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1. General

All chemical reagents and anhydrous solvents for synthesis were purchased from commercial suppliers (Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka, Acros, Fluorochem, TCI) and were used without further purification or distillation. BG-Oregon Green®, BG-TMR¹, BG-SiR², BG-JF₅₄₉³ and BG-JF₆₄₆³ were described before. If necessary, solvents were degassed either by freeze-pump-thaw or by bubbling N₂ through the vigorously stirred solution for several minutes.

NMR spectra were recorded at 300 K in deuterated solvents on a Bruker AVANCE III HD 400 equipped with a CryoProbe or on Bruker AV-III spectrometers using either a cryogenically cooled 5 mm TCI-triple resonance probe equipped with one-axis self-shielded gradients or room-temperature 5 mm broadband probe and calibrated to residual solvent peaks (¹H/¹³C in ppm): DMSO-d₆ (2.50/39.52), DMF-d₇ (8.03/163.15). Multiplicities are abbreviated as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, br = broad, m = multiplet. Coupling constants *J* are reported in Hz. NOTE: Spectra are reported based on appearance, not on theoretical multiplicities derived from structural information. As such, we recorded ¹H NMR (600 MHz) of final compounds at concentrations of ~10 μM, which did not allow resolution of all methylene signals, presumably due to overlap with DMSO and water peaks (which is consistent with signals arising in this area, derived from comparison with SBG-NH₂ in DMSO). Attempts to further resolve signals by measuring at 750 MHz (without a CryoProbe), at elevated temperatures (to shift water signal) or COSY/HSQC (too dilute samples), were unsuccessful. Thus, we report signals that are clearly resolved, stemming from both SBG and fluorophore cores – providing evidence that these parts have been covalently linked. Combined with HRMS, we are confident that our probes are sufficiently characterized and identified for accurate synthesis by other laboratories.

LC-MS was performed on a Shimadzu MS2020 connected to a Nexera UHPLC system equipped with a Waters ACQUITY UPLC BEH C18 (1.7 μm, 50 × 2.1 mm). Buffer A: 0.1% FA in H₂O Buffer B: MeCN. The typical gradient was from 10% B for 0.5 min → gradient to 90% B over 4.5 min → 90% B for 0.5 min → gradient to 99% B over 0.5 min with 1 mL/min flow. UPLC-UV/Vis for purity assessment was performed on a Waters H-class instrument equipped with a quaternary solvent manager, a Waters autosampler, a Waters TUV detector and a Waters Acquity QDa detector with an Acquity UPLC BEH C18 1.7 μm, 2.1 × 50 mm RP column (Waters Corp., USA). Buffer A: 0.1% TFA in H₂O Buffer B: 0.1% TFA in MeCN. The typical gradient was from 5% B for 0.5 min → gradient to 95% B over 3.0 min → 95% B for 0.9 min → gradient to 5% B over 1.1 min with 0.6 mL/min flow. Chromatograms were loaded into Graphpad Prism8 and purity was determined by calculating AUC ratio of the main peak.

High resolution mass spectrometry was performed using a Bruker maXis II ETD hyphenated with a Shimadzu Nexera system. The instruments were controlled via Brukers otofControl 4.1 and Hystar 4.1 SR2 (4.1.31.1) software. The acquisition rate was set to 3 Hz and the following source parameters were used for positive mode electrospray ionization: End plate offset = 500 V; capillary voltage = 3800 V; nebulizer gas pressure = 45 psi; dry gas flow = 10 L/min; dry temperature = 250 °C. Transfer, quadrupole and collision cell settings are mass range dependent and were fine-adjusted with consideration of the respective analyte's molecular weight. For internal calibration sodium format clusters were used. Samples were desalted via fast liquid chromatography. A Supelco TitanTM C18 UHPLC Column, 1.9 μm, 80 Å pore size, 20 × 2.1 mm and a 2 min gradient from 10 to 98% aqueous MeCN with 0.1% FA (H₂O: Carl Roth GmbH + Co. KG ROTISOLV® Ultra LC-MS; MeCN: Merck KGaA LiChrosolv® Acetonitrile hypergrade for LC-MS; FA - Merck KGaA LiChropur® Formic acid 98%–100% for LC-MS) was used for separation. Sample dilution in 10% aqueous ACN (hyper grade) and injection volumes were chosen dependent of the analyte's ionization efficiency. Hence, on-column loadings resulted between 0.25–5.0 ng.

Automated internal re-calibration and data analysis of the recorded spectra were performed with Bruker's DataAnalysis 4.4 SR1 software.

Preparative RP-HPLC was performed on a Waters e2695 system equipped with a 2998 PDA detector for product collection (at 220, 490, 550 or 650 nm) on a Supelco Ascentis® C18 HPLC Column (5 μ m, 250 \times 21.2 mm). Buffer A: 0.1% TFA in H₂O Buffer B: MeCN. The typical gradient was from 10% B for 5 min \rightarrow gradient to 90% B over 45 min \rightarrow 90% B for 5 min \rightarrow gradient to 99% B over 5 min with 8 mL/min flow.

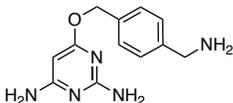
Flash column chromatography was performed on a Biotage Isolera One with pre-packed silica columns (0.040–0.063 mm, 230–400 mesh, Silicycle). Reactions and chromatography fractions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on Merck silica gel 60 F254 glass plates. The spots were visualized either under UV light at 254 nm and/or 366 nm or with appropriate staining method (iodine, *para*-anisaldehyde, KMnO₄) followed by heating.

2. Synthesis

2.1. Synthesis for CBG-NHCOCF₃

CBG-NHCOCF₃ was prepared as described previously in 7 steps⁴ from 6-chloropyrimidine-2,4-diamine and (4-(aminomethyl)phenyl)methanol in a slightly modified procedure. Each step was characterized by LCMS, and LRMS is reported below.

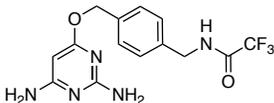
2.2. 6-((4-(Aminomethyl)benzyl)oxy)pyrimidine-2,4-diamine (**3**)



A flame-dried Schlenk flask was charged with 2.00 g (14.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) of 4-(aminomethyl)benzylalcohol (**2**) under a nitrogen atmosphere and dissolved in 25 mL of dry pyridine and 25 mL of dry xylene. 1.16 g (29.00 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) of NaH (60 % in mineral oil) were added in portions under a stream of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C until all NaH was dissolved, upon which 2.25 g (15.61 mmol, 1.07 equiv.) of 2,4-diamino-6-chloropyrimidin (**1**) were added slowly. A reflux condenser was attached and the brown suspension was stirred for 3 h at 150 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere before it was cooled to r.t. and filtered over a por.4 glass frit to remove remaining solids. The solid was rinsed with 20 mL of EtOAc and the combined filtrate was dried *in vacuo* and directly used in next step without further purification.

LRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₃H₁₆N₅O [M+H]⁺: 246.1, found: 246.0.

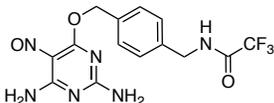
2.3. N-(4-(((2,6-Diaminopyrimidin-4-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (**4**)



Crude **3** (theoretical 14.59 mmol) was dissolved in 40 mL of ethanol and 2 mL of DIPEA. 9.8 mL (72.95 mmol) of trifluoroethyl-trifluoroacetate were added at r.t. and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h before it was evaporated to total dryness, taken up in 10% MeOH in DCM and filtered over a plug of silica with extensive rinsing to afford 2.28 g (6.69 mmol) of the desired product as a brownish solid in 46% yield over 2 steps.

LRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₄H₁₅F₃N₅O₂ [M+H]⁺: 342.3, found: 342.0.

2.4. *N*-(4-(((2,6-Diamino-5-nitrosopyrimidin-4-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (5)



In a round bottom flask, 1.58 g (4.63 mmol) of **4** were dissolved in 10 mL of acetic acid and 22 mL of water. The yellowish solution was heated to 70 °C before 830 mg (12.0 mmol, 2.6 equiv.) of NaNO₂ in 10 mL of water were slowly added dropwise. The reaction mixture turns into a deep purple suspension that was stirred for 1 h at 70 °C before the reaction mixture was cooled to rt and stirred for another 30 min. The purple solid was filtered and rinsed with 20 mL of cold water, suspended in 20 mL MeCN:water = 1:1 and lyophilized to obtain 966 mg (2.60 mmol) of the desired product as a purple solid in 56% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ [ppm] = 10.05 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 10.01 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H).

LRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₄H₁₄F₃N₆O₃ [M+H]⁺: 371.1, found: 370.9.

2.5. Methyl 4-((2-amino-5-nitroso-6-((4-((2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)methyl)benzyl)oxy)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (6)



In a round bottom flask, 1.20 g (3.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) of **5** was dissolved in 20 mL of dry acetone and 1.13 mL (6.48 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) of DIPEA before 440 μL (3.56 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) of methyl-4-chloro-4-oxobutyrates was added dropwise to solution. The initially blue reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature until the solution turned green. 20 mL of MeOH was added, and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The green solid was purified by filtration over silica gel with 10% MeOH in DCM.

LRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₉H₂₀F₃N₆O₆ [M+H]⁺: 485.1, found: 485.1.

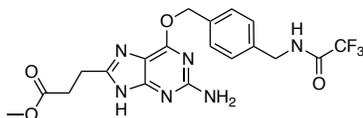
2.6. Methyl 4-((2,5-diamino-6-((4-((2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)methyl)benzyl)oxy)pyrimidin-4-yl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (7)



In a Schlenk flask under an argon atmosphere, crude **6** was dissolved in 20 mL of degassed ethanol and a catalytic amount of Raney nickel (suspension in water) was added. The mixture was purged with 3 ballons of H₂ and stirred for 1 h at r.t. until the color changed to yellow. Raney nickel was removed by filtration using a syringe filter (0.45 μm) and the filtrate was used in the next step without further purification.

LRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₉H₂₂F₃N₆O₅ [M+H]⁺: 471.2, found: 471.0.

2.7. Methyl 3-(2-amino-6-((4-((2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-9H-purin-8-yl)propanoate (8)

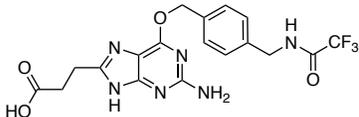


In a round bottom flask, 647 μL of acetic acid were added to crude **7** and the solution was refluxed for 2 h. 20 mL of toluene was added and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The remaining yellowish solid was taken up in DMF/water = 8/2 and purified by RP-HPLC (MeCN:water + 0.1% TFA, 10-90 % MeCN over 60 min, flow 8 mL/min, λ = 293 nm) to obtain 360 mg (0.80 mmol) of desired product as a yellowish solid in 25% yield over 3 steps.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ [ppm] = 12.20 (s, 1H), 10.00 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₉H₂₀F₃N₆O₄ [M+H]⁺: 453.1493, found: 453.1495.

2.8. 3-(2-Amino-6-((4-((2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-9H-purin-8-yl)propanoic acid (CBG-NHCOCF₃)

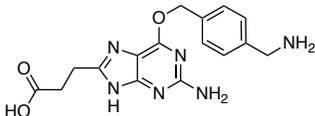


A 40 mL dram vial was charged with 360 mg (0.80 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) of **8** dissolved in 10 mL of MeOH with the addition of 0.1 mL 1.5 M NaOH and cooled to 0 °C. Once cooled, 2.20 g (39.8 mmol, 50.0 equiv.) of KOH was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 h while maintained at 0 °C before it was quenched by addition 3.5 mL HOAc. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue was taken up in DMF:water:MeCN (7 mL total, 5:1:1) and purified by RP-HPLC (MeCN:water + 0.1% TFA, 10-90 % MeCN over 60 min, flow 8 mL/min, $\lambda = 293$ nm) to obtain 190 mg (0.43 mmol) of the desired product as a white solid in 54% yield, plus 20 mg (0.06 mmol, 7%) of **CBG-NH₂** and 25 mg (0.06 mmol, 7%) of recovered starting material.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMF-d₇): δ [ppm] = 10.03 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.55 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₈H₂₈F₃N₆O₄ [M+H]⁺: 439.1336, found: 439.1335.

2.9. 3-(2-Amino-6-((4-(aminomethyl)benzyl)oxy)-9H-purin-8-yl)propanoic acid (CBG-NH₂)

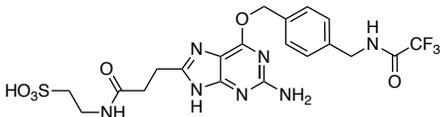


CBG-NH₂ was isolated alongside **CBG-NHCOCF₃** in 7% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ [ppm] = 10.03 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 4.40 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 4H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₆H₁₉N₆O₃ [M+H]⁺: 343.1513, found: 343.1511.

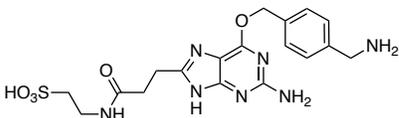
2.10. 2-(3-(2-Amino-6-((4-((2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-9H-purin-8-yl)propanamido)ethane-1-sulfonic acid (SBG-NHCOCF₃)



In a 4 mL dram vial, 13 mg (30 μ mol, 1.0 equiv.) of **CBG-NHCOCF₃** was dissolved in 1.6 mL DMF and 22.5 μ L DIPEA and stirred for 10 min. 30 mg (0.24 mmol, 8.0 equiv.) of taurine and 11.8 mg (39 μ mol, 1.3 equiv.) of TSTU were added in one portion and the resulting suspension was stirred for 2 h at r.t.. 400 μ L of water were added and the mixture was purified by RP-HPLC (MeCN:water + 0.1% TFA, 10-90 % MeCN over 60 min, flow 8 mL/min, λ = 293 nm) to obtain 10 mg (18 μ mol) of the desired product as a white powder after freeze-drying in 61% yield.

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₂₀H₂₃F₃N₇O₆S [M+H]⁺: 546.1377, found: 546.1374.

2.11. 2-(3-(2-Amino-6-((4-(aminomethyl)benzyl)oxy)-9H-purin-8-yl)propanamido)ethane-1-sulfonic acid (SBG-NH₂)



In a 40 mL dram vial, 10 mg (0.018 mmol) of **SBG-NHCOCF₃** was dissolved in 11.5 mL MeOH and 765 μ L water before 245 mg (1.77 mmol) of K₂CO₃ was added in one portion. The suspension was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h before it was concentrated to a volume of ~300 μ L *in vacuo*. 300 μ L DMF, 300 μ L MeOH and 300 μ L water were added and the mixture was purified by RP-HPLC (MeCN:water + 0.1% TFA, 1-40% MeCN over 60 min, flow 8 mL/min, λ = 293 nm) to obtain 8.5 mg (0.015 mmol) of the desired product as a TFA salt after freeze-drying in 87% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ [ppm] = 8.13 (br s, 3H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (s, 2H), 4.07–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.29–3.24 (m, 2H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₁₈H₂₄N₇O₅S [M+H]⁺: 450.1554, found: 450.1556.

