

Breaking new ground in the fields of *in cell* and *in vivo* synthetic chemistry



For decades, chemists have considered chemistry as a mean to obtain molecules. At LFCS we view chemistry and chemical reactions more as a way to directly interact with biological systems and living organisms.

To what extent is the wide repertoire of chemical reactions usable in biological media ?

- Define reaction's utility profile
- Define the bio-compatibility criteria

Bioconjugation
Native ligation
Edman degradation
DNA templated reactions
O-mesitylenesulfonylhydroxylamine (MSH)
Cys → dehydro-Ala

**Bio-selective
Reactions**



Biorthiol turn-on FRET probes
Acido-labile functions
ROS sensitive probes

**Bio-responsive
reactions**

**Bio-orthogonal
reactions**

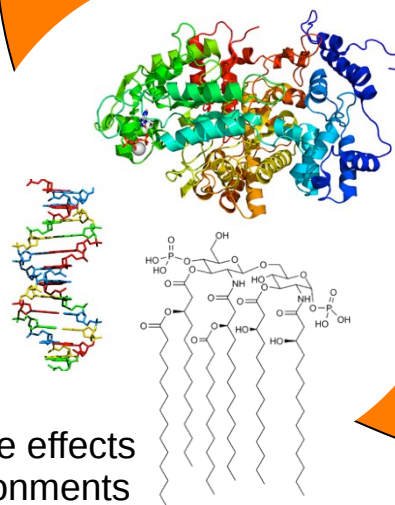
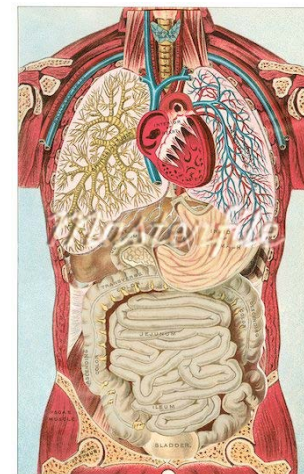
CuCAAC – SPAAC
Pd Catalyzed C-C coupling
Photo-release
Dithionite-triggered azo cleavage

➤ Define the bio-compatibility criteria

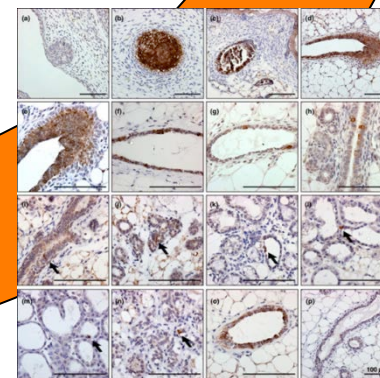
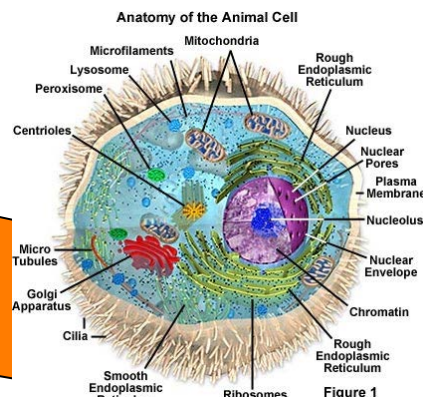
Stratifying the Chemical Biology Complexity

Amino acids
Nucleosides
Metabolites
37°C buffer

2900 endogenous metabolites
> 10.000 dynamic range
78 organs
600 muscles
Infinity of pathologic states



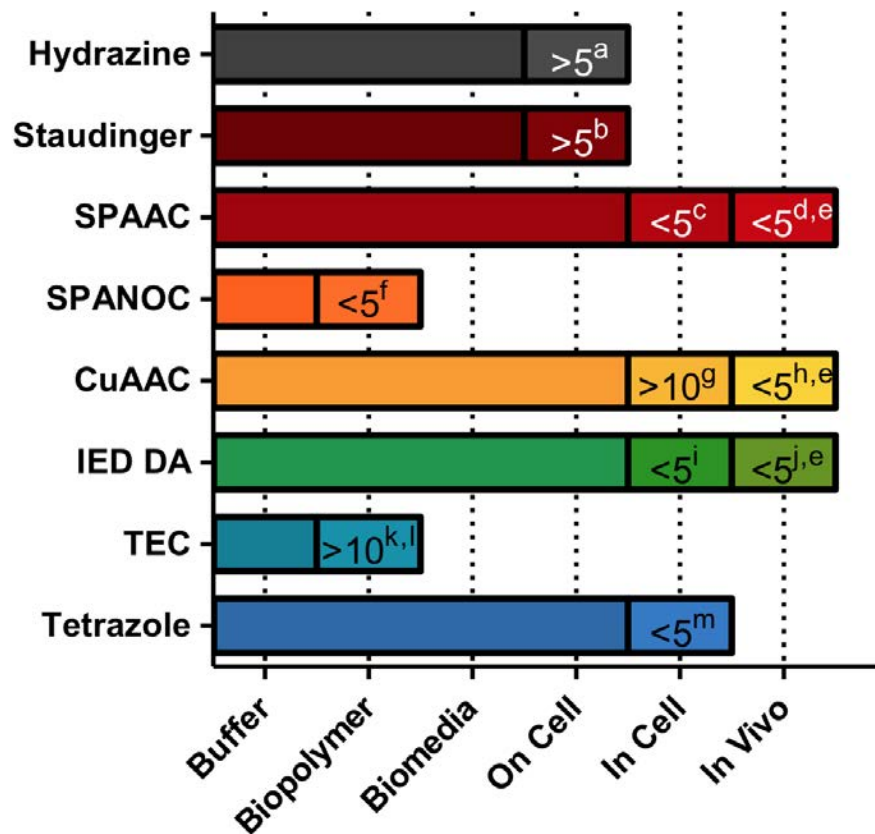
Cooperative effects
Microenvironments
Diffusion and kinetic
Recognition



Evolving media
Compartmentalization, Coexistence
Transport

200 distinct tissues; 10 development states
20.000 genes; 170.000 gene interactions
6.000 chemical reactions, 1.500 signaling pathways

