

## Supporting Information

### **Pt(IV) Complex Selectively Oxidizes alpha-Synuclein Methionine Disclosed by NMR**

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## Experimental procedures

**Protein expression and purification.** Mutants (M1G, M1G/M5I, M116I/M127I, M5I/M116I/M127I (3I), M1G/M5I/M116I/M127 (4M)) were prepared by site-directed mutagenesis using wild type alpha-synuclein ( $\alpha$ S) as the template. The proteins were expressed and purified as previously described.<sup>1,2</sup> For the M1G/M5I and 4M mutants, site-directed mutagenesis inserted a glycine codon between the first amino acid and the second amino acid codon. The mass spectrometry indicated that the first methionine was cleaved by methionine aminopeptidase<sup>3</sup> in *E. coli* to obtain the corresponding mutant.

***cis,cis,trans*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>] synthesis.** The *cis,cis,trans*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>] was synthesized as previously reported<sup>4</sup>. The purity of this compound was determined by UV spectrophotometer.

**ESI-Q-TOF Measurements:** 100  $\mu$ M <sup>14</sup>N  $\alpha$ S in 20 mM 2-(N-morpholino) ethanesulfonic acid (MES) buffer pH 6.4 was incubated with Pt(IV) complex at 298K. The reaction mixture was extracted at different incubation time for mass spectrometry. All samples were analyzed on an Agilent 1290 series HPLC system equipped with a 6545 series LC-ESI-QTOF (Agilent). The protein sample was injected into a C8 column (Agilent ZORBAX 300SB-C8 column, 2.1  $\times$  150 mm) and run through by gradient elution at a column temperature of 70°C. Buffer A of the mobile phases consists of double distilled water containing 0.1% formic acid, and buffer B consists 100% acetonitrile containing 0.1% formic acid. The linear gradient conditions were as following: buffer A of 95% in 0-2 min, 95-40% in 2-10 min, 40-20% in 10-11 min, 20-10% in 11-12 min, 10% in 12-14 min, 10-95% in 14-14.5 min, 95% in 14.5-16.5 min. The mobile-phase flow rate was 0.5 mL/min. The column effluent was continuously characterized by capillary ESI source of the Agilent 6545 Q-TOF mass spectrometer and ESI mass spectra were acquired in positive electrospray ionization (ESI) mode using the *m/z* range 600–2,000 in profile mode. The raw data were converted to zero charge mass spectra using maximum entropy deconvolution algorithm over the region 6.4–7.1 min with BioConfirm Software (Agilent Technologies Inc., V10.0). The deconvolution settings: mass range, 600.0-2000.0 Dalton; mass step, 1.0000 Dalton; baseline factor, 7.00; adduct, proton; isotope width, automatic.<sup>5</sup>

**NMR Measurements.** All NMR experiments were performed on a Bruker Avance 600 MHz or 800 MHz NMR spectrometer equipped with a QCI-cryoprobe. Unless noted otherwise, NMR spectra were recorded in 20 mM MES buffer, pH 6.4, and at 298 K. The 20 mM stock solution of Pt(IV) was made by dissolving the compound in N, N-dimethylformamide-d<sub>7</sub> (DMF-d<sub>7</sub>). 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N-HSQC spectra were measured on 100  $\mu$ M <sup>15</sup>N protein in the absence and presence of Pt(IV) complex in 20 mM MES buffer (pH 6.5) at 298K. The cross-peak intensity ratio was determined by  $I/I_0$ , in which  $I_0$  and  $I$  are the cross-

peak intensities recorded in the absence and presence of Pt(IV), respectively. Then the ratio were normalized.

Preparation of  $^{15}\text{N}$ -methionine-selective labeled  $\alpha\text{S}$ : *E.coli* was grown in LB medium at first, the cells were transferred into M9 medium at  $\text{OD}_{600}$  0.7-0.8, and added 20 kinds of amino acid (2 g/L of non-labeled  $^{14}\text{N}$  amino acid and 80  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$   $^{15}\text{N}$  labeled methionine) and 0.2% glucose and 0.01%  $^{14}\text{N}$   $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  after incubation of 30 min, then the protein over-expression was induced by adding a final concentration of 1 mM IPTG. After 5 h IPTG induction, the cells were harvested.<sup>6</sup> 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra were measured after mixing 150  $\mu\text{M}$   $^{15}\text{N}$  labeled methionine  $\alpha\text{S}$  with the Pt(IV) at different incubation duration time and at 298K.

**MALDI-TOF measurements.** The sample matrix was prepared with saturated  $\alpha$ -cyno-4-hydroxycinnamic acid in water:  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1:1) and 0.1%  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ . The samples were analyzed on Bruker matrix-assisted laser desorption / ionization time of flight mass spectrometry( MALDI-TOF).

Preparation of oxidized  $\alpha\text{S}$ : 200  $\mu\text{L}$  100  $\mu\text{M}$   $^{14}\text{N}$  protein in 20 mM MES pH 6.4 were treated with 4%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  at 4°C for 30 min, then followed by a PD-10 column to remove excess of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , and the flow-through fractions were collected and concentrated using a Millipore concentrator with a 3k MWCO. The oxidized  $\alpha\text{S}$  samples were incubated at room temperature in the presence of 1 equivalent of cisplatin for 72 h, then aliquots (1  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were diluted for mass spectrometry.

For the  $\alpha\text{S}$ \_Pt sample preparation, 100  $\mu\text{M}$   $^{14}\text{N}$   $\alpha\text{S}$  in 20 mM MES pH 6.4 were incubated with 1 equivalent of cisplatin at 25°C for about 20 h, then treated with 4%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  at 4°C for 30 min.

**Fluorescence assay.** The degree of  $\alpha\text{S}$  aggregation was measured by using the Thioflavin T (ThT) fluorescence assay.<sup>7</sup> A round-bottom 96-well polypropylene dish was used to incubate all samples. Each well contains 100  $\mu\text{M}$  protein sample in 20 mM MES buffer (pH 6.5), 100 mM NaCl, 0.05%  $\text{NaN}_3$ , and 20  $\mu\text{M}$  ThT to a final volume of 200  $\mu\text{L}$ . Protein samples were incubated in the absence and presence of 100  $\mu\text{M}$  Pt(IV) at 37°C under constant shaking. The fluorescence was measured every about 12 h. Each emission spectrum was recorded with an excitation wavelength of 446 nm.

**$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  oxidate  $\alpha\text{S}$ .** 0.3 mM  $\alpha\text{S}$  ( $^{14}\text{N}$  /  $^{15}\text{N}$  labeled methionines) incubated with different concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in 20 mM MES at pH 6.4 and 298 K. After the addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , the mixture was incubated at 298 K for 25 minutes, then mass spectrometry (ESI-Q-TOF) and NMR (800 MHz NMR spectrometer) were collected, respectively.

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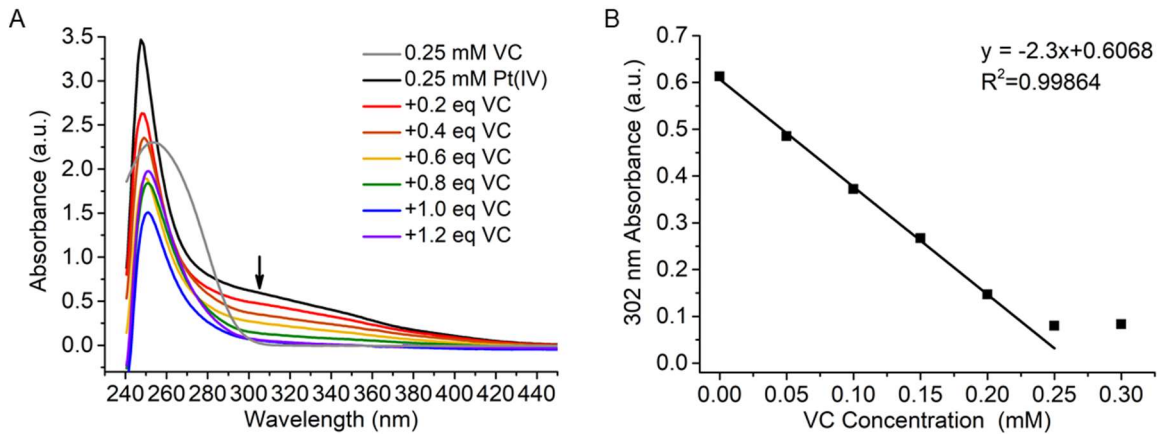


Figure S1. Characterization of the purity of *cis,cis,trans*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>] ( Pt(IV) ) compounds. (A) UV absorption curve of Pt(IV) at 240 nm-400 nm recorded for 0.25 mM Pt(IV) was gradually titrated with different concentrations of ascorbic acid (VC). (B) Function curve of the concentration of VC and the UV absorption value at 302 nm, the VC concentration-UV absorbance was fitted by four data points from 0 to 0.2 mM.

Pt(IV) was able to be reduced by ascorbic acid quantitatively, and its purity was detected by monitoring the change in absorbance at 302 nm by UV spectrum. The UV absorption value of Pt(IV) mixed with an equal amount of VC is substituted into the fitting formula, the total concentration of Pt(IV) in the solution is about 0.229 mM, and the purity is about 91.6%

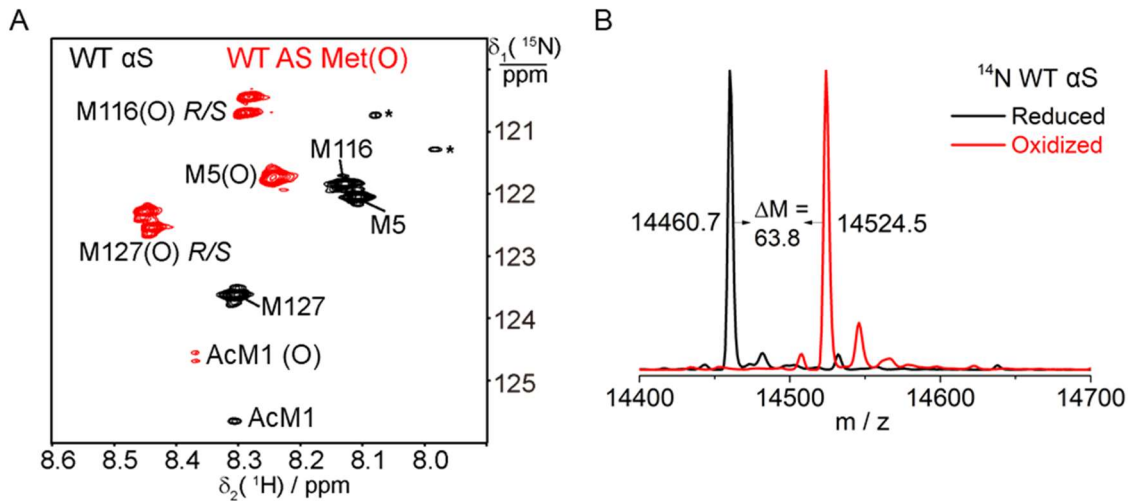


Figure S2. (A) Overlay of the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N HSQC spectra recorded for <sup>15</sup>N-methionine enriched αS (black) and 4% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated αS (red), in which the label of AcM1 denotes the acetylated M1. (B) Mass spectrum recorded for αS (Reduced) (black) and after treatment with 4% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Oxidized) (red).

