Sydnones-Based Turn-On Fluorogenic Probes for No-Wash Protein Labeling and in-Cell Imaging

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I. General Information

Organic solvents (Aldrich) were used without further purification. Unless otherwise noted, all other commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification. Purifications of reactions products were carried out by flash chromatography using Merck silica gel (40-63 μ m). FT-ATR-IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer UAR Two Spectrum spectrometer and are reported as wavelength numbers (cm⁻¹). ¹H NMR (400 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) were measured on a Brucker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer. ¹H NMR (600 MHz), ¹³C NMR (150 MHz) were measured on a Brucker Avance 600 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from residual solvents peaks and coupling constants are reported as Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), broad singlet (br. s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q) and quintet (quin). Splitting patterns that could not be interpreted or easily visualized are designated as multiplet (m). Electrospray mass spectra were obtained using an ESI-Quadripole autopurify, Waters (pump: 2545, mass: ZQ2000) mass Spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a Büchi B-545 and are reported in °C. Absorbances were measured on a Varian Cary® 50 UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were obtained on a HORIBA FluoroMax®-4 fluorimeter. Fluorescence analyses for kinetic studies were recorded on a molecular Device SpectraMax® M5e.

II. Synthesis and Analytical Data for Sydnones Syd 1-9



To a solution of *p*-iodoaniline (11.0 g, 50.0 mmol) in MeOH (350 mL) at 0 °C was added NaOAc (8.20 g, 100 mmol), glacial acetic acid (11.5 mL, 200 mmol), glyoxylic acid monohydrate (6.90 g, 75.0 mmol) and NaBH₃CN (3.14 g, 50.0 mmol). The solution was warmed slowly to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a plug of silica gel and washed with a solution of acetic acid 1% in EtOAc. Brine was added and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. 12.6 g (45.0 mmol, 97%) of compound **Int4** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 12.55 (br. s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (br. s, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 172.3, 148.0, 137.0 (2C), 114.8 (2C), 76.7, 44.4.
IR (cm⁻¹): 3417, 2883, 1873, 1715, 1589, 1505, 1435, 1392, 1349, 1316, 1292, 1270, 1234, 1181, 1145, 1113, 1059, 993, 914, 810.
LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 278 [M+H]⁺.
Mp.: 119–121 °C.

3-(4-iodophenyl)-1,2,3 λ^{5} -oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (1)



C₈H₅IN₂O₂ MW: 288.04 g.mol⁻¹ Beige solid Yield: 75%

To a solution of compound **Int1** (12.6 g, 45.0 mmol) in THF (80 mL) was added *t*-butyl nitrite (5.88 mL, 49.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and trifluoroacetic anhydride (6.88 mL, 49.5 mmol) was added. After 3 h stirring at room temperature, EtOAc was added and the reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. 9.77 g (33.9 mmol, 75%) of compound **1** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 8.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 168.4, 138.9 (2C), 134.2, 123.3 (2C), 99.6, 94.9. IR (cm⁻¹): 3115, 1725, 1578, 1491, 1439, 1412, 1115, 1020, 1003, 947, 857, 819. LCMS (ESI): m/z: 289 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 150–152 °C. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₈H₆N₂O₂I (M+H⁺) : 288.9474; found: 288.9464.

 $3-{4-[(E)-2-phenylethenyl]phenyl}-1,2,3\lambda^{5}-oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (Syd1)$



C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₂ **MW:** 264.28 g.mol⁻¹ Yellow solid **Yield:** 45%

To a solution of styrene (521 mg, 5.00 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂ (22.5 mg, 1.00 mmol), dppe (39.8 mg, 1.00 mmol) and Et₃N (279 μ L, 2.00 mmol). The mixture was warmed to 80 °C and compound **1** (288 mg, 1.00 mmol) was added over a period of 12 h. The solution was stirred 12 more hours at 80 °C before being filtered through a plug a Celite and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 7/3). 119 mg (0.45 mmol, 45%) of compound **Syd1** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.70 (s, 4H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 169.1, 141.9, 136.3, 133.4, 132.6, 129.0 (2C), 128.9, 128.0 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 126.2, 121.6 (2C), 93.4.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3111, 1758, 1453, 1174, 1006, 964, 945, 848, 826.

LCMS (ESI): m/z: 265 [M+H]⁺.

Mp.: 172–174 °C.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}N_2O_2$ (M+H⁺) : 265.0977; found: 265.0972.

 $3-\{4-[(E)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]phenyl\}-1,2,3\lambda^{5}-oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (Syd2)$



C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₃ MW: 294.31 g.mol⁻¹ Dark yellow solid Yield: 45%

To a solution of 4-vinylanisole (671 mg, 5.00 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂ (22.5 mg, 1.00 mmol), dppe (39.8 mg, 1.00 mmol) and Et₃N (279 μ L, 2.00 mmol). The mixture was warmed to 80 °C and compound **1** (288 mg, 1.00 mmol) was added over a period of 12 h. The solution was stirred 12 more hours at 80 °C before being filtered through a plug a Celite and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 7/3). 118 mg (0.45 mmol, 45%) of compound **Syd2** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.68 (s, 4H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 168.9, 160.1, 142.1, 132.8, 132.0, 128.9, 128.2 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 123.8, 121.3 (2C), 114.3 (2C), 93.2, 55.3.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3128, 1763, 1596, 1571, 1508, 1456, 1360, 1298, 1250, 1173, 1025, 1005, 969, 944, 835. **LCMS (ESI):** *m/z*: 295 [M+H]⁺.

Mp.: 174–176 °C.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}N_2O_3$ (M+H⁺) : 295.1083; found: 295.1079.

3-(4-ethenylphenyl)-1,2,3 λ^{5} -oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (2)



C₁₀H₈N₂O₂ **MW:** 188.19 g.mol⁻¹ Brown solid **Yield:** 83%

To a solution of compound **1** (864 mg, 3.00 mmol) in DMF (60 mL) was added successively tetravinyltin (0.60 mL, 3.30 mmol), lithium chloride (382 mg, 9.00 mmol) and $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (105 mg, 0.15 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solution was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and a solution of NaOH 1 M. This mixture was stirred during 1 h and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 7/3). 466 mg (2.48 mmol, 83%) of compound **2** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (dd, J = 11.1 Hz, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 169.1, 142.0, 134.9, 127.9 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 117.9, 93.5, 31.1.
IR (cm⁻¹): 3114, 1760, 1451, 946, 926, 855, 844.
LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 189 [M+H]⁺.
Mp.: 86–88 °C.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₀H₉N₂O₂ (M+H⁺) : 189.0664; found: 189.0655.

C₁₀H₅F₃O₅S MW: 294.20 g.mol⁻¹ Pale yellow oil Yield: 91%

Compound Int2 was synthesized according to a reported procedure.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H). LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 295 [M+H]⁺.

 $3-\{4-[(E)-2-(2-0x0-2H-chromen-7-yl)ethenyl]phenyl\}-1,2,3\lambda^5-oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (Syd3)$



C₁₉H₁₂N₂O₄ **MW:** 332.08 g.mol⁻¹ Dark yellow solid **Yield:** 40%

To a solution of compound **2** (94.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) in DMF (5.0 mL) was added compound **Int2** (221 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), dppe (19.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) and Et₃N (139 μ L, 1.00 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. The reactional mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, washed with EtOAc and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, dichloromethane/EtOAc 9/1). 65.9 mg (0.20 mmol, 40%) of compound **Syd3** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 17.4 Hz, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 166.6, 160.3, 153.9, 143.3, 142.7, 142.2, 134.8, 133.2, 128.4, 128.2 (2C), 125.0 (2C), 122.8, 118.7, 118.4, 117.4, 114.5, 106.2. IR (cm⁻¹): 1725, 1612, 1267, 1224, 1101, 948, 844. LCMS (ESI): m/z: 333 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 176–178 °C HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₃N₂O₄ (M+H⁺) : 333.0875; found: 333.0872.

¹ Thompson, A. L. S.; Kabalka, G. W.; Akula, M. R.; Huffman J. W. Synthesis **2004**, *4*, 547–550.