Bibliographic survey on bio-orthogonal bond-forming "click" reactions uses



Bio-orthogonal reaction development strategy

Primary screening

HPLC Assay

SpAAC

< 40%

41-70%

>70%

Conversion at 1h

Fluorescence assay

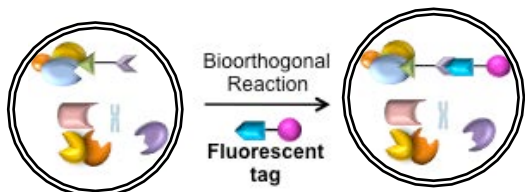
CuAAC

< 50%

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Conversion at 10min

Prospective applications



Target fishing

Drug tracking

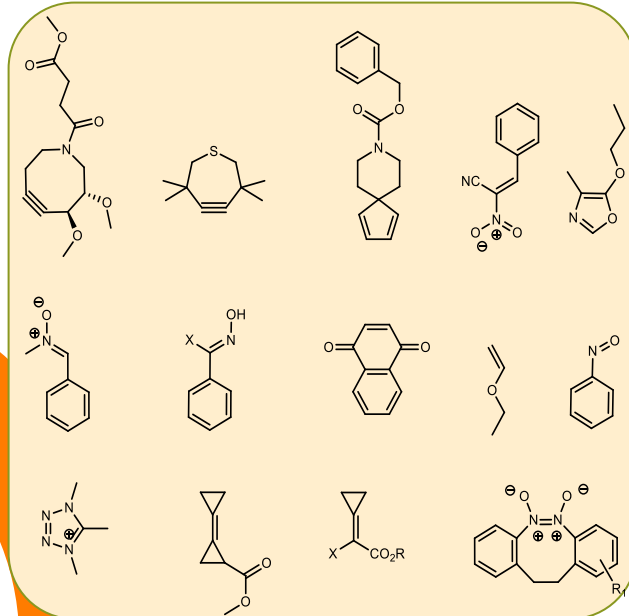
In vivo chemistry

Biosynthetic macromolecules

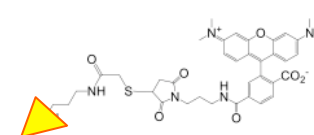
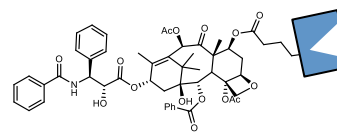
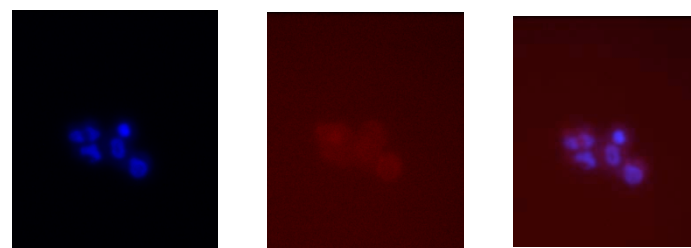
Material sciences

→ catalysis, reagents, ...bond breaking

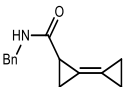
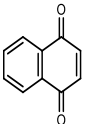
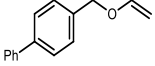
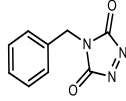
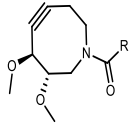
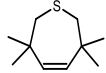
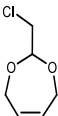
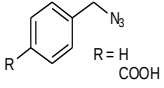
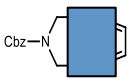
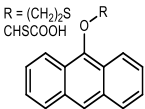
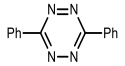
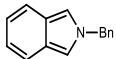
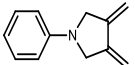
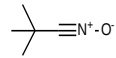
Reactivity survey



Living cell validation



Reagent

Reagent							
 R = H COOH	< 1 %	2 %	10 %		51 %	> 70%	2 %
	5%	17 %	< 1 %	13 %	10 %	> 99 %	1 %
 R = (CH ₂) ₂ S CHSCOOH	< 1%	11%	< 1%	5 %	2 %	< 1 %	28 %
	10 %	4 %	22 %		< 1 %	17 %	23 %
	64 %	69 %	18 %		15 %	< 1 %	1 %
	< 1%	7 %	8 %		21 %	20 %	14 %
	16 %	16 %	8 %		< 1 %	> 99 %	7 %
	5 %	73 %	< 1%		32 %	42 %	18 %

> 80 %

71-80%

61-70%

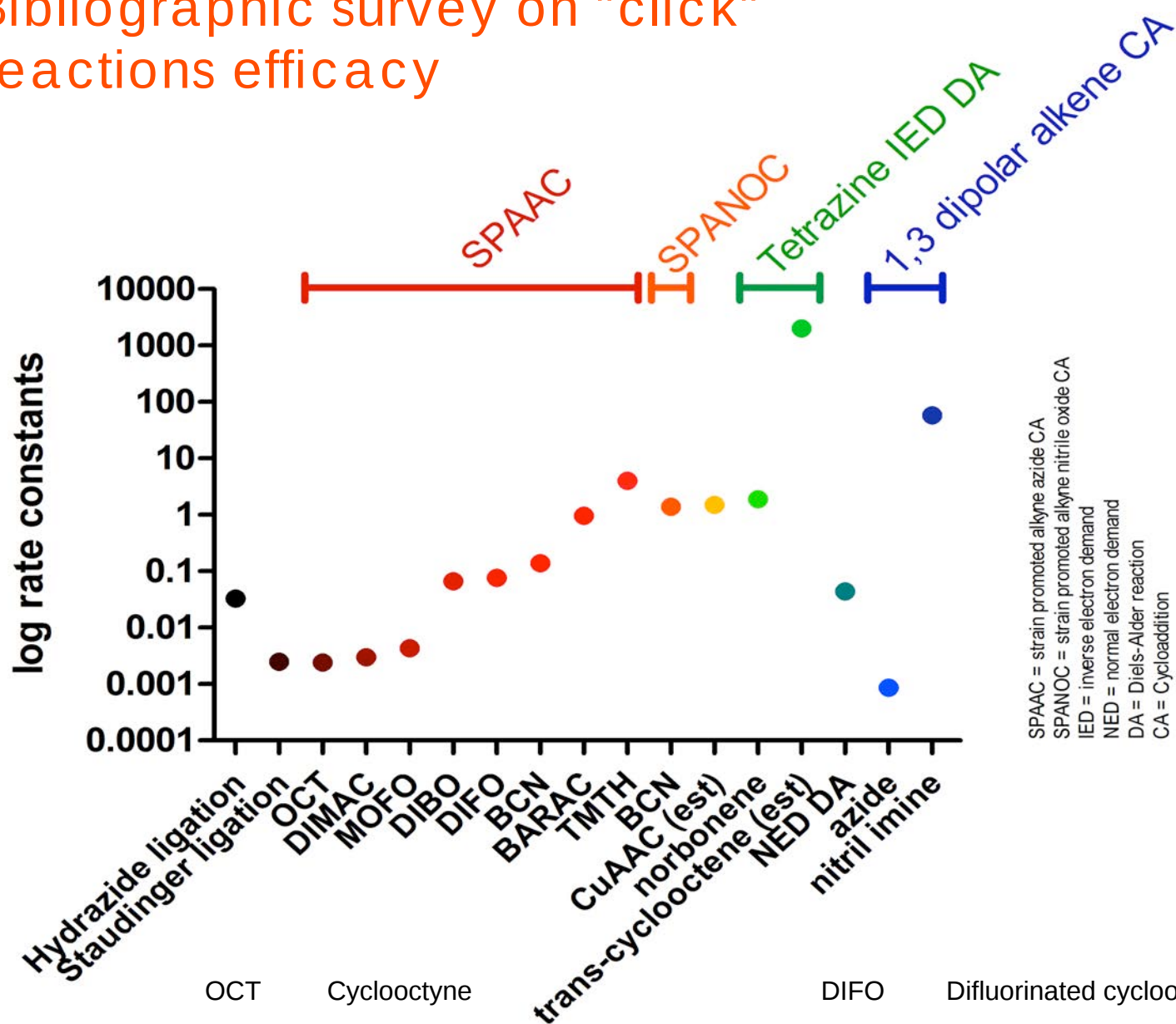
31-60%

0-30%

6.25 mM; 25°C; t = 1h; PBS/DMSO 6:4;