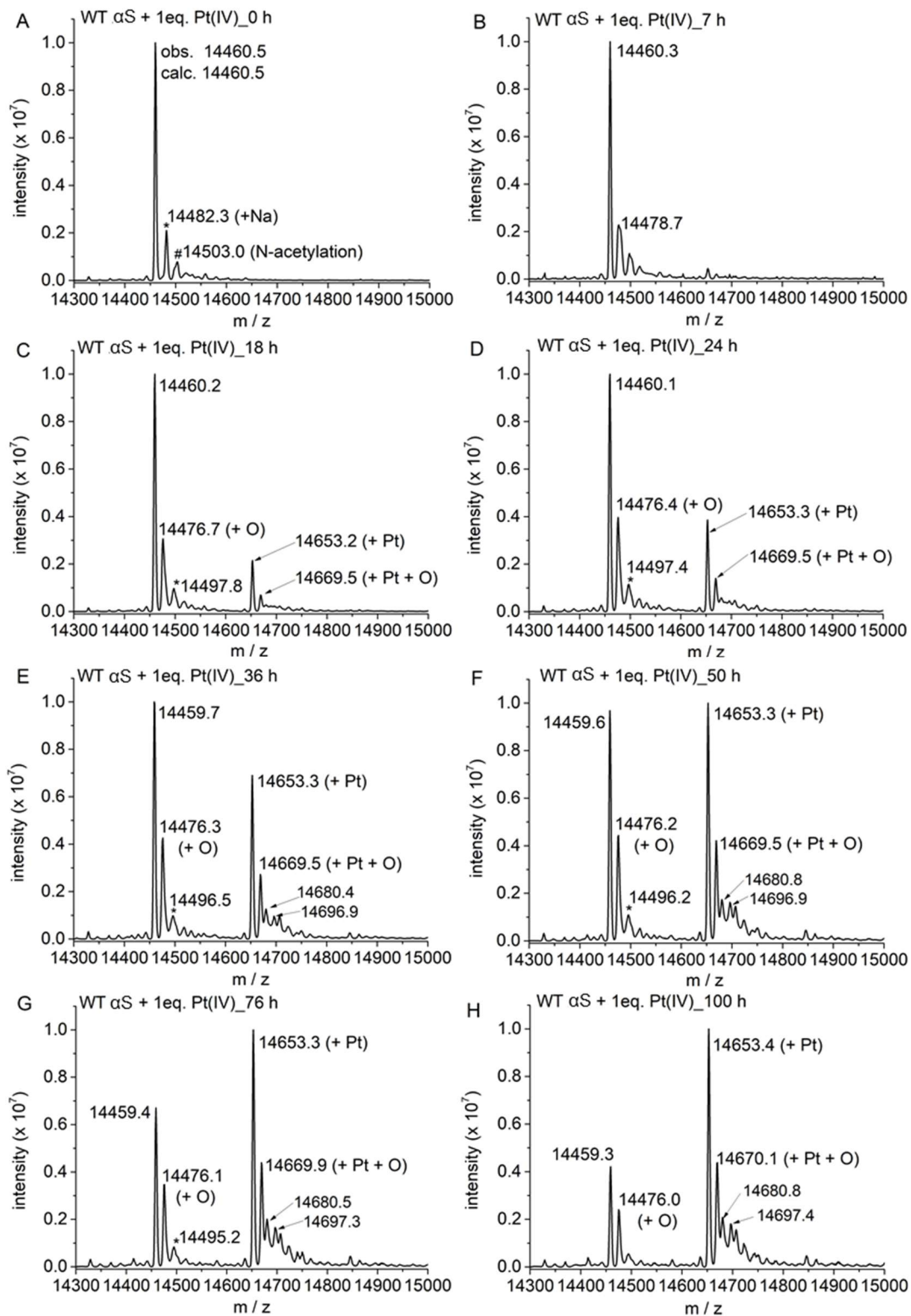


Figure S3. Mass spectra recorded for the mixture of  $\alpha$ S after incubation with one equivalent of Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C. The peak plus one Na ion is marked with an asterisk (\*). The acetylated protein (measured molecular mass as 14503.0 Dalton) was marked with #. The labels in parentheses represent the corresponding atoms added to  $\alpha$ S after incubation with Pt(IV). All spectra are displayed as deconvoluted MS.

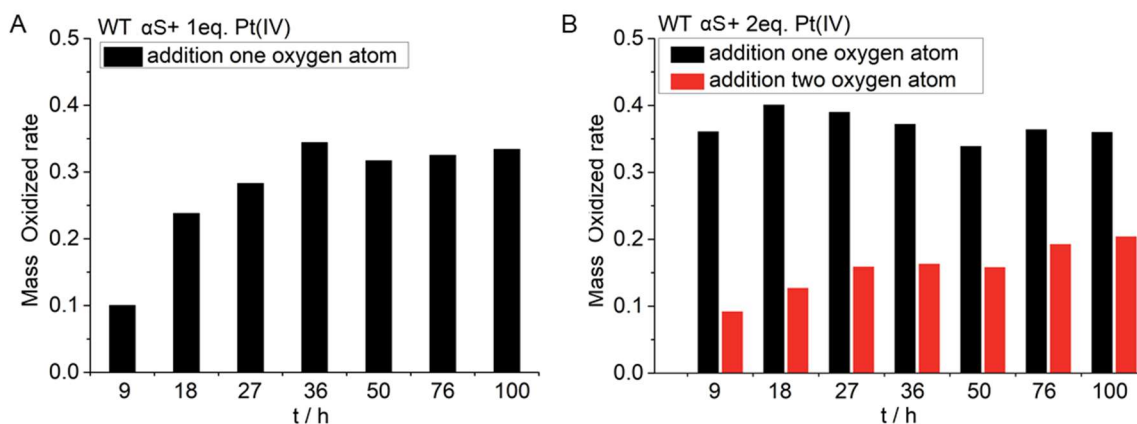


Figure S4. The fractions of oxygen added to  $\alpha$ S after  $\alpha$ S incubated with Pt(IV) determined by ESI-Q-TOF spectra. (A) The increase fraction of oxidized methionine was recorded for  $\alpha$ S incubated with one equivalent of Pt(IV) at 25°C for different time. (B) The increase fraction of the oxidized methionine was recorded for  $\alpha$ S incubated with two equivalents of Pt(IV) at 25°C for different time. Quantification of the oxidation extent was obtained by the peak–height ratios in the mass spectrum between the oxidized, non-oxidized, and coordinated with Pt forms of each  $\alpha$ S molecule.

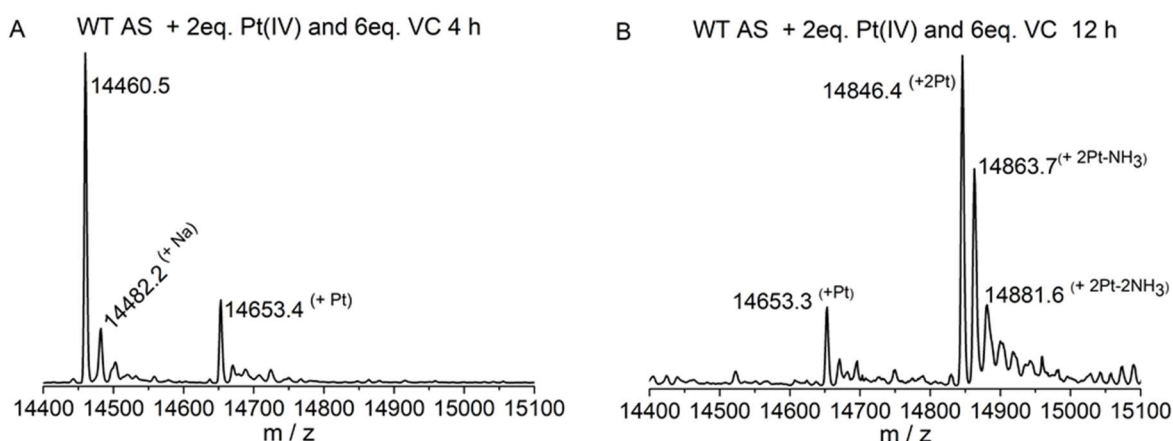
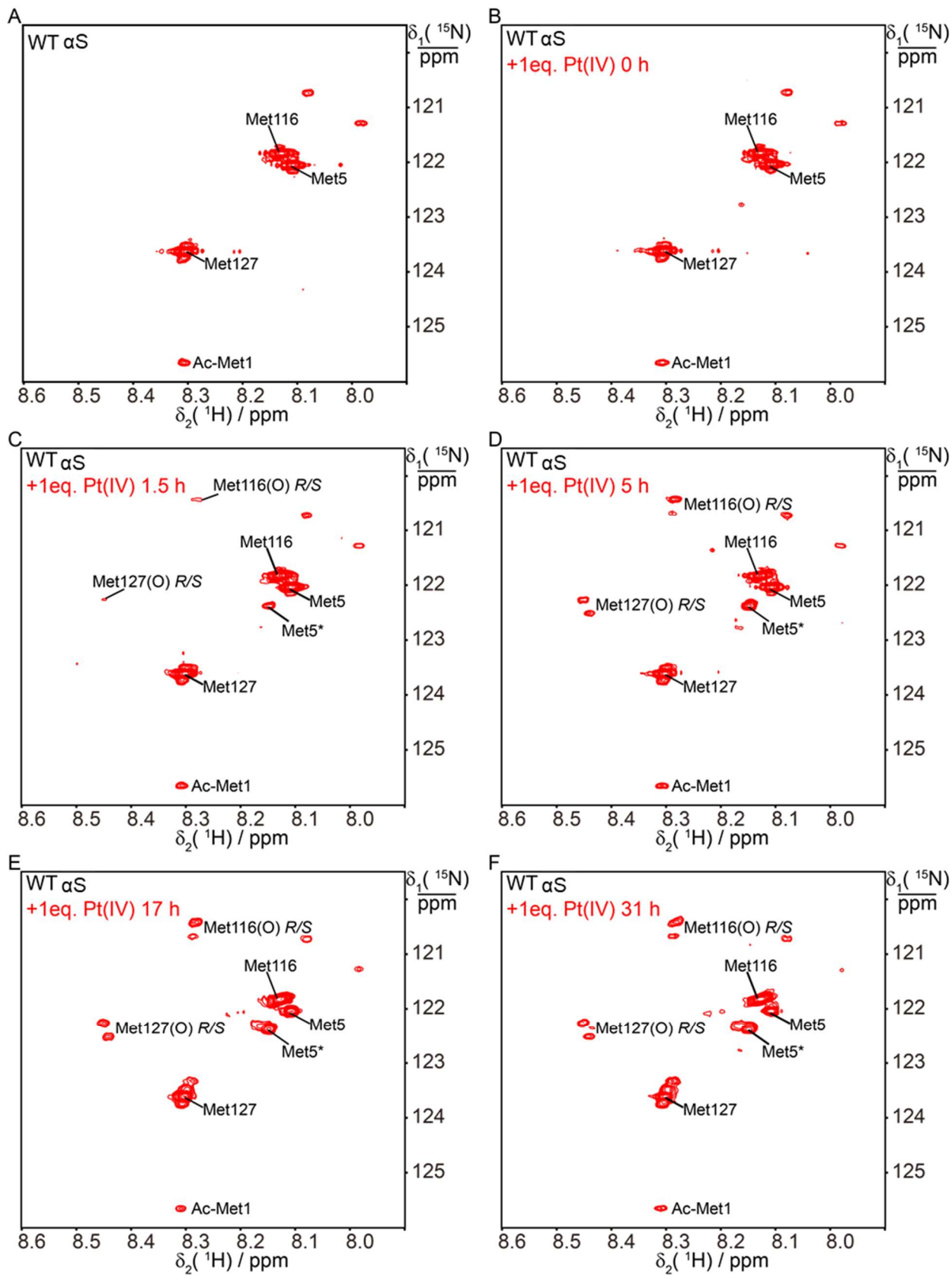


Figure S5. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S incubated with 0.2 mM Pt(IV) and 0.6 mM VC for 4 h (A) and 12 h (B) were characterized by the ESI-Q-TOF.





