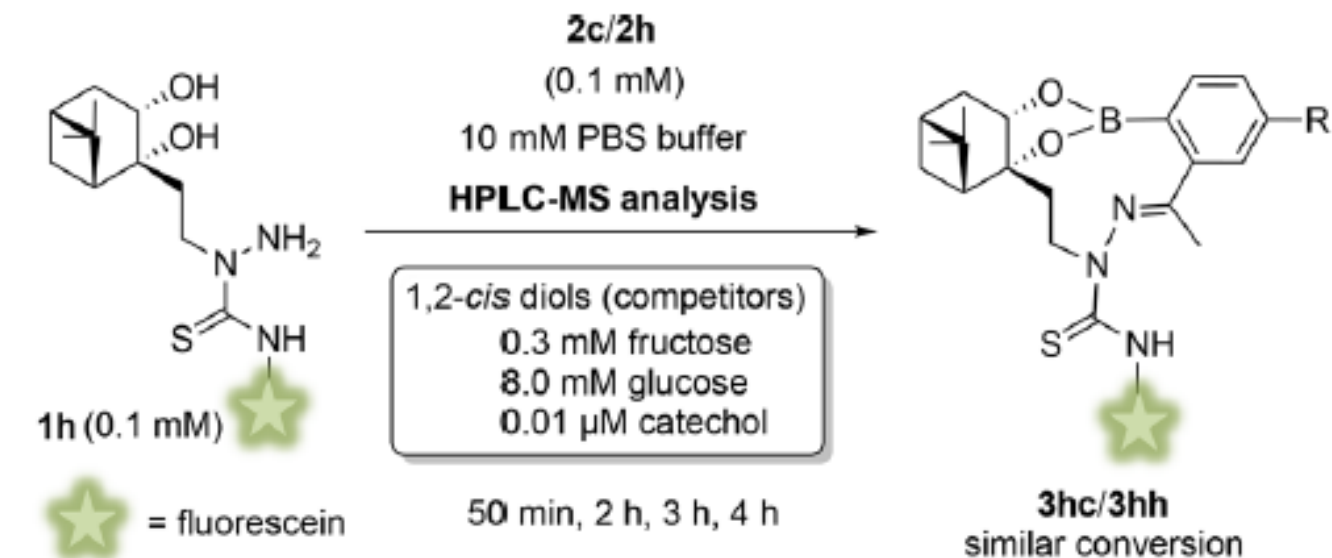
- ✓ n=2 as ideal length.
- ✓ Second reaction clearly improved the conversion.
- ✓ **2a** side selectivity with N-terminal cysteine.
- ✓ **2c** exhibits lower hydrophobicity.

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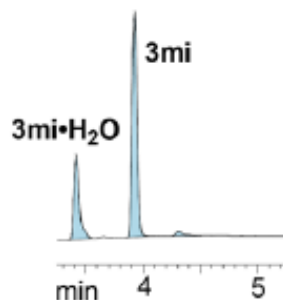
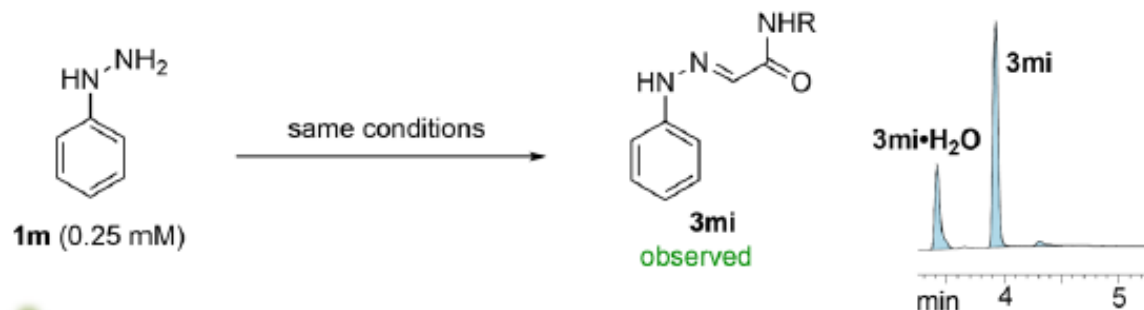
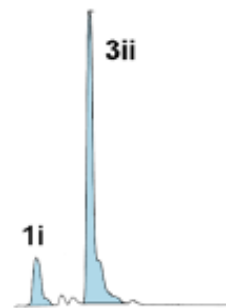
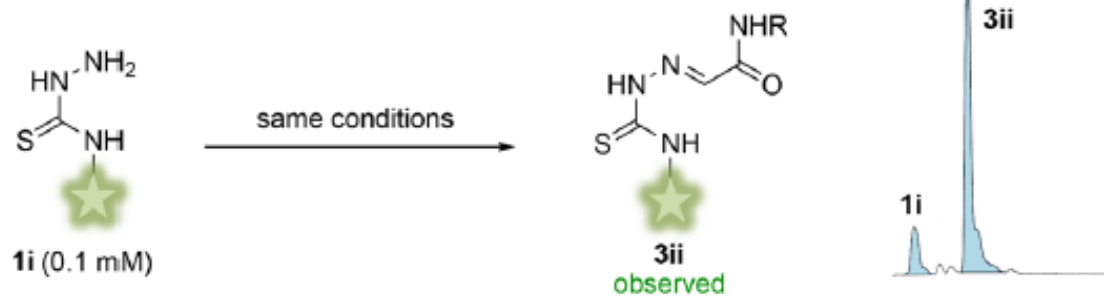
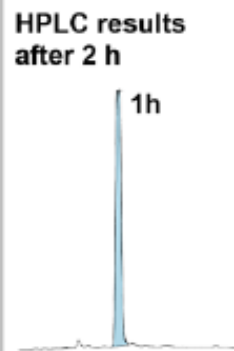
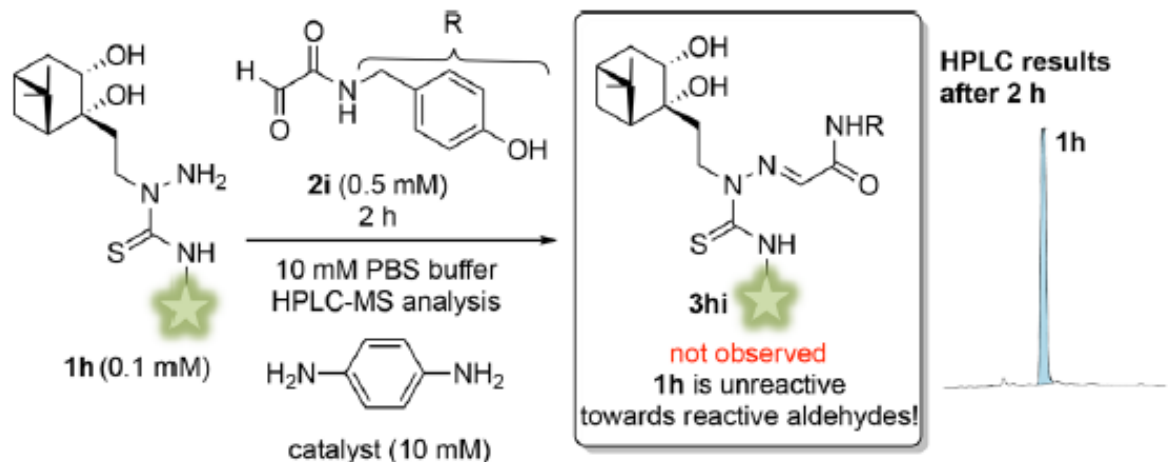
entry	% proportions of 1/3					
	10 min	30 min	60 min	120 min	3.5 h	24 h
1 (1h)	90/10	86/14	64/36	35/65	0/100	0/100
2 (1i)			73/27 (maximal conversion)			
3 (1j)			100/0 (no product)			

Synergic "Click" Boronate/Thiosemicarbazone System (Irreversible)



✓ Biological inertness
with biological diols.