Pending more investigation

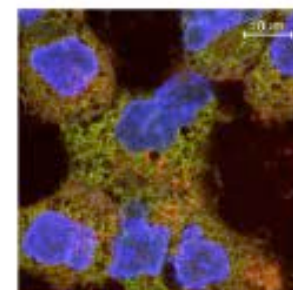
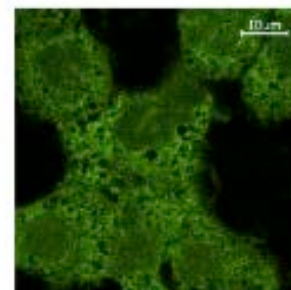
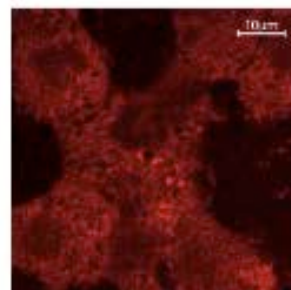
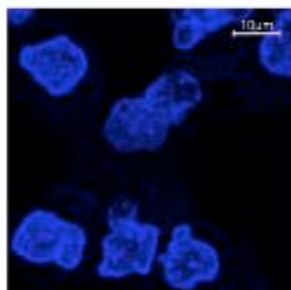
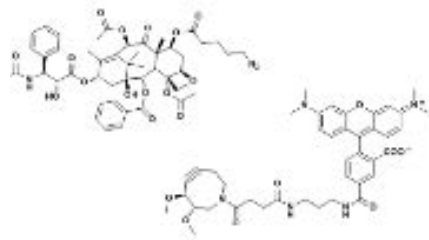
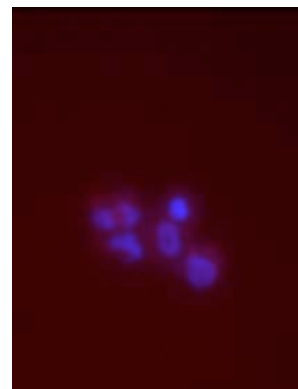
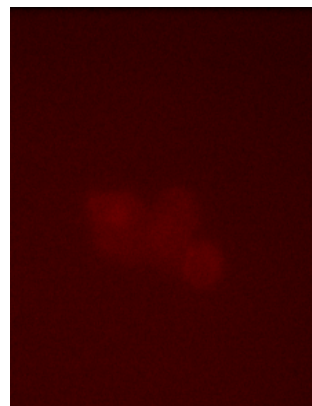
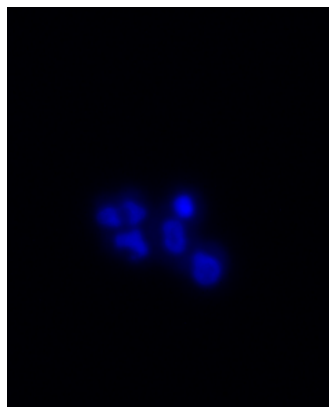
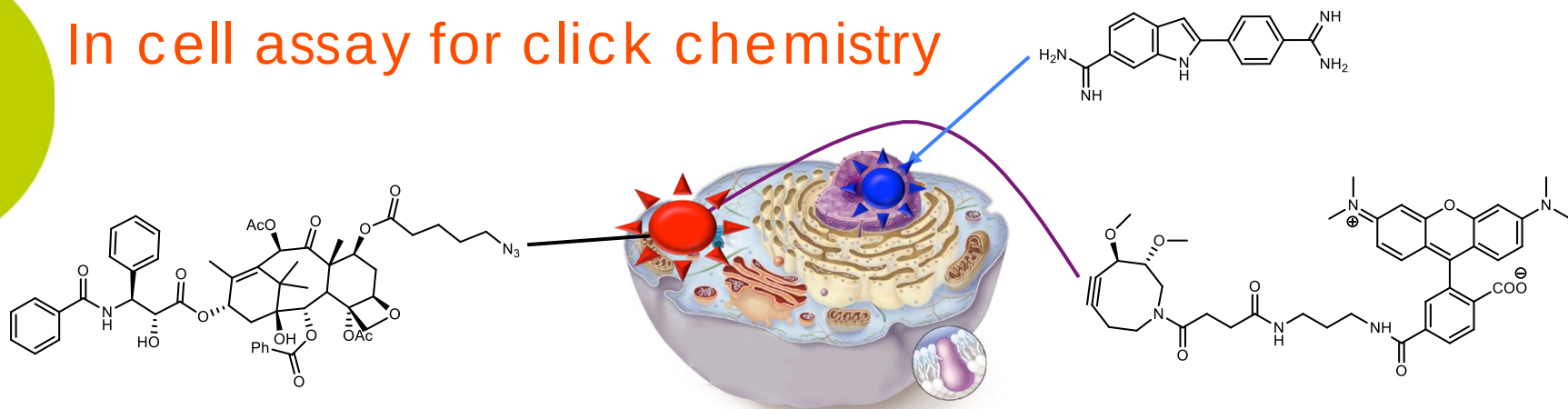
Bibliographic survey on "click" reactions efficacy



