

Supporting Information for:

Visualizing the Mode of Action and Supramolecular Assembly of Teixobactin Analogues in *Bacillus subtilis*

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Materials and Methods

Materials. Amino acids, coupling agents, 2-chlorotrityl chloride resin, DIC, and triisopropylsilane were purchased from Chem-Impex. DMF (amine-free), DIPEA, 2,4,6-collidine, and piperidine were purchased from Alfa-Aesar. DMAP and polysorbate 80 were purchased from Acros Organics. BODIPY FL NHS ester, Cy3 NHS ester, and Cy5 NHS ester were purchased from Lumiprobe. HPLC-grade acetonitrile, and dichloromethane were purchased from Fisher Scientific. TFA and hexafluoroisopropanol were purchased from Oakwood Chemical. Reagent-grade solvents, chemicals, amino acids, and resin were used as received, with the exception of dichloromethane, which was dried through an alumina column under argon, and dimethylformamide, which was dried through an alumina column and an amine scavenger resin column under argon.

Methods for Synthesis, Purification, and Analysis of Peptides. Solid-phase peptide synthesis was carried out manually in a solid phase reaction vessel.¹ Analytical reverse-phase HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1200 instrument equipped with an Aeris PEPTIDE 2.6u XB-C18 column (Phenomenex). Preparative reverse-phase HPLC was performed on a Rainin Dynamax instrument equipped with a Zorbax SB-C18 column (Agilent) for unlabeled teixobactin analogues or a Zorbax 9.4 x 250 mm C18 semipreparative column (Agilent) for fluorescent teixobactin analogues. UV detection (214 nm) was used for analytical and preparative HPLC. HPLC grade acetonitrile and 18 M Ω deionized water, each containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid, were used for analytical and preparative reverse-phase HPLC. Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrometry was performed on an AB SCIEX TOF/TOF 5800 system and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid was used as the sample matrix. Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectrometry was performed on an LCT ESI LC-TOF in

positive mode. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 in positive ion mode. All peptides were prepared and used as the trifluoroacetate salts and were assumed to have one trifluoroacetate ion per ammonium group present in each peptide.

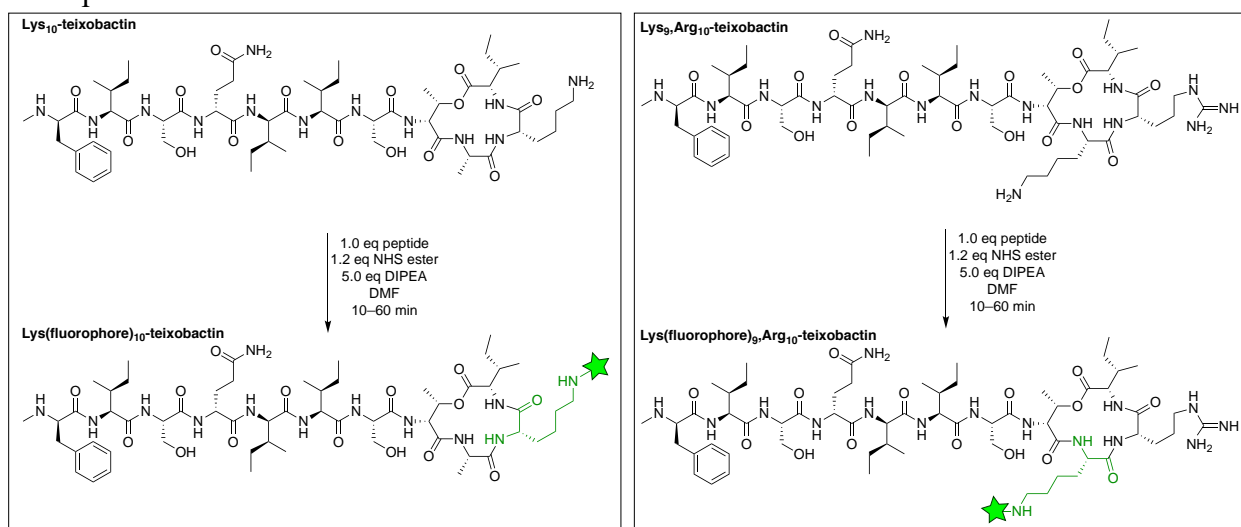
Synthesis of Lys₁₀-teixobactin. Lys₁₀-teixobactin was prepared as the trifluoroacetate salt by solid-phase peptide synthesis followed by solution phase cyclization, as previously described.^{2,3} A typical synthesis on a 0.1 mmol scale afforded 10–20 mg of Lys₁₀-teixobactin.

Synthesis of Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin. Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin was prepared as the trifluoroacetate salt in a similar fashion to Lys₁₀-teixobactin.^{2,3}

Representative Procedure for Labeling Lys₁₀-teixobactin and Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin with Fluorophore NHS Esters: Synthesis of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin. 5 mg of BODIPY FL NHS ester was dissolved in 100 μ L of dry DMSO to create a 50 mg/mL stock solution, which was wrapped in black felt to protect it from light and stored in a desiccator in a -20 °C freezer for subsequent reactions. 5.1 mg of Lys₁₀-teixobactin (3.5 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) was weighed into a tared Eppendorf tube using an analytical balance. The peptide was dissolved in 59.3 μ L of dry DMF and 3.1 μ L of DIPEA (17.7 μ mol, 5.0 equiv) was slowly added to the solution. The solution was vortexed to ensure homogeneity and then centrifuged to bring the solution to the bottom of the tube. To this solution, 37.6 μ L of 50 mg/mL BODIPY FL NHS ester (4.2 μ mol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the solution was mixed by pipetting (Scheme S1). The Eppendorf tube was covered with black felt and placed on a rocker. The reaction progress was monitored by ESI-MS and analytical HPLC (using 214 and 488 nm for detection) and the reaction was complete within 10–60 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with 3 mL of 40% (v/v) CH₃CN in water and was purified by reverse-phase HPLC with H₂O/CH₃CN (gradient elution of 20–50% CH₃CN with 0.1% TFA over 60 min) equipped with an Agilent Zorbax 9.4 x 250 mm C18 semipreparative column. The

C18 column was heated to 50 °C in a Sterlite plastic bin water bath equipped with a Kitchen Gizmo Sous Vide immersion circulator to maintain the solubility of the peptide during purification. Pure fractions were characterized by analytical HPLC and ESI-MS and subsequently collected, concentrated, and lyophilized. After lyophilization, 3.3 mg of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin (58% yield) was obtained as an orange powder.

Scheme S1. Regioselective labeling of Lys₁₀-teixobactin and Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin using fluorophore NHS esters.



Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin were prepared using the same procedure. Lys(BDY FL)₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin, Lys(Cy3)₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin, Lys(Cy5)₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin were prepared using the same procedure, except Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin was used instead of Lys₁₀-teixobactin. The yields of each purified fluorescent peptide are reported in Table S1, along with their corresponding mass spectrometric data.

Table S1. Yield and mass spectrometric data of purified fluorescent teixobactin analogues.

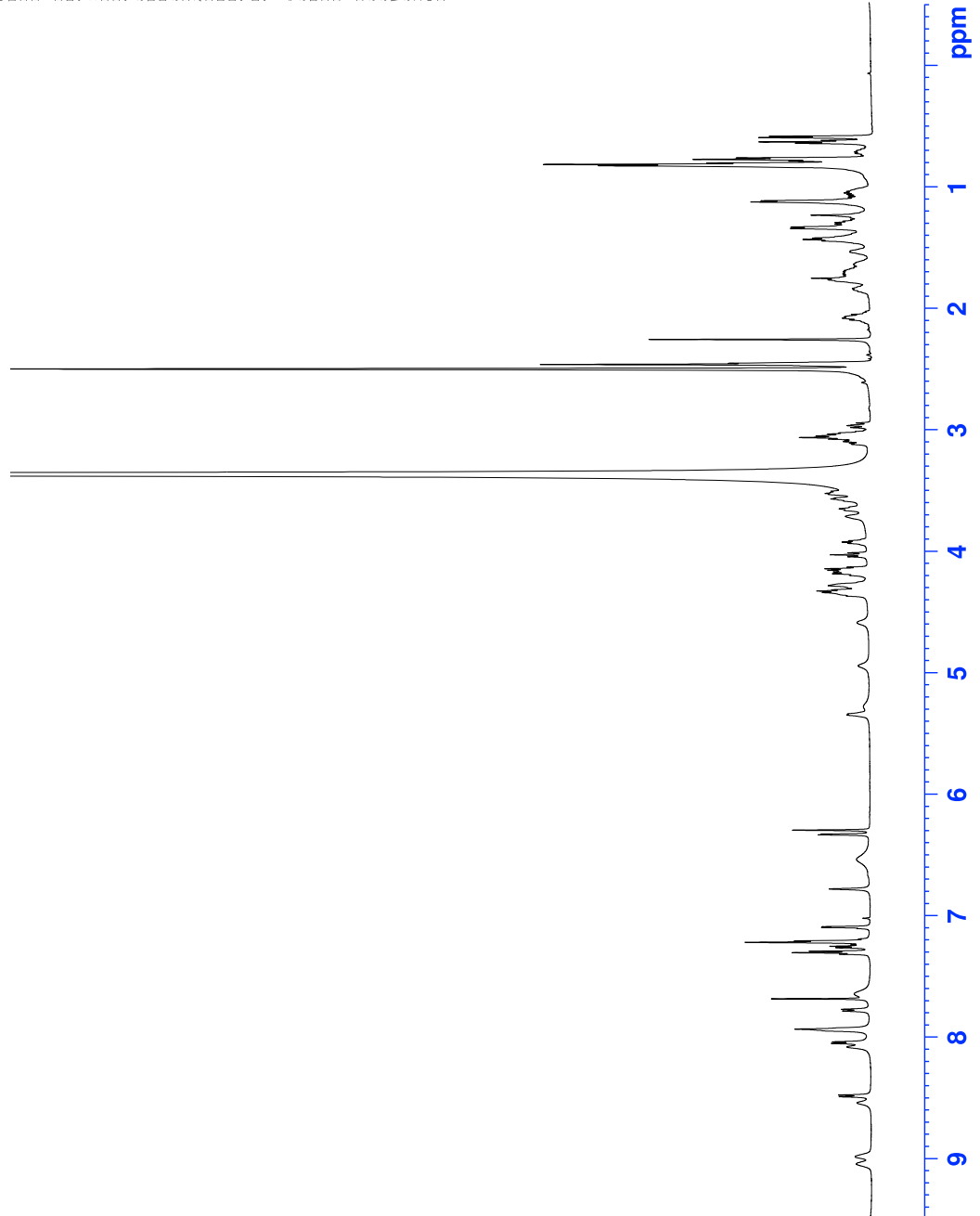
Fluorescent Analogue	% Yield	Calcd. MW as TFA salt	Calcd. <i>m/z</i> (LRMS)	Found <i>m/z</i> (LRMS)	Calcd. <i>m/z</i> (HRMS)	Found <i>m/z</i> (HRMS)
Lys(BDY FL) ₁₀ -teixobactin	58%	1604.59 (•1 TFA)	1490.8 [M+H] ⁺ (for ¹¹ B isotopologue)	1491.1	735.9200 [M-F+H] ²⁺	735.9200
Lys(BDY FL) ₉ ,Arg ₁₀ -teixobactin	54%	1803.72 (•2 TFA)	1575.9 [M+H] ⁺ (for ¹¹ B isotopologue)	1575.8	N/A	N/A
Lys(Cy3) ₁₀ -teixobactin	53%	1883.15 (•2 TFA)	1655.0 [M] ⁺	1655.0	828.0022 [M+H] ²⁺	827.9991
Lys(Cy3) ₉ ,Arg ₁₀ -teixobactin	43%	2082.28 (•3 TFA)	1740.1 [M] ⁺	1740.4	N/A	N/A
Lys(Cy5) ₁₀ -teixobactin	54%	1909.19 (•2 TFA)	1681.0 [M] ⁺	1681.1	841.0100 [M+H] ²⁺	841.0066
Lys(Cy5) ₉ ,Arg ₁₀ -teixobactin	53%	2108.32 (•3 TFA)	1766.1 [M] ⁺	1766.3	N/A	N/A