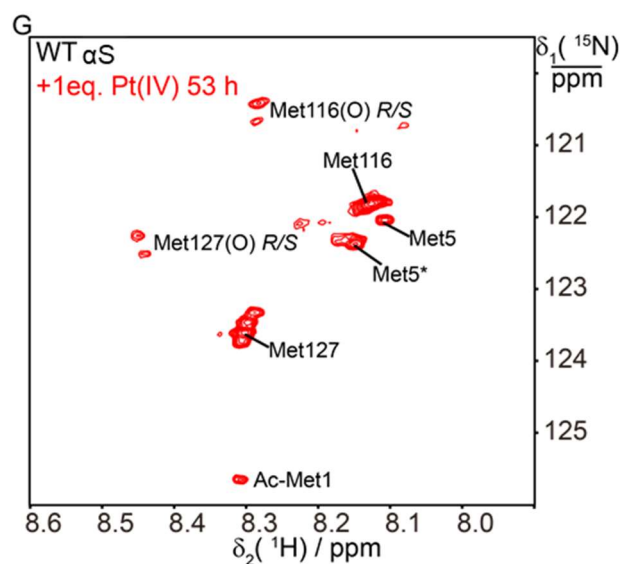


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra recorded for 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -Met enriched  $\alpha$ S after incubation with 1 equivalent Pt(IV) from 0 h to 53 h in 20 mM MES at pH 6.4 and 298 K. The oxidized M116 and M127 were labeled as Met116(O) and Met127(O), respectively. The new cross-peak (8.12, 122.57 ppm) corresponding to the chemical shift of M5 was labeled with Met5\* due to the N-terminal conformational change caused by the oxidation of M116 or M127 or both M116 and M127.

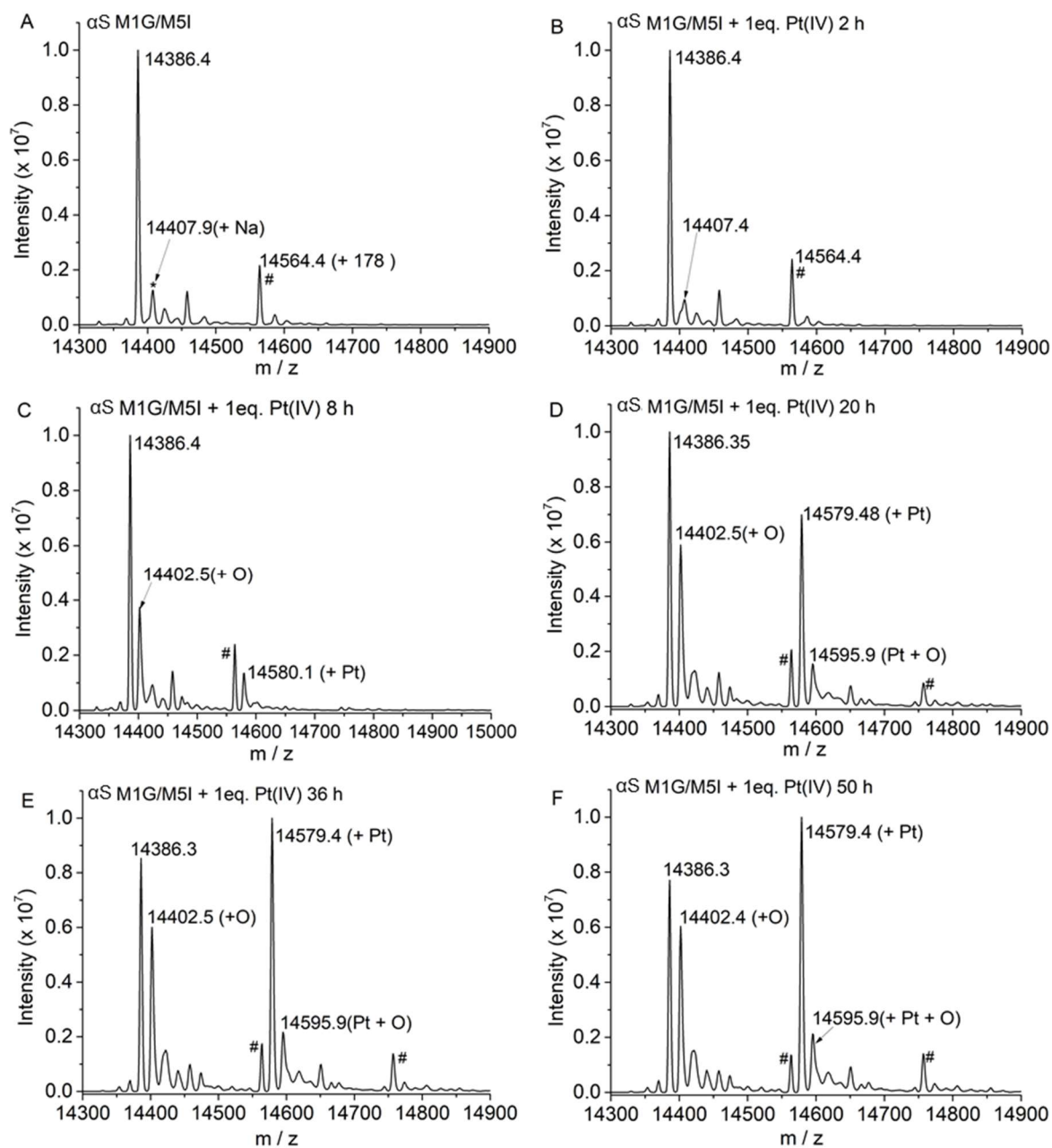


Figure S7. Mass spectra recorded for the mixture of  $\alpha$ S M1G/M51 after incubation with one equivalent of Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C. The mass weight of some mutants expressed in *E. coli* with an increase of 178 Dalton, that is the post-translational modification of gluconoylation<sup>8</sup> at the N-terminus glycine, were marked with #.