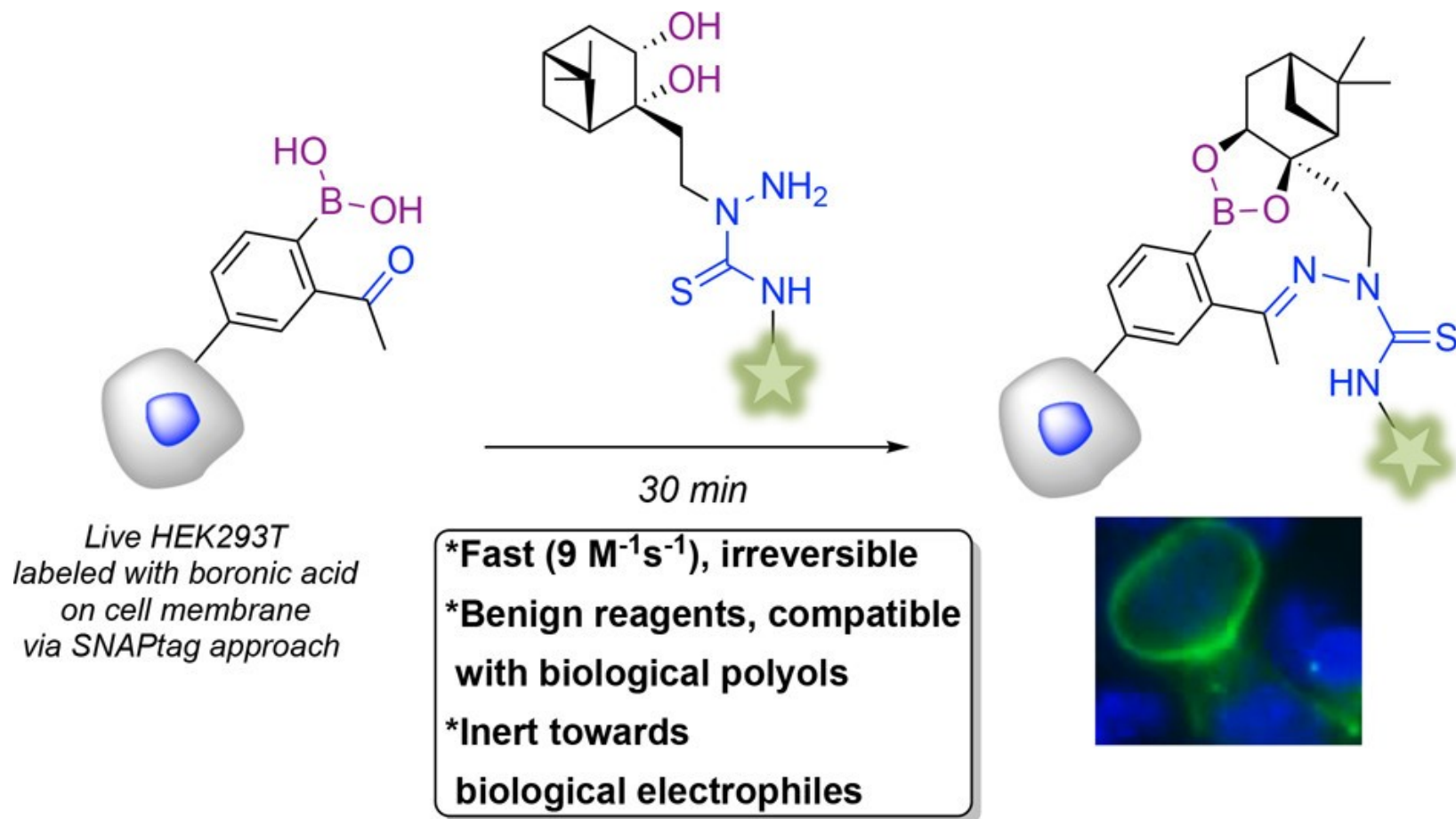
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★ = fluorescein

✓ Inert towards biological electrophiles

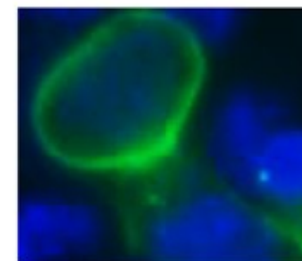
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Live HEK293T
labeled with boronic acid
on cell membrane
via SNAPtag approach

30 min

***Fast ($9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$), irreversible**
***Benign reagents, compatible with biological polyols**
***Inert towards biological electrophiles**



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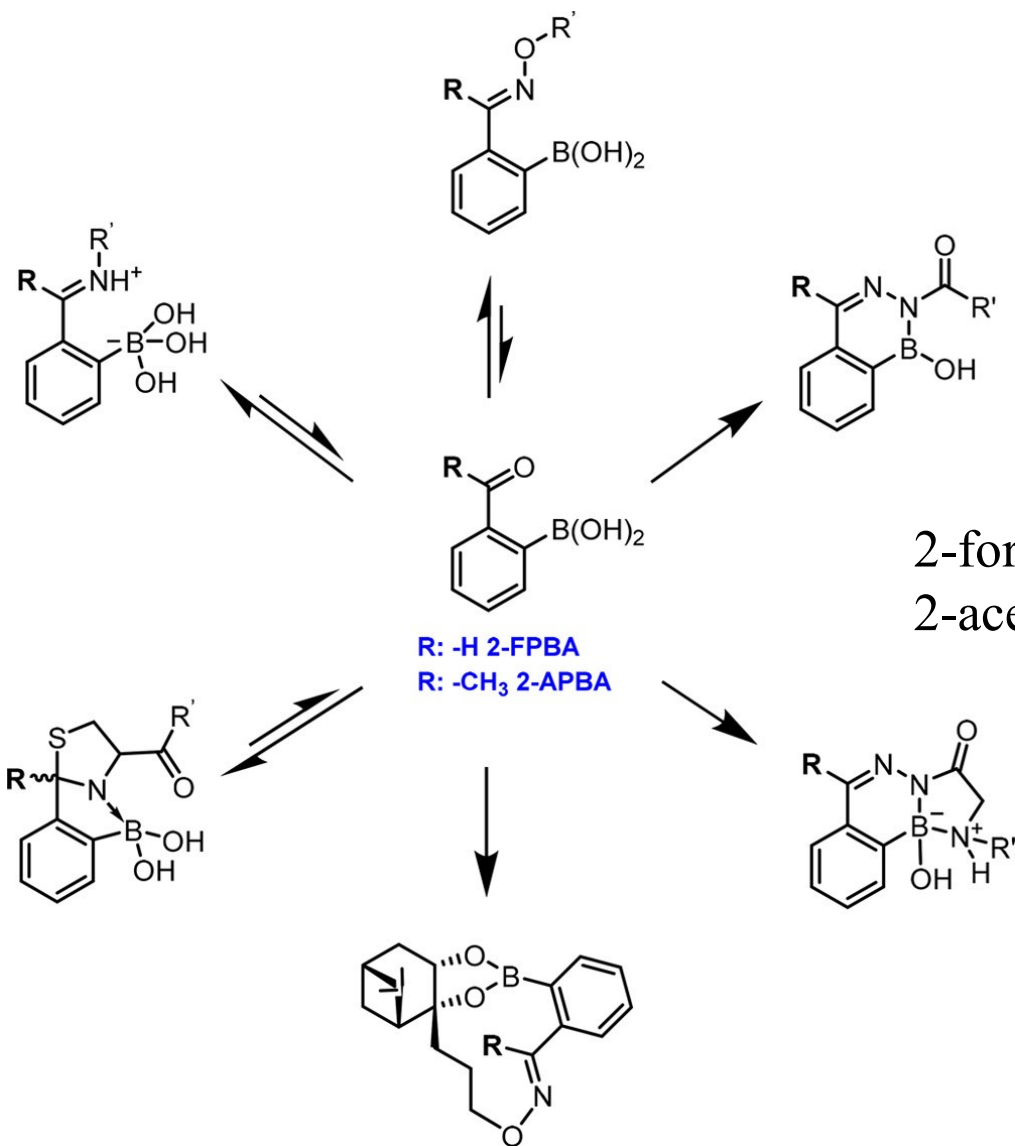
Boronic Ester

Iminoboronate

- ✓ Boronic Acid with ϵ -residue Lysine
- ✓ Boronic Acid with *N*-terminal Cysteine
- ✓ Boronic Acid with Oxyamines
- ✓ Boronic Acid with Hydrazides

Summary

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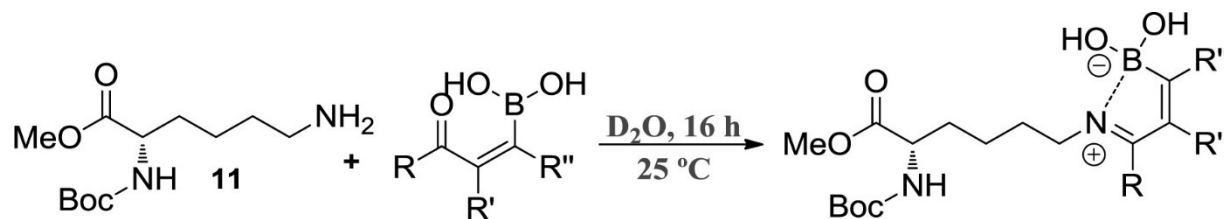
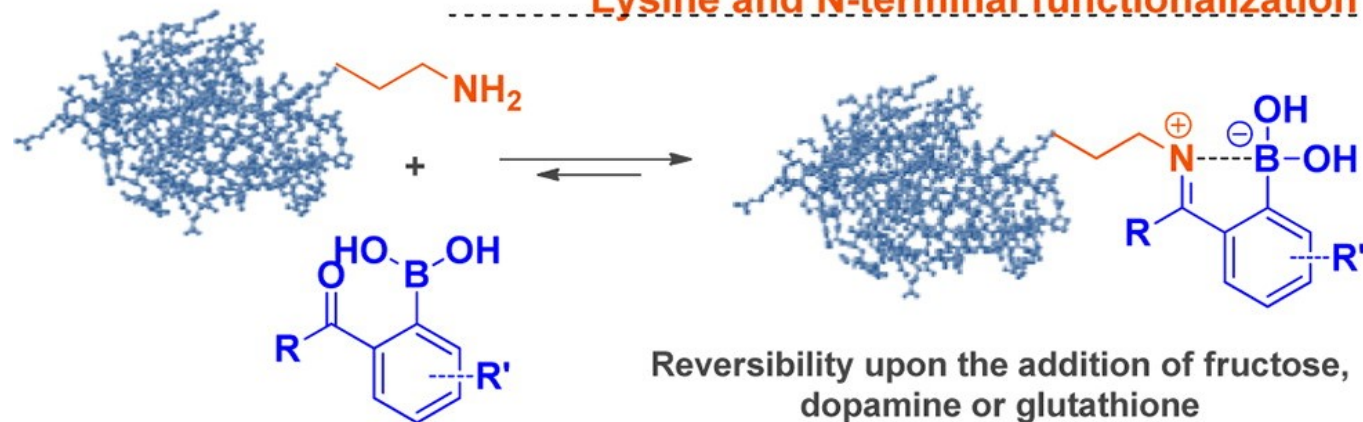