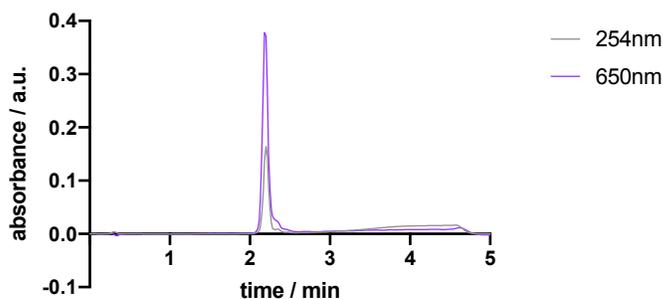
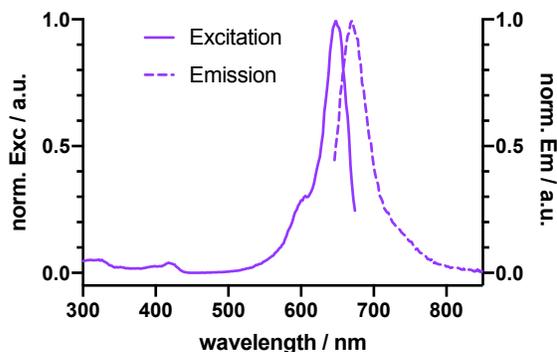
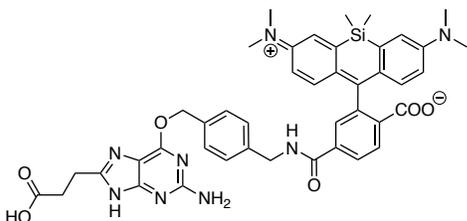
2.12. General procedure A for NHS activated fluorophores

In an Eppendorf tube, 3.5 μ mol of carboxy-dye was dissolved in 100 μ L DMF and 5 μ L of DIPEA. Upon addition of 116 μ L of TSTU (10 mg/mL in DMF, 3.86 μ mol) the reaction mixture was vortexed and allowed to incubate for 10 min, before 40 μ L of acetic acid and 200 μ L of water were added and the solution was subjected to RP-HPLC (MeCN:water + 0.1% TFA, 10-90% MeCN over 60 min, flow 8 mL/min, threshold = 20). The product containing fractions were pooled and lyophilized.

2.13. General procedure B for CBG and SBG conjugates

In an Eppendorf tube, 3.5 μmol of NHS-activated-dye from general procedure A was dissolved in 100 μL DMF and 5 μL of DIPEA, to which 3.5 μmol of amine (*i.e.* CBG or SBG) dissolved in 200 μL DMF:water mixture (7:3) was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 h, before 40 μL of acetic acid and 200 μL of water were added and the solution was subjected to RP-HPLC (MeCN:water + 0.1% TFA, 10-90% MeCN over 60 min, flow 8 mL/min, threshold = 20). The product containing fractions were pooled and lyophilized to obtain the desired product as a colourful powder.

2.14. 4-(((4-(((2-Amino-8-(2-carboxyethyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)-2-(7-(dimethylamino)-3-(dimethyliminio)-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]silin-10-yl)benzoate (CBG-SiR)



CBG-SiR was prepared according to general procedure A and B.

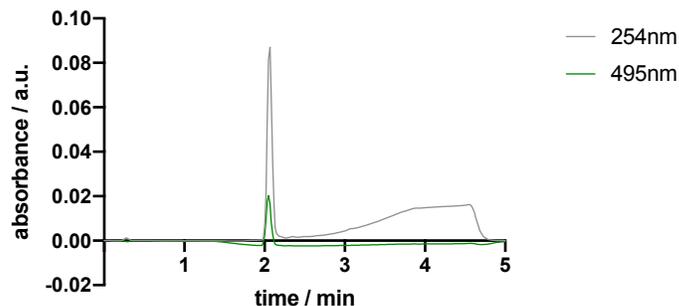
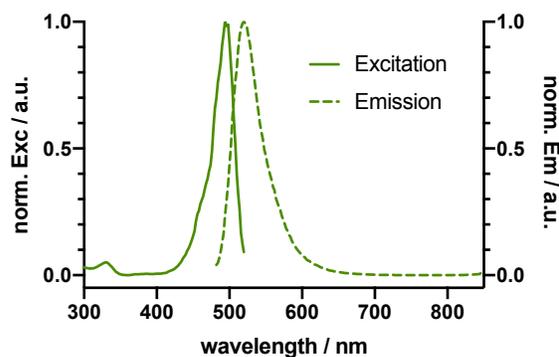
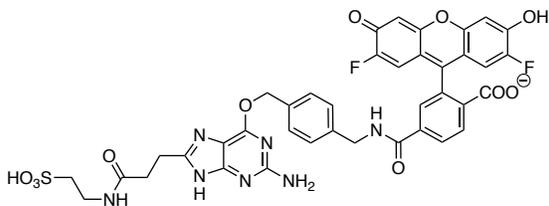
Excitation/Emission scan: $\lambda(\text{max})_{\text{Exc/Em}} = 648/670 \text{ nm}$.

Purity (UHPLC) = 97%.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ [ppm] = 9.30 (t, $J = 5.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.13 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 1.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.67–6.60 (m, 4H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 4.44 (d, $J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.91 (s, 12H), 2.73–2.66 (m, 2H), 2.53–2.51 (m, 2H), 0.63 (s, 3H), 0.52 (s, 3H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_8\text{O}_6\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+2\text{H}]^{2+}$: 399.1649, found: 399.1649.

2.15. 4-((4-(((2-Amino-8-(3-oxo-3-((2-sulfoethyl)amino)propyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)-2-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)benzoate (SBG-OG)



SBG-OG was prepared according to general procedure B with NHS-OG (Thermo Fisher, #O6149).

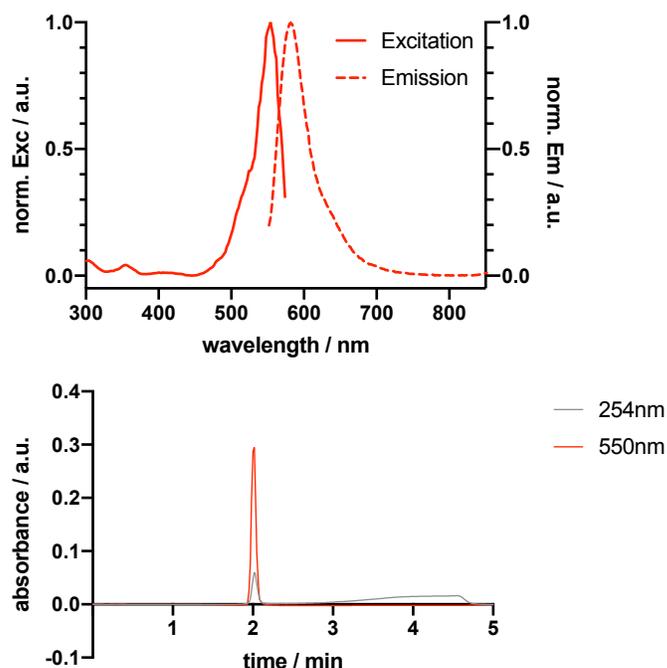
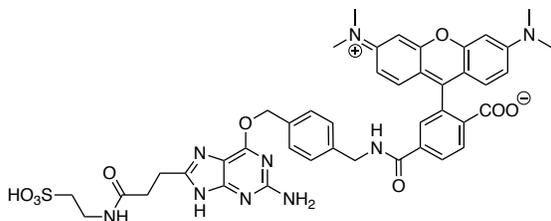
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HRMS (ESI): calc. for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_2\text{N}_7\text{O}_{11}\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 844.1843, found: 844.1843.