3-(4-formylphenyl)-1,2,3 λ^{5} -oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (3)



C₉H₆N₂O₃ MW: 190.16 g.mol⁻¹ Orange solid Yield: 52%

To a solution of compound **2** (282 mg, 1.50 mmol) in a mixture acetone/water 3/1 (6 mL) was added NMO (264 mg, 2.25 mmol) and OsO₄ (2.5 wt% in tBuOH, 0.94 mL, 0.075 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature during 4 h. A 25% solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added and the aqueous layer was extracted six times with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was solubilized in a mixture acetone/water 3/1 and NaIO₄ (642 mg, 3.00 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature during 6 h. The suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite and washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, dried over mgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 7/3 \rightarrow 5/5). 148 mg (0.78 mmol, 52%) of compound **3** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 10.48 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 190.1, 168.7, 139.0, 138.6, 131.5 (2C), 122.2 (2C), 93.9. IR (cm⁻¹): 3148, 1751, 1702, 1598, 1455, 1295, 1206, 1226, 949, 825. LCMS (ESI): m/z: 191 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 145–147 °C. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₉H₇N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) : 191.0457; found: 191.0451.

[(1-methyl-1H-1,3-benzodiazol-2-yl)methyl]triphenylphosphanium chloride (Int3)

N Cl N PPh₃ C₂₇H₂₄ClN₂P **MW:** 442.93 g.mol⁻¹ White solid **Yield:** 89%

Compound Int3 was synthesized according to reported procedure.²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.92 (m, 6H), 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.59 (td, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 6H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). LCMS (ESI): m/z: 408 [M-Cl]⁺.

² Dumat, B.; Bordeau, G.; Faurel-Paul, E.; Mahuteau-Betzer, F.; Saettel, N.; Metge, G.; Fiorini-Debuisschert, C.; Charra, F.; Teulade-Fichou, M.-P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 12697–12706.

3-{4-[(E)-2-(1-methyl-1H-1,3-benzodiazol-2-yl)ethenyl]phenyl}-1,2,3 λ^5 -oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (Syd4)



C₁₈H₁₄N₄O₂ **MW:** 318.34 g.mol⁻¹ Yellow solid **Yield:** 89%

To a solution of compound Int3 (97.4 mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) at -78 °C was added dropwise *n*-buthyl lithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.01 mL, 0.24 mmol). The solution was warmed to 0 °C. After 1 h at 0 °C, a solution of compound 3 (38.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added at -78 °C. After which, the reactional mixture was warmed slowly to room temperature and stirred overnight. Water and dichloromethane was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, dried over mgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (SiO₂, dichloromethane/MeOH 98/2, Et₃N 1%). 57.0 mg (0.18 mmol, 89%) of compound Syd4 were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 168.5, 150.4, 142.8, 140.0, 136.1, 134.0, 133.6, 128.8 (2C), 122.4, 122.3, 121.8 (2C), 118.7, 117.5, 110.4, 94.7, 29.7.

IR (cm⁻¹): 1729, 1454, 1390, 1332, 1236, 1008, 948, 869, 825, 742, 721, 688, 514.

LCMS (ESI): m/z: 319 [M+H]⁺.

Mp.: 242–244 °C.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₂ (M+H⁺) : 319.1195; found: 319.1196.

1,4-dimethylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Int4)

C₇H₁₀IN MW: 235.07 g.mol⁻¹ Light pink solid Yield: 95%

Compound Int4 was synthesized according to a reported procedure.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.81 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H).

³ Busi, M.; Cantadori, B.; Boccini, F.; De Zorzi, R.; Geremia, S.; Dalcanale, E. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, 2011, 2629–2642.

3-{4-[(E)-2-(1-methylpyridin-1-ium-4-yl)ethenyl]phenyl}-1,2,3 λ^{5} -oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate iodide (Syd5)



C₁₆H₁₄IN₃O₂ MW: 407.21 g.mol⁻¹ Dark brown solid Yield: 73%

To a solution of compounds **3** (83.7 mg, 0.44 mmol) and **Int4** (94.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) in MeOH (8.0 mL) was added three drops of piperidine. The mixture was stirred at 75 °C during 24 h. Et₂O was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred during 1 h, after which the precipitate was filtered. 119 mg (0.29 mmol, 73%) of compound **Syd5** were isolated.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm):** 8.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 8.14–8.02 (m, 5H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 168.5, 151.7, 145.4 (2C), 138.9, 138.2, 135.0, 129.4 (2C), 126.3, 124.0 (2C), 122.2 (2C), 94.8, 47.2.

IR (cm⁻¹): 345, 3035, 1732, 1622, 1518, 1447, 1341, 1183, 985, 950, 845.

LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 280 [M-I]⁺.

Mp.: 100 °C (decomp.)

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₃O₂ (M-I⁻) : 280.1086; found: 280.1081.

1,2,3,3-tetramethyl-3H-indol-1-ium iodide (Int5)

C₁₂H₁₆IN MW: 301.17 g.mol⁻¹ Red solid Yield: 84%

Compound Int5 was synthesized according to a reported procedure.⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD-d₄, δ ppm): 7.87–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.62 (m, 2H), 4.86 (s, 3H) 4.05 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD-d₄, δ ppm): 197.7, 143.7, 143.2, 131.1, 130.4, 124.5, 116.2, 55.8, 36.6, 30.8, 22.7 (2C).

LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 174 [M-I]⁺.

⁴ Wu, I.-C.; Yu, J.; Ye, F.; Rong, Y.; Gallina, M. E.; Fujimoto, B. S.; Zhang, Y.; Chan, Y.-H.; Sun, W.; Zhou, X.-H.; Wu, C.; Chiu, D. T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 173–178.

3-{4-[(E)-2-(1,3,3-trimethyl-3H-indol-1-ium-2-yl)ethenyl]phenyl}-1,2,3 λ^5 -oxadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate iodide (Syd6)



C₂₁H₂₀IN₃O₂ **MW:** 473.31 g.mol⁻¹ Dark brown solid **Yield:** 44%

To a solution of compounds **3** (523 mg, 2.75 mmol) and **Int5** (753 mg, 2.50 mmol) in MeOH (8.0 mL) was added six drops of piperidine. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C during 16 h. EtOAc was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred during 1 h, after which the precipitate was filtered. 518 mg (1.09 mmol, 44%) of compound **Syd6** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.53 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.99–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.94–7.90 (m, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 2H), 4.23 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 181.8, 168.5, 149.7, 144.0, 141.8, 138.0, 136.6, 131.7 (2C), 130.0, 121.1, 123.0, 122.0 (2C), 116.0, 115.7, 95.1, 52.6, 35.1, 25.0 (2C).
IR (cm⁻¹): 1750, 1614, 1586, 1555, 1451, 1169, 1008, 947, 831.4, 811.5, 762.8, 723, 514.
LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 346 [M-I]⁺.
Mp.: 228–230 °C.

(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethyl)triphenylphosphanium bromide (Int6)

Br

C₂₂H₂₂BrO₂P MW: 426.29 g.mol⁻¹ White solid Yield: 44%

Compound Int6 was synthesized according to a reported procedure.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.91–7.71 (m, 15H), 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (m, 4H).
 LCMS (ESI): m/z: 349 [M-Br]⁺.

⁵ Cresp, T. M.; Sargent, M. V.; Vogel, P. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 **1974**, 37–41.

 $3-\{4-[(1E)-3-0xoprop-1-en-1-y]phenyl\}-1,2,3\lambda^{5}-0xadiazol-3-ylium-5-olate (4)$



C₁₁H₈N₂O₃ **MW:** 216.20 g.mol⁻¹ Yellow solid **Yield:** 67%

To a solution of compound **3** (114 mg, 0.60 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was added TDA-1 (0.192 mL, 0.60 mmol), a saturated solution of K₂CO₃ (20 mL) and compound **Int6** (256 mg, 0.60 mmol). The solution was refluxed overnight. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, washed with H₂O, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain compound the corresponding sydnone-dioxolane with triphenylphosphine oxide. The residue was dissolved in a mixture THF/ water 1/1 (12 mL) and acetic acid (3.0 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃, dried over mgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc $8/2 \rightarrow 2/8$). 87.0 mg (0.40 mmol, 67%) of compound **4** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 9.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 4H), 7.54 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 193.0, 168.9, 148.9, 138.3, 136.0, 131.4 (2C), 130.1, 122.1 (2C), 93.6.
IR (cm⁻¹): 1740, 1673, 1624, 1451, 1121, 980, 947, 815, 726.
LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 217 [M+H]⁺.
Mp.: 181-183 °C.