2-formyl phenylboronic acid (2-FPBA)
2-acetyl phenylboronic acid (2-APBA)

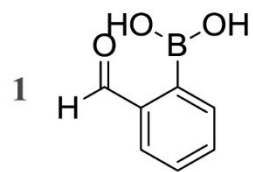
$R: -H$ 2-FPBA
 $R: -CH_3$ 2-APBA

Boronic Acid with ϵ -residue Lysine

Lysine and N-terminal functionalization

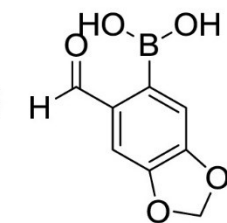


Boronic acid **Conv. %** **Product**



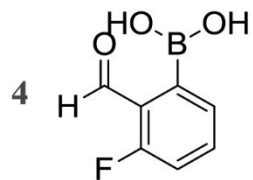
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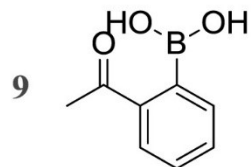
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33%

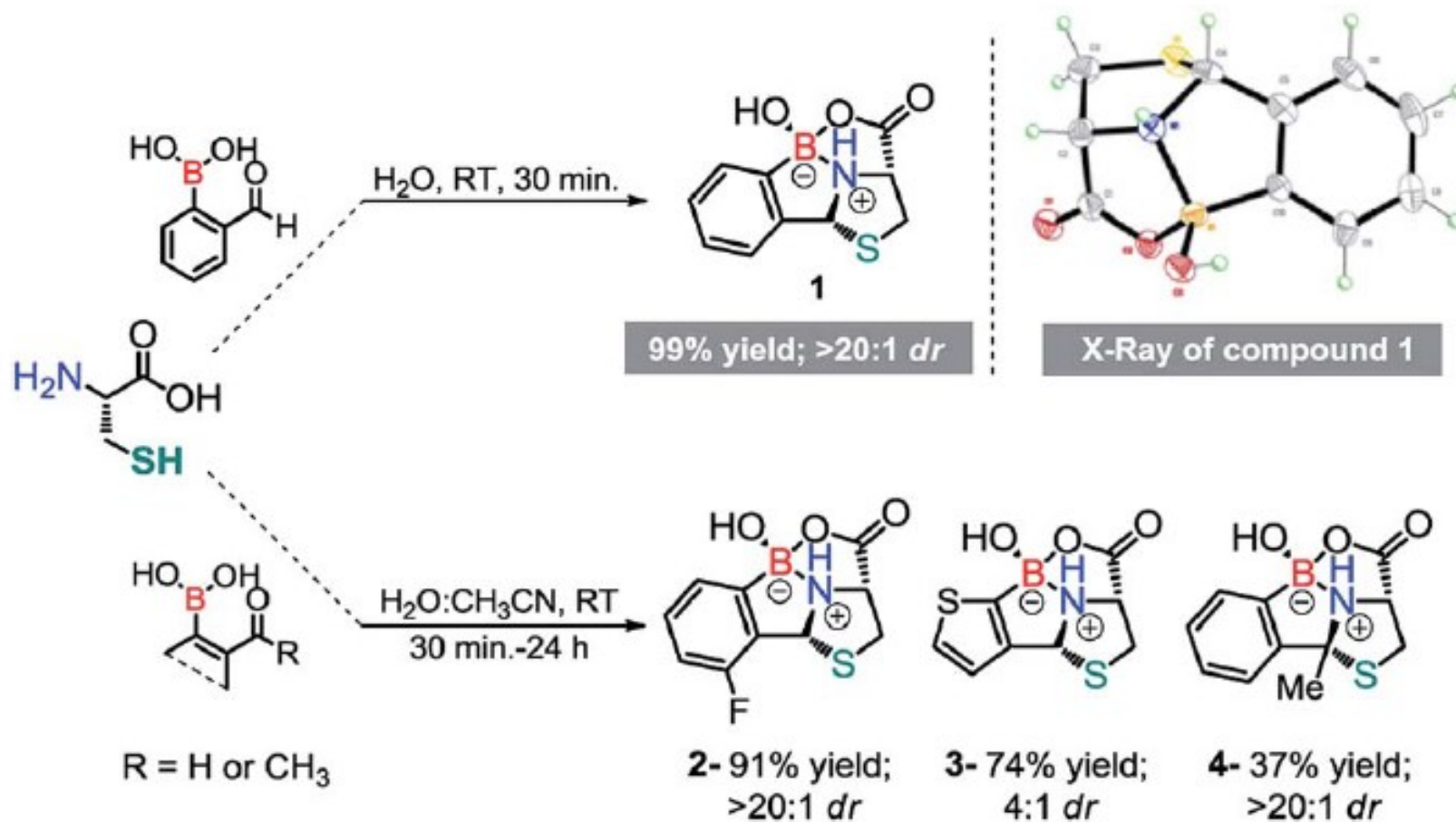
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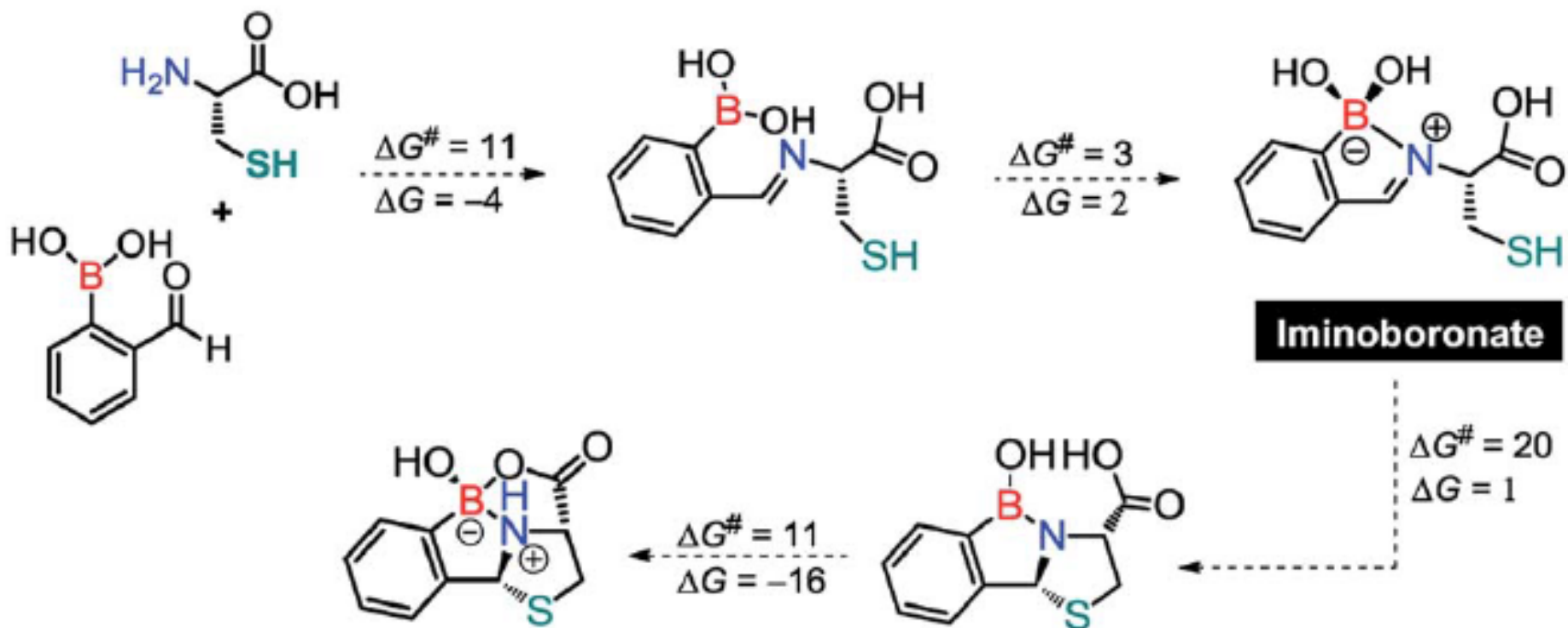
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Boronic Acid with *N*-terminal Cysteine