2.16. 4-(((4-(((2-Amino-8-(3-oxo-3-((2-sulfoethyl)amino)propyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)-2-(6-(dimethylamino)-3-(dimethyliminio)-3H-xanthen-9-yl)benzoate (SBG-TMR)



SBG-TMR was prepared according to general procedure A and B.

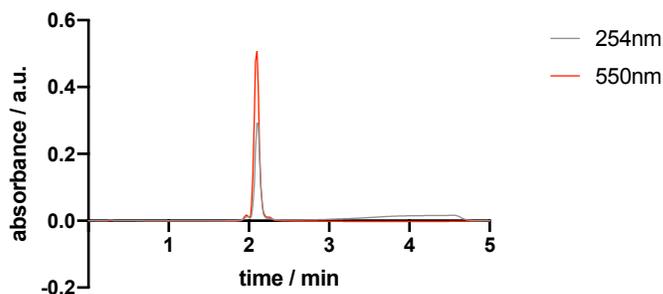
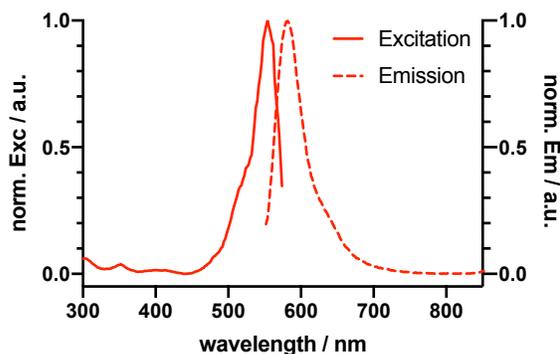
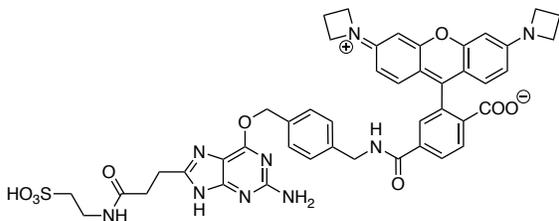
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Purity (UHPLC) = 99%.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ [ppm] = 12.12 (s, 1H), 9.23 (t, $J = 5.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.36 (s, 2H), 8.20 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.79 (t, $J = 5.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.62–6.38 (m, 6H), 6.14 (s, 2H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 4.41 (d, $J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.29–3.27 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 12H), 2.84 (dd, $J = 9.0, 6.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.53–2.52 (m, 4H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_9\text{O}_9\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+2\text{H}]^{2+}$: 431.6525, found: 431.6519.

2.17. 4-(((4-(((2-Amino-8-(3-oxo-3-(2-sulfoethoxy)propyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)-2-(3-(azetidin-1-ium-1-ylidene)-6-(azetidin-1-yl)-3H-xanthen-9-yl)benzoate (SBG-JF₅₄₉)



SBG-JF₅₄₉ was prepared according to general procedure A and B.

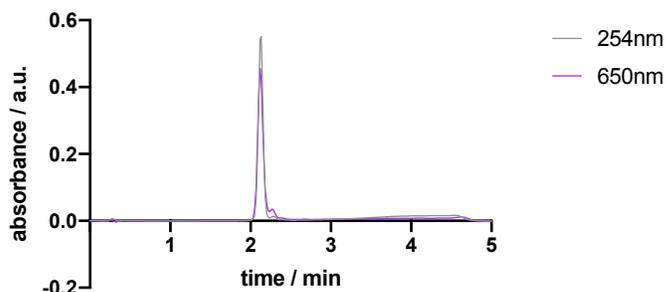
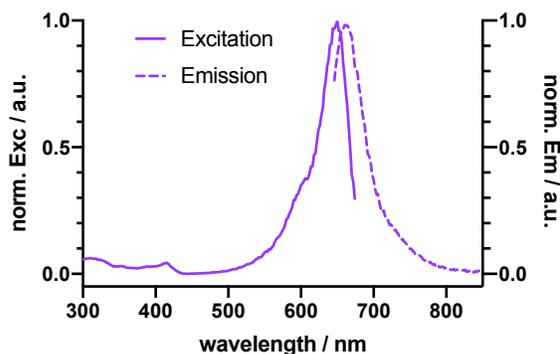
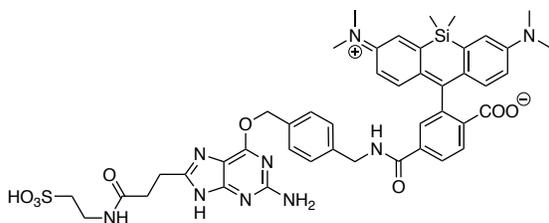
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Purity (UHPLC) = 95%.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ [ppm] = 12.13 (s, 1H), 9.23 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.18–6.05 (m, 4H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 8H), 2.86–2.81 (m, 2H), 2.31 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₄₅H₄₅N₉O₉S [M+2H]²⁺: 443.6525, found: 443.6522.

2.18. 4-(((4-(((2-Amino-8-(3-oxo-3-(2-sulfoethoxy)propyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)-2-(7-(dimethylamino)-3-(dimethyliminio)-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]silin-10-yl)benzoate (SBG-SiR)



SBG-SiR was prepared according to general procedure A and B.

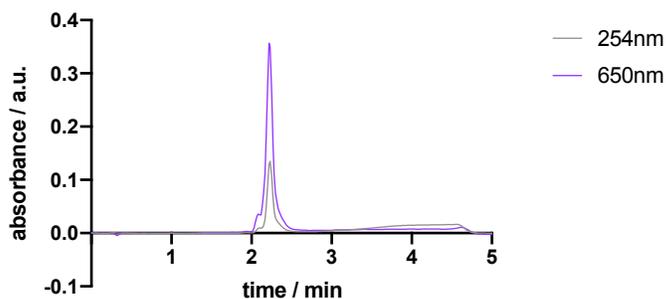
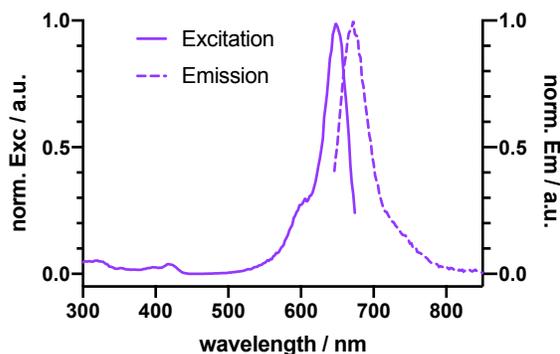
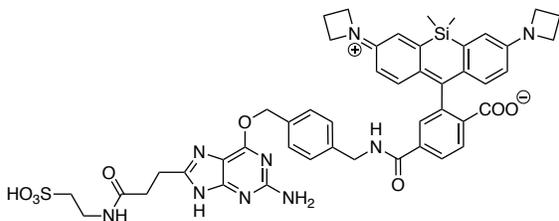
Excitation/Emission scan: $\lambda(\text{max})_{\text{Exc/Em}} = 650/664 \text{ nm}$.

Purity (UHPLC) = 97%.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ [ppm] = 9.32 (t, $J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.13 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.84 (t, $J = 5.5 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 2.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.68–6.61 (m, 4H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.44 (d, $J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.00 (t, $J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.92 (s, 12H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.54–2.52 (m, 2H), 0.63 (s, 3H), 0.52 (s, 3H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{51}\text{N}_9\text{O}_8\text{SSi}$ $[\text{M}+2\text{H}]^{2+}$: 452.6670, found: 452.6665.