3-{4-[(1E,3E)-4-(1-methylpyridin-1-ium-4-yl)buta-1,3-dien-1-yl]phenyl}-1,2,3 λ^5 -oxadiazol-3- ylium-5- olate iodide (Syd7)



C₁₈H₁₆IN₃O₂ **MW:** 433.25 g.mol⁻¹ Brown solid **Yield:** 20%

To a solution of compounds **4** (541 mg, 2.50 mmol) and **Int4** (534 mg, 2.27 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) was added six drops of piperidine. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C during 6 h. Et₂O was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred during 1 h, after which the precipitate was filtered. 194 mg (0.45 mmol, 20%) of compound **Syd7** were isolated.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.84 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 15.2 Hz, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 168.5, 151.9, 145.1 (2C), 140.8, 139.9, 137.6, 134.1, 131.1, 128.7 (2C), 128.5, 123.6 (2C), 121.9 (2C), 94.7, 47.0.
IR (cm⁻¹): 3457, 3033, 1735, 1643, 1602, 1517, 1448, 1006, 949, 869, 814, 725, 509.
LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 306 [M-I]⁺.
Mp.: 218-220 °C.
HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₃O₂ (M-I⁻): 306.1237; found: 306.1240.

(2E,4E)-5-(tributylstannyl)penta-2,4-dienal (Int7)

OHC SnBu₃

C₁₇H₃₂OSn **MW:** 372.15 g.mol⁻¹ Yellow oil **Yield:** 51%

Compound **Int7** was synthesized according to a reported procedure from pyridine in 3 steps.⁶

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): δ 9.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.56–1.48 (m, 6H), 1.36–1.28 (m, 6H), 1.04–0.88 (m, 15H).

3-(4-((1E,3E)-5-oxopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)phenyl)-1,2,3-oxadiazol-3-ium-5-olate (5)



C₁₃H₁₀N₂O₃ MW: 242.07 g.mol⁻¹ light yellow solid Yield: 56%

To a solution of compound **1** (150 mg, 0.521 mmol) in dioxane (8 mL) was added **Int7** (252 mg, 0.677 mmol), NEt₃ (53 mg, 0.073 mL, 0.521 mmol), and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (19 mg, 0.026 mmol) successively. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for overnight. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂ followed by a 0.1 M solution of NaOH (5mL). Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x15 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by chromatography (heptane/EtOAc=3:1) to obtain a light yellow solid as product **5** (71 mg, 0.293 mmol) in 56 % yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 9.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.0–7.91 (m, 4H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.57–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, J = 14.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMF-d₇, δ ppm): 194.2, 169.0, 152.0, 140.3, 139.9, 135.2, 133.5, 130.3, 129.3 (2C), 122.4 (2C), 94.8.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3476, 3138, 2919, 2849, 1740, 1674, 1620, 1599, 1452, 1394, 1234, 1157, 1116, 1013, 988, 946, 842.

LC MS (ESI) *m/z* : 243 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 178–180 °C.

⁶ Michels, T. D.; Rhee, J. U.; Vanderwal, C. D.; Org. Lett., **2008**, 10(21), 4787-4790.

3-(4-((1E,3E,5E)-6-(1-methylpyridin-1-ium-4-yl)hexa-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)phenyl)-1,2,3-oxadiazol-3-ium-5-olate iodide (Syd8)



C₂₀H₁₈IN₃O₂ MW: 459.04 g.mol⁻¹ yellow solid Yield: 37%

To a solution of compound **5** (20 mg, 0.0826 mmol) and **Int4** (19 mg, 0.0826 mmol) in MeOH (3.5 mL) was added one drops of piperidine. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 10 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to cool at the room temperature for 1 h followed by addition Et₂O (2.5 mL) and subsequently, the mixture was cooled at 0 °C for 1 h to recrystallize the compound. Then the precipitate was filtered to isolate the sydnone **Syd8** (14.1 mg, 0.0307 mmol) in 37 % as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.80 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 15.6 Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.79 (m, 4H), 4.23 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 194.40 , 168.83 , 152.35 , 142.52 , 140.67 , 135.75 , 134.08 , 132.75, 132.14, 131.66 , 128.65 , 122.17 , 94.95.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3441, 3063, 2925, 1742, 1641, 1619, 1598, 1516, 1449, 1366, 1189, 1150, 1006, 948, 878, 826.

LC MS (ESI) m/z : 332 [M-I]⁺. Mp.: 249-252 °C. HRMS (ESI) : m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₂ [M-I]⁺ : 332.1395; found: 332.1394.

3-(4-((1E,3E,5E)-7-oxohepta-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)phenyl)-1,2,3-oxadiazol-3-ium-5-olate (6)



C₁₅H₁₂N₂O₃ MW: 268.08 g.mol⁻¹ yellow solid Yield: 37%

To a stirred solution of unsaturated aldehyde **5** (40 mg, 0.165 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C was added TDA-1 (69 mg, 0.07 mL, 0.215 mmol) followed by a saturated solution of K_2CO_3 (10 mL) and compound **Int6** (91 mg, 0.215 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at reflux temperature for overnight. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain protected aldehyde with triphenylphosphine oxide. The residue was dissolved in mixture of THF:H₂O (1:1) 10 mL followed by addition of excess acetic acid (3mL). The aqueous layer was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated solution of NaHCO₃, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (DCM/EtOAc/MeOH=30:19:1) to obtain the desired aldehyde **6** (28 mg, 0.104 mmol, 63 %) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 9.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.85 (m, 4H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 194.0, 168.4, 152.0, 142.1, 140.3, 135.4, 133.7, 132.4, 131.8, 131.3, 128.3 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 94.6.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3444, 3075, 3024, 2853, 1750, 1672, 1589, 1603, 1512, 1483, 1435, 1332, 1179, 1116, 1027, 996, 748, 718.

LC MS (ESI) *m/z* : 269 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 166-168 °C.

3-(4-((1E,3E,5E,7E)-8-(1-methylpyridin-1-ium-4-yl)octa-1,3,5,7-tetraen-1-yl)phenyl)-1,2,3-oxadiazol-3-ium-5-olate iodide (Syd9)



To a solution of compound **6** (17 mg, 0.0634 mmol) and **Int4** (15 mg, 0.0634 mmol) in MeOH (5 ml) was added one drop of piperidine. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 10 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to cool at the room temperature for 1 h followed by addition Et_2O (4 mL) and subsequently, the mixture was cooled at 0 °C for 1 h to recrystallize the compound. Then the precipitate was filtered to isolate the sydnone **Syd9** (10 mg, 0.021 mmol) in 32% as a brown solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, DMF-d₇, \delta ppm):** 8.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94–7.85 (m, 3H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 3H), 6.91–6.77 (m, 3H), 4.47 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMF-d₇, δ ppm): 168.8, 152.9, 145.2 (2C), 141.8, 141.3, 141.1, 137.6, 134.9, 133.2, 133.0, 132.4, 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 127.0, 123.5 (2C), 121.9 (2C), 94.3, 46.9.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3436, 2931, 2869, 2811, 1650, 1495, 1438, 1387, 1254, 1095, 1062, 864.

LC MS (ESI) m/z: 358 [M-I] ⁺.

Mp.: 136 °C (decomp.)

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₃O₂ [M-I]⁺: 358.1548; found: 358.1550.

III. Synthesis and Analytical Data of pyrazoles Pyr1-9, Pyr5'-Pyr9'

General procedures for the preparation of cycloadducts

<u>Procedure A</u>: To a solution of sydnone (1.0 eq) in acetonitrile (0.1 M) was added the cyclooctyne (1.5 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solution was evaporated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc).

<u>Procedure B</u>: To a solution of sydnone (1.0 eq) in acetonitrile (0.1 M) was added the cyclooctyne (1.05 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solution was evaporated under reduced pressure.