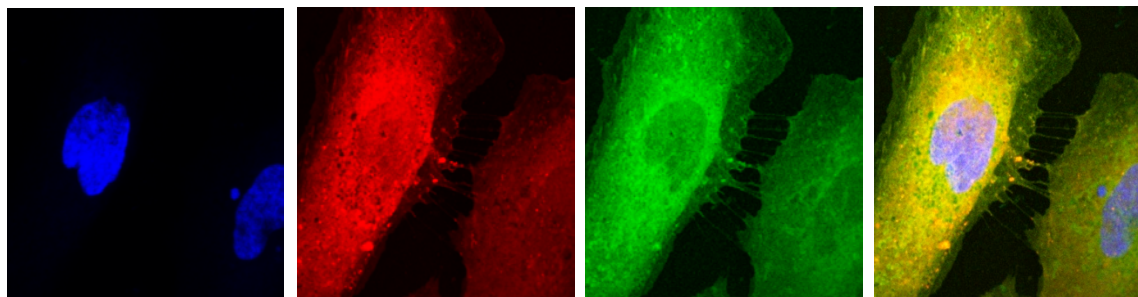
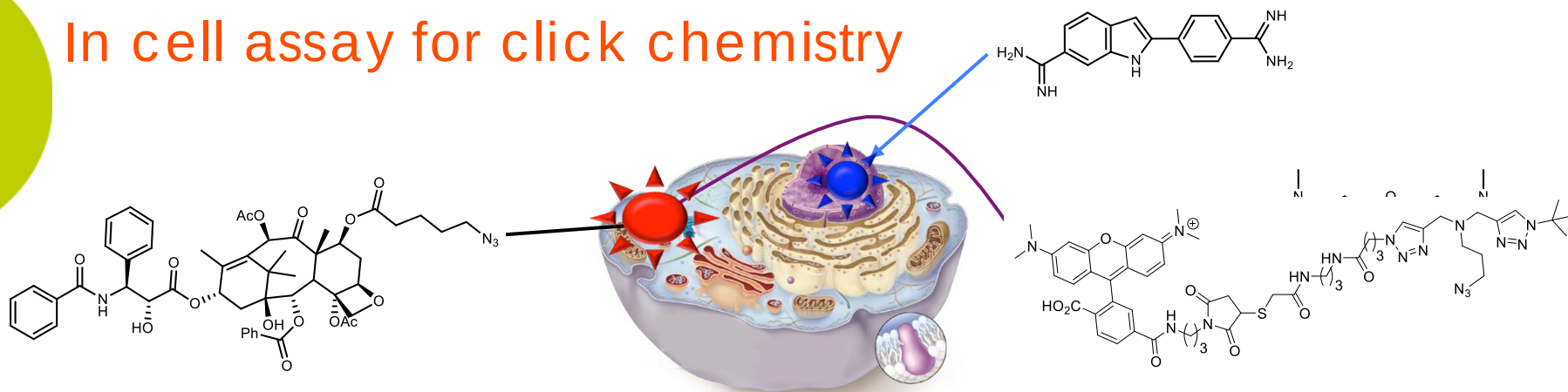
OCT Cyclooctyne
 DIMAC 6,7-dimethoxyazacyclooct-4-yne
 MOFO Monofluorinated cyclooctyne
 DIBO Dibenzocyclooctyne

DIFO Difluorinated cyclooctyne
 BCN Bicyclononyne
 BARAC Biarylazacyclooctynone
 TMTH Tetramethylthiaheptyne

In cell assay for click chemistry



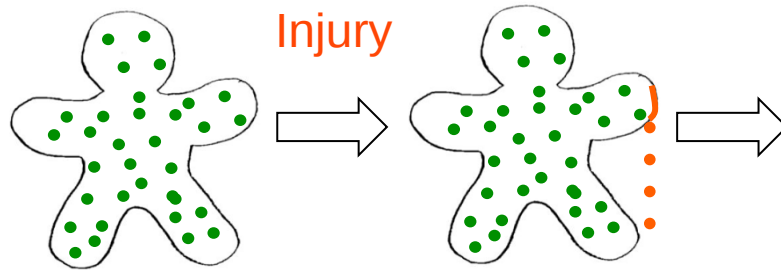
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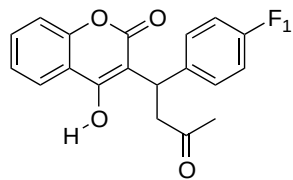
Living cell validation

Collaboration Dr. Frédéric Taran / CEA Saclay

Switch-off drug's bioactivity *in vivo* or trigger fast drug clearance

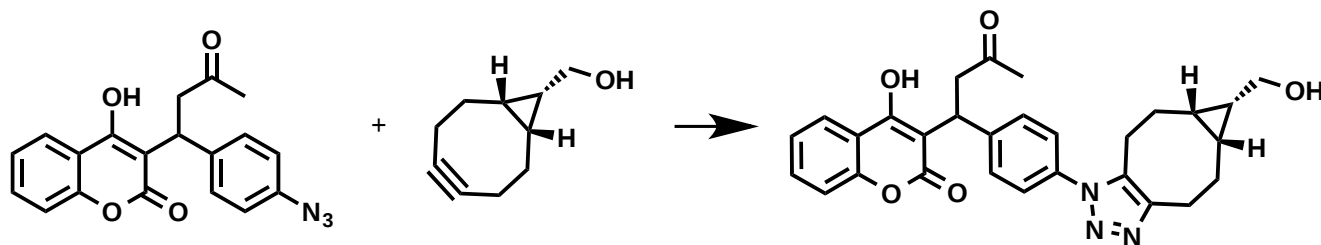


Risks of hemorrhagic accidents caused by anticoagulants of the class of the antivitamin K (AVK), who in France is among the main cause of iatrogenic accidents causing hospitalization.