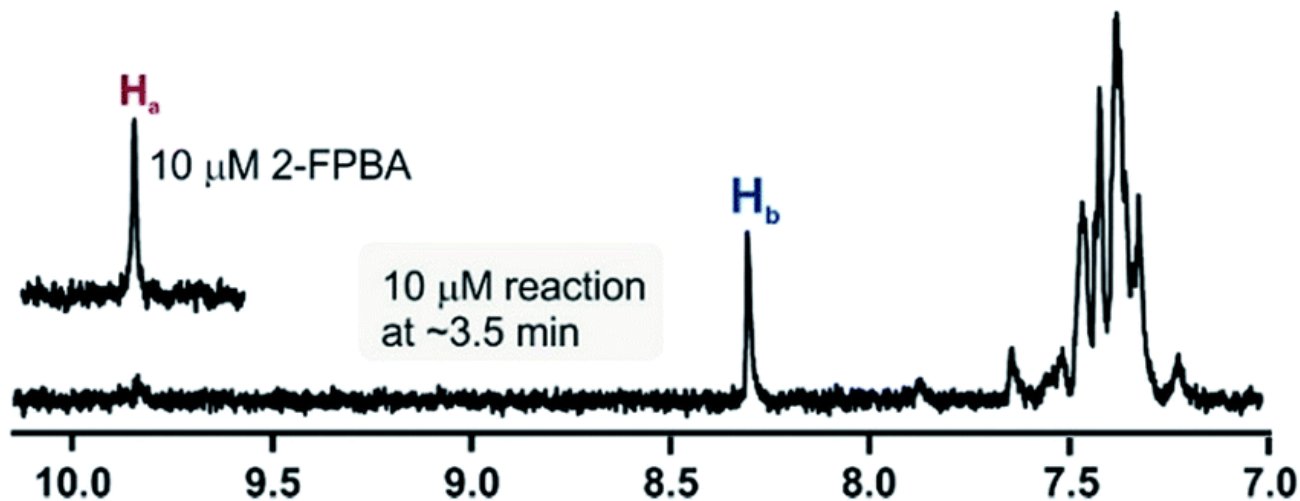
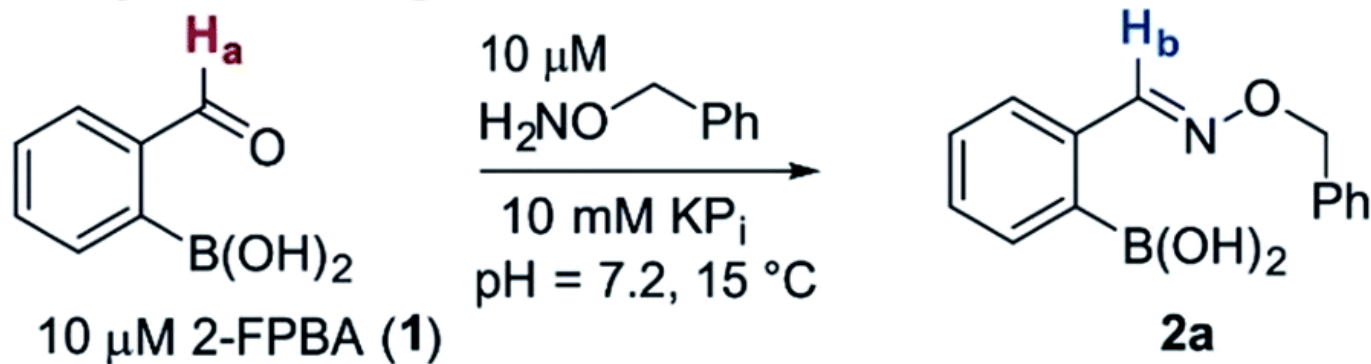
Boronic Acid with *N*-terminal Cysteine



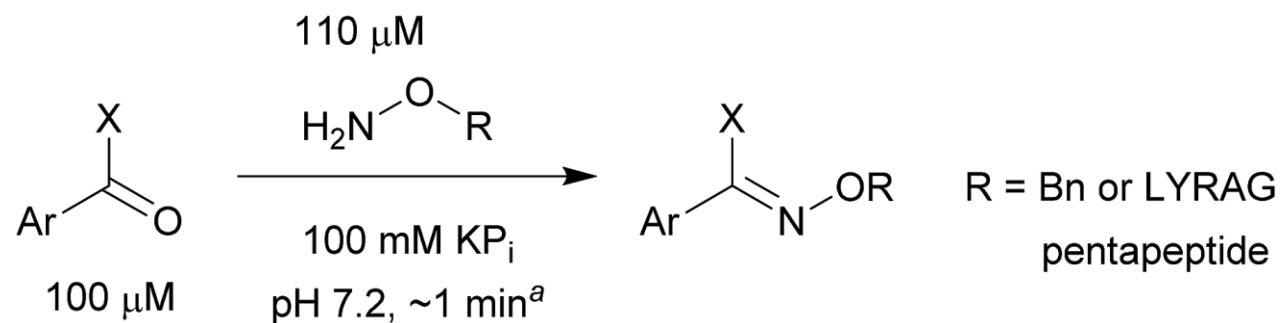
Boronic Acid with *N*-terminal Cysteine

Potential Inhibitor	% Inhibition	Implication
Fructose (5 mM)	0	Boron chelators do not interfere
Serine (5 mM)	0	1, 2-amino alcohols do not interfere
Lysine (15 mM)	0	Biological amines do not interfere
GSH (5 mM)	0	Biological thiols/internal cysteines do not interfere
Cystine (1 mM)	0	Oxidized cysteines do not interfere
Cysteine (1 mM)	50	TzB formation is specific to 1, 2-aminothiols

