

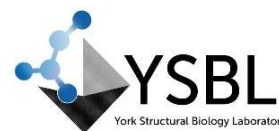
Bio-orthogonal Chemistry

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Learning objectives

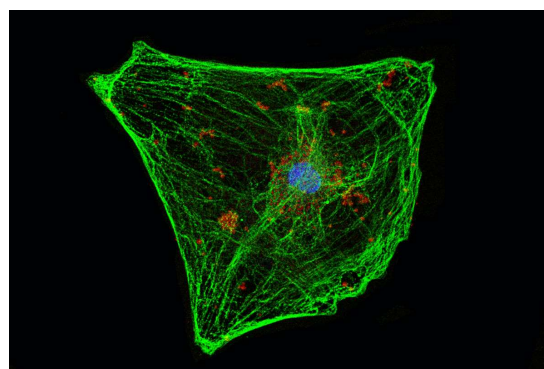
- Understand and discuss the difficulties of performing organic chemistry on proteins, in cells and organisms
- Describe the concept of bio-orthogonal chemistry
- Recognise the reactants and products of bio-orthogonal reactions
- Understand and discuss the benefits and drawbacks of different types of bio-orthogonal reactions
- Understand the mechanism of strained alkyne and alkene cycloadditions and roles in probing cell biology

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Why do chemistry in biological systems?

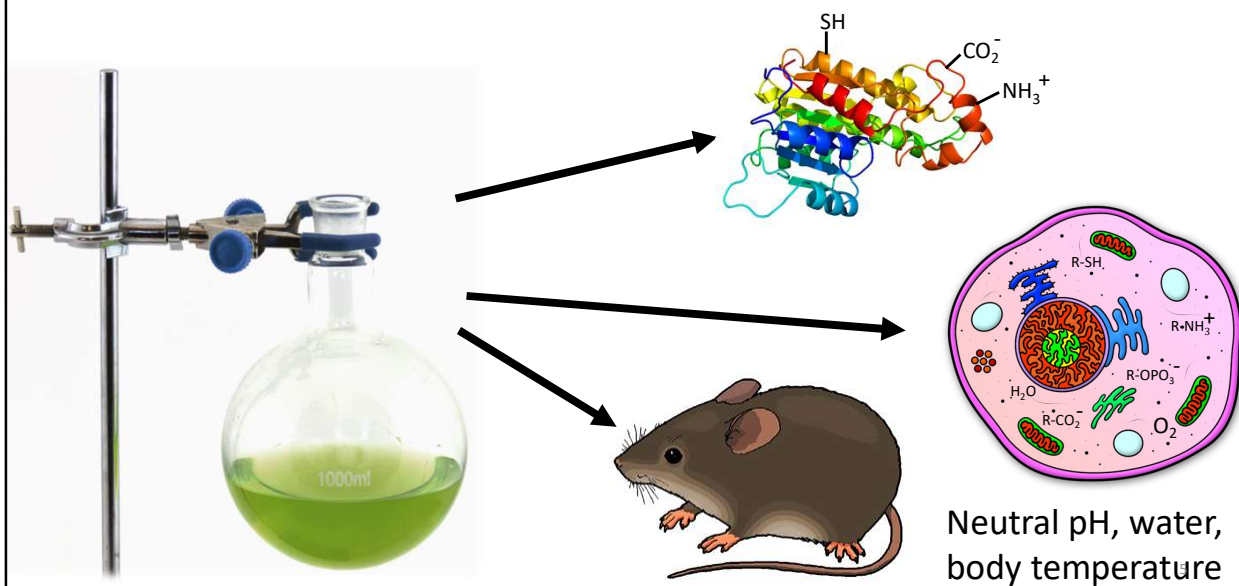
- Track biomolecules in their native environment
 - Especially Post-translational modifications, small molecules and metabolites
- Make small-molecule protein conjugates
 - Site specific drug Delivery
- Release pro-drugs are specific sites
 - Only activate drugs at the site of interest



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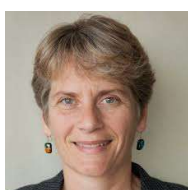
Chemistry in living systems is difficult