Confirmation of Regioselective Labeling of Lys₁₀ in Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin. ¹H NMR spectroscopy and TOCSY NMR spectroscopy on a 3.3 mM solution of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin in CD₃SOCD₃ established that labeling occurred at the ε-position of Lys₁₀. A pair of distinct resonances are observed for the diastereotopic protons of the ammonium group *N*-Me-D-Phe₁ (8.98 ppm and 9.04 ppm), thus demonstrating that the *N*-terminus of the peptide is not labeled. Separate resonances for the Lys₁₀ α- and ε-amide protons are able to be discerned in the TOCSY spectrum (7.65 ppm and 7.93 ppm), further corroborating labeling of the Lys₁₀ ε-amino group.

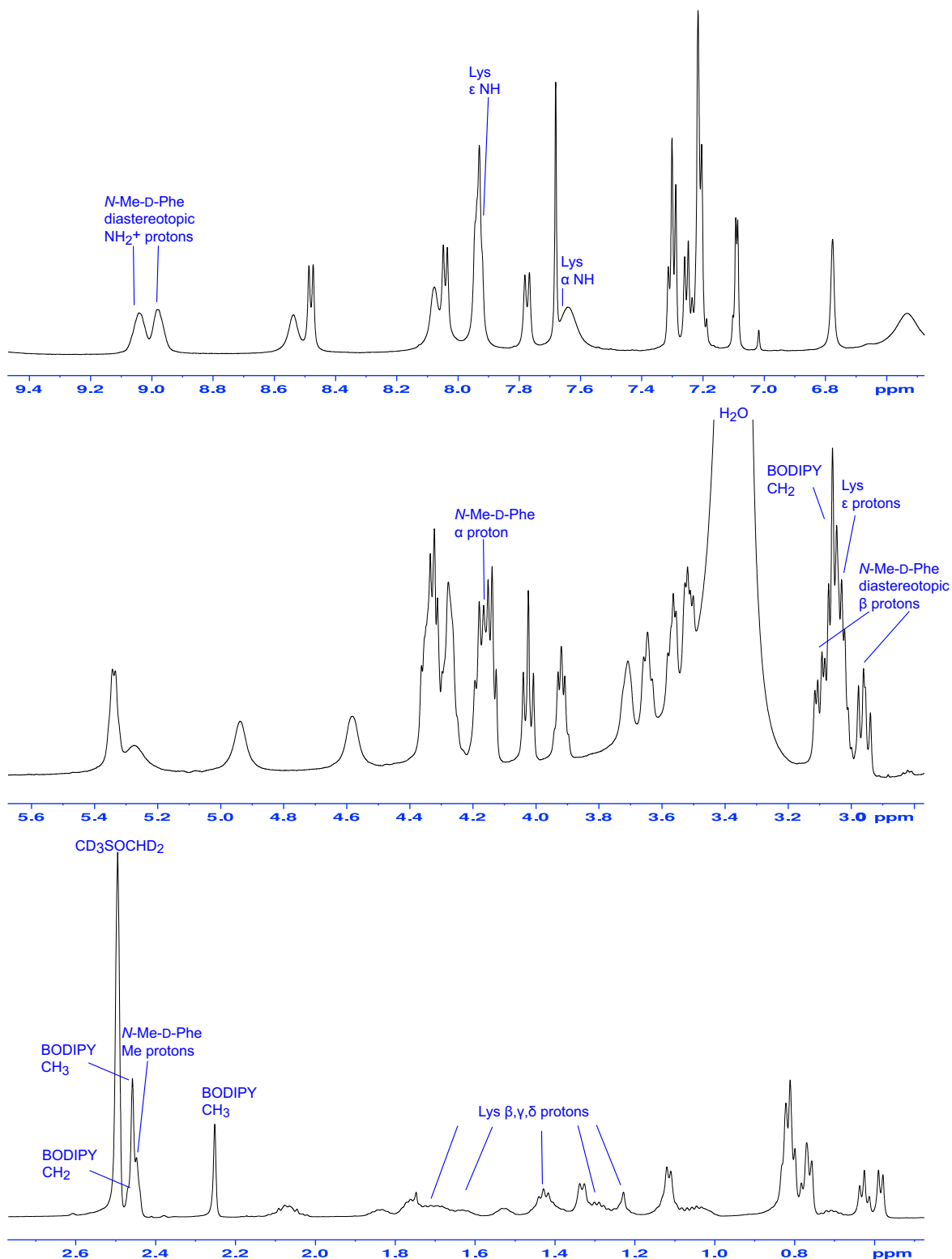
1D ¹H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, 298 K) of 3.3 mM Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin in 99.9% DMSO-*d*₆.

¹H spectrum

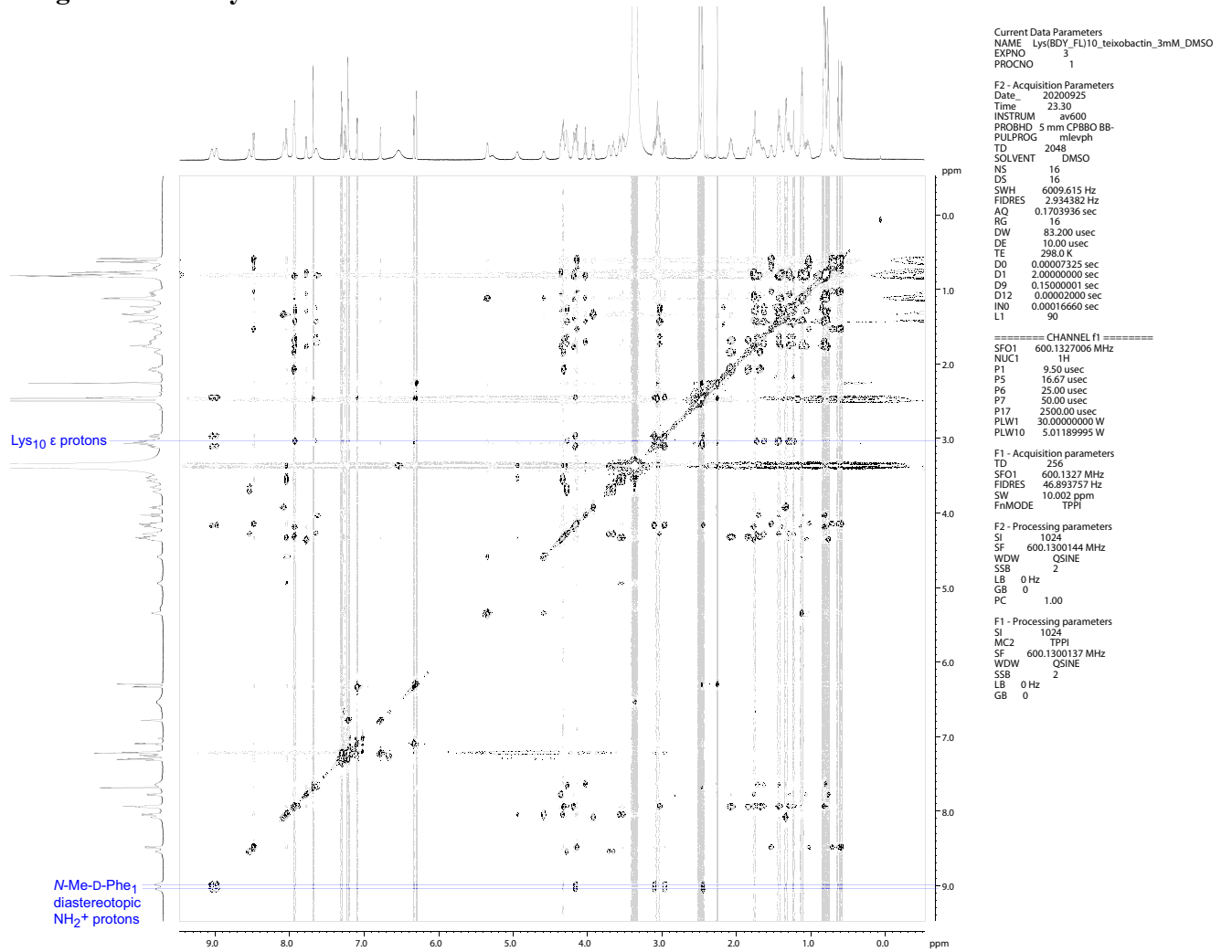
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Expansions of ^1H NMR spectrum of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin, with assignments of key resonances based on TOCSY. These assignments clearly establish that labeling occurs on the side chain of Lys₁₀, and not on the α -amino group of N-Me-D-Phe₁.