Boronic Acid with Oxyamines

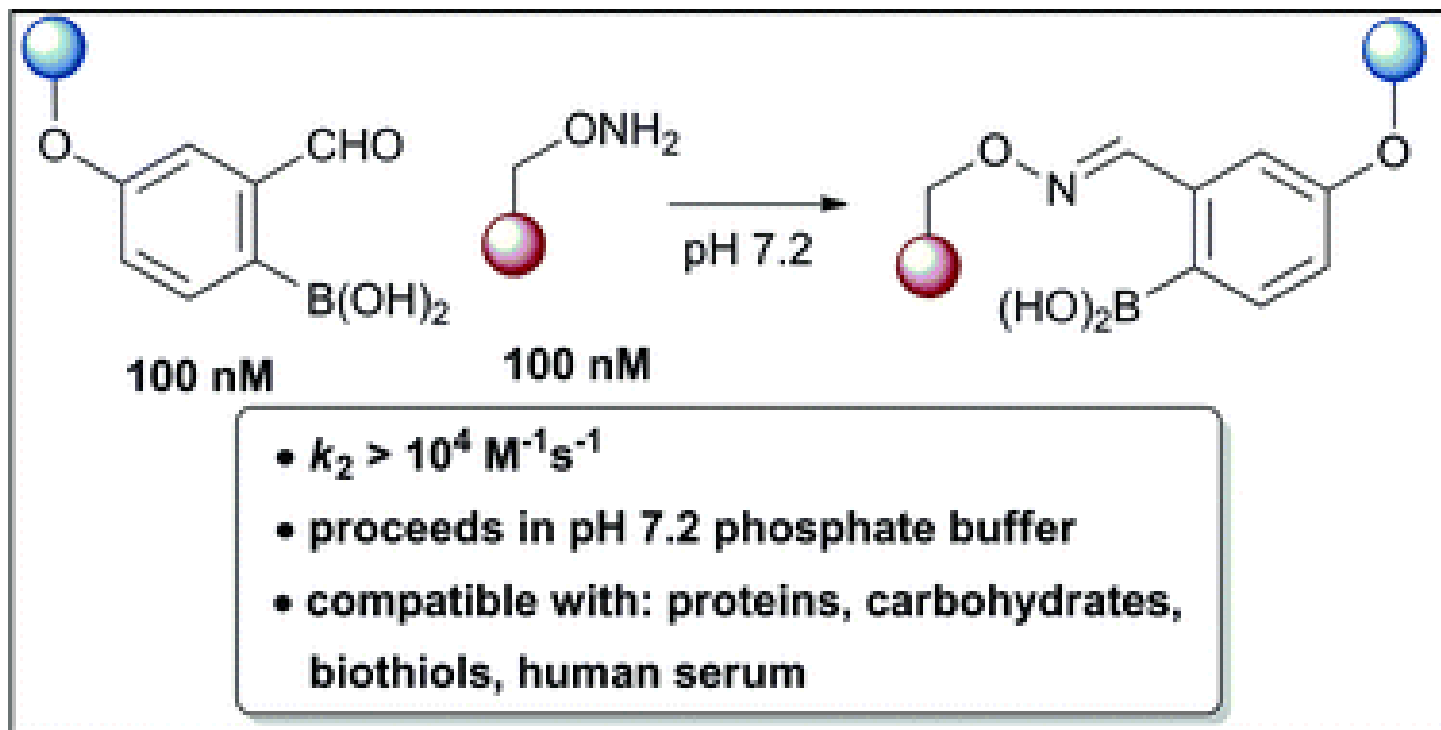


React with Oxyamines

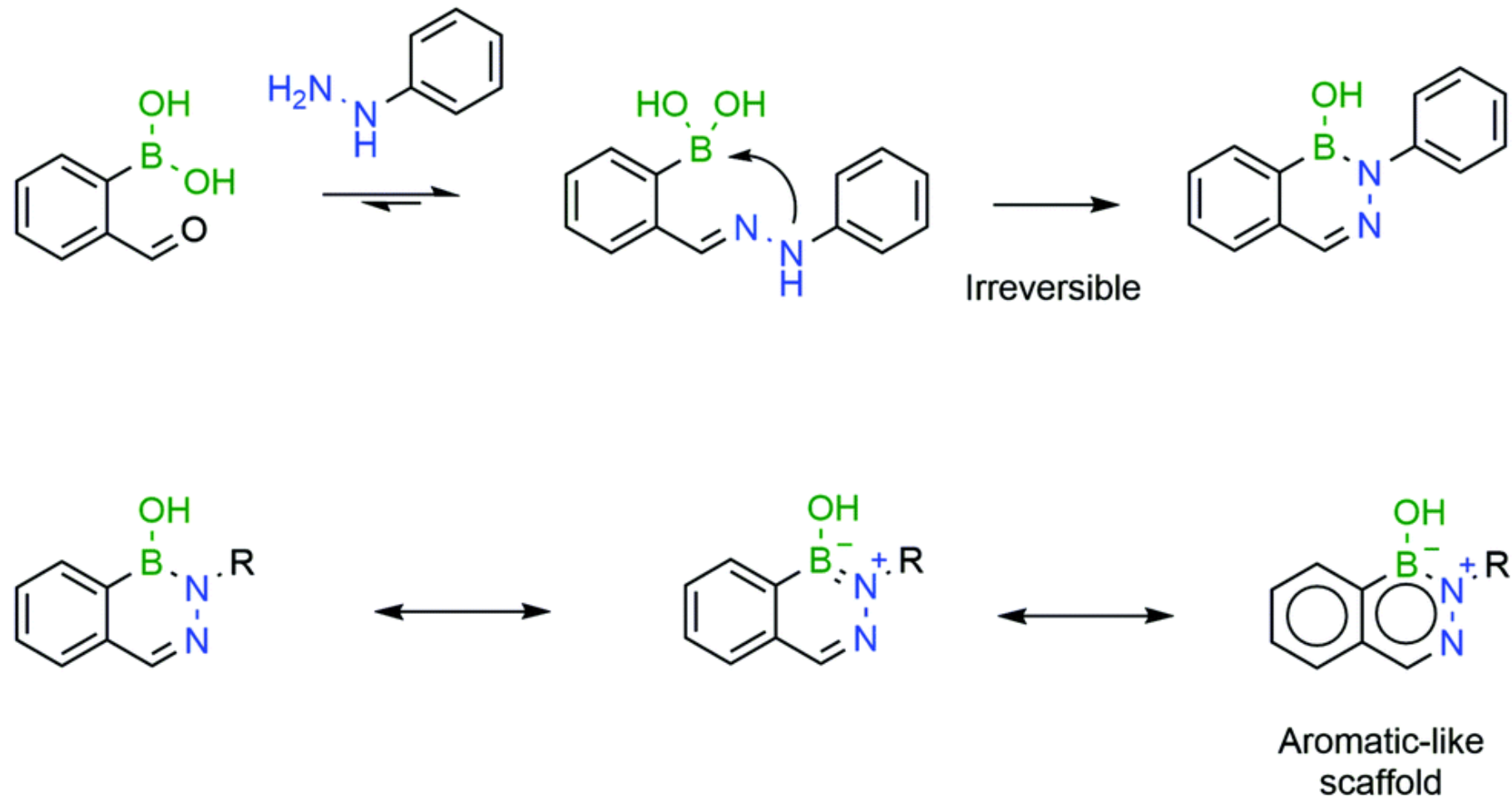


Entry	Ar	X	Product	Conc (μM)	Conv ^b (%)
1 ^c	Ph	H		100	<5
2		H		100	>98
3		H		10	>98
4		H		100	>98
5 ^c		H		100	<5
6 ^c		H		100	<5

React with Oxyamines

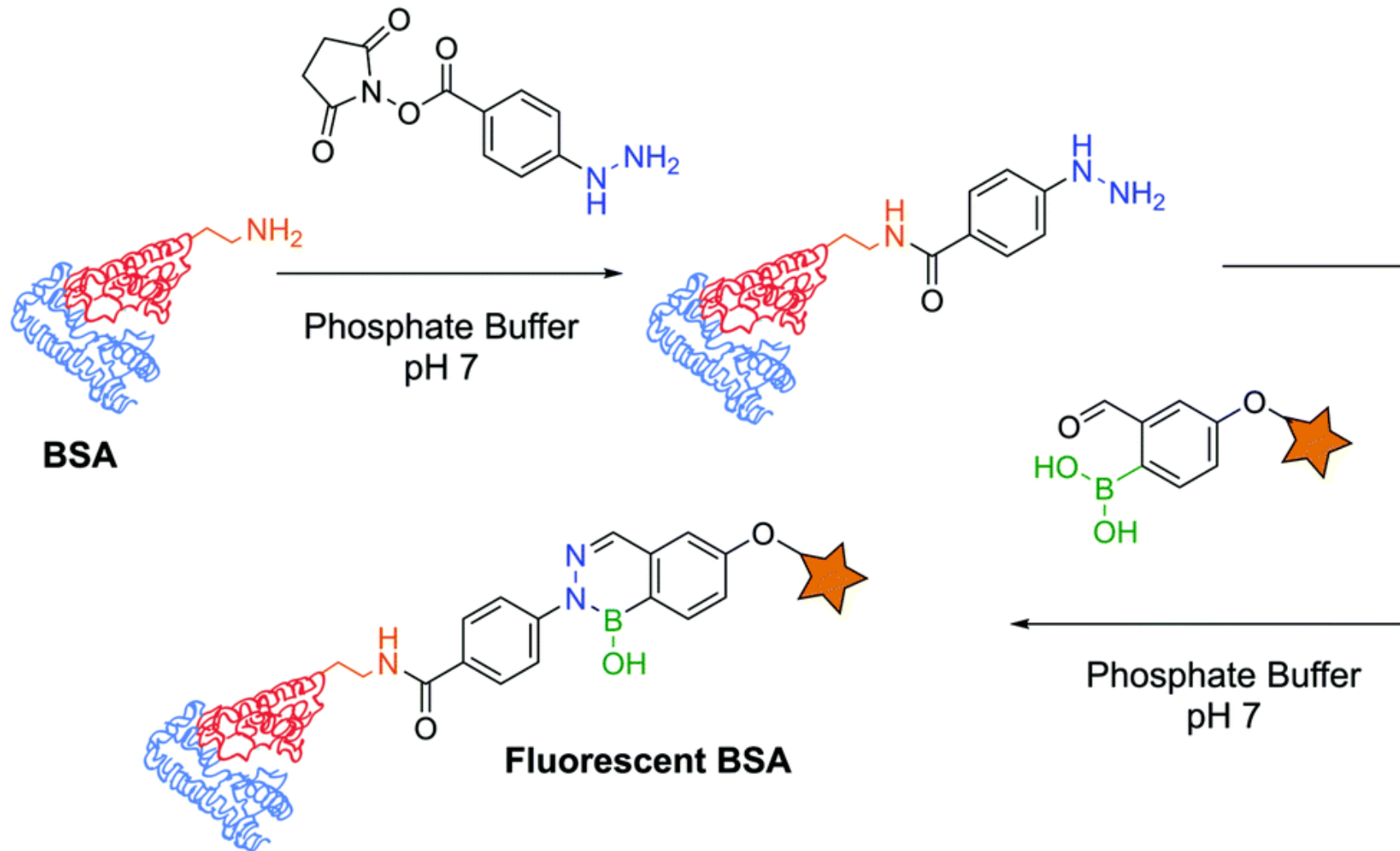


Boronic Acid with Hydrazides

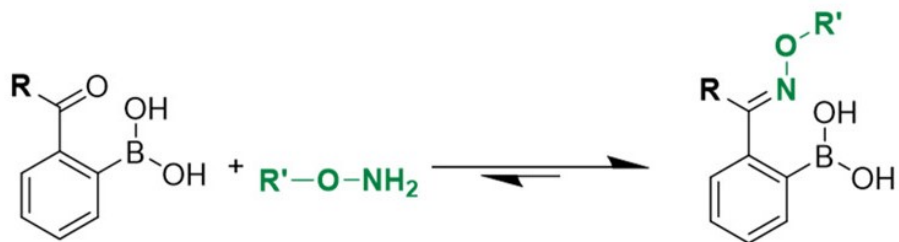
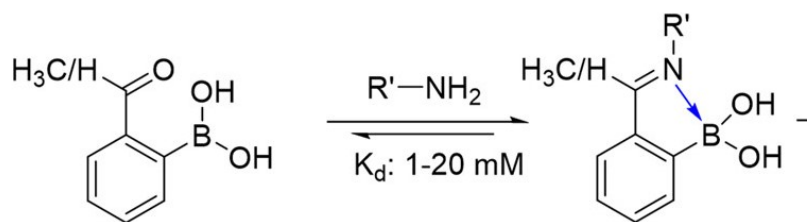


✓ Stable aromatic-like structure.