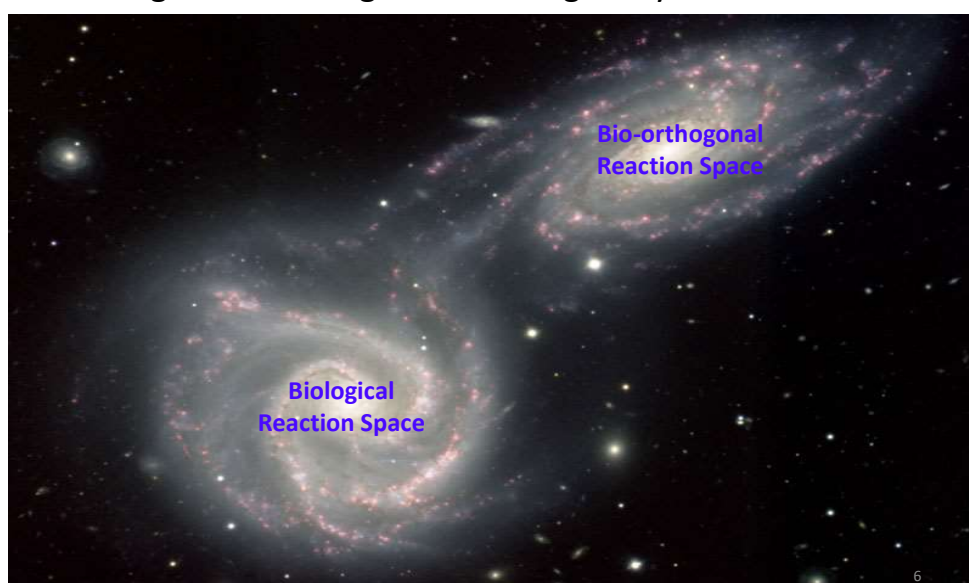
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Bio-orthogonal chemistry

- Not interacting or interfering with a biological system



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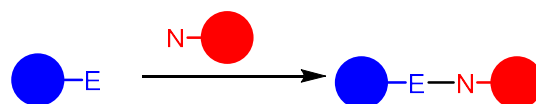
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Types of Bio-orthogonal chemistry

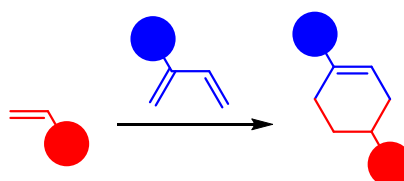
- Nucleophile – electrophile

- Oxime Ligation
- Staudinger Ligation



- Cycloadditions

- Azide Alkyne Cycloadditions
- Tetrazine ligations



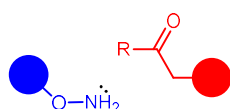
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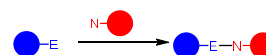
Nucleophile – Electrophile

Oxime Ligation

Aldehyde/Ketone



Aminoxy

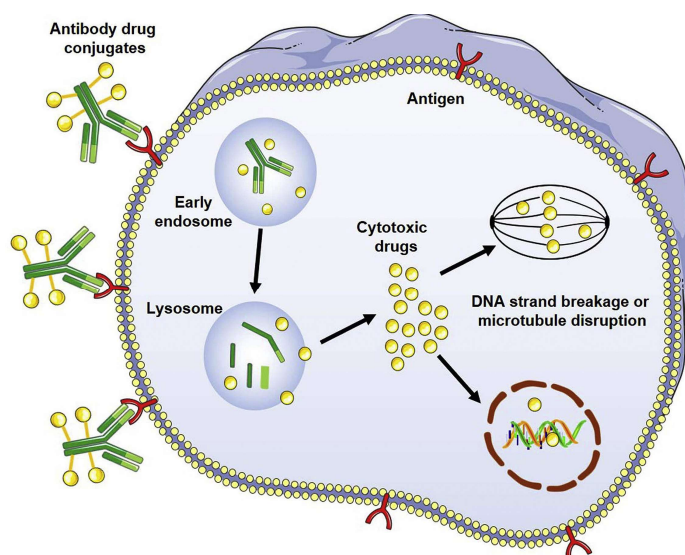


- Aminoxy groups are small and relatively rare in living systems
- Aldehydes can be incorporated into proteins
- No catalyst other than acid needed
- Somewhat slow – may take days to completely label
- Aminoxy groups can be hydrolysed under acidic conditions