(11-{4-[(E)-2-phenylethenyl]phenyl}-10,11-diazatricyclo[7.3.0.0^{4,6}]dodeca-1(12),9-dien-5yl)methanol (Pyr1)



C₂₅H₂₆N₂O **MW:** 370.50 g.mol⁻¹ Beige solid **Yield:** 82%

The title compound **Pyr1** was obtained in 82% yield (30.2 mg, 0.08 mmol) from compound **Syd1** (26.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and BCN (22.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) according to procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 8/2 \rightarrow 5/5).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.65–7.49 (m, 8H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.13 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36–2.21 (m, 2H), 1.61 (br. s, 1H), 1.49–1.32 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.10 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 154.7, 139.3, 137.4, 134.7, 128.8 (2C), 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6 (2C), 126.6 (2C), 126.3, 122.6, 118.4 (2C), 60.2, 27.7, 25.0, 23.6, 23.7, 21.9, 21.3, 21.1.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3302, 2918, 1596, 1519, 1406, 1383, 1053, 1021, 964, 952, 816.

LCMS (ESI): m/z: 371 [M+H]⁺.

Mp.: 192–194 °C.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O (M+H⁺) : 371.2123; found: 371.2108.

(11-{4-[(E)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]phenyl}-10,11-diazatricyclo[7.3.0.0^{4,6}]dodeca-1(12),9-dien-5-yl)methanol (Pyr2)



C₂₆H₂₈N₂O₂ **MW:** 400.52 g.mol⁻¹ Beige solid **Yield:** 88%

The title compound **Pyr2** was obtained in 88% yield (35.0 mg, 0.09 mmol) from compound **Syd2** (29.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and BCN (22.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) according to procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 9/1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.77–3.67 (m, 2H), 3.12 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.36–2.21 (m, 2H), 1.68 (br. s, 1H), 1.49–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.23–1.12 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 159.4, 154.6, 139.0, 135.0, 130.2, 128.0, 127.8 (2C), 127.3 (2C), 126.3, 125.8, 122.5, 118.4 (2C), 114.3 (2C), 60.3, 55.5, 27.7, 25.0, 23.8, 23.7, 21.9, 21.3, 21.1. IR (cm⁻¹): 2923, 1604, 1564, 1519, 1386, 1248, 1025, 972, 951, 837. LCMS (ESI): m/z: 401 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 215–217 °C. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₉N₂O₂ (M+H⁺) : 401.2229; found: 401.2219.



C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₃ MW: 438.53 g.mol⁻¹ Yellow solid Yield: 79%

The title compound **Pyr3** was obtained in 79% yield (34.6 mg, 0.08 mmol) from compound **Syd3** (33.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) and BCN (22.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) according to procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/EtOAc 7/3 \rightarrow 5/5).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.69 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 10.0 Hz,

J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.15 (ddd, *J* = 15.0 Hz, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (ddd, *J* = 14.9 Hz, *J* = 8.6 Hz, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, *J* = 12.3 Hz, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, *J* = 15.1 Hz, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39–2.29 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.20 (m, 1H), 1.62 (br. s, 1H) 1.57–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.16 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 160.5, 154.2, 154.0, 143.0, 139.1, 138.8, 136.3, 135.9, 134.8, 128.0, 126.8 (2C), 126.4, 124.7 (2C), 121.2, 118.5, 118.3, 117.3, 114.6, 60.2, 27.5, 24.9, 23.7, 22.8, 22.2, 21.1, 21.1.

IR (cm⁻¹): 2925, 1732, 1617, 1516, 1372, 1103, 938, 909, 845. LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 439 [M+H]⁺. Mp.: 123–125 °C. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₇N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) : 439.2022; found: 439.2023.

(11-{4-[(E)-2-(1-methyl-1H-1,3-benzodiazol-2-yl)ethenyl]phenyl}-10,11-diazatricyclo[7.3.0.0^{4,6}] dodeca-1(12),9-dien-5-yl)methanol (Pyr4)



C₂₇H₂₈N₄O **MW:** 424.55 g.mol⁻¹ Yellow solid **Yield:** 99%

The title compound **Pyr4** was obtained in 99% yield (42.5 mg, 0.10 mmol) from compound **Syd4** (31.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) and BCN (15.8 mg, 0.11 mmol) according to procedure B.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63—7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56—7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25—7.18 (m, 2H), 4.29 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.48 (quin, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21—2.09 (m, 2H), 1.43—1.26 (m, 2H), 1.05—0.93 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 154.0, 151.1, 142.8, 139.6, 136.1, 135.0, 132.7, 128.6 (2C), 126.9, 122.3, 122.0, 121.9, 118.4, 117.2 (2C), 113.7, 110.1, 57.4, 29.6, 27.1, 24.1, 23.1, 22.7, 21.4, 20.1, 19.9.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3339, 2918, 1603, 1565, 1519, 1462, 1437, 1383, 1329, 1122, 1030, 953, 816, 740.

LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 426 [M+H]⁺.

Mp.: 193–195 °C.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₉N₄O (M+H⁺) : 425.2341; found: 425.2331.

4-[(E)-2-{4-[5-(hydroxymethyl)-10,11-diazatricyclo[7.3.0.0^{4,6}]dodeca-1(12),9-dien-11-yl]phenyl} ethenyl]-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr5)



C₂₅H₂₈IN₃O MW: 513.42 g.mol⁻¹ Brown solid Yield: 99%

The title compound **Pyr5** was obtained in 99% yield (25.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) from compound **Syd5** (20.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) and BCN (7.89 mg, 0.05 mmol) according to procedure B.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.35 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (ddd, *J* = 14.8 Hz, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, *J* = 15.0 Hz, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 14.8 Hz, *J* = 8.9 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (ddd, *J* = 15.0 Hz, *J* = 10.9 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.56 (m, 2H), 0.93–0.75 (m, 2H), 0.54–0.41 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 154.5, 152.5, 145.1 (2C), 140.7, 139.9, 131.7, 129.5 (2C), 127.1, 123.3 (2C), 122.8, 122.4, 117.4 (2C), 57.4, 46.9, 27.1, 24.0, 23.1, 22.6, 21.4, 20.1, 19.9.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3382, 2921, 1599, 1520, 1380, 1179, 1020, 949, 839, 748.

LCMS (ESI): m/z: 386 [M-I]⁺.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₈N₃O (M-I⁻) : 386.2232; found: 386.2226.

2-[(E)-2-{4-[5-(hydroxymethyl)-10,11-diazatricyclo[7.3.0.0^{4,6}]dodeca-1(12),9-dien-11yl]phenyl}ethenyl]-1,3,3-trimethyl-3H-indol-1-ium iodide (Pyr6)



C₃₀H₃₄IN₃O MW: 579.53 g.mol⁻¹ Red solid Yield: 82%

The title compound **Pyr6** was obtained in 82% yield (47.5 mg, 0.08 mmol) from compound **Syd6** (47.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) and BCN (16.5 mg, 0.11 mmol) according to procedure B.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.42 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.58 (m, 3H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 3.47 (m, 2H), 3.00 (ddd, J = 14.9 Hz, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (ddd, J = 14.9Hz, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.71–7.62 (m, 1H), 2.54–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.09 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 6H), 1.44–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.06–0.90 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 181.6, 155.4, 152.6, 143.5, 142.7, 141.8, 132.3 (2C), 130.9, 129.3, 128.9, 127.5, 123.5, 122.8, 117.2 (2C), 115.1, 112.0, 57.4, 52.0, 34.4, 27.0, 25.4 (2C), 23.8, 23.00, 22.4, 21.3, 20.0, 19.8.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3396, 2930, 1591, 1575, 1536, 1373, 1298, 1184, 1175, 945, 757. LCMS (ESI): *m/z*: 453 [M-I]⁺. Mp.: 125–127 °C.

4-[(1E,3E)-4-{4-[5-(hydroxymethyl)-10,11- diazatricyclo[7.3.0.0^{4,6}]dodeca-1(12),9-dien-11-yl]phenyl} buta-1,3-dien-1-yl]-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr7)



C₂₇H₃₀IN₃O **MW:** 539.46 g.mol⁻¹ Brown solid **Yield:** 86%

The title compound **Pyr7** was obtained in 86% yield (46.6 mg, 0.09 mmol) from compound **Syd7** (43.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to procedure B.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d**₆, δ **ppm):** 8.77 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 15.4 Hz, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 3H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (ddd, *J* = 14.7 Hz, *J* = 7.8 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, *J* = 14.9 Hz, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* = 14.9 Hz, *J* = 9.2 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (ddd, *J* = 14.7 Hz, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.18–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.01–0.91 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 154.2, 152.3, 144.9 (2C), 141.9, 139.9, 139.6, 132.6, 128.7 (2C), 127.5, 127.0, 126.3, 123.2 (2C), 122.5, 117.4 (2C), 57.4, 46.8, 27.1, 24.0, 23.1, 22.7, 21.4, 20.1, 20.0.
 IR (cm⁻¹): 3389, 2935, 1640, 1589, 1513, 1379, 1189, 1015, 952, 747.
 LCMS (ESI): m/z: 413 [M-I]⁺.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/z calcd for C₂₇H₃₀N₃O (M-I) : 412.2383 ; found: 412.2384.