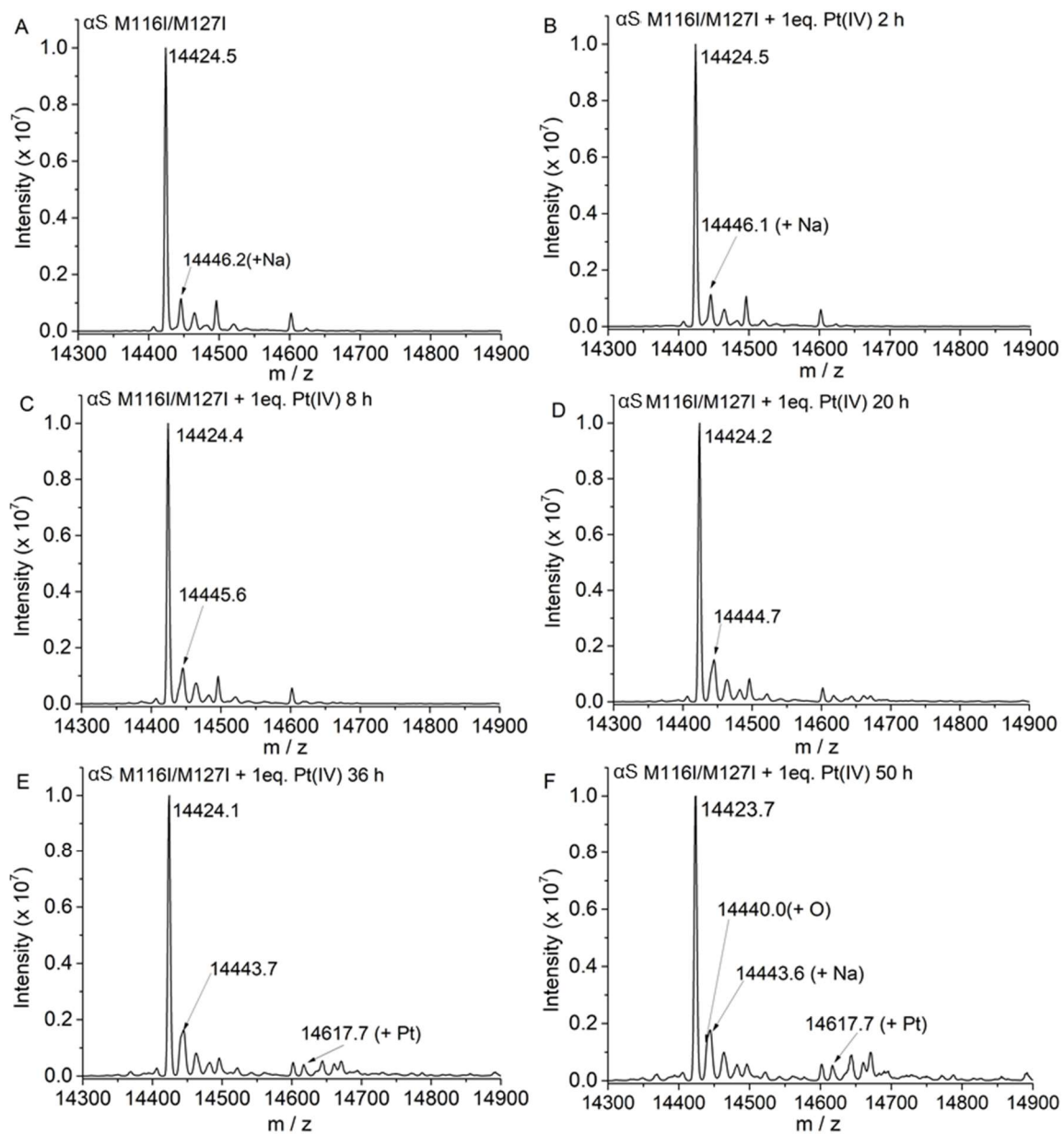
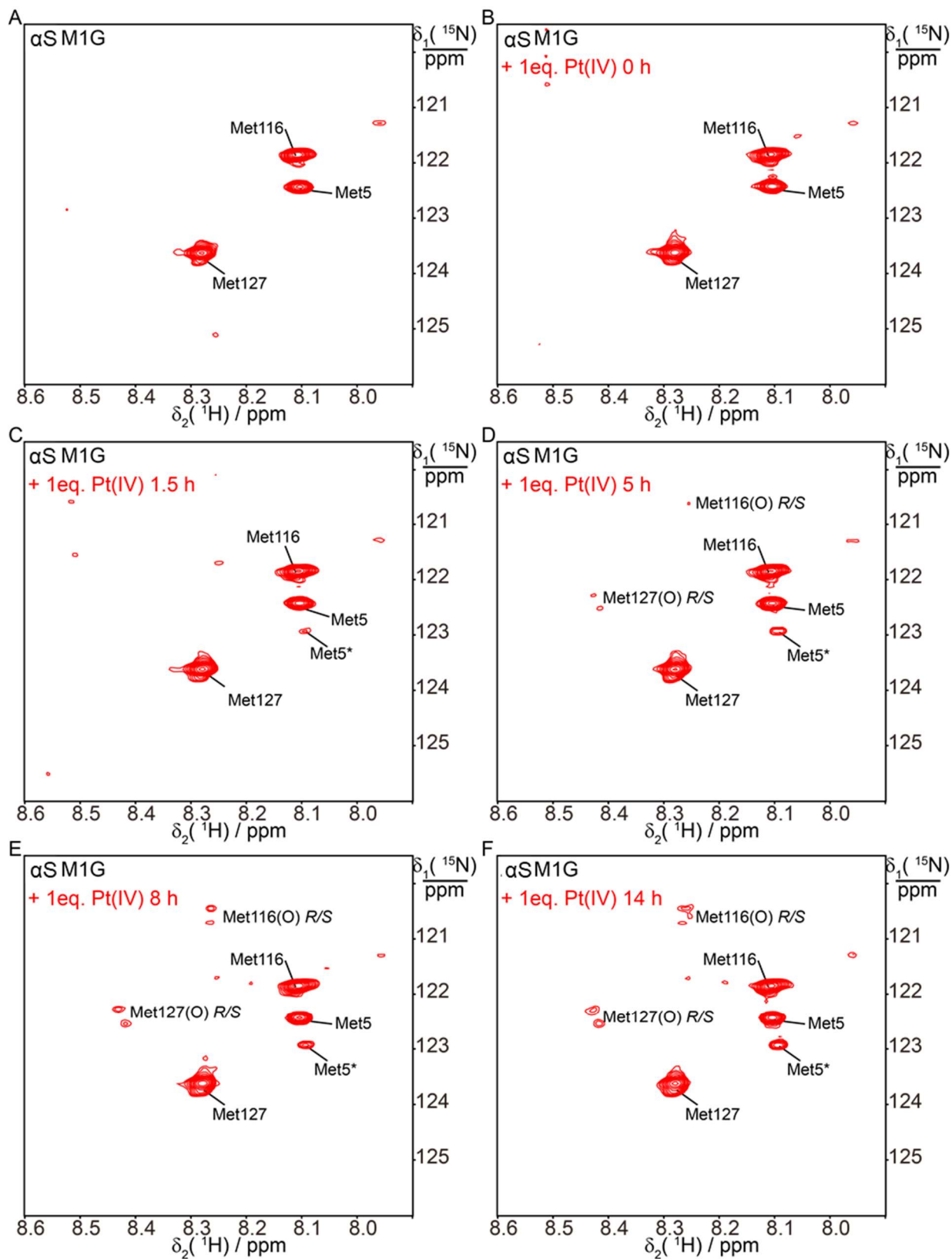


Figure S8. Mass spectra recorded the mixture of  $\alpha$ S M116I/M127I after incubation with one equivalent of Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C.



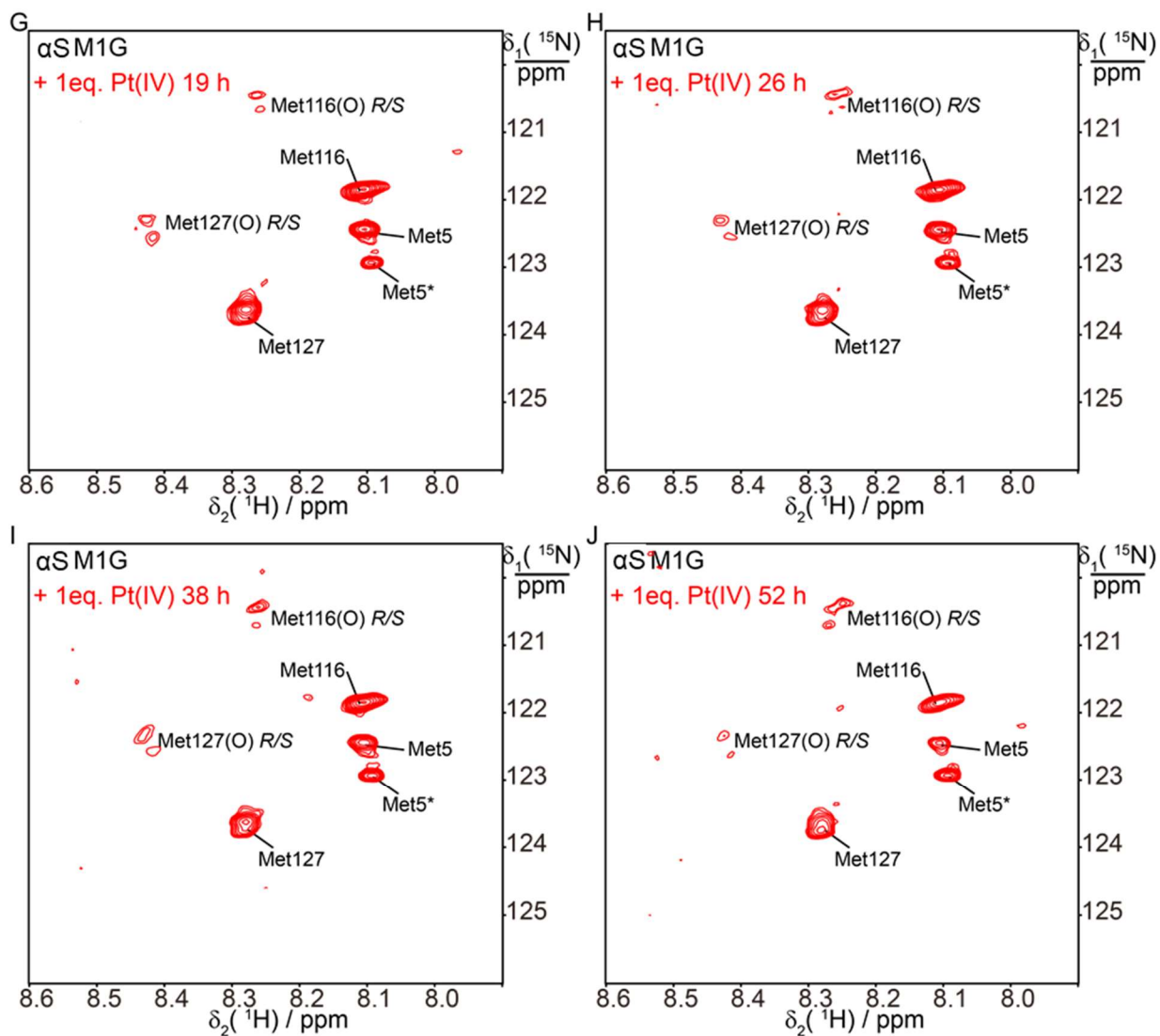


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra recorded for 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -Met enriched  $\alpha\text{S}$  M1G after incubation with 0.15 mM Pt(IV) from 0 h to 52 h in 20 mM MES at pH 6.4 and 298 K.

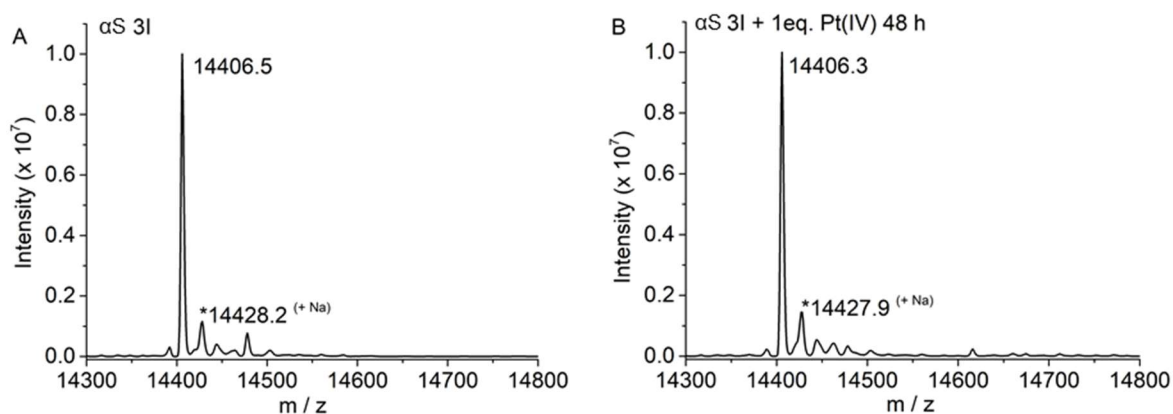


Figure S10. (A) Mass spectrum recorded for 0.1 mM M51/M116I/M127I (3I). (B) Mass spectrum recorded for the mixture of 3I after incubation with one equivalent of Pt(IV) at 25°C for 48 h.

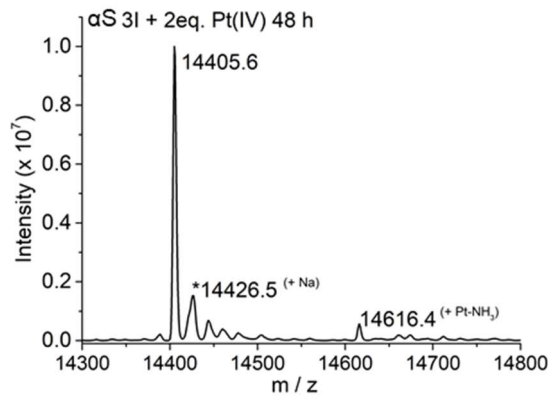


Figure S11. Mass spectrum recorded for the mixture of 3I after incubation with two equivalents of Pt(IV) at 25°C for 48 h.