TOCSY spectrum (600 MHz, 150 ms spin-lock mixing time, 298 K) of 3.3 mM Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin in 99.9% DMSO-*d*₆ of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin, illustrating assignments of key resonances.



Preparation of DMSO Stock Solutions. A 1 mg/mL DMSO stock solution of each fluorescent teixobactin analogue was prepared gravimetrically by dissolving 1.0 mg of the lyophilized peptide in 1.0 mL of sterile DMSO in an autoclaved Eppendorf tube. The 1 mg/mL DMSO stock solutions were wrapped in black felt and stored in a -20 °C freezer for subsequent experiments.

NOTE: Solutions of fluorescent teixobactin analogues were protected from excessive exposure to light in MIC assays and other experiments by use of an unlit biosafety cabinet, black felt, and minimizing exposure to room lights.

MIC Assays. MIC assays were performed in 96-well plates as previously described, with the exception that optical density measurements were recorded at 750 nm (OD_{750}) to avoid interference by fluorophore absorbance.³ All MIC assays were performed as three technical replicates and repeated multiple times to ensure reproducibility.

In Vitro PBP2 Transglycosylation Assay using Lipid II. 2 nmol lipid II⁴ in in 20 mM MES, 2 mM MgCl₂, 2 mM CaCl₂ and 0.002% polysorbate 80 (pH 5.5) were incubated with Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin at molar ratios of 0:1, 1:1, 2:1, 4:1 (antibiotic:lipid II) for 20 min at room temperature. 7.5 µg of purified PBP2-His₆ enzyme⁵ were added and the samples were incubated for 2 h at 30 °C, followed by extraction of hydrophobic molecules using an equal volume of *n*-butanol/pyridinium acetate, at pH 4.2 (2:1; v/v).⁶ Extracts were analyzed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using chloroform/methanol/water/ammonia (88:48:10:1, v/v/v/v) as the mobile phase⁶ and phosphomolybdic acid staining was used to visualize the extracts.⁴

Fluorescence Microscopy Studies. The following were performed as previously described,³ with the exception that 0.05% polysorbate 80 was not used in steps c and d: (a) Culturing bacteria for imaging; (b) Preparation of 2% agarose beds for imaging bacteria; (c)

Preparation of fluorescent teixobactin solutions for fluorescence microscopy studies; and (d) Staining bacteria for fluorescence microscopy studies. We found that the addition of polysorbate 80 in the probe solutions was not required in the buffer to achieve satisfactory staining of bacteria using the fluorescent teixobactin analogues for the SIM microscopy and FRET microscopy experiments. Sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) was used to prepare all probe solutions and to wash bacteria after staining with the probe solutions.

Structured Illumination Microscopy using the Zeiss Elyra 7. The stained bacteria were immediately imaged at room temperature on a Zeiss Elyra 7 microscope with Lattice SIM². Images were collected with a 63x oil immersion objective lens with numerical aperture of 1.4, using a 50 ms camera exposure (EM CCD camera), with additional digital zoom used as needed. Bacteria (*B. subtilis*) were treated with 1 µg/mL Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin, Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin, or Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin. Fluorescence micrographs of bacteria treated with Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin were recorded with excitation at 488 nm and emission between 495–550 nm (using a band-pass filter). Fluorescence micrographs of bacteria treated with Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin were recorded with excitation at 561 nm and emission between 570–620 nm (using a band-pass filter). Fluorescence micrographs of bacteria treated with Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin were recorded with excitation at 642 nm and emission 655 nm and above (using a long-pass filter). The collected SIM images were processed using Zeiss Zen Black software using the SIM processing mode, and the brightness of each micrograph was rescaled to the original micrograph to ensure all pixels were neither over- nor underexposed.

FRET Microscopy. Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* was treated with various mixtures of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin (Table S2) or Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys₁₀-teixobactin (Table S3). Using the same staining protocol described above, *B. subtilis*

samples were treated with the probe solutions for 10 min in a shaking incubator at 37 °C. The cells were washed three times using sodium phosphate buffer (without polysorbate 80) and applied to coverslips on agarose beds.

FRET microscopy was performed at room temperature on a 2-channel ISS-ALBA5 scanning confocal microscope equipped with a white laser (NKT SuperK EXTREME), an acousto-optic tunable filter (NKT SELECT) for selecting laser lines. Emission was detected using two avalanche photodiodes (Excelitas Technologies) connected to an ISS FastFLIM unit for single photon counting (and lifetime measurement).

All sets of images were taken using the same parameters: resolution (130 nm per pixel), laser power ($\sim 6 \mu\text{W}$ on the focal plane), pixel dwell time (16 μs) and image dimensions (256×256 , corresponding approximately to fields of view of $33 \times 33 \mu\text{m}$). A total of 80 images were taken for the set of FRET experiments, and a total of 45 images were taken for the set of control experiments, with the approximate bacteria count per field of view being between the few dozens to a few hundred.

To ensure selective excitation of the Cy3 probe and not the Cy5, we selected a relatively blue-shifted laser line of 490 nm, thus hitting the lower end of the excitation spectra of the Cy3 (instead of excitation of at λ_{max} , *ca.* 555 nm). Emission of the Cy3 probe was collected using an emission filter centered at 575 nm with a bandwidth of 50 nm. Emission of the Cy5 probe was collected using an emission filter centered at 680 nm with a bandwidth of 40 nm, respectively. When intentionally exciting the Cy5, we selected a laser line at 645 nm.

The intensity-based comparison analysis was performed by simply pooling all the raw pixel intensity values of each experimental condition and plotting the histograms of such

distributions. The total of 125 images yields 8.2 Mpix taking up an area of approximately 0.14 mm² and containing in the order of 1×10^4 bacteria in total.

Table S2. Volumes of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin stock solutions used to prepare FRET samples.

	100:0 Cy3: Cy5	95:5 Cy3: Cy5	85:5 Cy3: Cy5	75:5 Cy3: Cy5	50:50 Cy3: Cy5	0:100 Cy3: Cy5
Volume from 1 mg/mL Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin stock	1 µL	3.8 µL	1.7 µL	1.5 µL	0.5 µL	0 µL
Volume from 1 mg/mL Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin stock	0 µL	0.2 µL	0.3 µL	0.5 µL	0.5 µL	1 µL
Amount of sodium phosphate buffer required to achieve 1 µg/mL	999 µL	3996 µL	1998 µL	1998 µL	999 µL	999 µL

Table S3. Volumes of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys₁₀-teixobactin stock solutions used to prepare FRET samples.

	100:0 Cy3: Lys₁₀	95:5 Cy3: Lys₁₀	85:5 Cy3: Lys₁₀	75:5 Cy3: Lys₁₀	50:50 Cy3: Lys₁₀	0:100 Cy3: Lys₁₀
Volume from 1 mg/mL Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin stock	1 µL	3.8 µL	1.7 µL	1.5 µL	0.5 µL	0 µL
Volume from 1 mg/mL Lys₁₀-teixobactin stock	0 µL	0.2 µL	0.3 µL	0.5 µL	0.5 µL	1 µL
Amount of sodium phosphate buffer required to achieve 1 µg/mL	999 µL	3996 µL	1998 µL	1998 µL	999 µL	999 µL

Time-Dependent Binding and Bactericidal Activity in B. Subtilis. *B. subtilis* was grown in Mueller Hinton Broth at 30 °C to the mid-exponential growth phase. Cells were centrifuged for 3 min at $10,000 \times g$ and the resulting pellet was resuspended in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer containing 0.05% (w/v) polysorbate 80. The OD₆₀₀ of the cell suspension was adjusted to 0.5 and 3 mL were transferred into a sterile glass tube. Lys₁₀-teixobactin and Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin were added at final concentrations of 3 µg/mL each and the glass vial was placed into an incubator at 30 °C with agitation.