4-[(E)-2-{4-[13-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-3,4,13/14-triazatetracyclo[13.4.0.0^{2,6}.0^{7,12}] nonadeca-1(19),2,5,7,9,11,15,17-octaen-4-yl]phenyl}ethenyl]-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr5'a) / 4-[(E)-2-{4-[14-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-3,4,13/14-triazatetracyclo[13.4.0.0^{2,6}.0^{7,12}] nonadeca-1(19),2,5,7,9,11,15,17-octaen-4-yl]phenyl}ethenyl]-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr5'b)



Compounds **Pyr5'a** and **Pyr5'b** were obtained as a mixture in 97% yield (16.9 mg, 0.025 mmol) from compound **Syd5** (10.4 mg, 0.024 mmol) and DIBAC (8.40 mg, 0.025 mmol) according to procedure B.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d**₆, δ **ppm):** 8.88 (m, 6H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 8.09–8.01 (m, 6H), 7.93–7.86 (m, 4H), 7.63–7.21 (m, 18H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 6H), 1.93 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.04 (m, 10H).

The ¹H NMR signals of compounds **Pyr5'a** and **Pyr5'b** are undistinguishable.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3429, 2956, 1732, 1234, 1160, 1048, 1025, 1005, 762.

LCMS (ESI): m/z: 570 [M-I]*.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₃₆H₃₃N₄O₃ (M-I⁻) : 569.2547; found: 569.2548.

4-[(1E,3E)-4-{4-[13-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-3,4,13-triazatetracyclo[13.4.0.0^{2,6}.0^{7,12}]nonadeca-1(19),2,5,7,9,11,15,17-octaen-4-yl]phenyl}buta-1,3- dien-1-yl]-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr7'a) / 4-[(1E,3E)-4-{4-[14-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-3,4-diazatetracyclo[13.4.0.0^{2,6}.0^{7,12}]nonadeca-1(19),2,5,7,9,11,15,17-octaen-4-yl]phenyl}buta-1,3- dien-1-yl]-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr7'b)



Compounds **Pyr7'a** and **Pyr7'b** were obtained as a mixture in 97% yield (16.8 mg, 0.023 mmol) from compound **Syd7** (10.4 mg, 0.024 mmol) and DIBAC (8.40 mg, 0.025 mmol) according to procedure B.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ppm): 8.81–8.77 (m, 5H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 8.00–7.93 (m, 4H), 7.88–7.75 (m, 6H), 7.73–7.39 (m, 10H), 7.37–7.19 (m, 9H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 6H), 1.98–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.06 (m, 10H). *The* ¹*H NMR signals of compounds* **Pyr7'a** *and* **Pyr7'b** *are undistinguishable.* **IR (cm**⁻¹): 3346, 2927, 1643, 1591, 1514, 1402, 955, 761. **LCMS (ESI):** *m/z*: 596 [M-I]⁺. **HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C₃₈H₃₅N₄O₃ (M-I⁻) : 595.2704 ; found: 595.2709. 4-((1E,3E,5E)-6-(4-(8-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-8,9-dihydro-2H-dibenzo[b,f]pyrazolo[4,3-d]azocin-2yl)phenyl)hexa-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr8'a) / 4-((1E,3E,5E)-6-(4-(9-(4carboxybutyl)-8,9-dihydro-2H-dibenzo[b,f]pyrazolo[3,4-d]azocin-2-yl)phenyl)hexa-1,3,5-trien-1-yl)-1-methylpyridin-1-ium (Pyr8'b)



Compounds **Pyr8'a** and **Pyr8'b** were obtained as a mixture from compound **Syd8** (4.2 mg, 9.1 μ mol) and DIBAC (8.40 mg, 0.025 mmol) according to procedure B.

HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₄₀H₃₇N₄O₃ (M-I⁻) : 621.2859 ; found: 621.2860.

4-((1E,3E,5E,7E)-8-(4-(8-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-8,9-dihydro-2H-dibenzo[b,f]pyrazolo[4,3-d]azocin-2yl)phenyl)octa-1,3,5,7-tetraen-1-yl)-1-methylpyridin-1-ium iodide (Pyr9'a)/4-((1E,3E,5E,7E)-8-(4-(9-(5-carboxypentanoyl)-8,9-dihydro-2H-dibenzo[b,f]pyrazolo[3,4-d]azocin-2-yl)phenyl)octa-1,3,5,7tetraen-1-yl)-1-methylpyridin-1-ium (Pyr9'b)



Compounds **Pyr9'a** and **Pyr9'b** were obtained as a mixture from compound **Syd9** (5.9 mg, 12.2 μ mol) and DIBAC (4.1 mg, 13.1 μ mol) according to procedure B.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{42}H_{39}N_4O_3$ (M-I⁻) : 647.3017 ; found: 647.3015.

IV. Absorbance and fluorescence properties of sydnones and pyrazoles

Absorbances were measured on three solutions (50 μ M, 25 μ M and 5 μ M) of compounds in water/DMSO (8:2) mixtures for all sydnones except **Syd2** (DMSO 100%). The molar extinction coefficients were determined by plotting absorbance values versus the solution concentrations and analyzing by linear regression (**Equation 2**). The molar extinction coefficient corresponds to the determined slope.

$$A = \varepsilon l C$$

Equation 1. A – absorbance of the sample; ε – molar extinction coefficient (L. mol⁻¹. cm⁻¹); I – pathlengh (cm); C – solution concentration (mol. L⁻¹)

Fluorescences were measured on 1 μ M solutions of compounds in water/DMSO (8:2) mixtures (or DMSO 100% for **Syd2**) excited at a wavelength corresponding to the maximum of absorbance of the sydnone or the cycloadduct.

Absorbance and fluorescence spectra for each sydnone/cycloadduct couple are reported in **Table S1**.





















Summary of the fluorescence properties of pyridinium-based sydnones and pyrazoles:



 Table S2. Characterization of the fluorescence properties of Syd10, 12-14 and Pyr10', 12'-14'

			Sydnone				Pyrazole						
Entrée	n	alcyne	λ _{ex} (nm)	λ _{em} (nm)	Φ_{f}	ε	λ _{ex} (nm)	λ _{em} (nm)	Φ_{f}	ε	Brill.	Turn-on	
1	1	BCN	337 434	424	434 0,003	12400	376	521	0,066	16300	1076	78	
2	1	DIBAC		434			375	526	0,040	13600	544	71	
3	2	BCN	376	276		0 000	42200	401	582	0,047	33900	1593	97
4	2	DIBAC		400	0,008	42200	399	567	0,047	40000	1880	73	
5	3	DIBAC	403	530	0.002	24600	422	612	0.007	25600	191	11	
6	4	DIBAC	431	588	0.002	41045	445	652	0.002	39300	95	2.4	

V. Kinetic studies

Reactions of sydnones **Syd5** and **Syd7** with **BCN** were carried out in PBK 5 mM/DMSO (8:2), culture medium/DMSO (8:2), cellular lysate/DMSO (8:2), plasma/DMSO (8:2) and glutathione (1 mM in PBK 5 mM)/DMSO (8:2) at 100 μ M concentration of sydnones and 150 μ M concentration of **BCN** using the following procedure:

To 800 μ L of the chosen medium was added 85 μ L of DMSO, 100 μ L of the solution of sydnone (1 mM in DMSO) and 15 μ L of the solution of **BCN** (10 mM in DMSO). 3 x 200 μ L of the reaction mixture were dropped off a 96-well opaque plate and the emission was measured every minute after excitation at the appropriate wavelength until the reaction reaches 10% conversion.