2.19. 4-(((4-(((2-Amino-8-(3-oxo-3-((2-sulfoethyl)amino)propyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)oxy)methyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)-2-(3-(azetidin-1-ium-1-ylidene)-7-(azetidin-1-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]silin-10-yl)benzoate (SBG-JF₆₄₆)



SBG-JF₆₄₆ was prepared according to general procedure A and B.

Excitation/Emission scan: $\lambda(\text{max})_{\text{Exc/Em}} = 648/672 \text{ nm}$.

Purity (UHPLC) = 96%.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ [ppm] = 9.30 (d, $J = 6.2 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 8.15–8.11 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 15.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 3H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 3H), 6.71 (d, $J = 2.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.7 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 5.44 (s, 3H), 4.44 (d, $J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}$, 3H), 3.82 (t, $J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$, 9H), 2.91 (br s, 2H), 2.56–2.51 (m, 2H), 2.29 (p, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$, 5H), 0.59 (s, 3H), 0.49 (s, 3H).

HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₄₇H₅₁N₉O₈SSi [M+2H]²⁺: 464.6670, found: 464.6667.

3. SNAP_f construct and mass spectrometry

SNAP_f sequence:

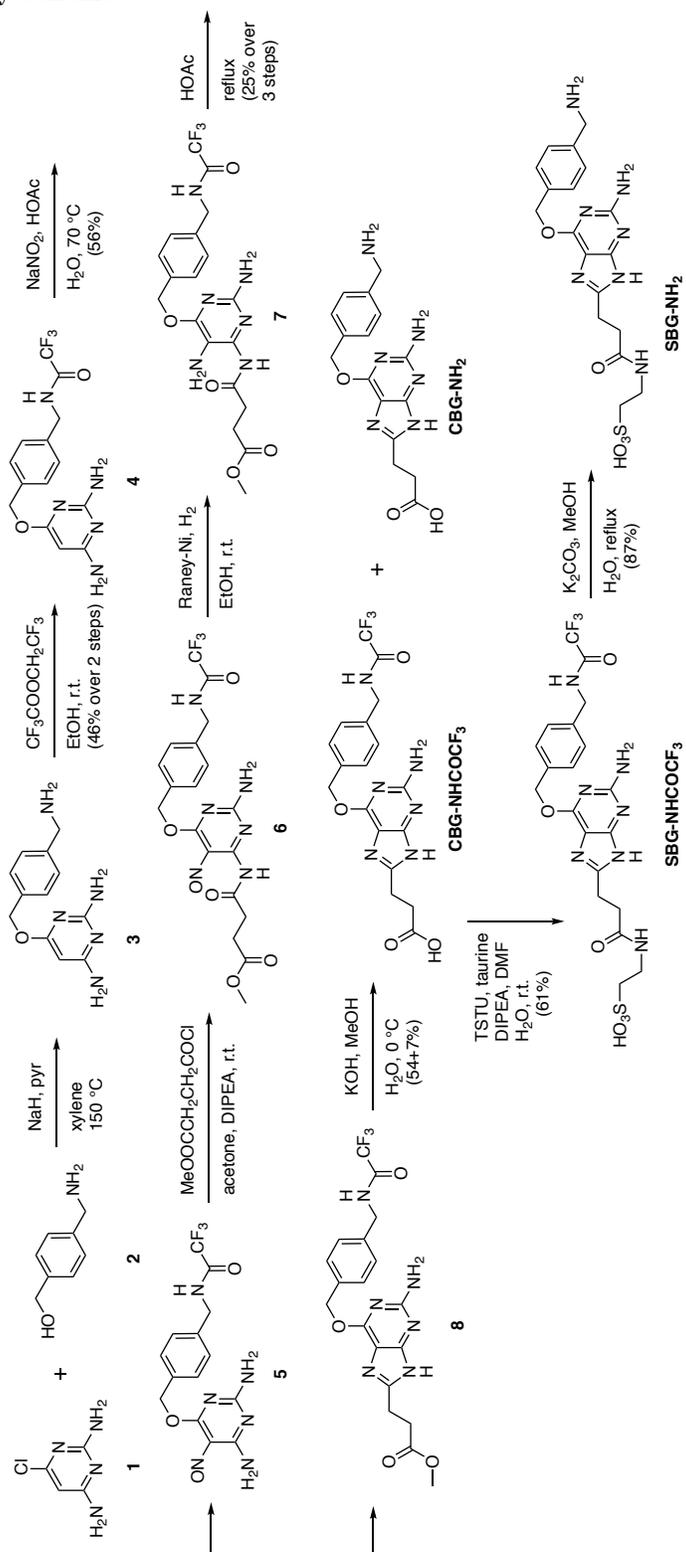
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Strep-Tag II, Enterokinase-site, SNAP_f, His-Tag

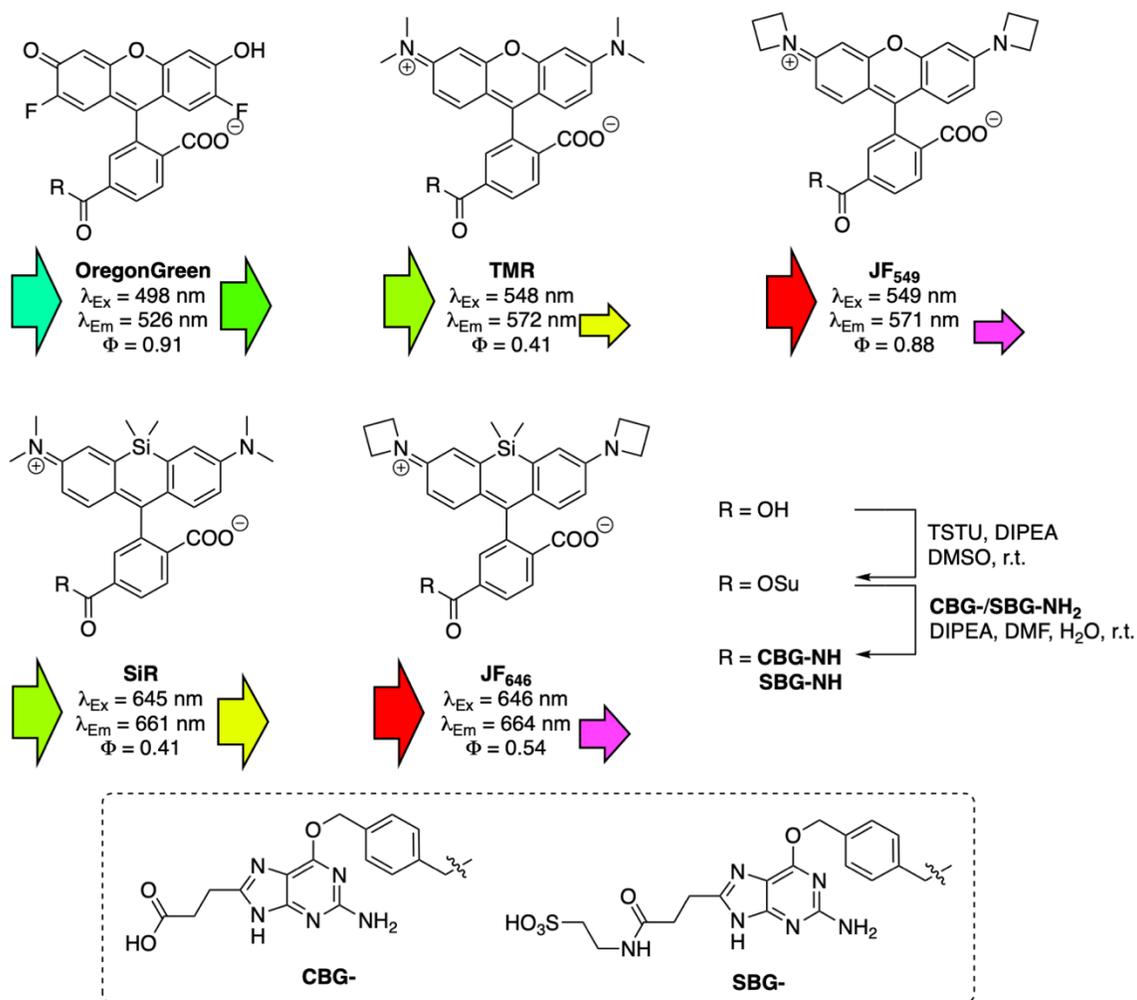
After His-tag purification, two posttranslational SNAP_f constructs were observed: one with removed start codon SNAP_f(2–222) and one without the N-terminal Strep-Tag II and Enterokinase-site SNAP_f(22–222):