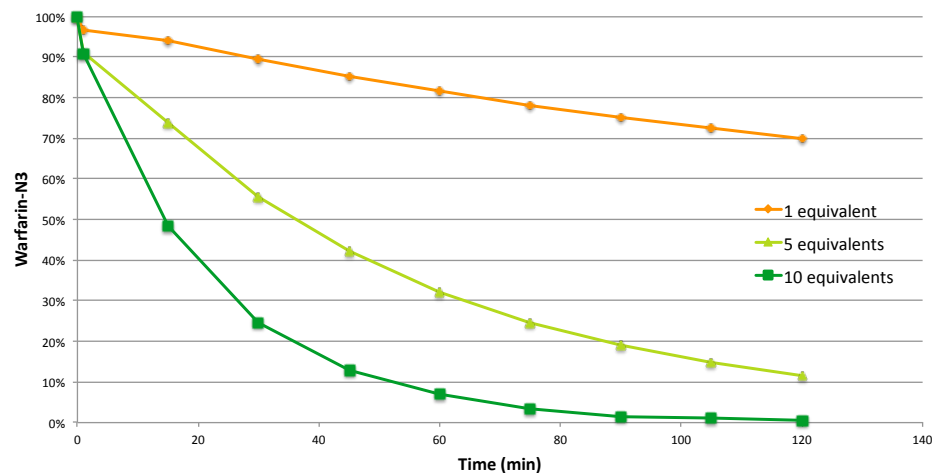


Coumaphène
Warfarine

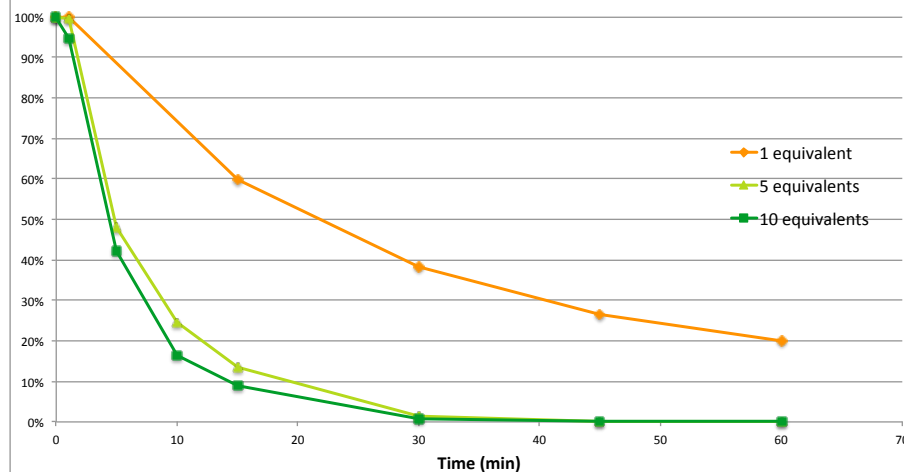
Kinetics of Warfarin/BCN click



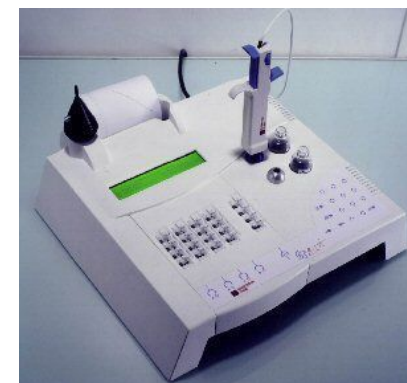
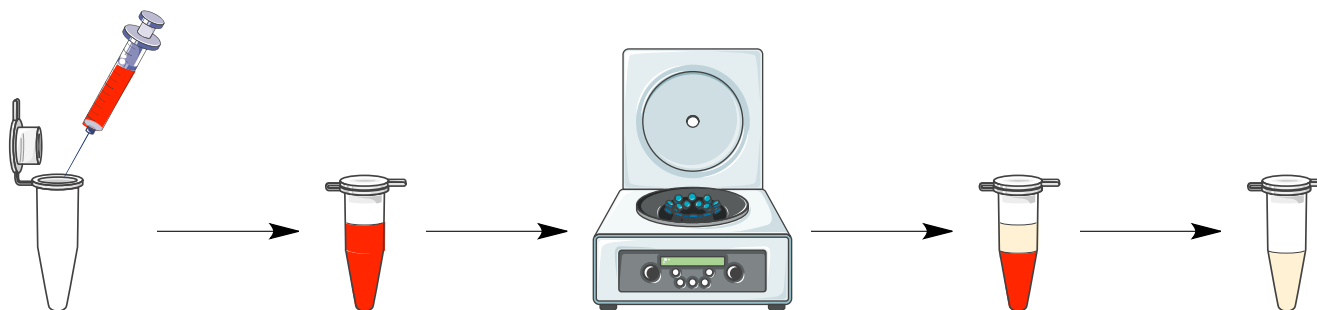
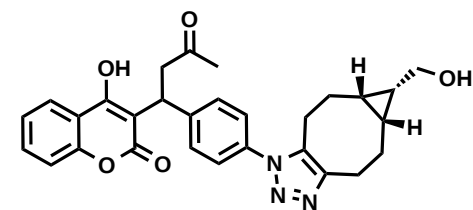
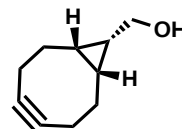
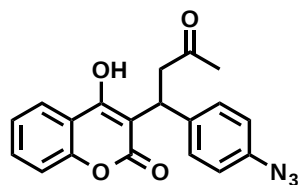
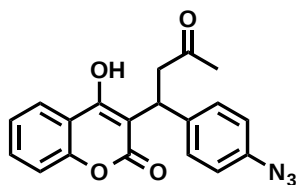
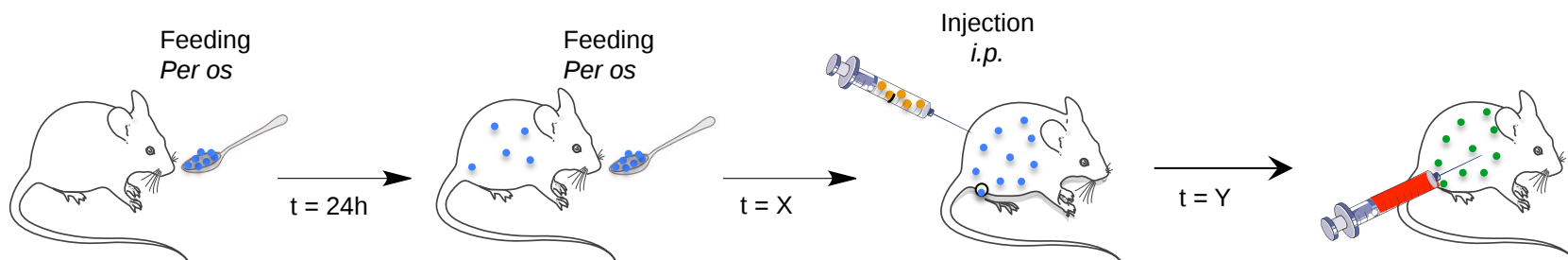
Kinetic of reaction of Warfarin-N3 (100 μ M) with BCN in PBS at 37°C