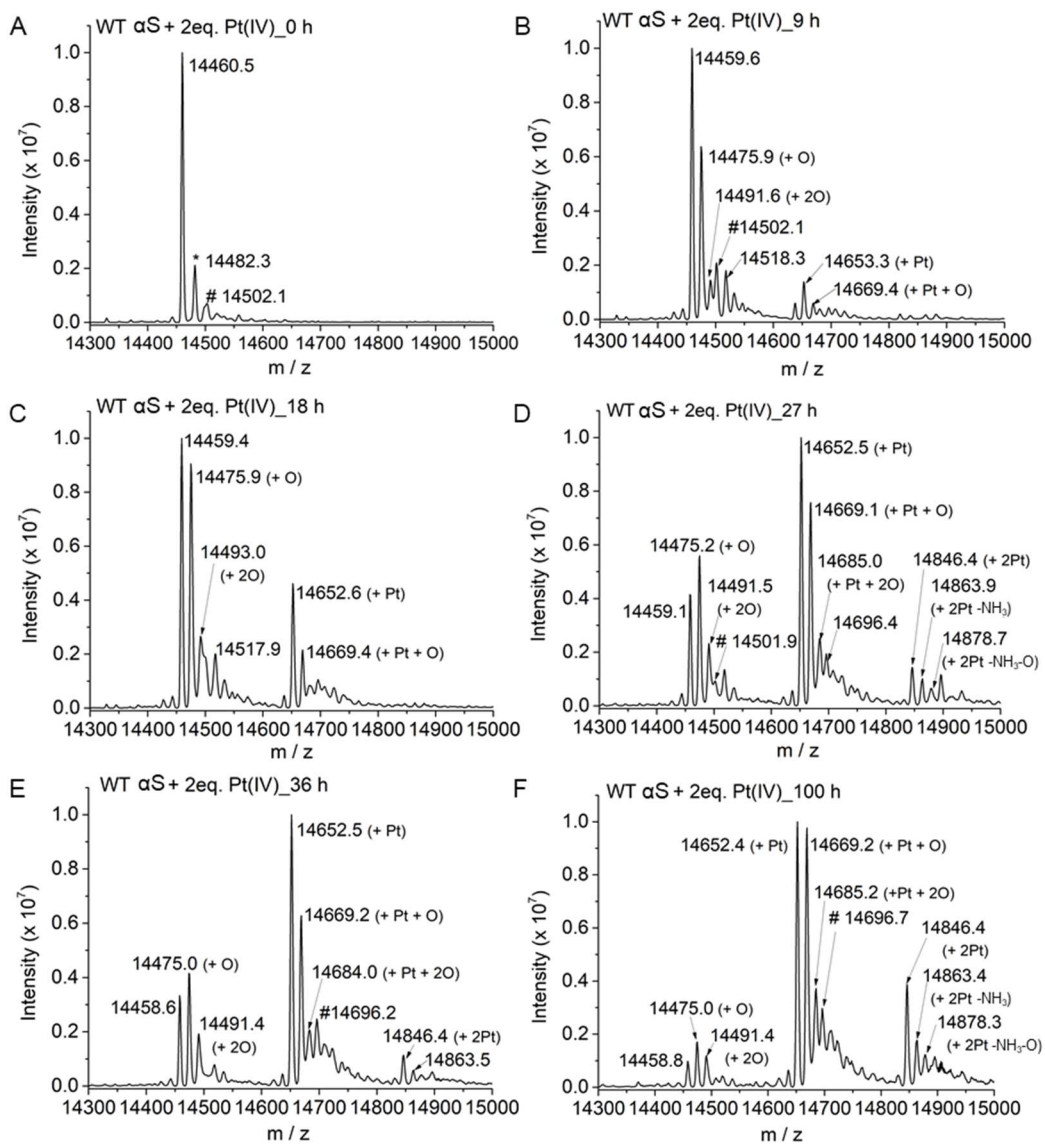


Figure S12. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S incubated with 0.2 mM Pt(IV) for different time were characterized by ESI-Q-TOF. The peak of N-terminal acetylated  $\alpha$ S was marked with #, and the peak with addition one  $\text{Na}^+$  was marked with an asterisk.

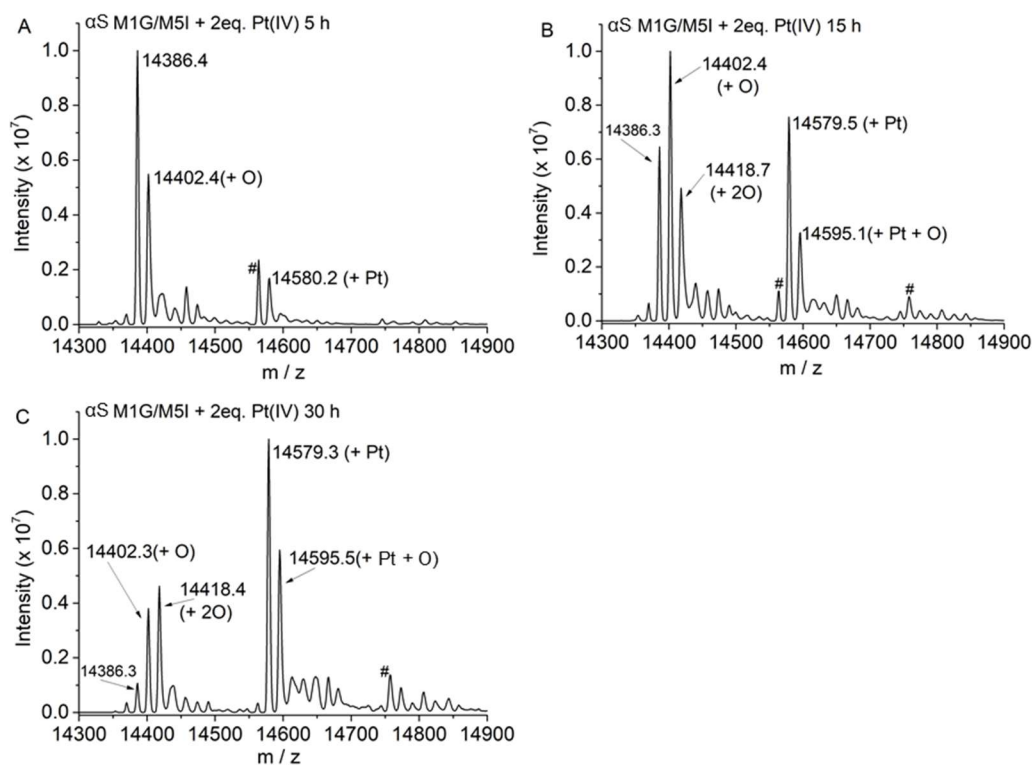


Figure S13. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S M1G/M5I after incubation with 0.2 mM Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C were characterized by ESI-Q-TOF. The gluconoylation<sup>8</sup> modified  $\alpha$ S was marked with #.

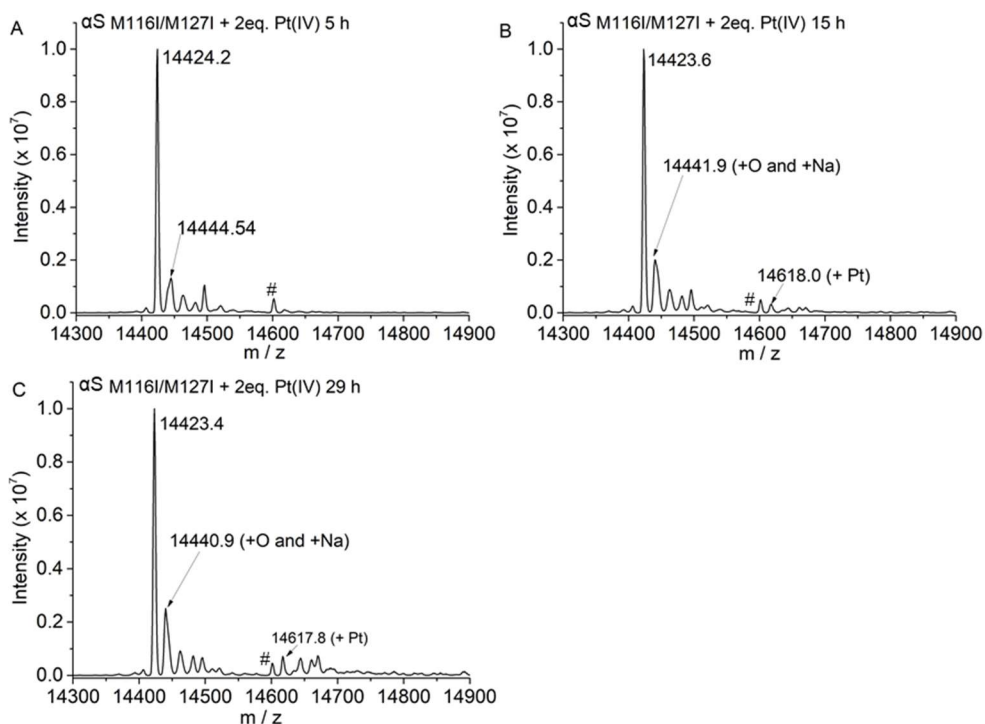


Figure S14. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S M116I/M127I after incubation with 0.2 mM Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C were characterized by ESI-Q-TOF. The gluconoylation<sup>8</sup> modified  $\alpha$ S was marked with #.



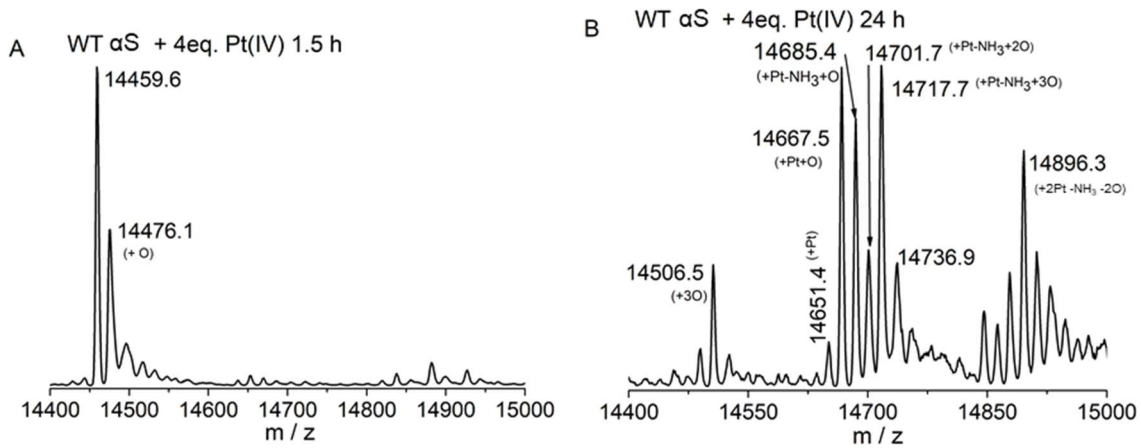


Figure S15. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S after incubation with 0.4 mM Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C were characterized by ESI-Q-TOF.