Reactions of sydnones **Syd5**, **Syd7** and **Syd8** with **DIBAC** were carried out in PBK 5 mM/DMSO (8:2), diluted culture medium*/DMSO (8:2), diluted cellular lysate*/DMSO (8:2), diluted plasma*/DMSO (8:2) and glutathione (1 mM in PBK 5 mM)/DMSO (8:2) at 10 μ M concentration of sydnones and 15 μ M concentration of **DIBAC** using the following procedure:

To 160 μ L of the chosen medium was added 14 μ L of DMSO, 20 μ L of the solution of sydnone (100 μ M in DMSO) and 6 μ L of the solution of **DIBAC** (500 μ M in DMSO) in a 96-well opaque plate and the emission was measured every second after excitation at the appropriate wavelength until the reaction reaches 10% conversion. This operation was repeated 3 times.

*Culture medium, plasma and cellular lysate were used as diluted solutions in PBK 1M to avoid the low signal/noise ratio due to the internal fluorescence of these media and the low fluorescence intensity of the sample at the concentration of the experiment.

Correspondences between fluorescence and concentrations were established by plotting the calibration curve obtained by measuring the emission after the excitation at the appropriate wavelength of solutions for 0.5%, 2.5%, 5%, 7.5% and 10% conversion of the reaction.

Conversion	10%	7.5%	5%	2.5%	0.5%
C _{sydnone}	90 μM	92.5 μM	95 μM	97.5 μM	99.5 μM
	10 µM	7.5 μM	5 μΜ	2.5 μM	0.5 μM

Table S3. Concentrations of sydnone and cycloadduct in the medium for 10%, 7.5%, 5%, 2.5% and 0.5% conversion of the
reaction at 100 μ M.

Table S4. Concentrations of sydnone and cycloadduct in the medium for 10%, 7.5%, 5%, 2.5% and 0.5% conversion of thereaction at 10 μ M.

Conversion	10%	7.5%	5%	2.5%	0.5%
Csydnone	9 μM	9.25 μM	9.5 μM	9.75 μM	9.95 μM
	1 μM	0.75 μM	0.5 μΜ	0.25 μM	0.05 μM

Second order reaction rate was determined by plotting ln([A]/[B])/([A] - [B]) versus time and analyzing by linear regression (Equation S2). Second order rate constant corresponds to the determined slope.

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{[A]}{[B]}\right)}{[A] - [B]} = kt + const$$

Equation S2. [A] – concentration of sydnones (M); [B] – concentration of BCN (M); t – reaction time (sec); k – reaction rate (M⁻¹·sec⁻¹).

Calibration curves and linear regression curves are illustrated in Tables S5, S6, S7, S8 and S9.

Table S5. Calibration curves showing fluorescence intensity plotted versus conversion and linear regression curves showing ln([A]/[B])/([A] - [B]) plotted versus time for the reaction between sydnone Syd5 and BCN in various media.





Table S6. Calibration curves showing fluorescence intensity plotted versus conversion and linear regression curves showing ln([A]/[B])/([A] - [B]) plotted versus time for the reaction between sydnone Syd7 and BCN in various media.







Table S7. Calibration curves showing fluorescence intensity plotted versus conversion and linear regression curves showing ln([A]/[B])/([A] - [B]) plotted versus time for the reaction between sydnone **Syd5** and **DIBAC** in various media.



Table S8. Calibration curves showing fluorescence intensity plotted versus conversion and linear regression curves showing ln([A]/[B])/([A] - [B]) plotted versus time for the reaction between sydnone Syd7 and DIBAC in various media.




 Table S9. Calibration curves showing fluorescence intensity plotted versus conversion and linear regression curves showing ln([A]/[B])/([A] - [B]) plotted versus time for the reaction between sydnone Syd8 and DIBAC in various media.





Table S10. Summary of kinetic data obtained with BCN and DIBAC

Entrée	n	Alcyne	РВК	Lysat cellulaire	Plasma dilué	Glutathion 1 mM
1	1	BCN	0,624 ± 0,014	0,683 ± 0,009	$0,504 \pm 0,022$	$0,474 \pm 0,003$
2	2	BCN	0,152 ± 0,002	$\textbf{0,137} \pm \textbf{0,006}$	$\textbf{0,128} \pm \textbf{0,007}$	$\textbf{0,130} \pm \textbf{0,001}$
3	1	DIBAC	78,81 ± 9,51	$102, 11 \pm 14, 9$	82,73 ± 25,96	$\textbf{35,29} \pm \textbf{1,51}$
4	2	DIBAC	24,67 ± 6,32	$\textbf{36,28} \pm \textbf{7,71}$	$\textbf{20,37} \pm \textbf{6,77}$	$\textbf{20,00} \pm \textbf{2,19}$
5	3	DIBAC	12.63 ± 2.89	14.52 ± 1.33	8.59 ± 2.6	15.74 ± 1.98

VI. Protein Labelling

A- METHODS

SDS-PAGE

Proteins samples in loading buffer were boiled at 95 °C for 5 min and subsequently loaded into wells of a 4 - 20% mini-SDS gel. The Mini-Protean III electrophoresis system was used with tris/glycine migrating buffer.

FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

Fluorescence measurements were performed with VersaDoc MP 4000 Molecular Digital Imaging System (Bio-Rad) allowing visualization of bands relative to fluorescent proteins. Blue LED was used as light source and the emission collection was at 530 nm for MP 4000 imager.

LC-ESI-MS

In this study, the LC step was performed before the ESI-MS with the only aim to desalt efficiently the sample as well as to avoid any signal saturation by the chemical sydnone. LC-ESI-MS experiments were carried out using an Esquire HCT Electrospray ion trap mass spectrometer in the positive ion mode coupled on-line to an Agilent 1100 HPLC. Nebulization and desolvation ESI conditions were optimized to obtain maximum sensitivity. Acidified samples were injected onto a monolith reverse-phase micro-column (ProSwift RP-4H, 1.0 x 50 mm, Thermo-Scientific) equilibrated in 0.1 % TFA/water and elution was carried out at 200 μ L/min with a fast linear gradient of acetonitrile in 0.1 % TFA. During elution, the flow was split with 10 % directed to the electrospray mass spectrometer and 90 % to the diode array UV-Vis detector. HyStar/EsquireControl softwares were used for full scan MS acquisitions. DataAnalysis software was used for data processing and obtention of deconvoluted spectra.

MALDI-MS

Proteins sample were analysed using a 4800 spectrometer MALDI-TOF/TOF Proteomics Analyzer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA). Proteins samples diluted with sinapinic acid matrix solution prepared at 10 mg/mL in H2O/CH3CN/TFA (70/30/0.1) were manually spotted on MALDI plate. MS spectra were recorded from crystallized samples using positive linear mode.

B- Preparation of Myo-DIBAC conjugate



A solution of Myoglobin from equine heart (22.5 mg, 1.32 μ mol) purchased from Sigma-Aldrich in PBNa 100 mM pH 7,4 (9 mL) was treated at room temperature with dibenzocyclooctyne-*N*-hydroxysuccinimidyl ester (*DIBAC-NHS*) (1.86 mg, 4.62 μ mol), previously suspended in 600 μ L of DMF. After 3 h of gentle shaking, 2.25 mL of PBNa 100 mM pH 7.4 were added to the reaction mixture that was then dialysed overnight against PBK 25 mM pH 8 and aliquoted as 11.75 nmoles of Myoglobin. Aliquotes were freeze-dried and kept at -20 °C. Mass spectrometry analysis (ESI and MALDI) indicated that the obtained **Myo-DIBAC** sample contains modified Myoglobins bearing respectively one dibenzocyclooctyne (**Myo-DIBAC**) or two dibenzocyclooctyne (**Myo-DIBAC**) together with unmodified Myoglobin.



ESI-MS analysis





ESI-MS spectra deconvolution using Data analysis software gave access to corresponding proteic specie molecular weight:

Myo : 16951,37 Da +/-0,6 Da (expected for C₇₆₉H₁₂₁₂N₂₁₀O₂₁₈S₂ : 16951,30 Da)

Myo-DIBAC1: 17238,96 Da +/- 0,4 Da (expected for C788H1225N211O220S2: 17238,61 Da)

Myo-DIBAC₂: 17526,53 Da +/- 0,57 Da (expected for C₈₀₇H₁₂₃₈N₂₁₂O₂₂₂S₂:17525,91 Da).