Condition	calc.	found	Δ ppm
SNAP _f (2–222)	23865.101	23865.134	1.38
SNAP _f (22–222)	21618.103	21618.132	1.34
SNAP _f (2–222):BG-TMR	24396.317	24396.342	1.04
SNAP _f (22–222):BG-TMR	22149.319	22149.347	1.26
SNAP _f (2–222):SBG-TMR	24396.317	24396.338	0.86
SNAP _f (22–222):SBG-TMR	22149.319	22149.344	1.14

4. Supplementary Schemes

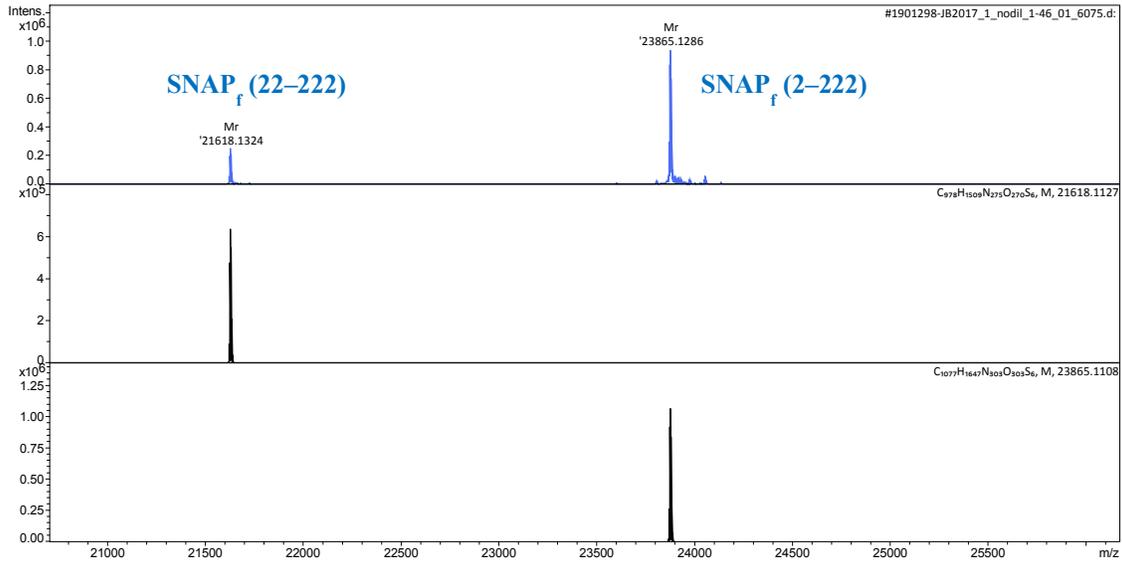


Supplementary Scheme 1. Synthesis of SBG-NH₂. CBG-NHCOCF₃ has been reported before⁴, and was converted to SBG-NH₂ *via* peptide coupling to taurine and subsequent deprotection.

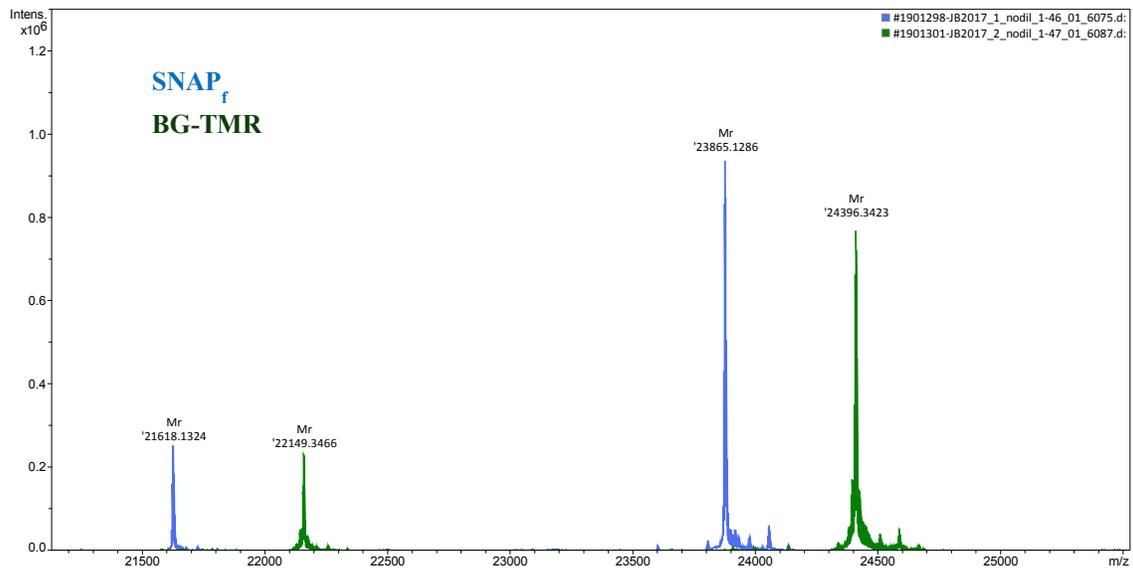


Supplementary Scheme 2. Synthesis and properties of SBG-linked fluorophores. Acid-containing fluorophores were activated with TSTU and the corresponding NHS ester isolated before reaction with SBG-NH₂ to yield the desired impermeable dye. λ_{Ex} = maximal absorption wavelength; λ_{Em} = maximal emission wavelength; Φ = quantum yield. Left arrow represents color for excitation, right arrow represents color for emission, with the respective size depicting quantum yield. Data references: ref⁵ OregonGreen, ref³ for TMR, JF₅₄₉, SiR and JF₆₄₆.