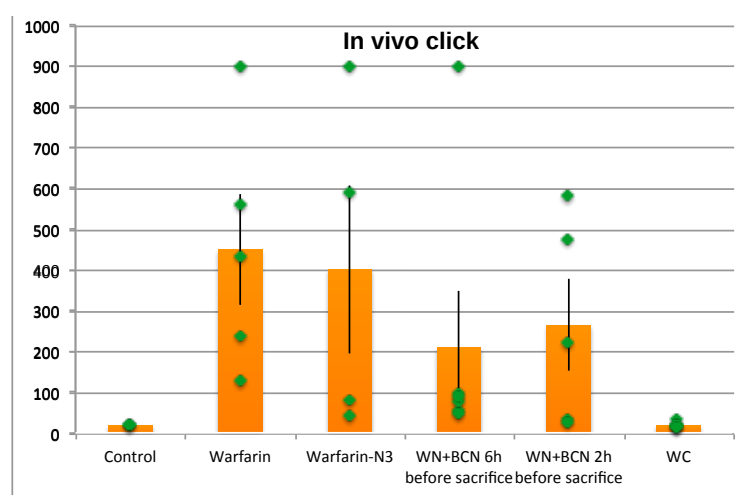
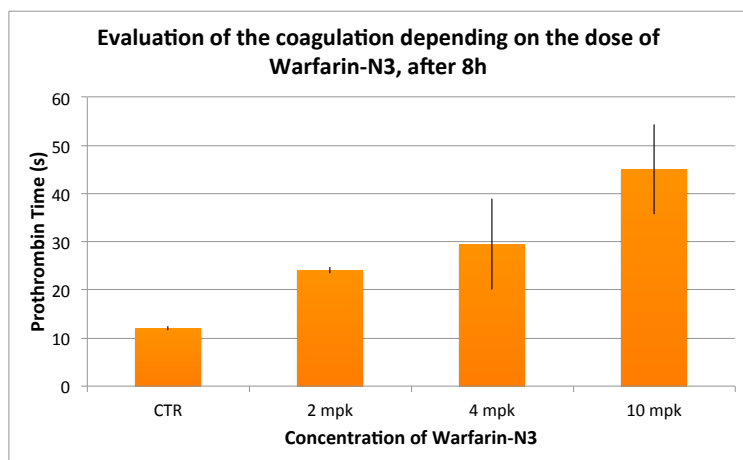
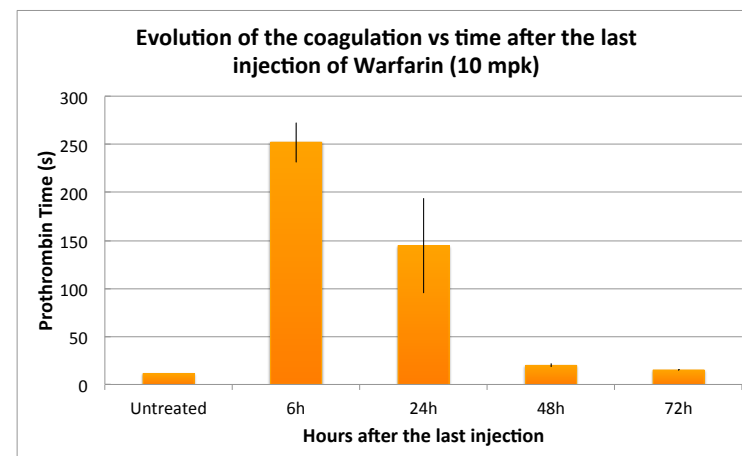
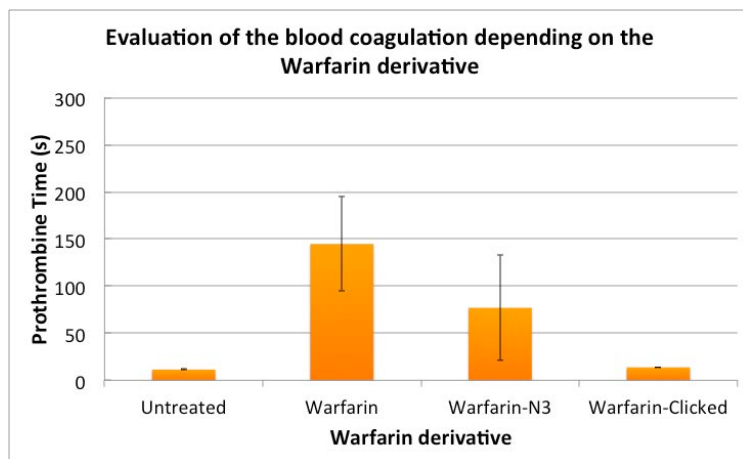
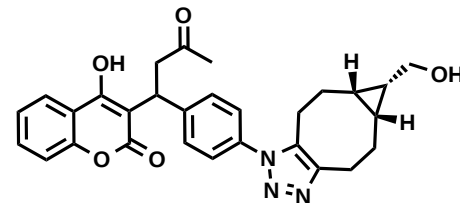
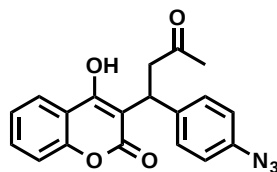
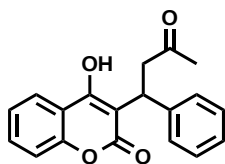
Kinetic of reaction of Warfarin-N3 (100 μ M) with BCN in Human Plasma at 37°C



In-vivo assay of the activity of Warfarin derivatives



Activity of Warfarin derivatives and *in vivo* click



Metabolomic HRMS analysis

Protocols

Day 1, 9 am : Mice fed with their respective warfarin derivative (2 mpk)

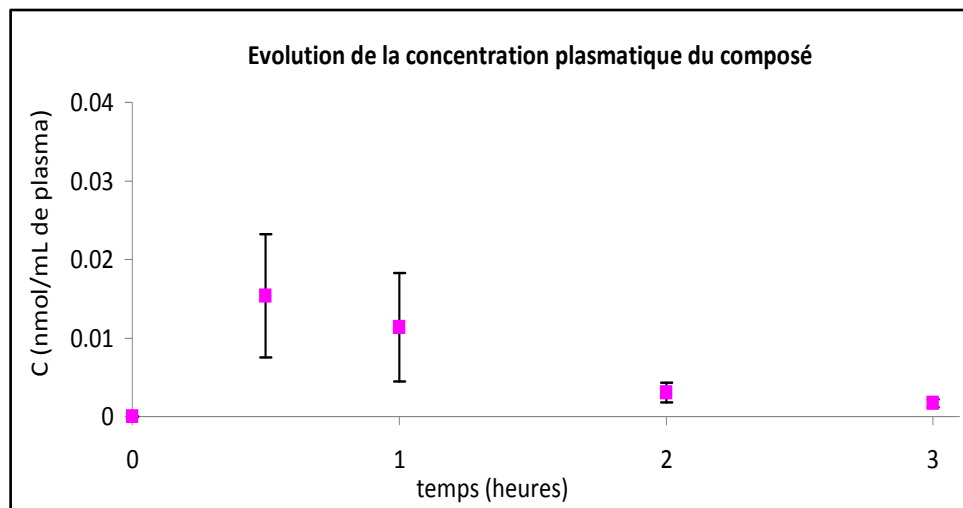
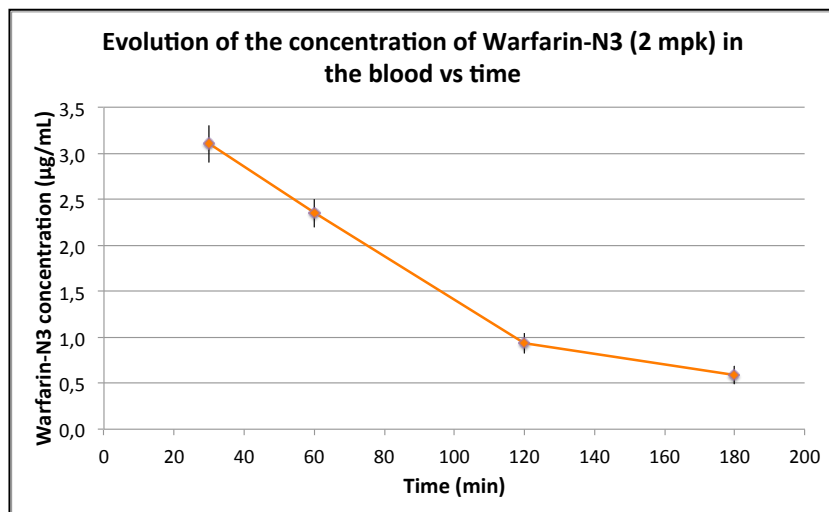
Day 2, 8:45 am : First collection of blood

Day 2, 9 am : Mice fed with their respective warfarin derivative (2 mpk)

Day 2, 9:30 : Collection of blood 30 min, 1h, 2h and 3h after the injection

No detection of BCN in blood (MS ionization suppression)