Figure S2. ESI-MS deconvoluted of Myoglobin (left) and **Myo-DIBAC** (right). Grey square refers to the set of multicharged states of unmodified Myoglobin, black triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing one DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, left) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin be





Figure S3. MALDI-MS spectra of Myoglobin (up) and **Myo-DIBAC** (down). Grey square refers to the set of multicharged states of unmodified Myoglobin, black triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing one DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₁, up) and black double triangles to the set relative to Myoglobin bearing two DIBAC (Myo-DIBAC₂, down).

SDS-PAGE analysis

A part of **Myo-DIBAC** sample as well as an equimolar reference of native unmodified Myoglobin (0.06 nmoles) were analysed by SDS-PAGE using standard condition, Laemmli buffer, 4–20% acrylamide gel and silver staining.

Protein migration on SDS-PAGE

Equal amount of **Myo-DIBAC** (10 μ g, 1 μ g/ μ l) and Myoglobin (10 μ g, 1 μ g/ μ l) as negative control in Laemmli buffer were loaded in wells of a 4%–20% gradient gel after being heated up to 95 °C for 5 min. SDS-PAGE (Bio-Rad[®] Tris/glycine migrating buffer system, mini-Protean III electrophoresis system) was performed under denaturating conditions



Figure S4. Silver stained SDS-PAGE of Myoglobin and Myo-DIBAC.

C- SPSAC between Syd10/Syd12 and Myo-DIBAC in solution



<u>Protocol</u>

A **Myo-DIBAC** (11.75 nmoles) solution in PBK 50 mM pH 8 (45 μ L) was mixed with 5 μ L of DMSO solubilized **Syd5/Syd7** at 10 mM (50 nmoles). The final 50 μ L solution mixture containing 235 μ M of **Myo-DIBAC** and 1 mM of **Syd5/Syd7** was incubated for two hours at room temperature to give **Myo-Pyr5'/Pyr7'** sample.

<u>ESI-MS</u>

Each **Myo-Pyr5'/Pyr7'** samples were analysed by LC-ESI-MS. In both cases, the ESI-MS spectra shows the presence of three sets of multicharged states corresponding respectively to three type of Myoglobin entities: unmodified myoglobin (grey squares), myoglobin bearing one pyrazole derivative ($PyrX_1$ = colored triangles) and myoglobin bearing two pyrazole derivatives ($PyrX_2$ = colored double triangles).



Figure S5. *ESI-MS spectra of* **Myo-DIBAC**, **Myo-Pyr5'** and **Myo-Pyr7'**, resulting from the labelling of **Myo-DIBAC** by **Syd5** or **Syd7** probes. Grey squares refer to unmodified MYO, black triangles to **Myo-DIBAC** (n = 1) and black double triangles to **Myo-DIBAC** (n = 2), orange triangles (n = 1) and orange double triangles (n = 2) to **Syd5**-derived Myoglobin; green triangles (n = 1) and green double triangles (n = 2) to **Syd7**-derived Myoglobin.

				measured m/z			
charge state z	Myo	Myo-DIBAC ₁	Myo-DIBAC ₂	Myo-Pyr5' ₁	Myo-Pyr5'2	Myo-Pyr7' ₁	Myo-Pyr7' ₂
25+	679.17	690.54	702.21	699.94	720.75	700.98	722.82
24+	707.37	719.28	731.14	729.06	750.76	730.17	753.04
23+	738.03	750.50	763.05	760.72	783.52	761.83	785.82
22+	771.49	784.68	797.68	795.23	818.96	796.44	821.39
21+	808.23	821.89	835.49	833.03	857.96	834.34	860.50
20+	848.55	862.95	877.38	874.66	900.79	876.02	903.41
19+	893.21	908.32	923.45	920.65	948.19	922.05	950.91
18+	942.73	958.72	974.70	971.75	1000.80	973.23	1003.73
17+	998.17	1015.03	1031.97	1028.88	1059.64	1030.46	1062.69
16+	1060.46	1078.44	1096.41	1093.15	1125.80	1094.80	1129.11
15+	1131.08	1150.31	1169.48	1165.90	1200.80	1167.71	1204.37
14+	1211.79	1232.34	1252.97	1249.14	1286.55	1251.20	1290.06
13+	1304.97	1327.12	1349.34	1345.21	1385.31	1347.13	1389.48
12+	1413.54	1437.66	1461.50	1457.24	1500.69	1459.47	1505.01

Table S11. Summary of m/z for each charge state of MYO and MYO-conjugates

ESI-MS spectra deconvolution using *Data Analysis Software* gave access to corresponding proteic specie molecular weights.



Figure S6. Comparison of ESI-MS deconvoluted spectra of **Myo-DIBAC**, **Myo-Pyr5'** and **Myo-Pyr7'** resulting from the labelling of **Myo-DIBAC** by **Syd5** or **Syd7** probes. Grey squares refer to unmodified MYO, black triangles to **Myo-DIBAC** (n = 1) and black double triangles to **Myo-DIBAC** (n = 2), orange triangles (n = 1) and orange double triangles (n = 2) to **Syd5**-derived Myoglobin; green triangles (n = 1) and green double triangles (n = 2) to **Syd7**-derived Myoglobin.

1st popol	16951.37 Da +/-0.58 Da for Myo expected at 16951.30 Da ($C_{769}H_{1212}N_{210}O_{218}S_2$)
1 ^{se} panei	17238.96 Da +/- 0.40 Da for Myo-DIBAC ₁ expected at 17238.61 Da(C ₇₈₈ H ₁₂₂₅ N ₂₁₁ O ₂₂₀ S ₂)
Myo-DIBAC	17526.53 Da +/- 0.58 Da for Myo-DIBAC ₂ expected at 17525.91 Da(C ₈₀₇ H ₁₂₃₈ N ₂₁₂ O ₂₂₂ S ₂)
2 nd panel	16951.28 Da +/-0.45 Da for Myo expected at 16951.30 $Da(C_{769}H_{1212}N_{210}O_{218}S_2)$
Myo-Pyr5'	17473.42 Da +/- 0.37 Da for Myo-Pyr5' $_{\rm 1}$ expected at 17474.90 Da (C $_{\rm 803}H_{1239}N_{214}O_{220}S_2$)
	17996.25 Da +/- 0.73 Da for Myo-Pyr5' $_2$ expected at 17998.51 Da (C $_{837}H_{1266}N_{218}O_{222}S_2$)
3 rd panel	16951.26 Da +/-0.59 Da for Myo expected at 16951.30 Da $(C_{769}H_{1212}N_{210}O_{218}S_2\)$
Mvo-Pvr7'	17500.24 Da +/- 0.58 Da for Myo-Pyr7' $_{\rm 1}$ expected at 17500.94 Da (C $_{\rm 805}H_{1241}N_{214}O_{220}S_{\rm 2}$)
1190 1 917	18048.70 Da +/- 0.73 Da for Myo-Pyr7' $_2$ expected at 18050.58 Da (C $_{841}H_{1270}N_{218}O_{222}S_2$)



Myo-Pyr5'₁





Myo-Pyr5'₂



Myo-Pyr7'₁



Myo-Pyr7'₂

MALDI-MS

MALDI-MS spectra obtained from the same MYO-pyrX samples confirm the presence of three protein species in each of these samples: unmodified MYO, MYO-pyrX₁ and MYO-pyrX₂.

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Figure S7- Comparison of MALDI-MS spectra of **Myo-DIBAC**, **Myo-Pyr5'** and **Myo-Pyr7'** resulting from the labelling of **Myo-DIBAC** by **Sy5** or **Syd7** probes. Grey squares refer to unmodified MYO, black triangles to **Myo-DIBAC** (n = 1) and black double triangles to **Myo-DIBAC** (n = 2), orange triangles (n = 1) and orange double triangles (n = 2) to **Syd5**-derived Myoglobin; green triangles (n = 1) and green double triangles (n = 2) to **Syd7**-derived Myoglobin.

According to these spectra, Myo-PyrX₂ shows poorest desorption properties compared to Myo-PyrX₁. This could be related to its hydrophobic structure and the ability of MALDI-MS technology to be less prone to detect hydrophobic species.