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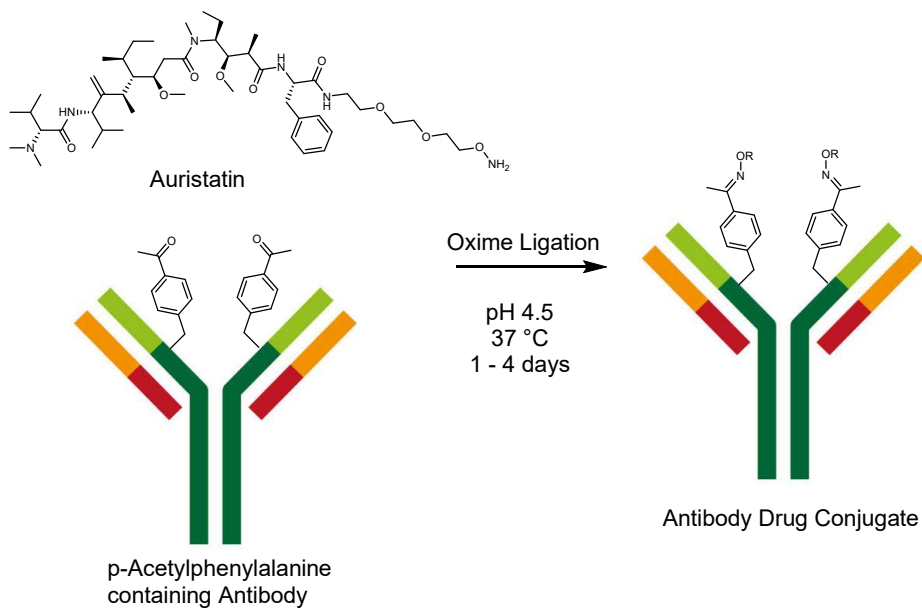
Antibody Drug Conjugates



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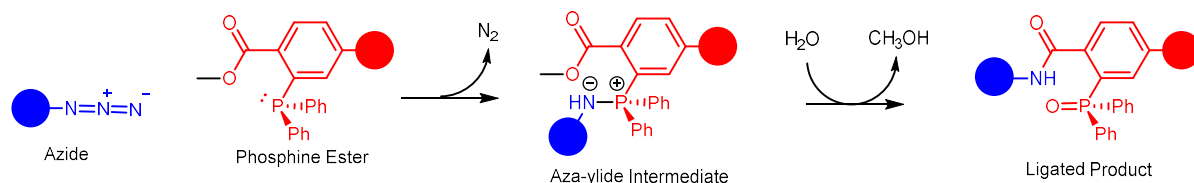
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Staudinger ligation