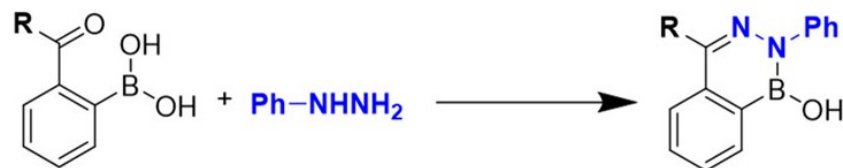
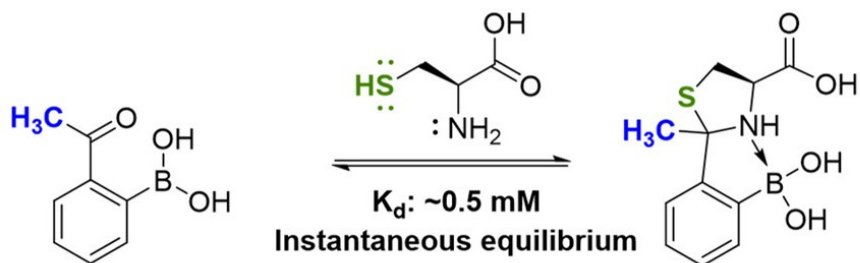
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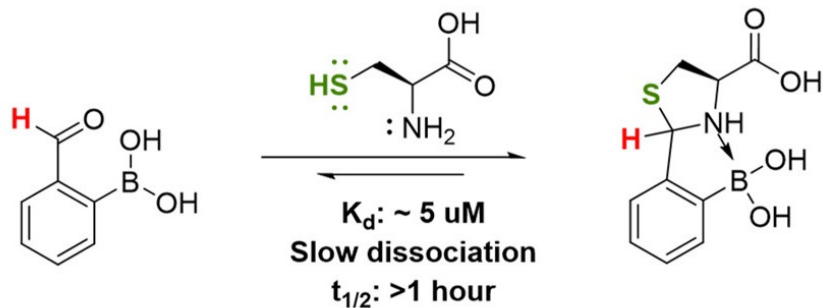
Short Summary



R	K_d μM	Dissociation ($t_{1/2}$)	Exchange ($t_{1/2}$)
H	0.004	ND	Yes (6.6 hr)
CH_3	10	Yes (<10 sec)	NA



R	K_d μM	Dissociation ($t_{1/2}$)	Exchange ($t_{1/2}$)
H	ND	ND	ND
CH_3	ND	ND	Yes (4-6 hr)



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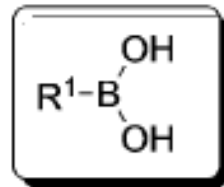
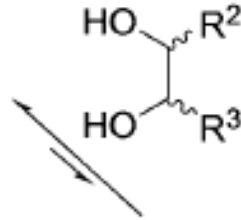
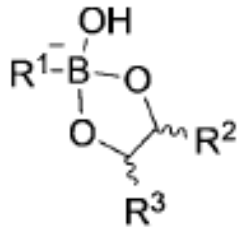
Iminoboronate

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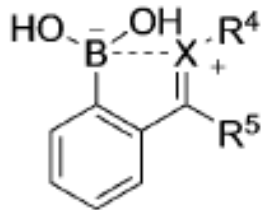
Summary

A) and B)
both reversible and irreversible
products

A) Boronic esters



B) Iminoboronates



R⁵ = CH₃, H

X = NH₂, NH₂O,
NH₂NH etc.

Diol Sources:

- ✓ Sugars
- ✓ Tetraserines
- ✓ Catachol
- ✓ Nopoldiol

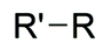
Reversible order:

- ✓ Primary amine, *N*-terminal cysteine, oxyamine, hydrazide (irreversible)

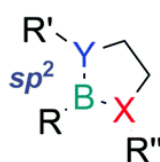
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Boronic Acid

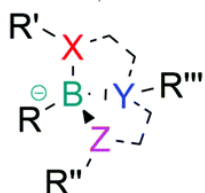
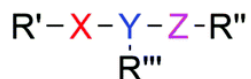
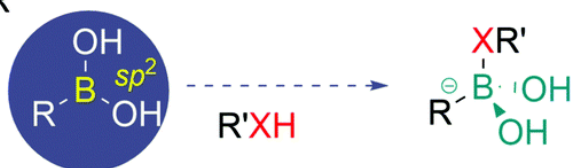
Metal Catalysed
Cross Couplings



Coordination with basic
nucleophiles



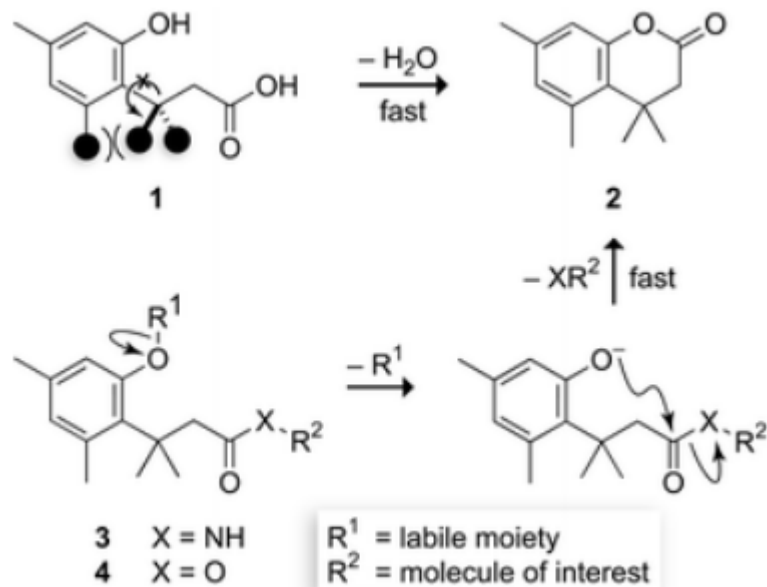
Coordination with vicinal
basic nucleophiles



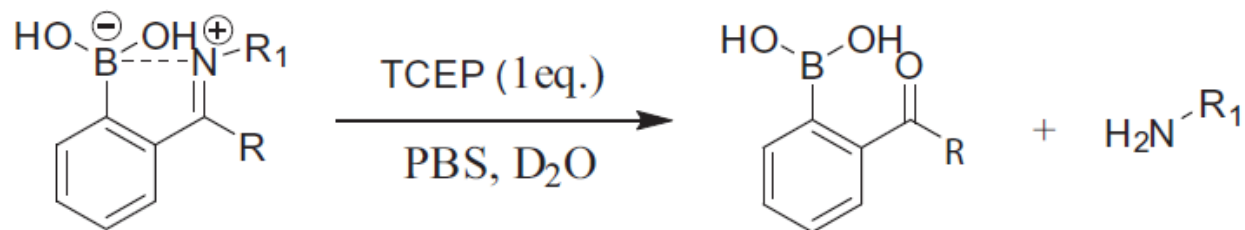
Coordination with tridentate
basic nucleophiles

Charged Tetrahedral
Species

sp^3



TCEP for Reversible Improvement

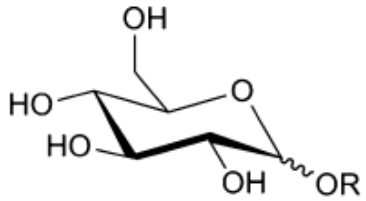


iminoboronates

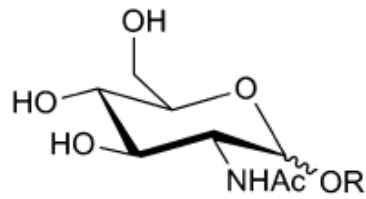
10 examples
98-100% yield
within 5 minutes