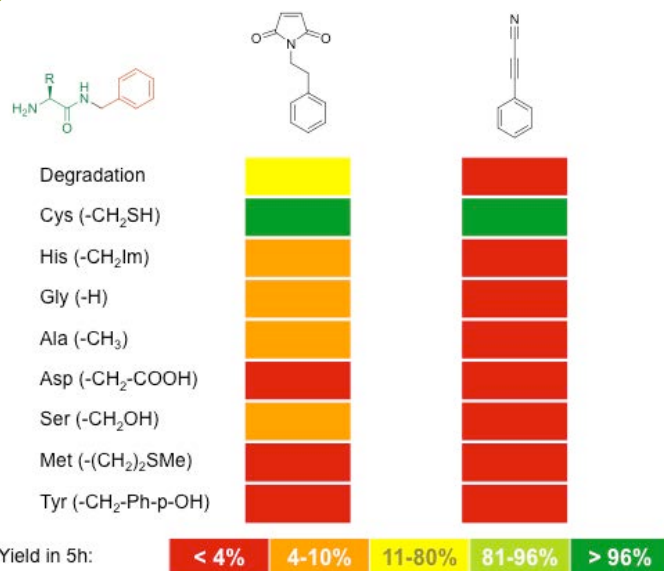
PK of Warfarin-N3 and Clicked Warfarin (calibration curve: $R^2=0,997$)



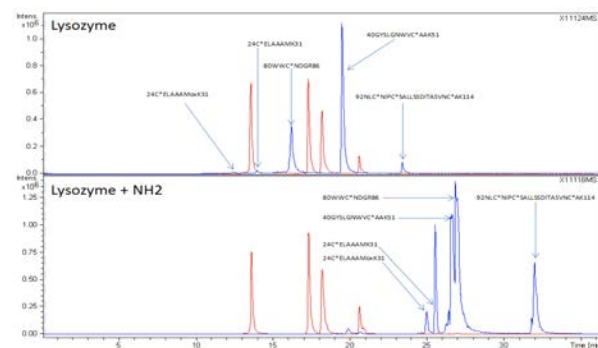
No warfarin-N3 before the second injection

Bio-selectivity profiling

Primary screening

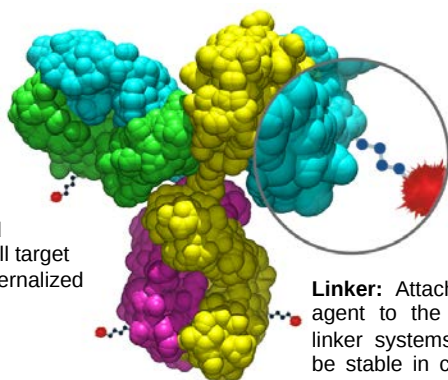


1 MRSLLILVLC FLPLAALGKV FGRCELAAAM KRHGLDNYRG YSLGNWVCAA
 51 KFESNFNTQA TNRTDGDSTD YGILQINSRW WCNDGRTPGS RNLNIPCSA
 101 LLSSDITASV NCAKKIVSDG NGMNAWVAWR NRCKGTDVQA WIRGRL



Functional validation

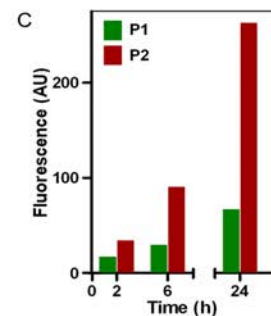
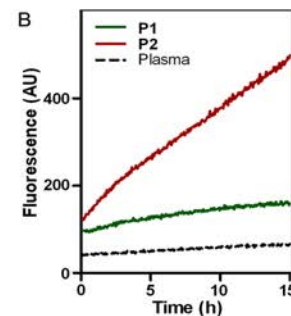
Antibody: Specific for a tumor-associated antigen that has restricted expression on normal cells.



Drug Payload
 Designed to kill target Cells when internalized and released.

Linker: Attaches the cytotoxic agent to the antibody. Newer linker systems are required to be stable in circulation release the drug only inside targeted cells.

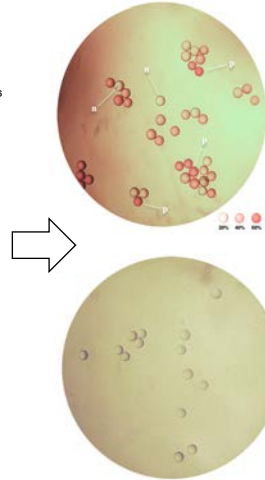
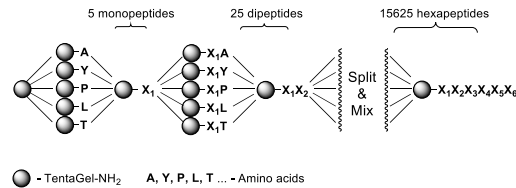
Prospective applications



Bio-stability assays

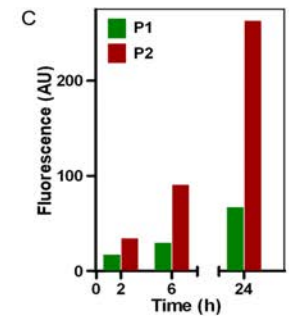
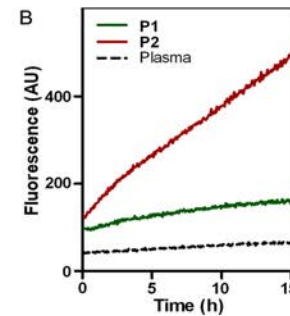
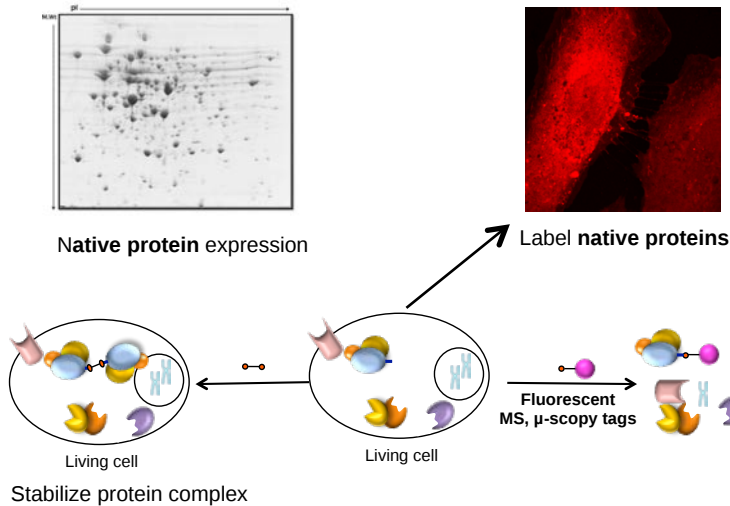
Bio-selectivity profiling / 2