At regular time intervals, 200 μ L were taken from the glass vial and centrifuged for 2 min at 10,000 \times g. The cells were resuspended in 200 μ L 0.1 mM propidium iodide in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer containing 0.05% (w/v) polysorbate 80 and then incubated for 6 min at room temperature in the dark. Bacteria were washed twice by centrifugation and subsequent resuspension in 1 mL of 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer containing 0.05% (w/v) polysorbate 80 before they were spun down again, resuspended in 50 μ L of the same buffer and immediately analyzed by fluorescence microscopy. Therefore, bacteria were spotted onto microscope slides covered with a thin film of 1% (w/v) agarose in water. Microscopy was carried out at room temperature using a Zeiss Axio Observer Z1 microscope (Zeiss, Jena, Germany) equipped with HXP 120 V light source and an Axiocam MR3 camera. Standard filter sets were used for BODIPY FL (450–490 nm excitation and 500–550 nm emission) and PI (538–562 nm excitation and 570–640 nm emission) fluorescence.

Image acquisition and analysis were performed with software Zen2 (Zeiss) and Fiji⁷ including MicrobeJ v5.131.^{8,9} Exposure settings for all timepoints were optimized using the brightest fluorescence timepoint (120 min) to ensure that histogram settings are identical in all timepoints and micrographs with intense signals are not overexposed.

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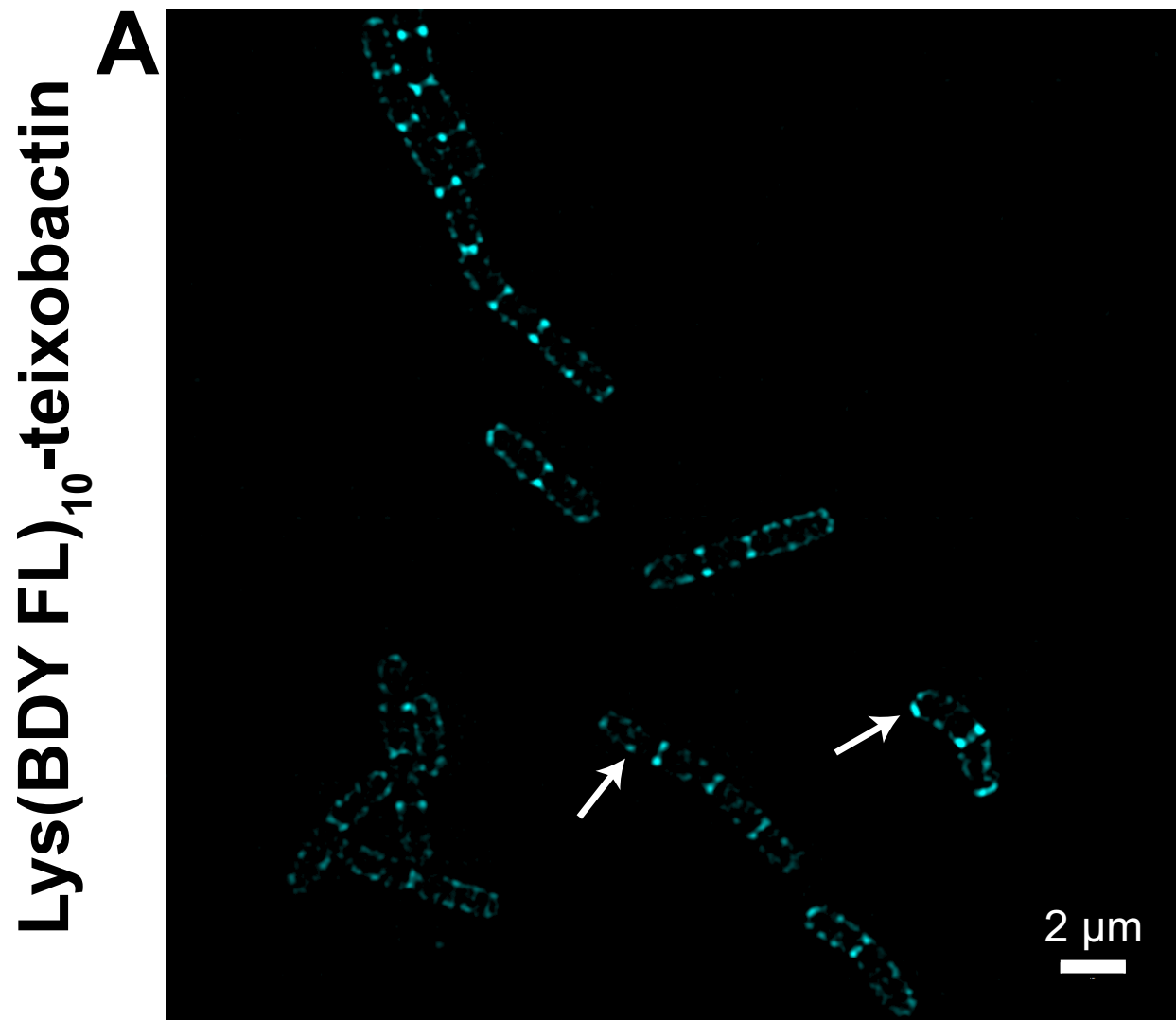


Figure S1A. Expansion of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin micrograph from Figure 3A.

Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin

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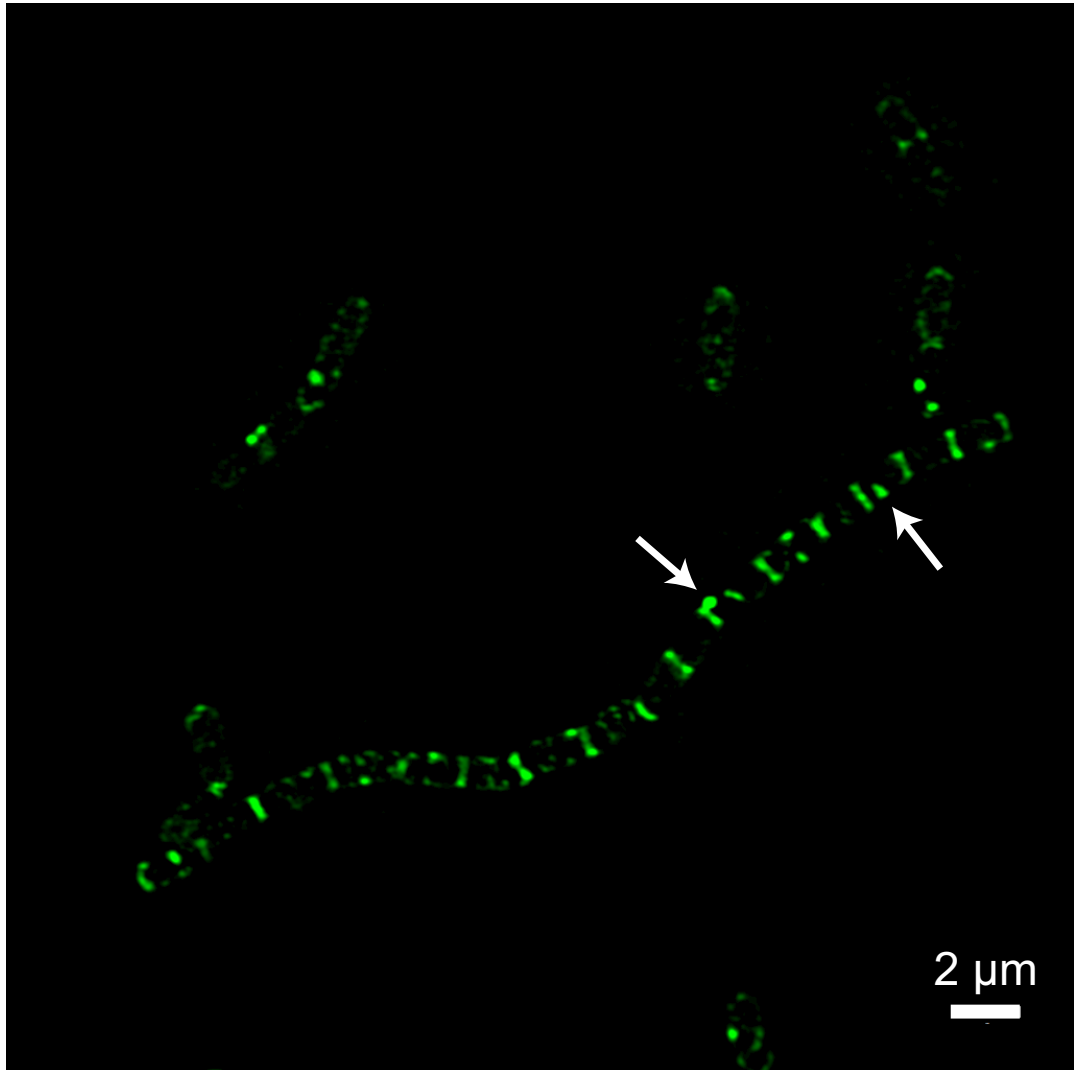


Figure S1B. Expansion of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin micrograph from Figure 3B.

