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S1 [001] Abstract

S1 [002] Membrane proteins constitute a substantial fraction of the human proteome, thus representing a vast source of therapeutic drug targets.

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- **S1 [003]** Indeed, newly devised technologies now allow targeting "undruggable" regions of membrane proteins to modulate protein function in the cell.

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