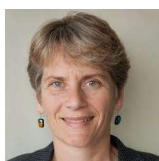
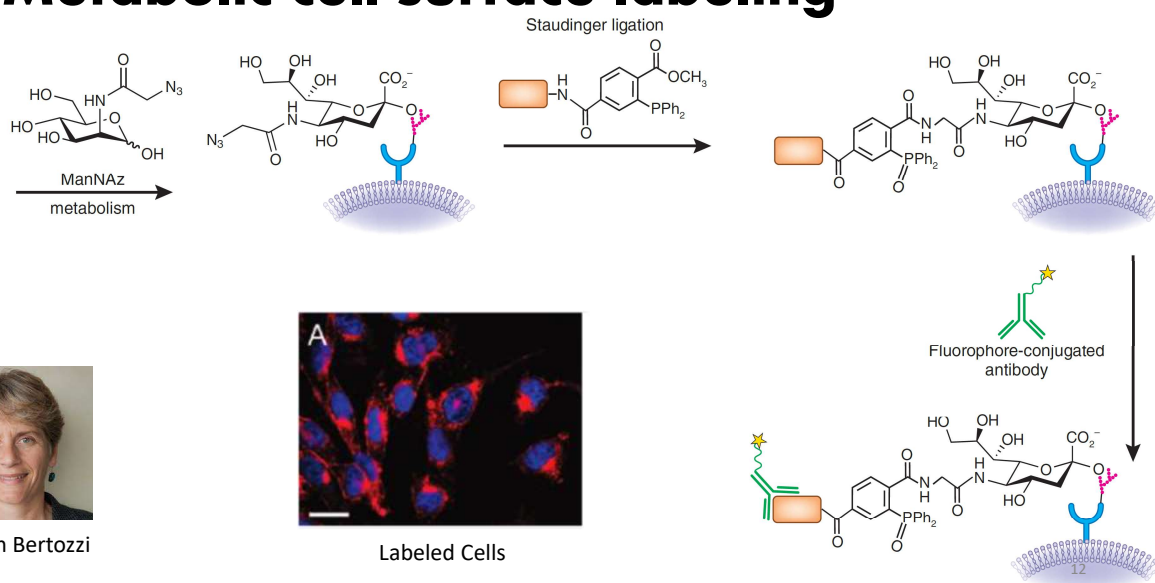
Hermann Staudinger

- Alkyl Azides are small, absent in living systems and easy to incorporate into small molecules
- $R-N_3$ are a mild electrophile, but unreactive to biological nucleophiles
- Triarylphosphines are ideal partners
- Somewhat slow reaction, excess of phosphine needed
- Phosphines can be oxidized in vivo

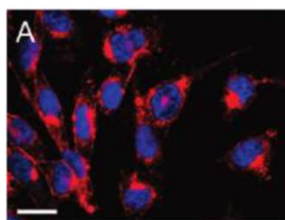
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Metabolic cell surface labeling



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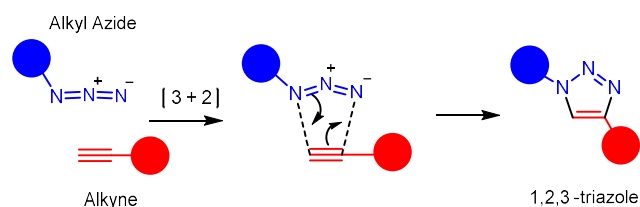


Labeled Cells

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3+2 Cycloadditions

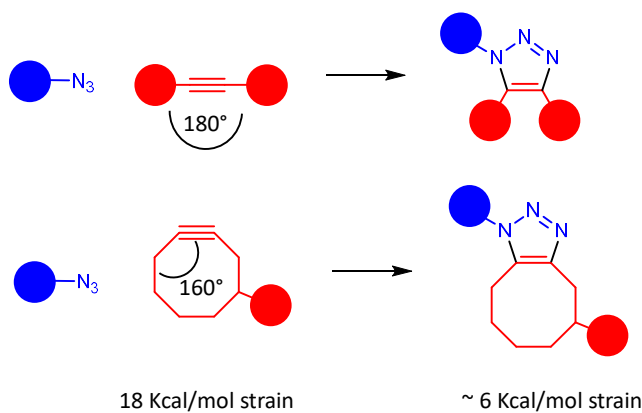


- Uncatalyzed Reaction needs heat - incompatible with biosystems
- Can also be performed with a Cu(I) catalyst – classic ‘click-chemistry’
 - Copper catalysed Azide Alkyne Cycloaddition (CuAAC)
- Cu(I) is toxic so it must be performed on the outside of cells