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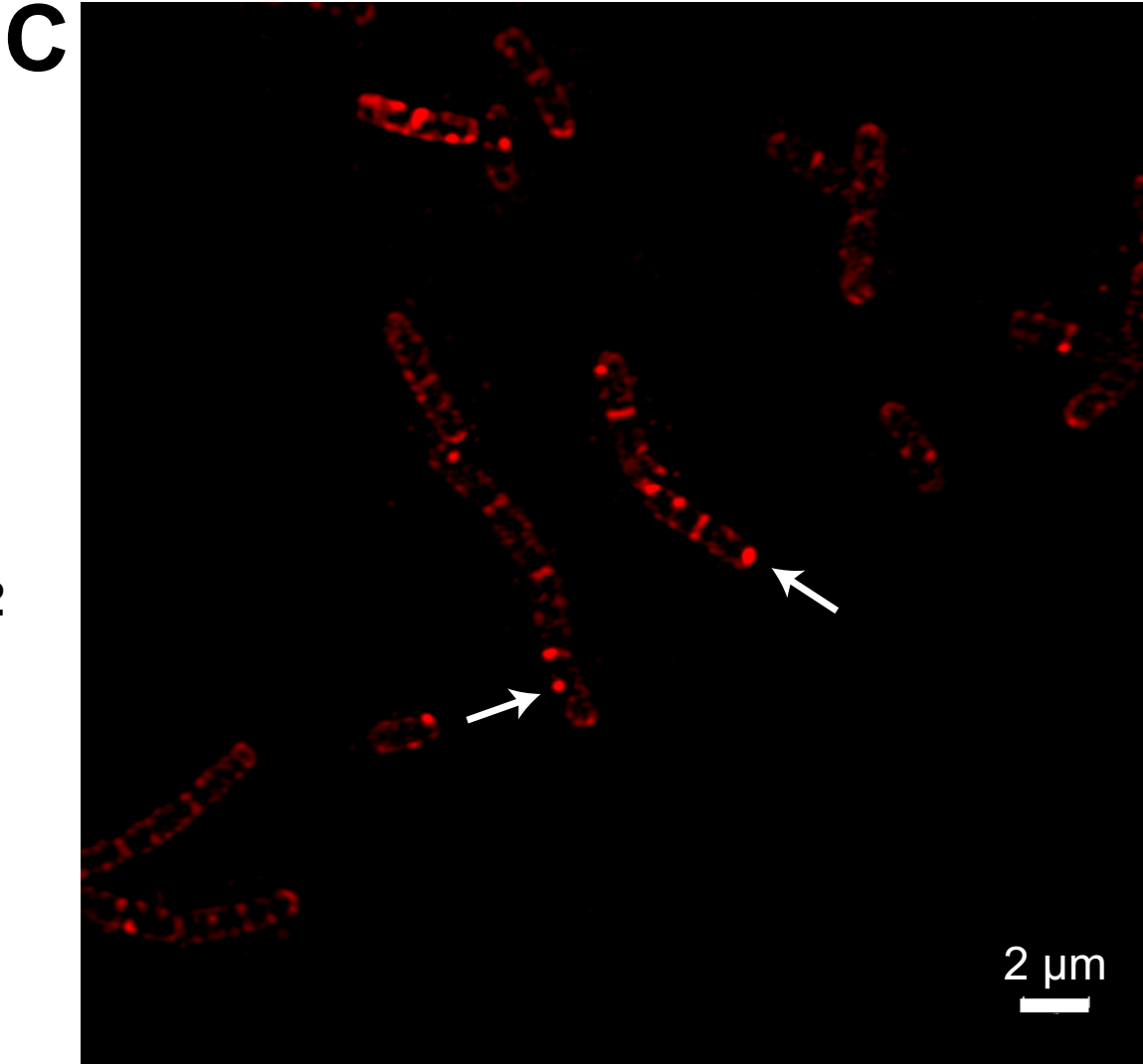


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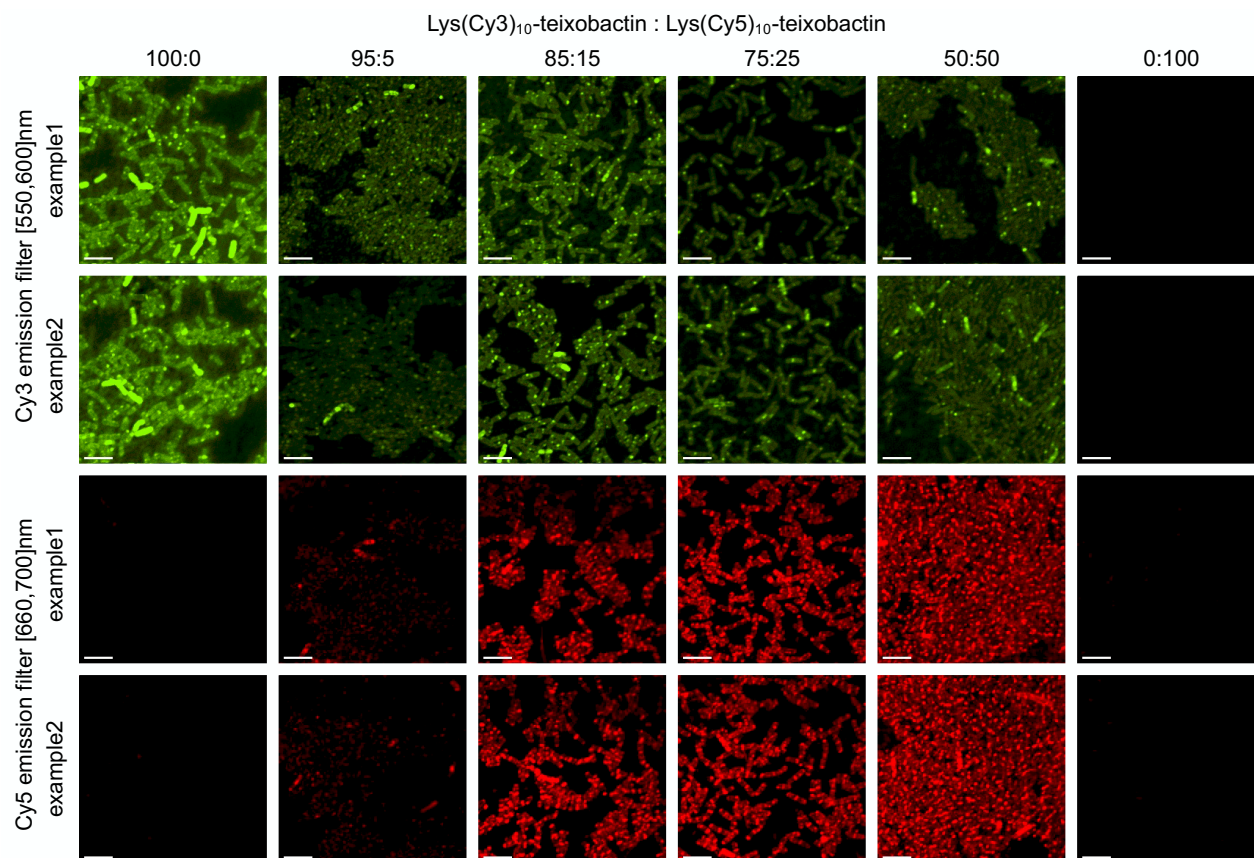


Figure S2. Additional representative micrographs from the Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin/Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin FRET experiments for each relative concentration (scale bars are 5 μm). Micrographs were acquired and processed using the same settings, to allow comparisons in intensity at varying ratios of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin.

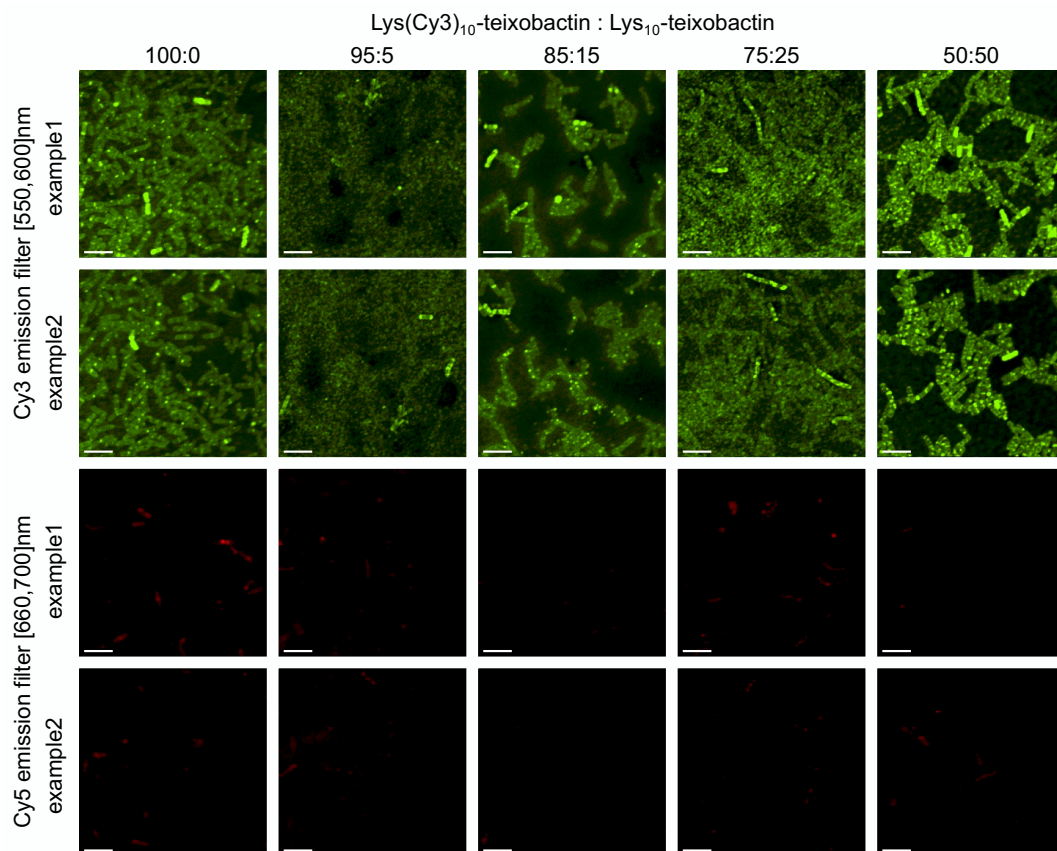


Figure S3. Additional representative micrographs from the Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin/Lys₁₀-teixobactin FRET control experiments for each relative concentration (scale bars are 5 μm). Micrographs were acquired and processed using the same settings, to allow comparisons in intensity at varying ratios of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin and Lys₁₀-teixobactin.