SDS-PAGE and Fluorescence imaging

Both solutions of *mass-charaterized* **Syd5** and **Syd7** adducted myoglobins were analysed by SDS-PAGE using standard condition, Laemmli buffer and 4 - 20 % acrylamide gel. The gel was first subjected to fluorescence analysis (upper panels) and then to silver staining (lower panel). The detection threshold using Versadoc imager was shown to be better for **Myo-Pyr7'** than for **Myo-Pyr5'**. The positive detection of Myo-PyrX could be achieved after 5 minutes 95 °C heating and electrophoretic migration. Quantity down to 3 µg was detected in the case of labeled **Myo-Pyr7'**.



Figure S8- *Myo-Pyr5'* and *Myo-Pyr7'* (3, 5, 10 and 20 µg) analysed by SDS-PAGE on a 4 - 20 % polyacrylamide gel : scanned for fluorescence with Versadoc MP4000 (upper panel) or silver stained (lower panel)

D- "On-gel SPSAC" method

The *on-gel SPSAC* method refers to a new labelling strategy where a turn-on sydnone probe solution is dispensed on a SDS-PAGE gel to specifically enlighten octyne proteins already present in the gel. The gel is overlaid by a buffered solution of sydnone and fluorescence is visualised using an imager. The overlay step is illustrated on Figure S9.



Figure S9. Overlay step: Gel is overlaid with a solution of sydnone

On-gel SPSAC Protocol

After protein migration, the gel was first incubated in a fixing solution (30 % EtOH, 5 % Acetic acid in deionized water, 2 x 30 min), rinsed with water (4 x 10 min) and carefully settled on a glass plate. The gel was then overlaid with a solution of sydnone at 100 μ M in PBK 5 mM pH 8. Interaction between the gel and the sydnone solution was maintained for 5 min or more when specified. The solution was removed from the gel using a blotting paper. The gel was then scanned on Molecular Imager[®] VersaDoc[™] MP 4000 to detect the fluorescent protein adduct.

E- Syd5/Syd7 labelling with Myo-DIBAC using On-gel SPSAC method

<u>Protocol</u>

Equal amount of **Myo-DIBAC** (10 μ g, 1 μ g/ μ l in Laemmli buffer) and Myoglobin (10 μ g, 1 μ g/ μ l in Laemmli buffer) were loaded in wells of a 4 % - 20 % gradient gel after being heated up to 95 °C for 5 min. SDS-PAGE (Tris/glycine migrating buffer system) was performed under denaturating conditions. After migration, *On-gel SPSAC* protocol was then performed with a solution of sydnone (**Syd5/Syd7**) for 5 min. Following the fluorescence revelation, the SDS-PAGE was revealed following the standard coomassie blue procedure.



Figure S10. On-gel SPSAC method using turn-on probe **Syd5** and **Syd7** after migration of **Myo-DIBAC** and Myo (10 μ g) set as control. 4 - 20 % SDS gel were overlaid with a solution of **Syd5** or **Syd7** (100 μ M) for 5 min, scanned for fluorescence (upper panels) and coomassie stained (lower panels).

F- Study of detection threshold of Myo-DIBAC with Syd7 using On-gel SPSAC method

<u>Protocol</u>

A range of quantities of Myoglobin-DIBAC (100 ng, 250 ng, 500 ng, 1 μ g, 2 μ g, 5 μ g, 10 μ g) were loaded and migrated on a (4 % - 20 %) SDS-PAGE from a mother solution at 1 μ g/ μ l. After migration, *On-gel SPSAC* protocol was then performed with a solution of sydnone (**Syd7**) during 5 min for the 1 μ g, 2 μ g, 5 μ g, 10 μ g samples and during 20 min in the case of 100 ng, 250 ng, 500 ng samples. Following the fluorescence revelation (upper panels), the 100 ng - 500 ng part of the SDS-PAGE was then revealed following the standard silver-Nitrate procedure and the 1 μ g - 10 μ g part was revealed using the coomassie blue procedure.



Figure S11. Detection threshold of **Myo-DIBAC** using on-gel SPSAC method. After migration of **Myo-DIBAC** quantities from 10 μ g down to 100 ng, 4 – 20 % SDS gel was overlaid with a solution of **Syd7** (100 μ M) for 5 min to 20 min, scanned for fluorescence (upper panels), coomassie stained (right lower panel) or silver-stained (left lower panel).

G- Study of Syd7 probe specificity to stain Myo-DIBAC in complex media (HSA or HeLa Lysate):

<u>Protocol</u>

Three solutions of **Myo-DIBAC**, HeLa Lysate and HSA were prepared in Leammli buffer at respectively 1 µg/µL, 1.65 µg/µL and 1.65 µg/µL. To produce **Myo-DIBAC** spiked-in lysate or HSA solutions, a solution of **Myo-DIBAC** (2 µg/µL) in PBK 50 mM pH 8 was diluted ten times with a HeLa Lysate solution (2.2 µg/µL) or with buffered solution of HSA (2.2 µg/µL) before the addition of Laemmli buffer. To do so, a **Myo-DIBAC** solution (10 µL) was added to HeLa lysate solution or HSA solution (91 µL) before the addition of Laemmli blue 4X (33.6 µL). Both resulting solutions contained **Myo-DIBAC** at 0.15 µg/µL together with HeLa lysate or HSA at 1.48 µg/µL. From these samples in loading buffer, 2 µg of **Myo-DIBAC** (2 µL), 20 µg of HSA (12.1 µL), 20 µg of HeLa lysate (12.1 µL) and mixtures of **Myo-DIBAC** /HSA and **Myo-DIBAC** /HeLa Lysate (13.4 µL, 2 µg / 20 µg,) were loaded in wells of 4 % - 20 % gradient SDS-gel. SDS-PAGE (Tris/glycine migrating buffer system) was performed under denaturating conditions. After migration, *On-gel SPSAC* protocol was performed with a solution of sydnone (**Syd7**) for 5 min. Following the fluorescence revelation, the SDS-PAGE was revealed following the standard coomassie blue procedure.



Figure S12. On-gel SPSAC specificity after migration of **Myo-DIBAC** mixed or not to HSA (a) or to HeLa Lysate (b) and HSA and Lysate controls (lanes III and VI). 4 - 20 % SDS gel were overlaid with a solution of **Syd7** (100 μ M) for 5 min, scanned for fluorescence (left panels) and silver stained (right panels).

VII. Cell culture and confocal microscopy general procedures

The hepatocyte carcinoma cells Huh-7 were grown in low-glucose Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) (SIGMA-Aldrich, St-Louis, MO) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) (SIGMA), 100 U/mL penicillin, 100 μ g/mL streptomycin (Eurobio) at 37°C in 5% CO₂ humidified atmosphere.

The day before experiment, 2.5 x 104 Huh-7 cells per well were seeded in eight-chambered Lab-Tek plates (Ref 155409, Nunc, Rochester, NY) in 500 μ L complete medium. Cells were incubated with 50 μ M of **Syd7** for 90 min. Medium was removed and cells were then incubated with BCN at different concentrations for 30 min. In other assays, cells were incubated first with BCN and then with **Syd7**. Nuclei labeling was obtained with Hoechst 33258 (SIGMA) at 5 μ g/mL after 30 min incubation. Pictures were taken in red-phenol free DMEM with a Leica TSC SPE confocal microscope (Leica Microsystems GmbH, Mannheim, Germany) using 405 nm and 488 nm laser.



Figure S13. In cell SPSAC reactions. Cells were incubated with 50 μ M or 10 μ M of **Syd7** for 90 min, then medium was removed and cells were then incubated with 50 μ M or 10 μ M of BCN for 90 min. Nuclei labelling was obtained with Hoechst 33258. Pictures were taken with a confocal microscope using 488 nm laser.



Figure S14. In cell SPSAC reactions. A) Control experiment in absence of BCN; B) Cells were incubated with 50 μ M of **Syd7** for 90 min, then medium was removed and cells were then incubated with 50 μ M of BCN for 90 min; C) Inverse addition: cells were incubated with 50 μ M of BCN for 90 min, then medium was removed and cells were then incubated with 50 μ M of **Syd7** for 90 min. Nuclei labelling was obtained with Hoechst 33258. Pictures were taken with a confocal microscope using 488 nm laser.

VIII. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra









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