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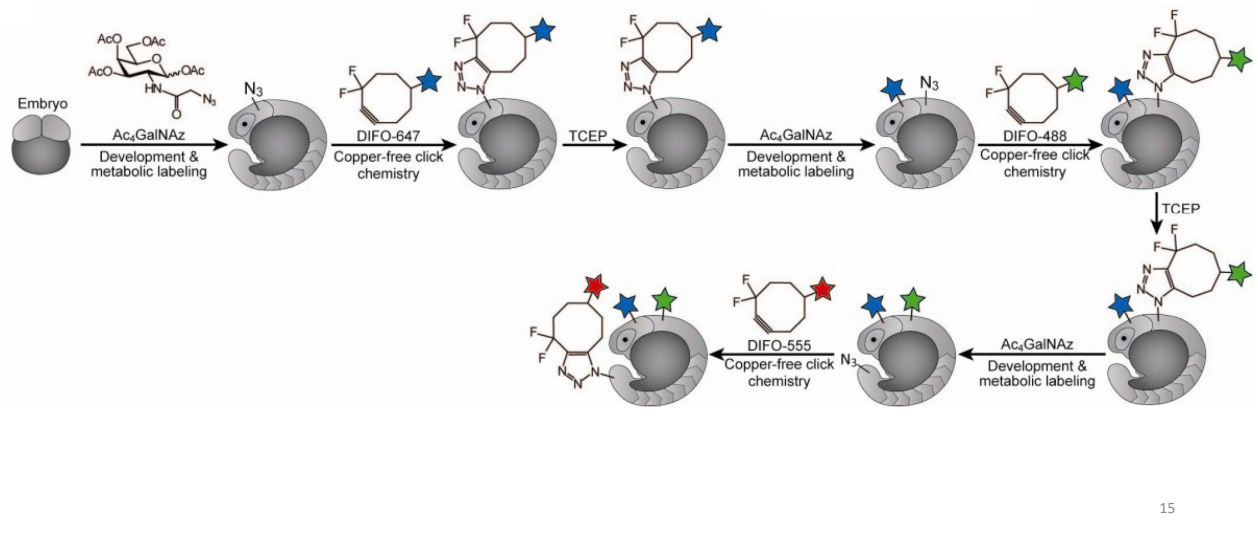
Strain Promoted Azide Alkyne Cycloaddition (SPAAC)



<https://youtu.be/kwvzjedDteE>¹⁴

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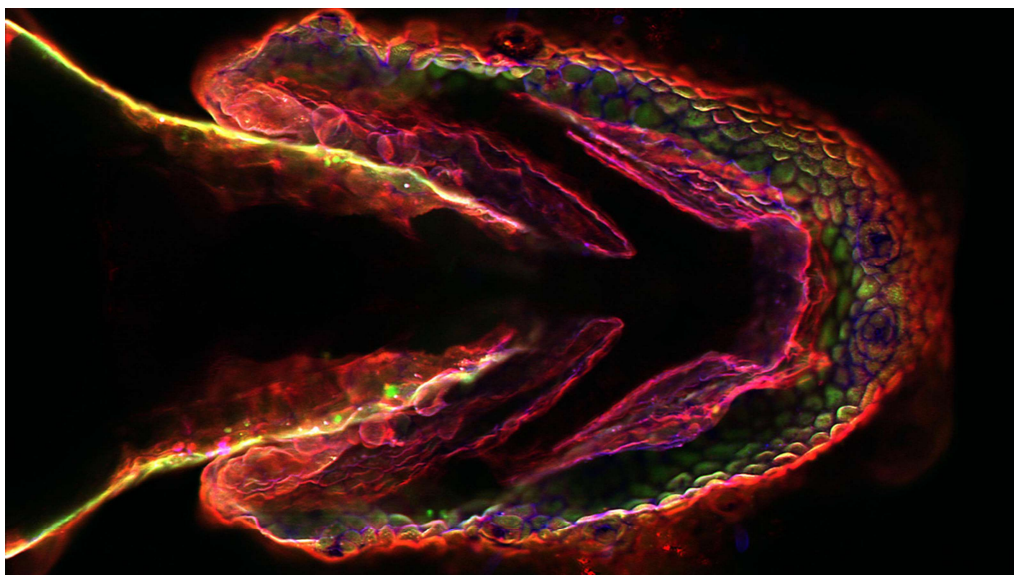
Imaging Glycans