Entry	R	R ₁ -NH ₂	Yield %
1	CH ₃		100
2			100
3			100
4			24
5			86
6	H		100
7			100
8			100
9			100
10			100
11			99
12			98
13			87

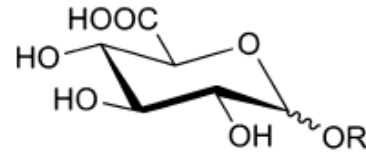
Sugar



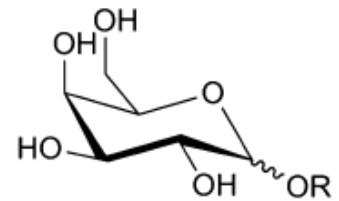
D-glucose (GLC)
2.5 %



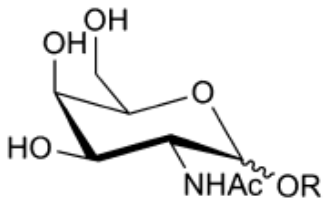
D-N-acetylglucosamine (GLcNAc)
31.8 %



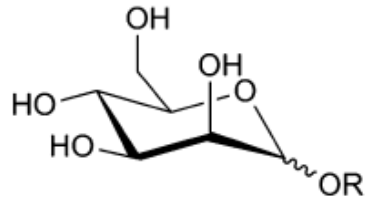
D-glucuronic acid (GlcA)
0.3 %



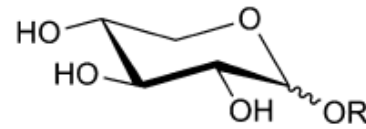
D-galactose (Gal)
24.8%



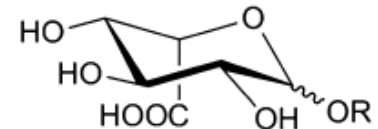
D-N-acetylgalactose (GalNAc)
4.8%



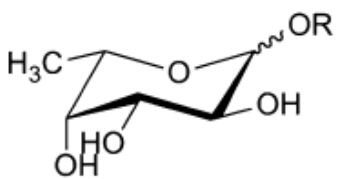
D-mannose (Man)
18.9 %



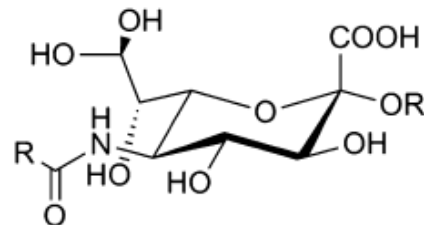
D-xylose (Xyl)
0.1 %



L-iduronic acid (IdoA)
0.1 %



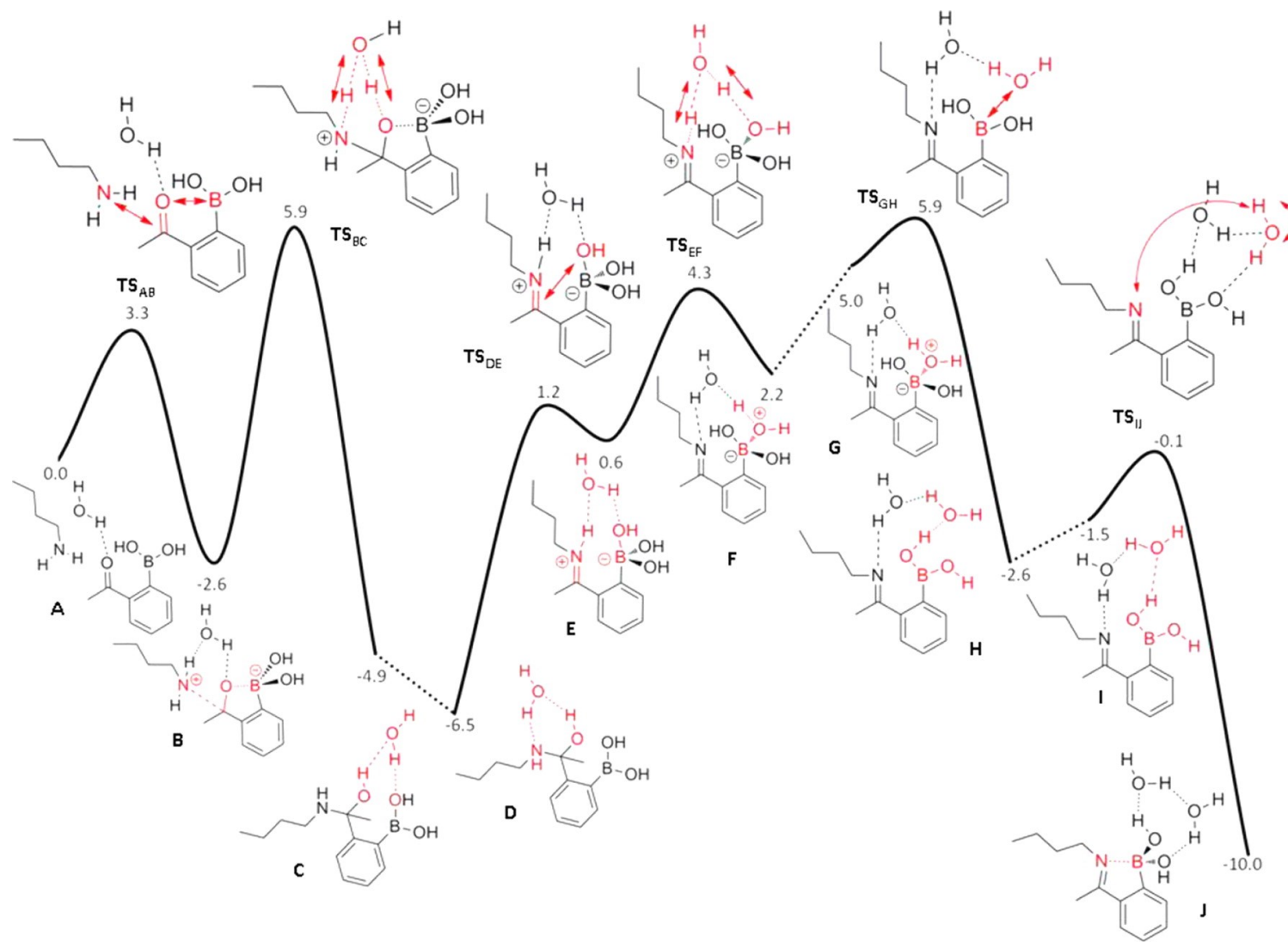
L-fucose (Fuc)
7.2 %