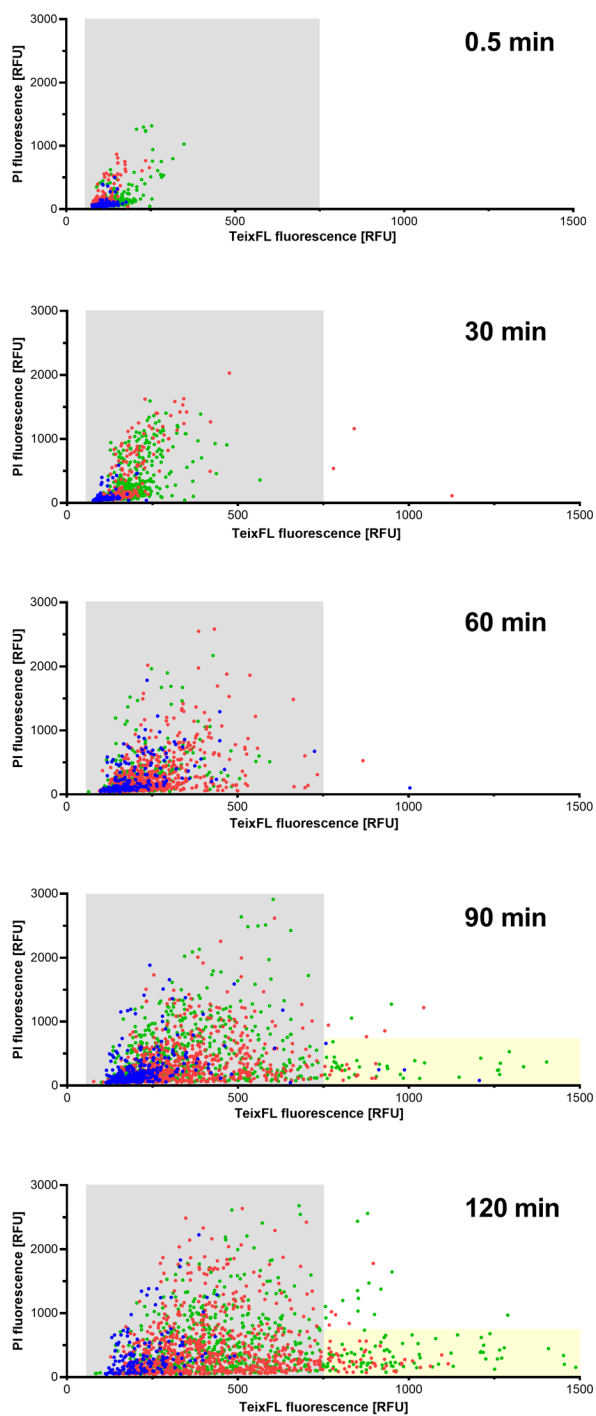
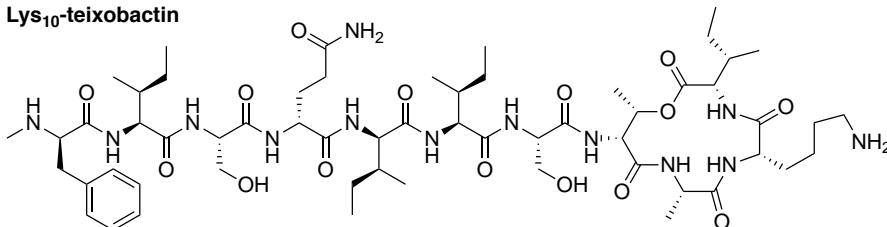


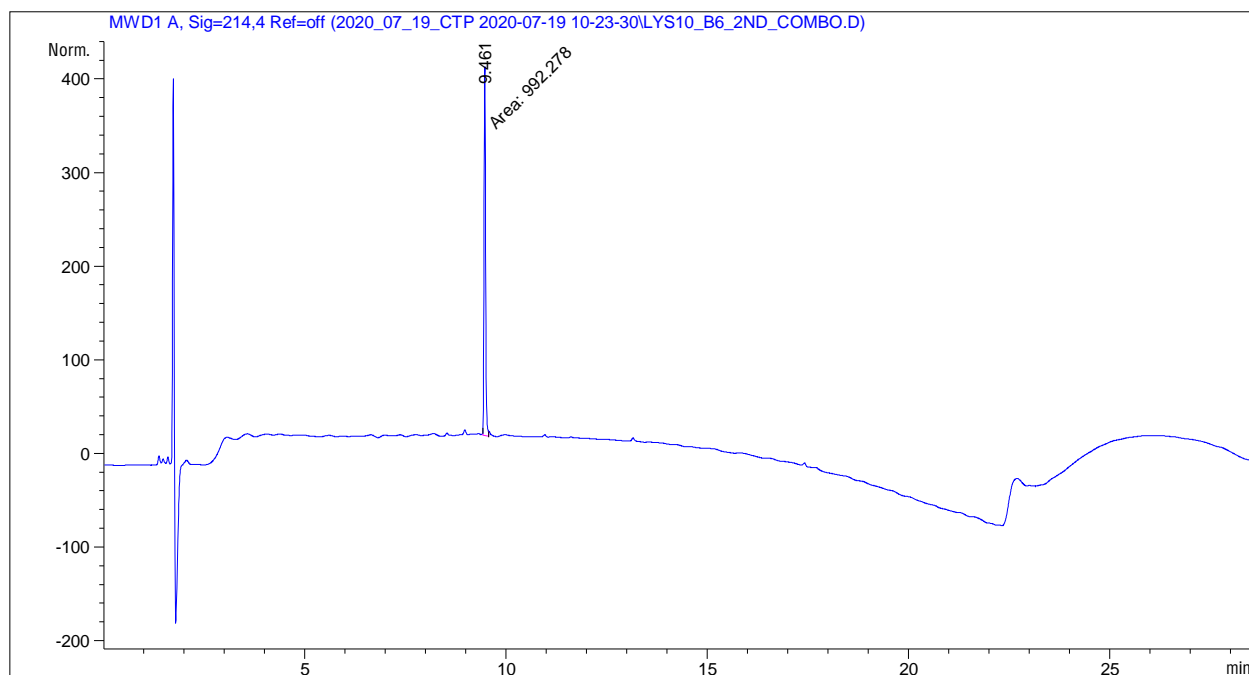
Figure S4. Analysis of the PI fluorescence distribution as a function of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin fluorescence in individual *B. subtilis* cells at different time points. Colored dots represent the bacteria measured in three biological independent experiments. The gray boxes highlight bacteria with fluorescence intensities < 3000 RFU PI and \leq 750 RFU BODIPY FL. The yellow boxes highlight cells with fluorescence intensities > 750 RFU PI and \leq 1500 RFU BODIPY FL.