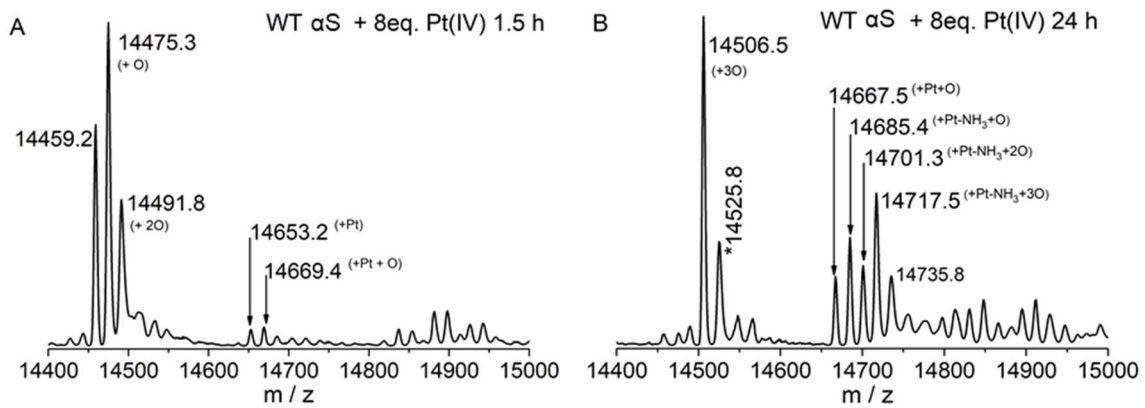


Figure S16. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S after incubation with 0.8 mM Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C were characterized by ESI-Q-TOF.

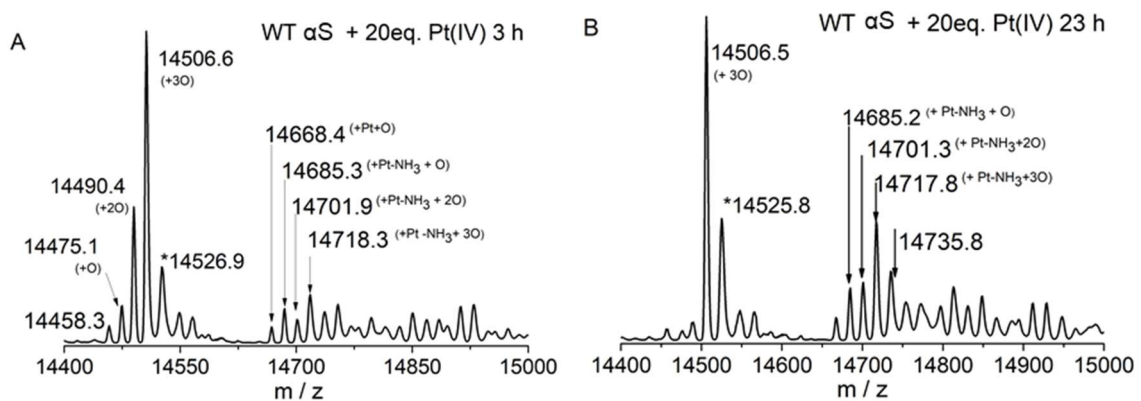
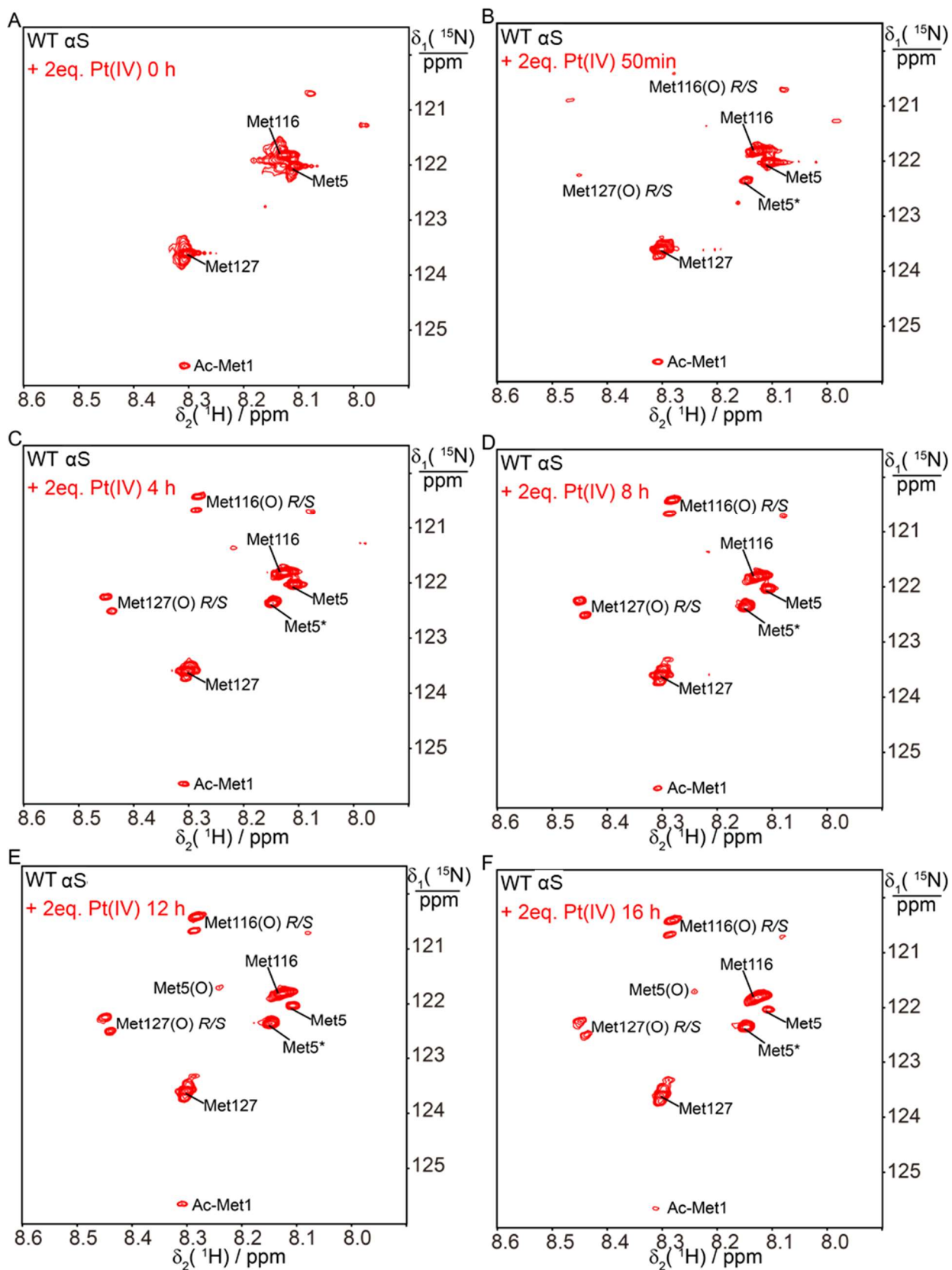


Figure S17. The products of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S after incubation with 2.0 mM Pt(IV) for different time at 25°C were characterized by ESI-Q-TOF.





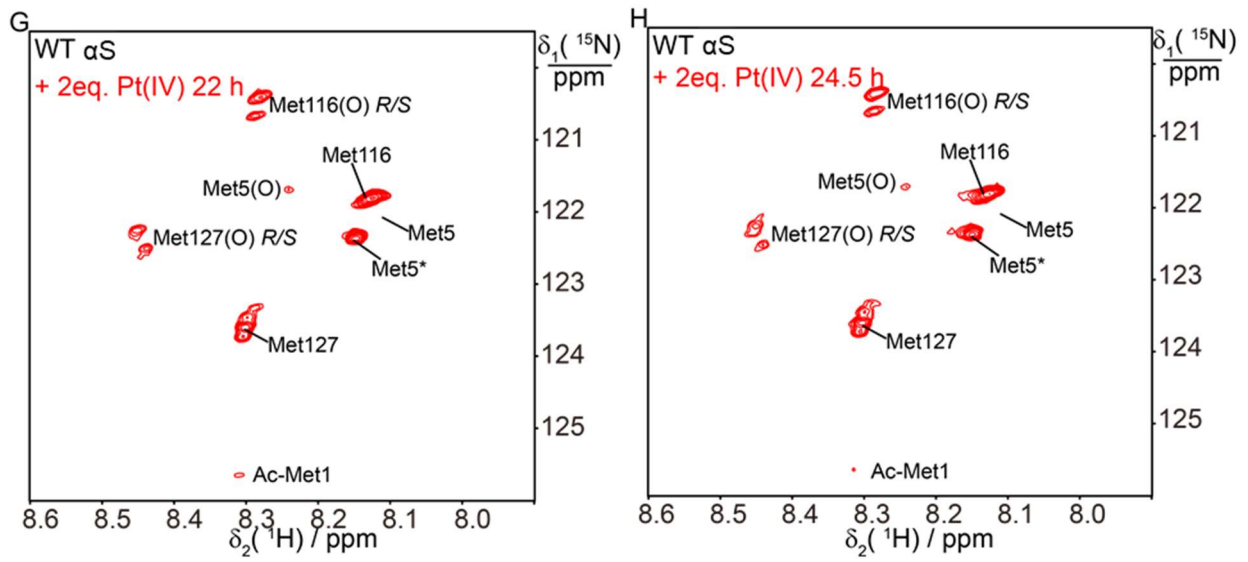


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra recorded for 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -Met enriched  $\alpha\text{S}$  after incubation with 0.3 mM Pt(IV) from 0 h to 24.5 h in 20 mM MES, pH 6.4 and 298 K.