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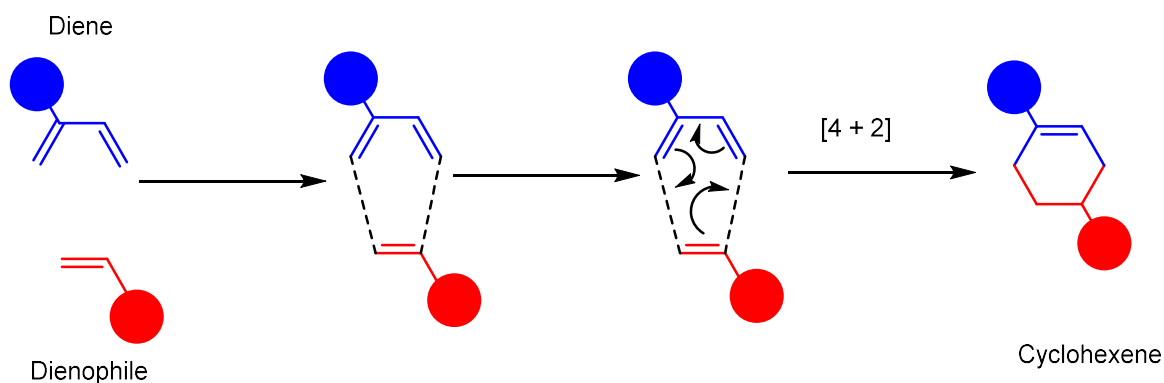
Time Course of Glycans in Zebrafish



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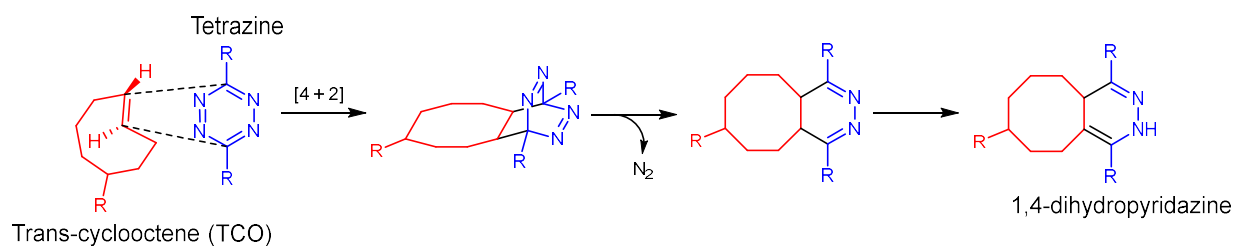
Diels-Alder like Cycloadditions [4+2]



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Tetrazine Ligation



- Tetrazine is absent in nature, TCO is very rare
- Super fast up to 10^6 times faster than the fastest SPAAC
 - 5 min to completion (15 μ M + 30 μ M substrates), in water/cell lysate at 25 $^{\circ}$ C
- TCO is pre-distorted towards the transition state structure
- Drawback is the size of TCO and Tetrazine

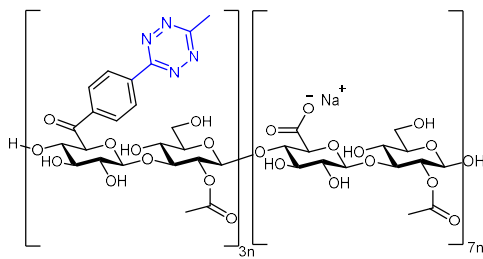
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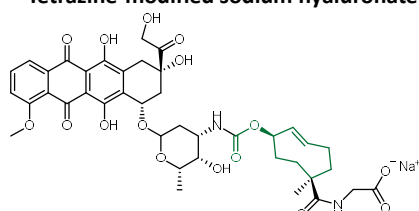
Cancer Therapeutics



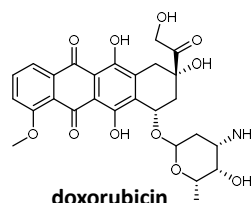
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Tetrazine-modified sodium hyaluronate



TCO-modified doxorubicin



doxorubicin

'...biopolymer is injected into a cancer patient's tumor. That patient then receives five daily infusions of doxorubicin-TCO, which circulates through the body until it meets the tetrazine-modified biopolymer. At that point, the click reaction brings the tetrazine and TCO together, triggering a rearrangement that frees doxorubicin right next to the tumor cells.'

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