Combinatorial screening



#	Amino acid present	Sequence	
1	Asp, Gln, Gln, Ser, Phe, Lys	FDQSQK	Colourless beads (n)
2	Gln, Gly, Thr, Pro, Tyr, Asp	GTQPDY / PGQTDY	
3	Gln, Ser, Gly, Ala, Pro, Gly	GGQPAS	
4	Gln, Gly, Ala, Tyr, Ile, Leu	GLIAQY / GLQIAY	
5	Gln, Gly, His, Ile, Leu, Phe	FGLIQH / GLFIQH	
6	Gly, His, Ala, Ile, Leu, Leu	GLLIAH	
7	Gln, His, Thr, Pro, Pro, Ile	PTIPQH	
8	Asp, Gly, His, His, Thr, Ala	GDHTAH / GTHADH	
9	Asp, His, Thr, Ala, Pro, Leu	PDLTAH / PTLADH	
10	Gly, Arg, Thr, Tyr, Leu, Cys	RGLTCY / GYLTRC	Coloured beads (p)
11	Pro, Cys, Leu, Leu, Lys, Lys	KLLPCK	
12	Gln, Ser, Arg, Thr, Cys, Lys	RTQSCK / KTQSRC	
13	Phe, Cys, Tyr, Arg, Ser, Tyr	RYFSCY	
14	Ala, Cys, Ile, Leu, Lys, Lys	KLIACK	
15	Asp, Ser, Arg, Cys, Leu, Lys	RDLSCCK / KDLSRC	
16	Asp, Arg, Pro, Cys, Phe, Arg	RDFPRC	
17	Asp, Gly, His, Tyr, Ile, Cys	GDHICY / GYHIDC	

Prospective applications



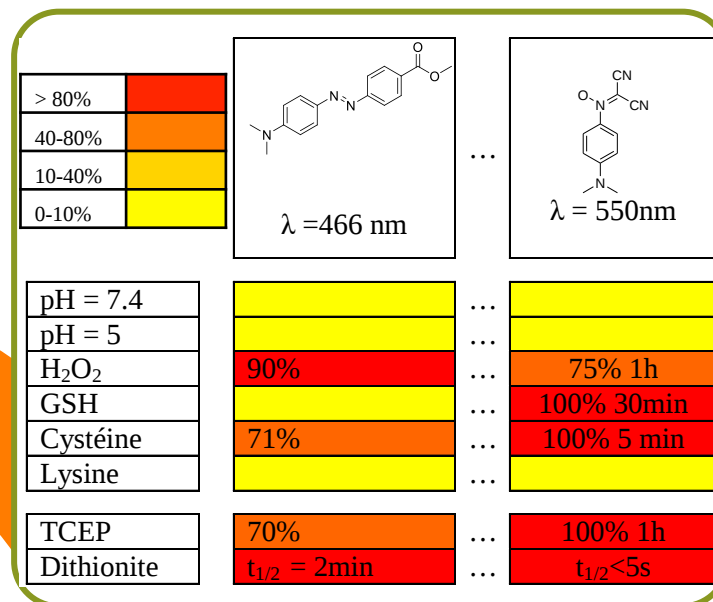
Bio-stability assays

Library of 3D protein motifs

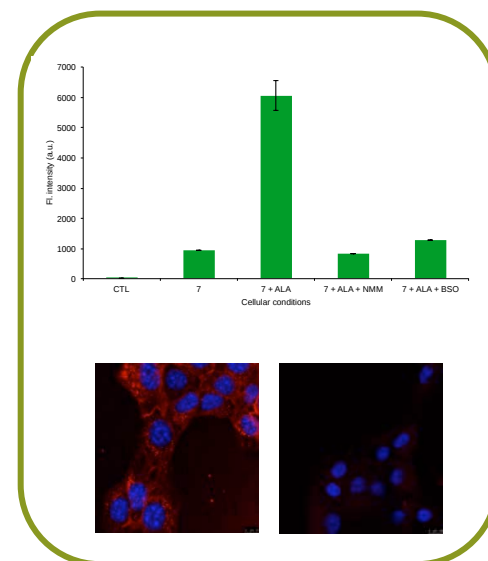
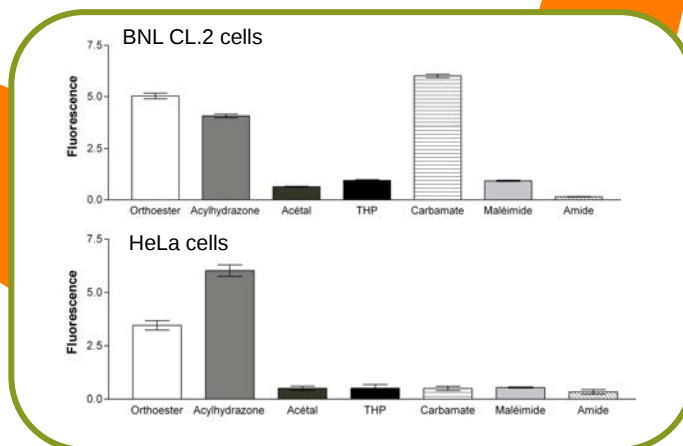
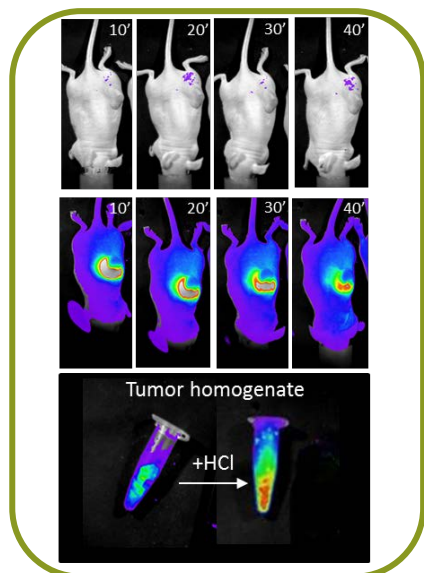
Searching for bio-responsive chemical function

Endogenous chemically reactive bio-modulator

Small molecule biomodulator	Pathologies
pH Alteration	Brain disease (Parkinson)
Glutathione (GSH)	Viral disease
Nitric oxide (NO)	Aging
Hydroperoxides (H ₂ O ₂)	Glomerular disease
Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)	Oncology
Carbon monoxide (CO)	Alcoholism
Hydrogen sulfide (H ₂ S)	Ischemia-reperfusion injury,
Free metal (Fe, Mn, Cu)	Cardiac conditions
Malondialdehyde (MDA)	Premature birth
4 Hydroxynonenal	Erectile dysfunction
Methylglyoxal	Cigarette smoke effect
3-Acetyl-2,5-hexanedione	Cornea disease
Phosphocholine	Cystic fibrosis
Lactates, Créatine, Myoinositol	Viral infection
Thioredoxin	



Primary screening



In cell dyshomeostasis model

Cytomic approach for bio-responsive cleavage



Biospecificity / bioorthogonality / bioresponsivity
biocompatibility are promising field of investigation
for chemists and biologists to....

- Search for bond breaking reactions
- Study reagents biocompatibility and compartmentalization
- Develop pathology-relevant models
- Investigate the meaning of bio-orthogonality
- Integrate bio and synthetic processes
- Develop time resolved reactivity monitoring systems
- Invent new applications

... bring original insight and alternative thinking.

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