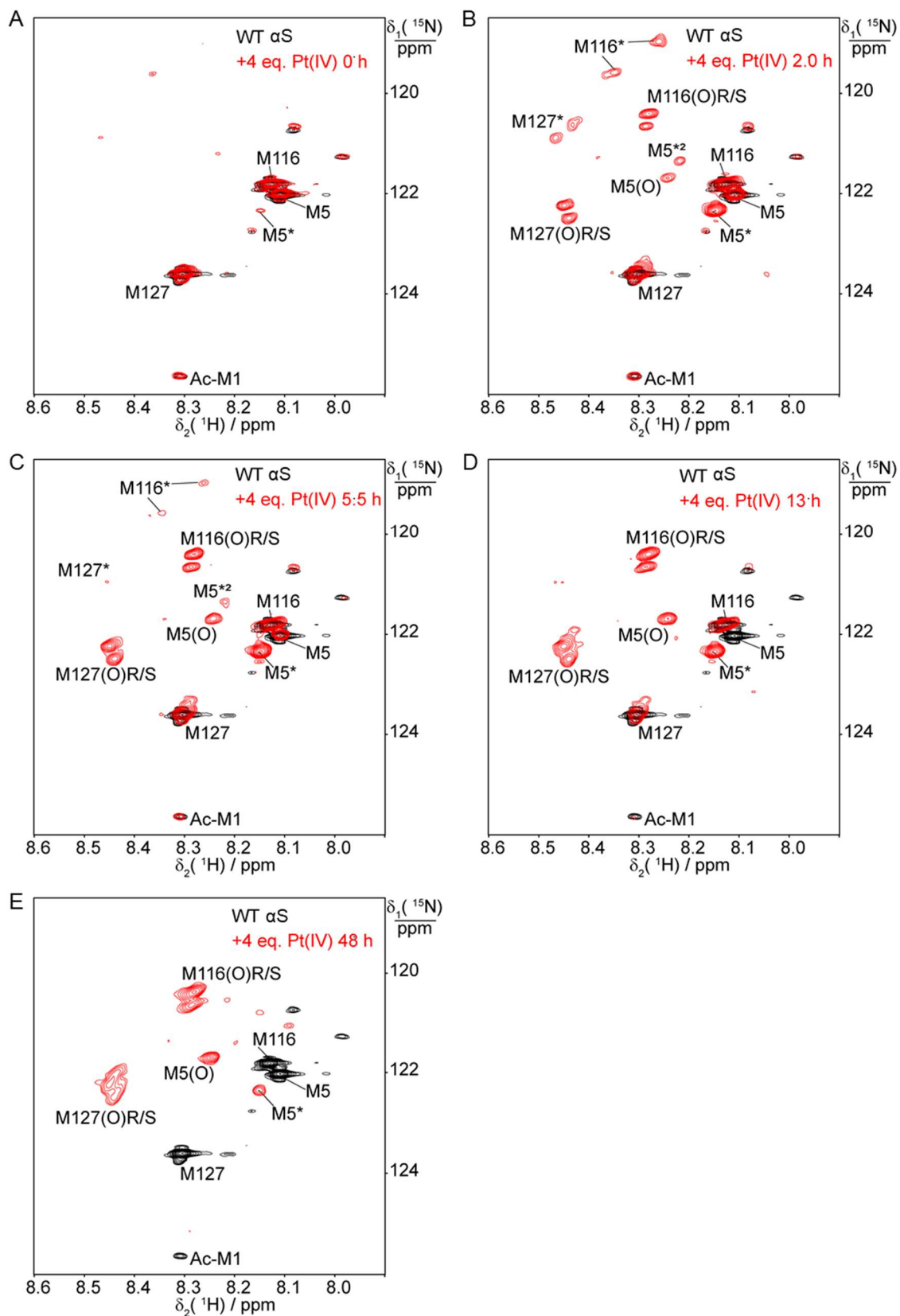
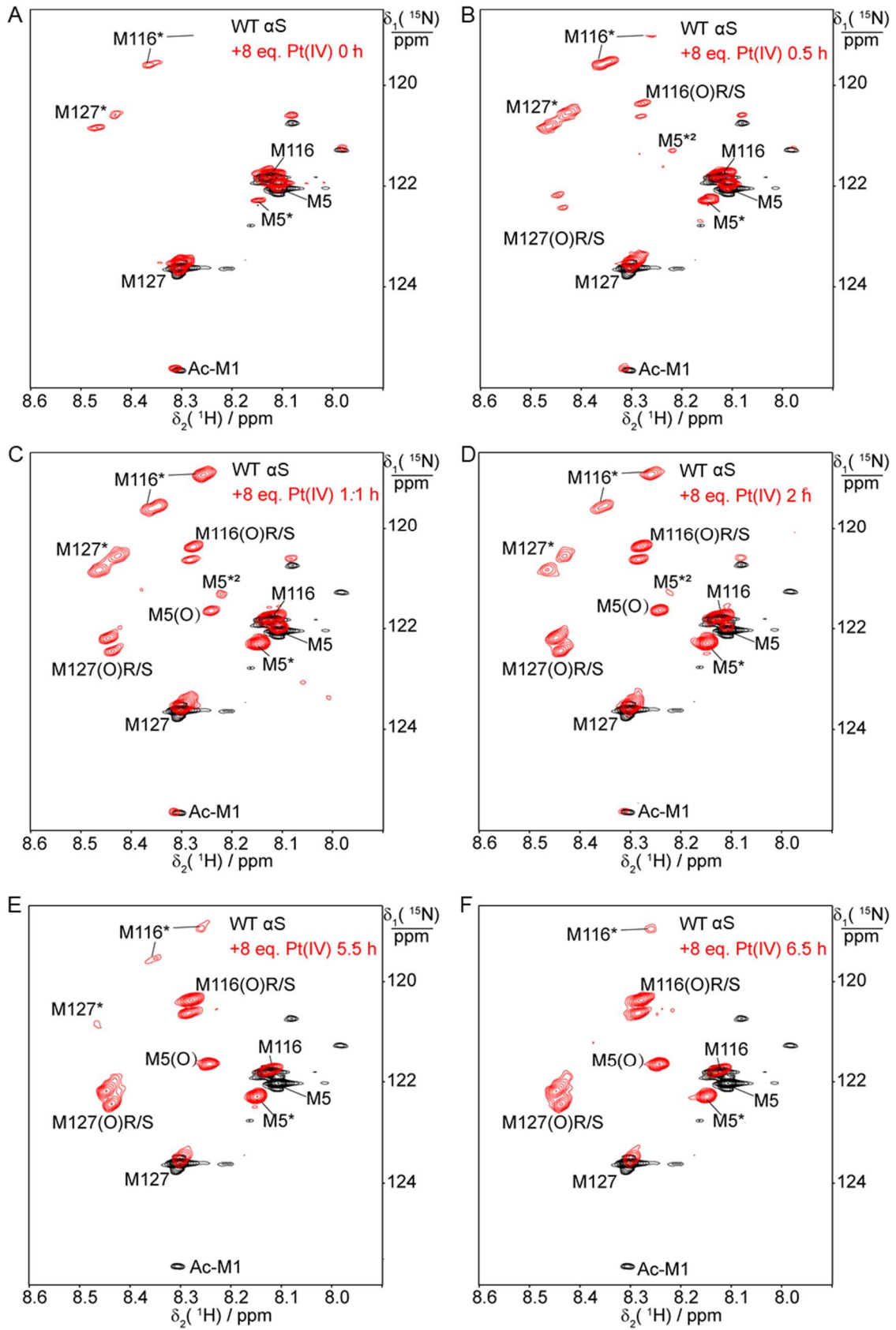


Figure S19. Overlay of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra recorded for 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -methionine labeled  $\alpha\text{S}$  (black) and 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -methionine enriched  $\alpha\text{S}$  incubated with 4 folds of Pt(IV) for different time at 298 K (red). The M5\* and M5\*2 indicate two resonances formed by the M5 because of oxidation of M116 or M127 at the C-terminus.



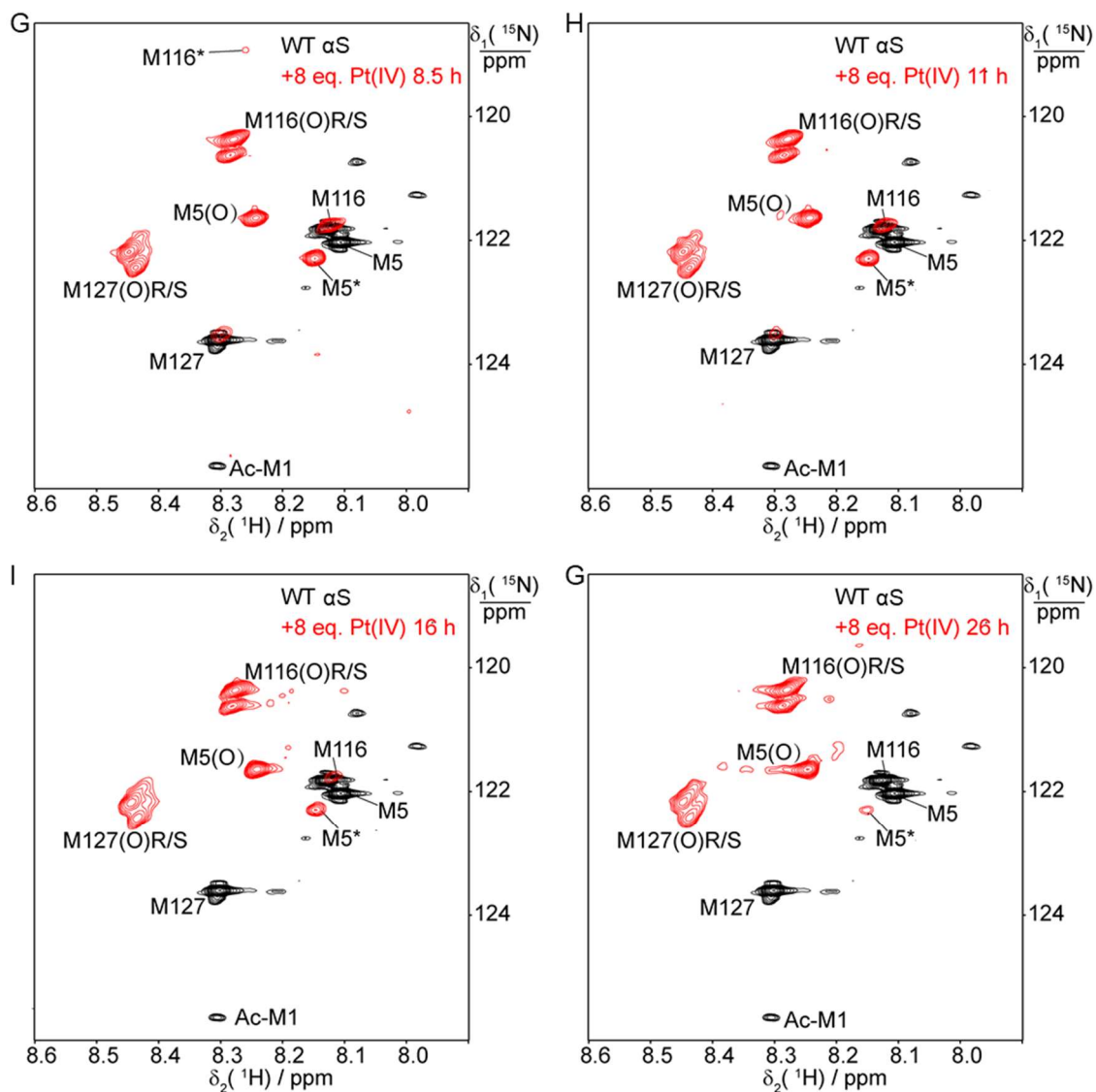


Figure S20. Overlay of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra recorded for 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -methionine labeled  $\alpha\text{S}$  (black) and 0.15 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -methionine enriched  $\alpha\text{S}$  incubated with 8 folds of Pt(IV) for different time at 298 K (red). The cross-peaks of M116\* were not displayed due to narrow spectrum width in the first two spectra. The M5\* and M5\*<sup>2</sup> indicate two new resonances formed by the M5 because of oxidation of C-terminal M116 or M127. The Ac-M1 denotes the N-acetylated M1.