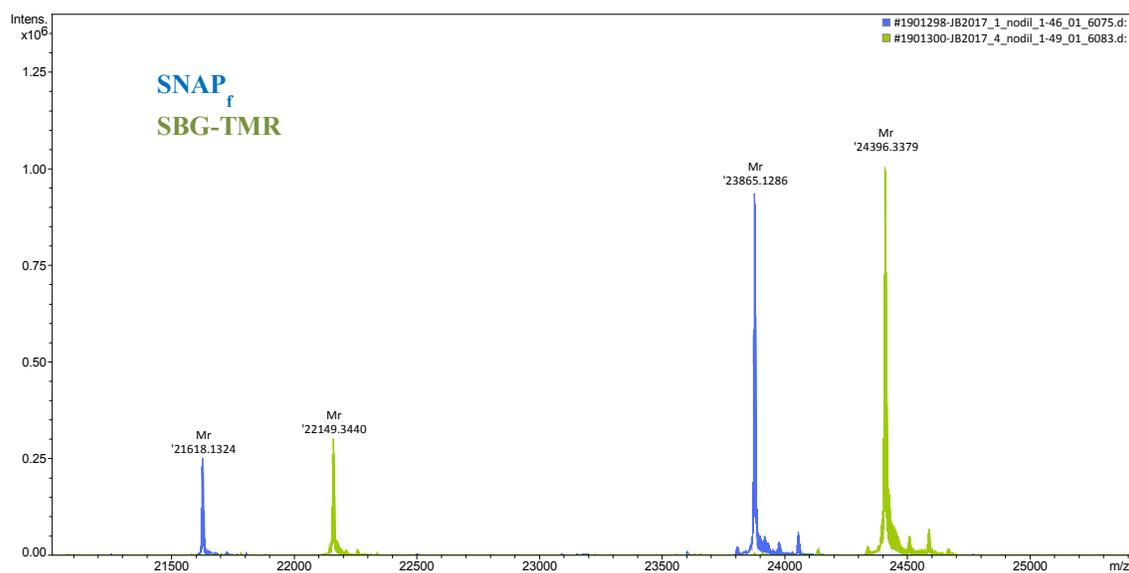
5. Supplementary Figures



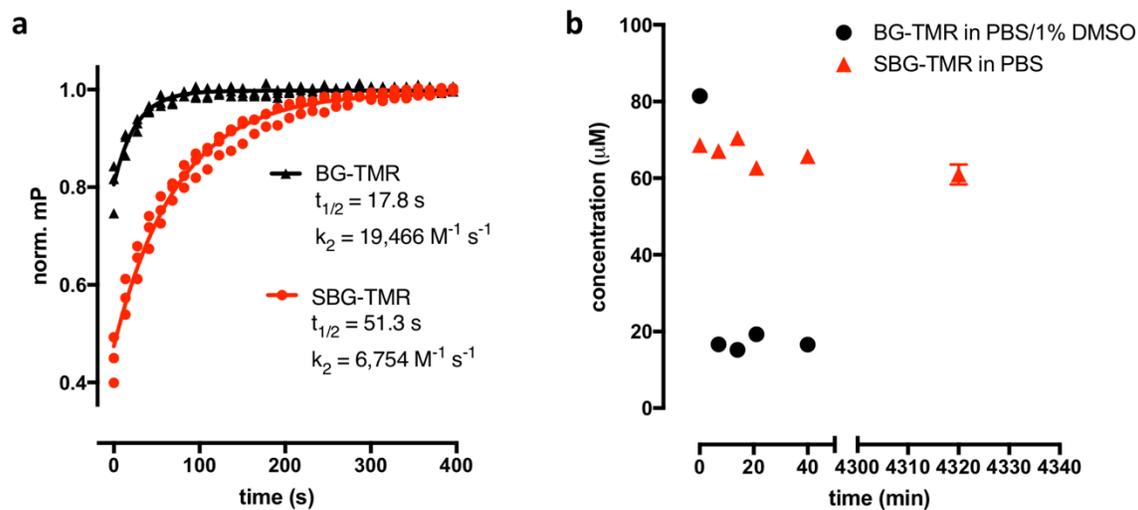
Supplementary Figure 1. Full protein mass spectrometry on purified SNAP_f. Deconvoluted (upper panel, blue) molecular mass of SNAP_f correlating to two post-translationally processed proteins. Calculated mass of SNAP_f (22-222) (mid panel) and of SNAP_f (2-222) (lower panel) is in agreement with observed masses.



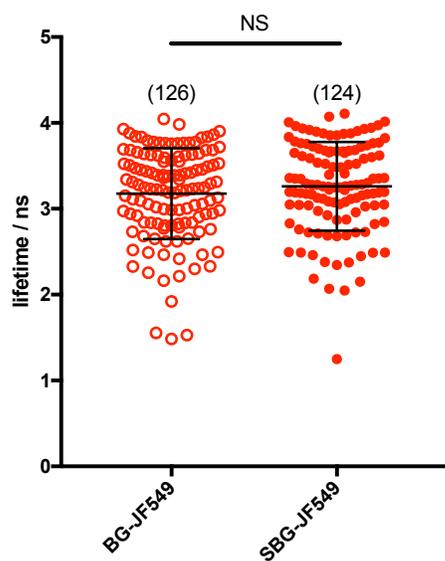
Supplementary Figure 2. Labeling of SNAP_f by BG-TMR is complete. Comparison of deconvoluted masses from SNAP_f (blue) and after incubation with BG-TMR (green) shows correct mass shift for labelling and no detectable unlabelled SNAP_f.



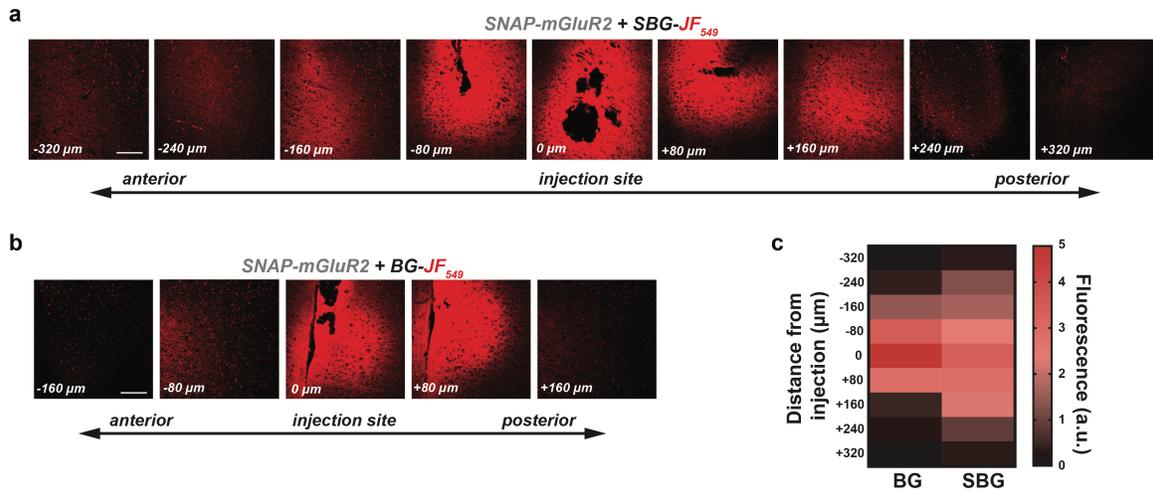
Supplementary Figure 3. Labeling of SNAP_f by SBG-TMR is complete. Comparison of deconvoluted masses from SNAP_f (blue) and after incubation with SBG-TMR (green) shows correct mass shift for labelling and no detectable unlabelled SNAP_f.