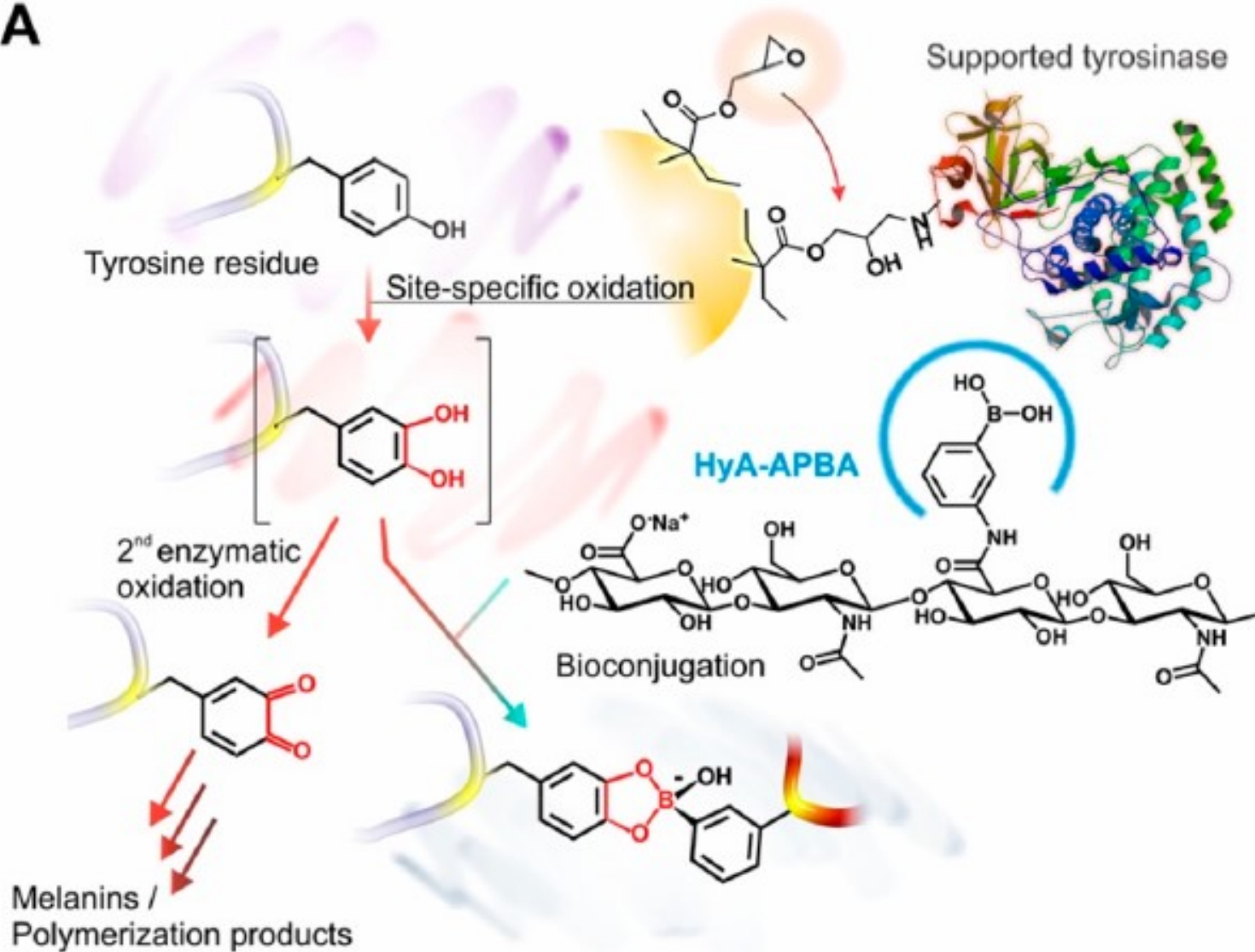
Sialic acid (Sia)
8.3 %

R = CH₃ or CH₂OH

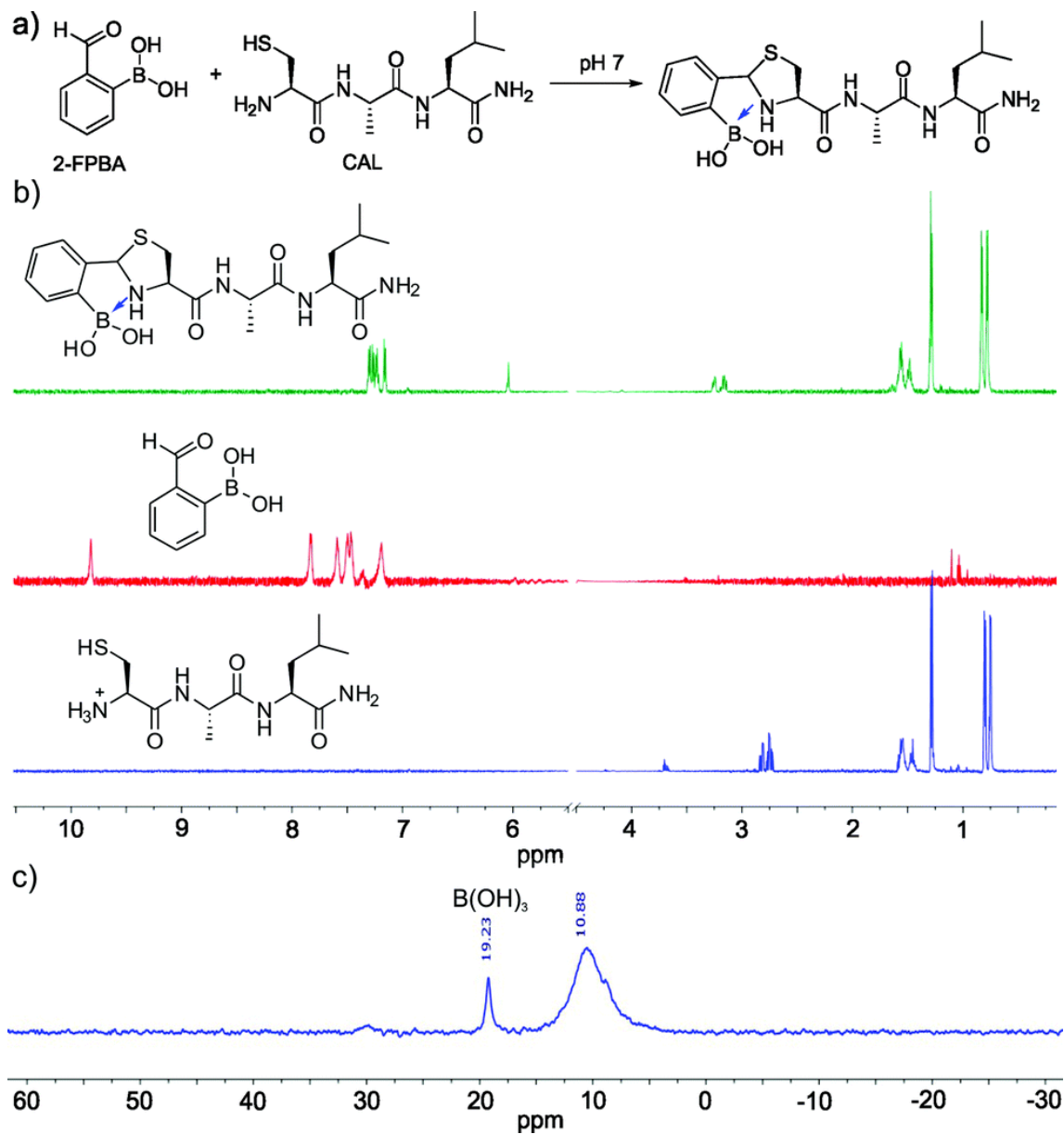
Boronic Acid with *N*-terminal Lysine



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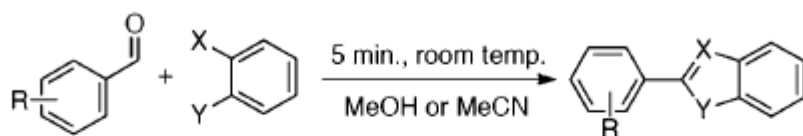


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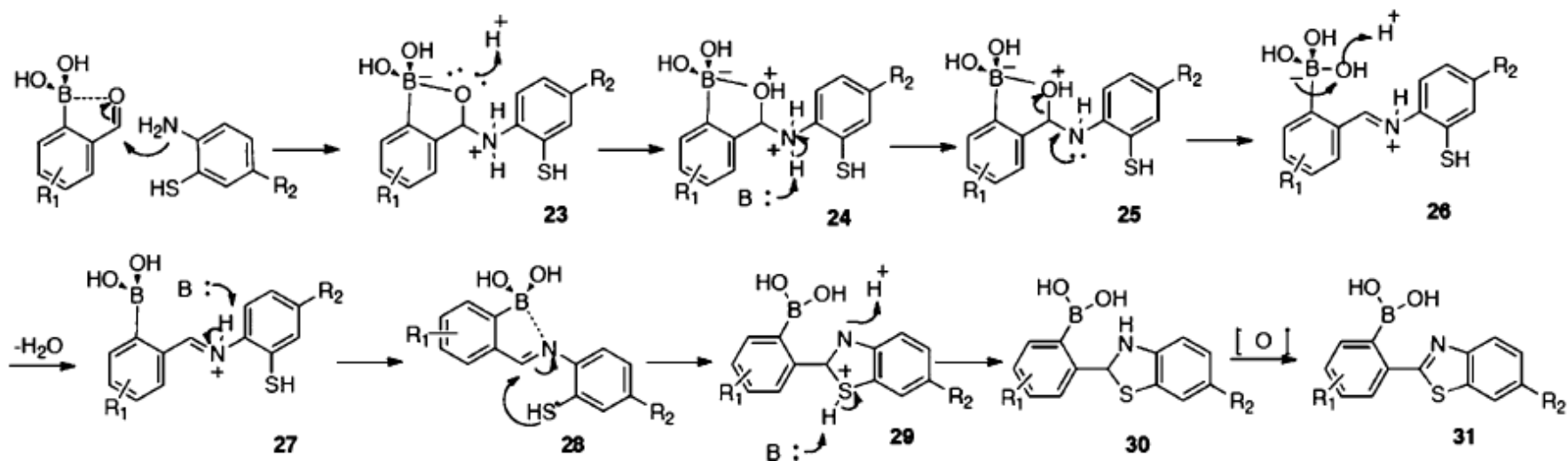


Boronic Acid with *N*-terminal Cysteine

Table 1 Design of boronic acid facilitated "click" reaction



Compound	X	Y	R	Isolated yield (%)
1	NH ₂	OH	2-B(OH) ₂	—
2	NH ₂	NH ₂	2-B(OH) ₂	—
3	NH ₂	SH	2-B(OH) ₂	85
4	NH ₂	SH	3-B(OH) ₂	—
5	NH ₂	SH	4-B(OH) ₂	—
6	NH ₂	SH	H	10



Boronic Acid with Hydrazides

Entry	Inhibiting reagent	Yield(%)
1	no inhibitor	94
2	Lysine (2mM)	82
3	Fructose (2mM)	90
4	Glutathione (2mM)	92
5	BSA (2mg/mL)	82

Combine BE and Iminoboronate