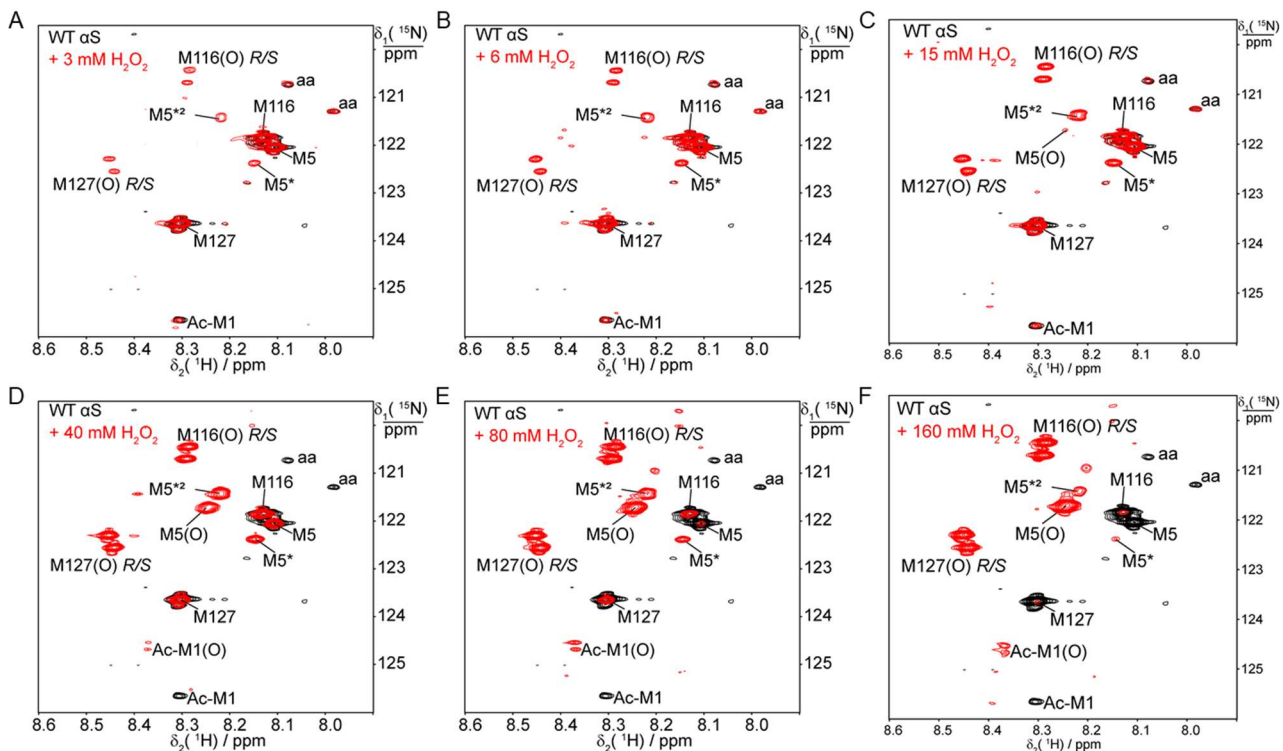


Figure S21. Overlay of the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra recorded for the sample of 0.3 mM  $^{15}\text{N}$ -Met enriched  $\alpha\text{S}$  after incubation with different concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  from 3 mM to 160 mM in 20 mM MES at pH 6.4 and 298K. The  $\text{M5}^*$  and  $\text{M5}^{*2}$  indicate two resonances formed by the M5 because of oxidation of C-terminal M116 or M127. The Ac-M1 denotes the N-acetylated M1, and the aa represents cross-peaks produced by amino scrambling from  $^{15}\text{N}$  Met in the protein biosynthesis.

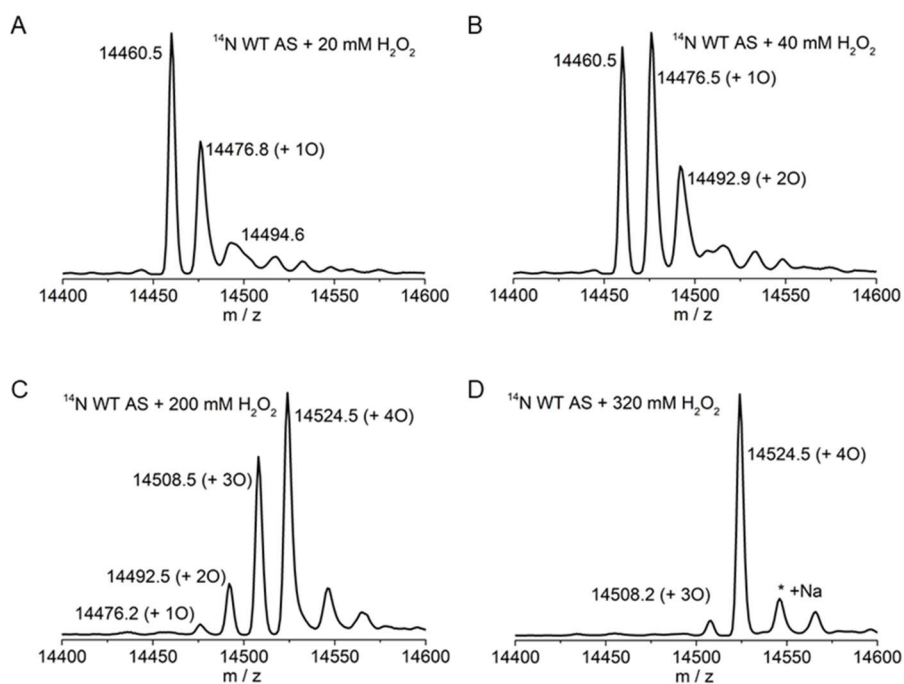


Figure S22. Mass spectra recorded for the mixture of  $\alpha\text{S}$  after incubation with different concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  at 25°C.

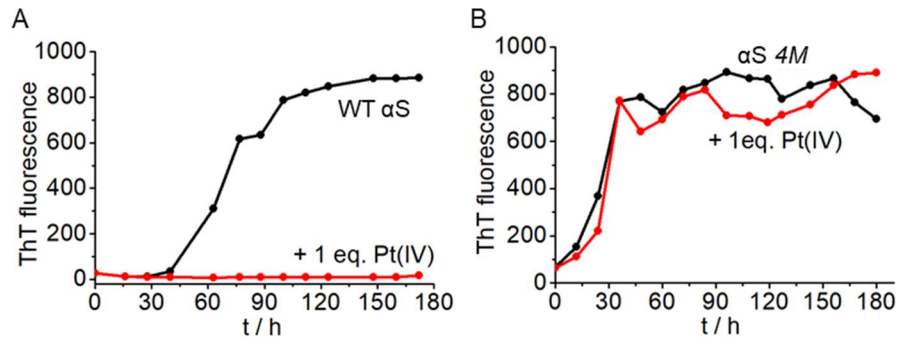


Figure S23. Fluorescence changes of ThT at 487 nm for the mixture of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S and one equivalent of Pt(IV) during incubation at 37°C. (A)  $\alpha$ S, (B)  $\alpha$ S M1G/M5I/M116I/M127I (4M).

Table S1 Species with molecular mass determined in the mixture of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S or its mutant after incubation with 0.1 mM Pt(IV) determined by the mass spectrometry.

	$\alpha$ S		$\alpha$ S M1G/M5I		$\alpha$ S M116I/M127I		$\alpha$ S M1G/M5IM116I/M127I	
	Theoretical mass (Dalton)	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass
$\alpha$ S	14460.2	14460.2	14386.4	14386.4	14424.1	14424.2	14331.9	14332.4
$\alpha$ S+O	14476.2	14476.7	14402.4	14402.5				
$\alpha$ S+Pt	14653.2	14653.3	14579.4	14579.4				
$\alpha$ S+Pt+O	14669.2	14669.5	14595.4	14596.2				

Table S2 Species with molecular mass determined in the mixture of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S or its mutant after incubation with 0.2 mM Pt(IV) determined by the mass spectrometry.

	$\alpha$ S		$\alpha$ S M1G/M5I		$\alpha$ S M116I/M127I	
	Theoretical mass (Dalton)	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass
$\alpha$ S	14460.2	14460.5	14386.4	14386.4	14424.1	14424.2
$\alpha$ S+O	14476.2	14475.9	14402.4	14402.4	14440.1	14441.9
$\alpha$ S+2O	14492.2	14491.6	14418.4	14418.7		
$\alpha$ S+Pt	14653.2	14653.3	14579.4	14580.2	14617.1	14618.0
$\alpha$ S+Pt+O	14669.2	14669.4	14595.4	14595.1		
$\alpha$ S+Pt+2O	14685.2	14685.0				
$\alpha$ S+2Pt	14846.2	14846.4				
$\alpha$ S+2Pt-NH <sub>3</sub>	14863.2	14863.4				
$\alpha$ S+2Pt-NH <sub>3</sub> -O	14879.2	14878.3				

Table S3 Species with molecular mass determined in the mixture of 0.1 mM  $\alpha$ S after incubation with 4, 8 and 20 equivalents of Pt(IV) determined by the mass spectrometry.

	$\alpha$ S + 4eq. Pt(IV)		$\alpha$ S + 8eq. Pt(IV)		$\alpha$ S + 20eq. Pt(IV)	
	Theoretical mass (Dalton)	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass	Theoretical mass	Observed mass
$\alpha$ S	14460.2	14459.6	14460.2	14458.9	14460.2	14459.6
$\alpha$ S+O	14476.2	14476.1	14476.2	14474.5	14476.2	14475.1
$\alpha$ S+2O	14492.2	14490.6	14492.2	14490.5	14492.2	14490.4
$\alpha$ S+3O	14508.2	14506.5	14508.2	14507.0	14508.2	14506.6
$\alpha$ S+Pt	14653.2	14651.4	14653.2	14651.8	14653.2	-
$\alpha$ S+Pt+O	14669.2	14667.5	14669.2	14668.4	14669.2	14668.4
$\alpha$ S+Pt-NH <sub>3</sub> +O	14686.3	14685.4	14686.3	14685.3	14686.3	14685.3
$\alpha$ S+Pt-NH <sub>3</sub> +2O	14702.3	14701.7	14702.3	14702.1	14702.3	14701.9
$\alpha$ S+Pt-NH <sub>3</sub> +3O	14718.3	14717.7	14718.3	14718.4	14718.3	14718.3
$\alpha$ S+2Pt	14846.2	14847.6	14846.2	-	14846.2	-
$\alpha$ S+2Pt-NH <sub>3</sub>	14863.2	14863.7	14863.2	-	14863.2	-
$\alpha$ S+2Pt-NH <sub>3</sub> -O	14879.2	14879.8	14879.2	-	14879.2	-
$\alpha$ S+2Pt-NH <sub>3</sub> -2O	14895.2	14896.3	14895.2	-	14895.2	-

'-' Indicates that the species has not been determined due to low signal strength.