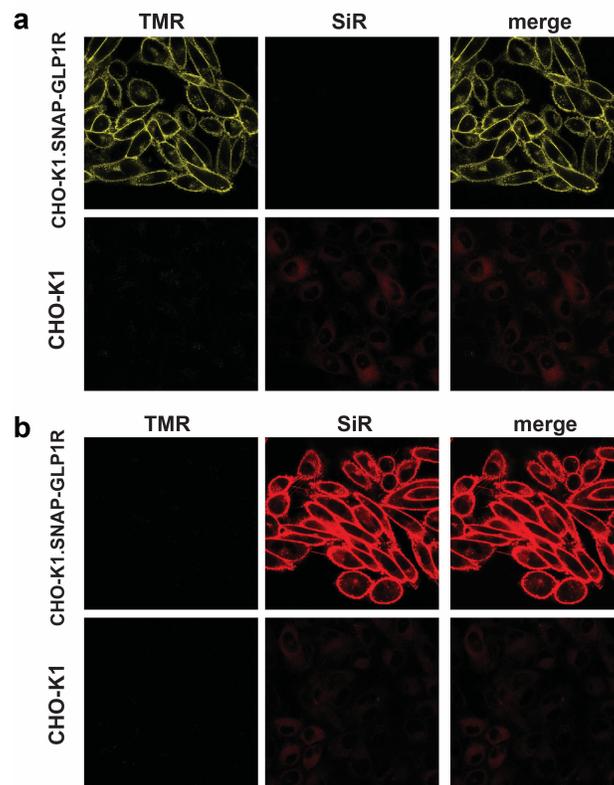
Supplementary Figure 4. Kinetics and Solubility of TMR-linked SNAP-tag substrates. a) Kinetics of SNAP_f labelling with BG- (black) and SBG-TMR (red) by fluorescence polarization. 3 independent measurements, mono-exponential fit, $k_2 = (\ln 2 / t_{1/2}) / [SNAP]$. **b)** Solubility of BG-TMR (in PBS + 1% DMSO, black) and SBG-TMR (in PBS, red). While BG-TMR precipitates within minutes, SBG-TMR remains in solution over days.



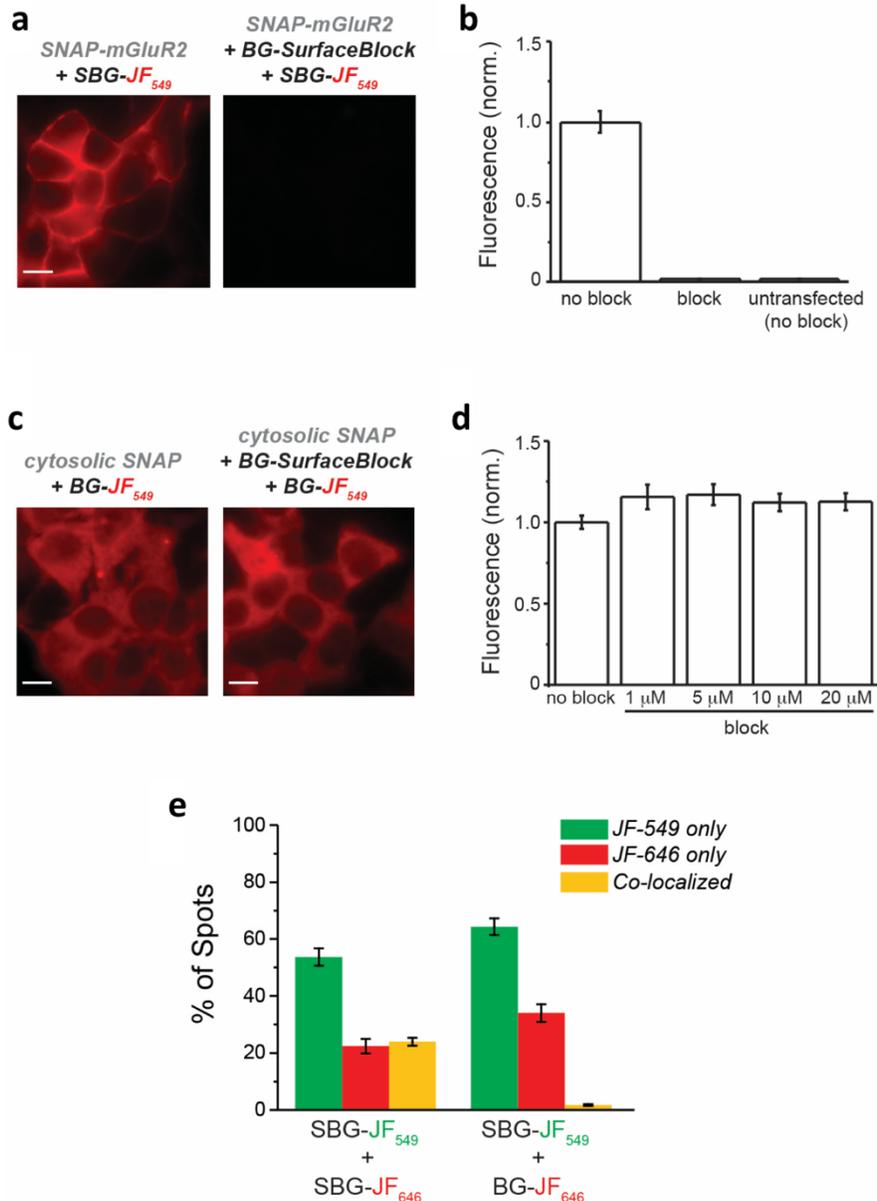
Supplementary Figure 5. Fluorescence lifetime imaging of CHO-K1_SNAP-GLP1R cells incubated with either BG-JF549 or SBG-JF549. Difference in lifetimes were non-significant (NS), t test, $p > 0.2$. Data points were pooled from 2 days of experiments.



Supplementary Figure 6. Further analysis of *in vivo* SNAP-tag labeling. a-b) Images showing SBG-JF₅₄₉ (**a**) and BG-JF₅₄₉ (**b**) labeling in slices anterior and posterior to the injection site. **c)** Summary heat map of fluorescence spread showing wider distribution for SBG compared to BG. Data comes from 3 separate injections for each compound.



Supplementary Figure 7. Controls for SNAP-GLP1R labeling conditions. a) Confocal images of stable SNAP-GLP1R-expressing CHO-K1 cells (upper panel) and mock cells (lower panel) labelled with SBG-TMR show no bleedthrough in the SiR channel, as well as absence of labelling in mock cells. **b)** As for (**a**) but with BG-SiR instead of SBG-TMR.



Supplementary Figure 8. Controls for surface versus intracellular labelling for SiMPull. a-b) Pre-treatment of HEK 293T cells with SNAP-Surface® Block prevents labelling of surface SNAP-tags, as seen with representative images (a) and summary bar graph (b). Following treatment with BG-Surface Block only background levels (defined by labelling untransfected cells) of SBG-JF₅₄₉ labelling are observed. **c-d)** Pre-treatment with SNAP-Surface® Block over a wide range of concentrations does not alter labelling efficiency of intracellular SNAP-tags as observed in representative images (c) or summary bar graph (d). **e,** Summary bar graph showing the number of detected spots observed in either the JF₅₄₉ (green bar), JF₆₄₆ (red bar), or co-localized (yellow) for both 2-colour labelling conditions. Data is averaged across six separate movies for each condition.

6. Supplementary Table

Table S1: Wavelengths used for excitation/emission scan of CBG/SBG-linked dyes.

	Excitation scan		Emission scan	
	$\lambda_{\text{Ex}} / \text{nm}$	$\lambda_{\text{Em}} / \text{nm}$	$\lambda_{\text{Ex}} / \text{nm}$	$\lambda_{\text{Em}} / \text{nm}$
CBG-SiR	(300–675) \pm 10	715 \pm 20	605 \pm 10	(650–850) \pm 20
SBG-OregonGreen	(300–520) \pm 10	560 \pm 20	450 \pm 10	(480–850) \pm 20
SBG-TMR	(300–575) \pm 10	615 \pm 20	505 \pm 10	(550–850) \pm 20
SBG-JF ₅₄₉	(300–575) \pm 10	615 \pm 20	505 \pm 10	(550–850) \pm 20
SBG-SiR	(300–675) \pm 10	715 \pm 20	605 \pm 10	(650–850) \pm 20
SBG-JF ₆₄₆	(300–675) \pm 10	715 \pm 20	605 \pm 10	(650–850) \pm 20

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