Characterization data

Lys₁₀-teixobactin



Chemical Formula: C₅₈H₉₇N₁₃O₁₅
Exact Mass: 1215.72

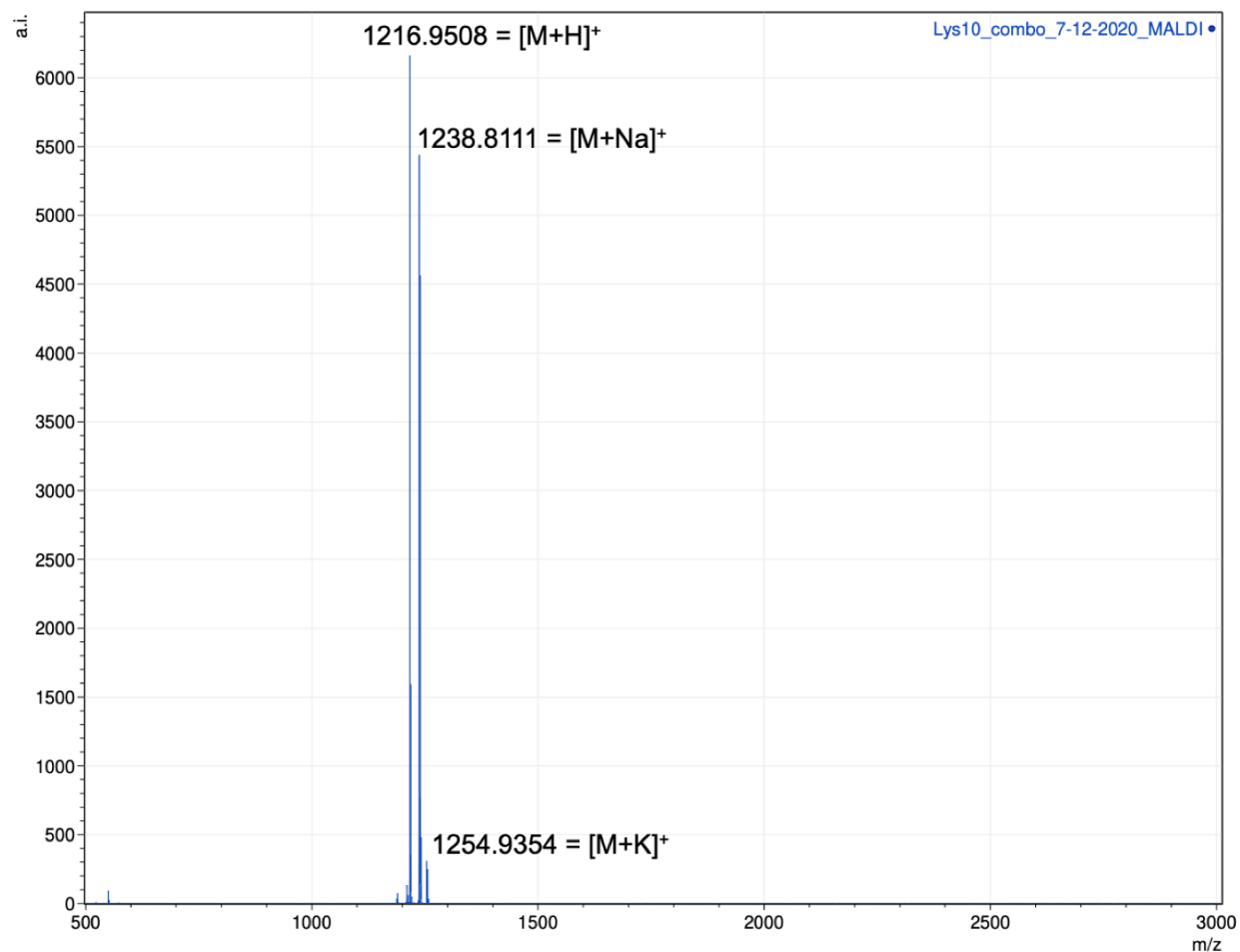


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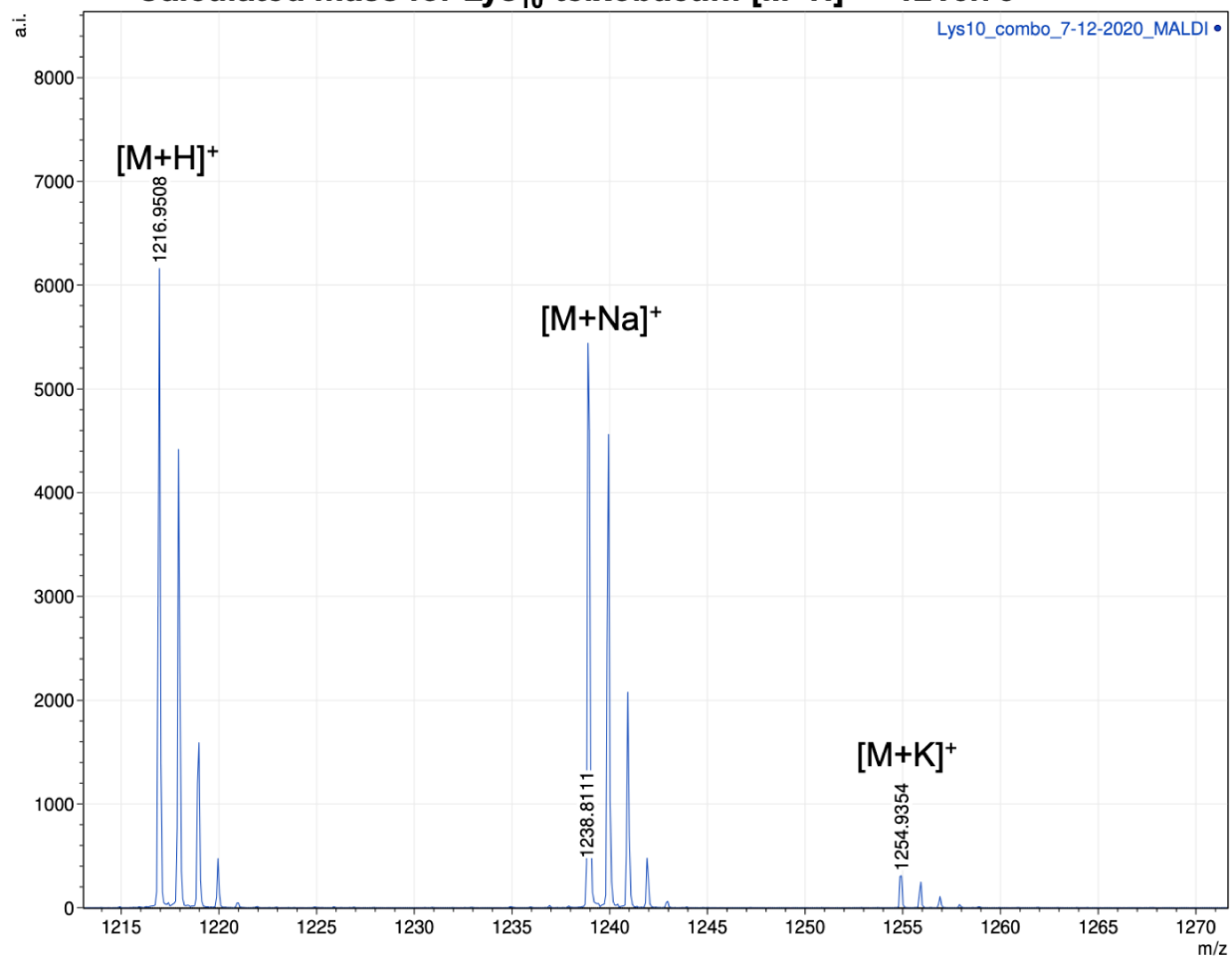
Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
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Totals : 992.27832 358.02289

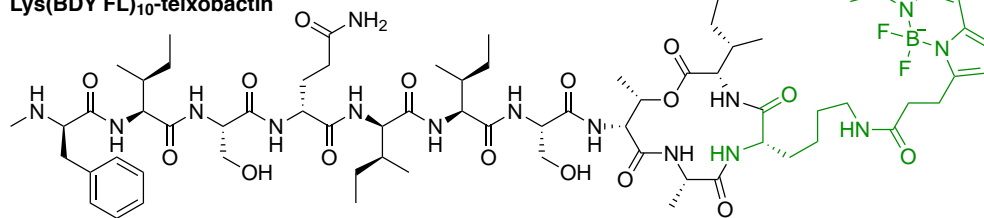
Calculated mass for Lys₁₀-teixobactin: [M+H]⁺ = 1216.73



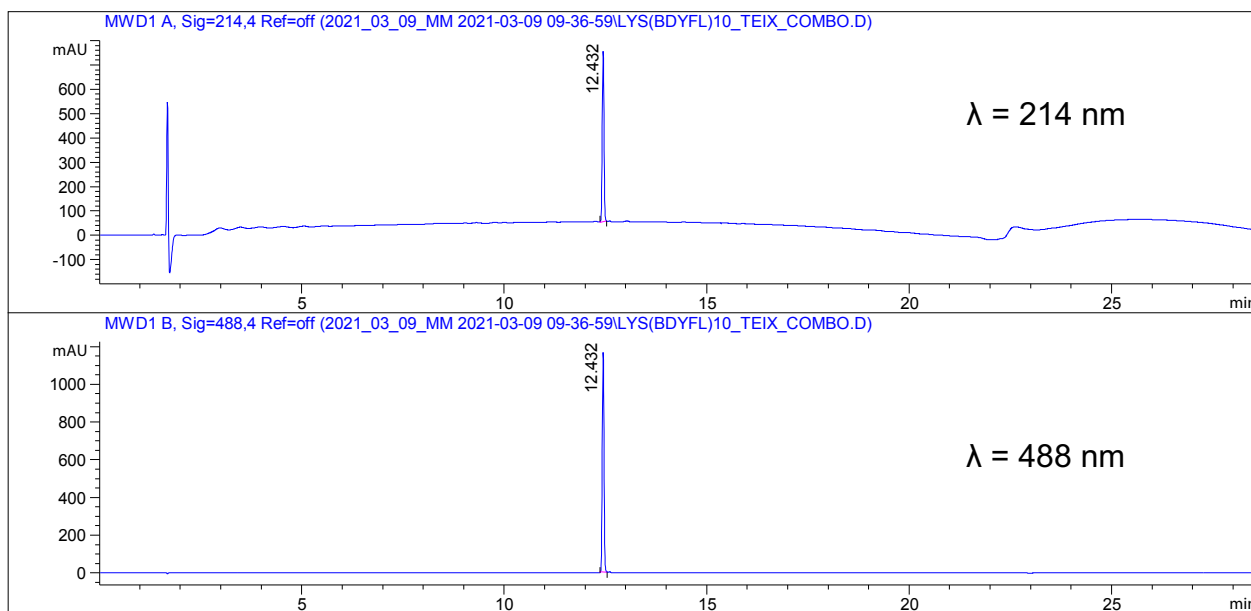
Calculated mass for Lys₁₀-teixobactin: [M+H]⁺ = 1216.73



Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin



Chemical Formula: C₇₂H₁₁₀BF₂N₁₅O₁₆
Exact Mass: 1489.83

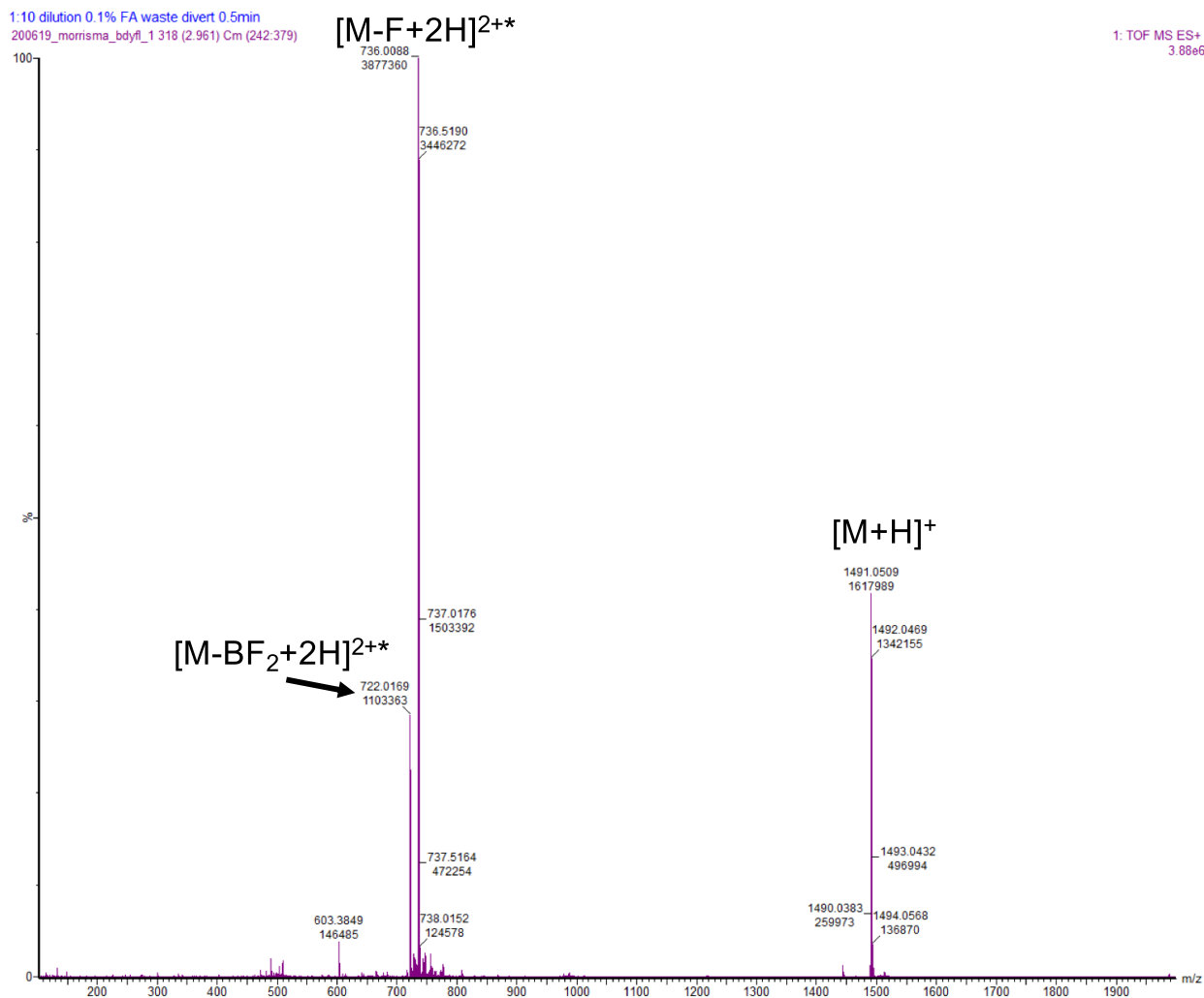


Signal 1: MWD1 A, Sig=214,4 Ref=off

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
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ESI-MS of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin (LRMS)

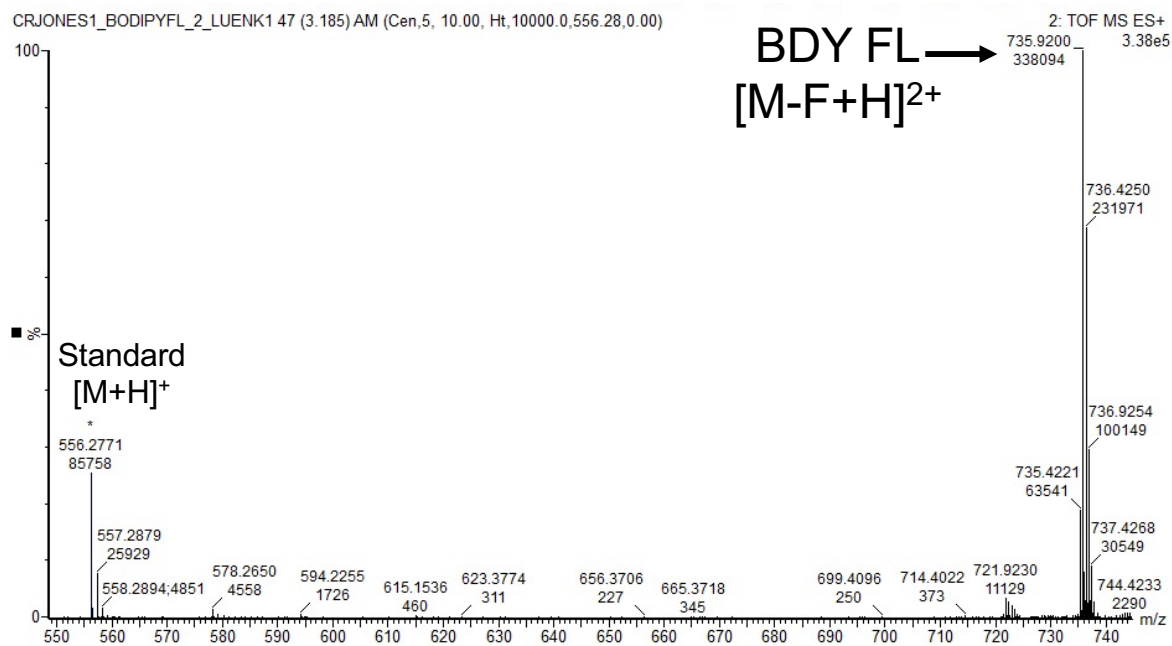
Calculated mass of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin: $[M+H]^+ = 1490.83$



***Note:** electrospray ionization of BODIPY FL can result in the fragmentation of BODIPY FL, generating the loss of fluoride (F^-) and $(BF_2)^+$ ions, which is why $[M-F+2H]^{2+} = 736$ and $[M-BF_2+2H]^{2+} = 722$ are observed.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M-F+H]^{2+}$ calcd for $C_{72}H_{111}BFN_{15}O_{16}$ 735.9200 found 735.9200

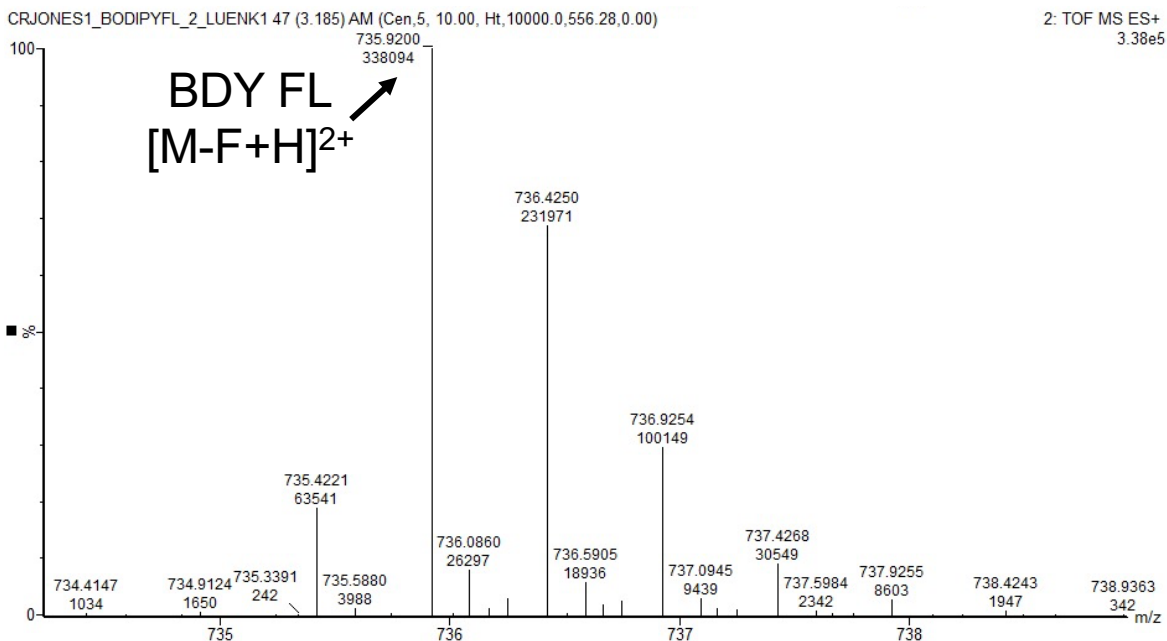


HRMS on Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 using Leucine Enkephalin as the calibrant.

Note: electrospray ionization of BODIPY FL can result in the fragmentation of BODIPY FL, generating the loss of fluoride (F^-), which is why $[M-F+H]^{2+} = 735.9200$ is observed.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) of Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin

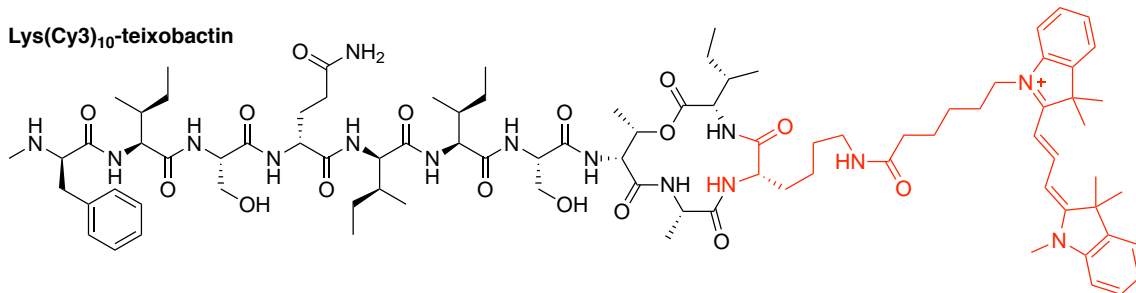
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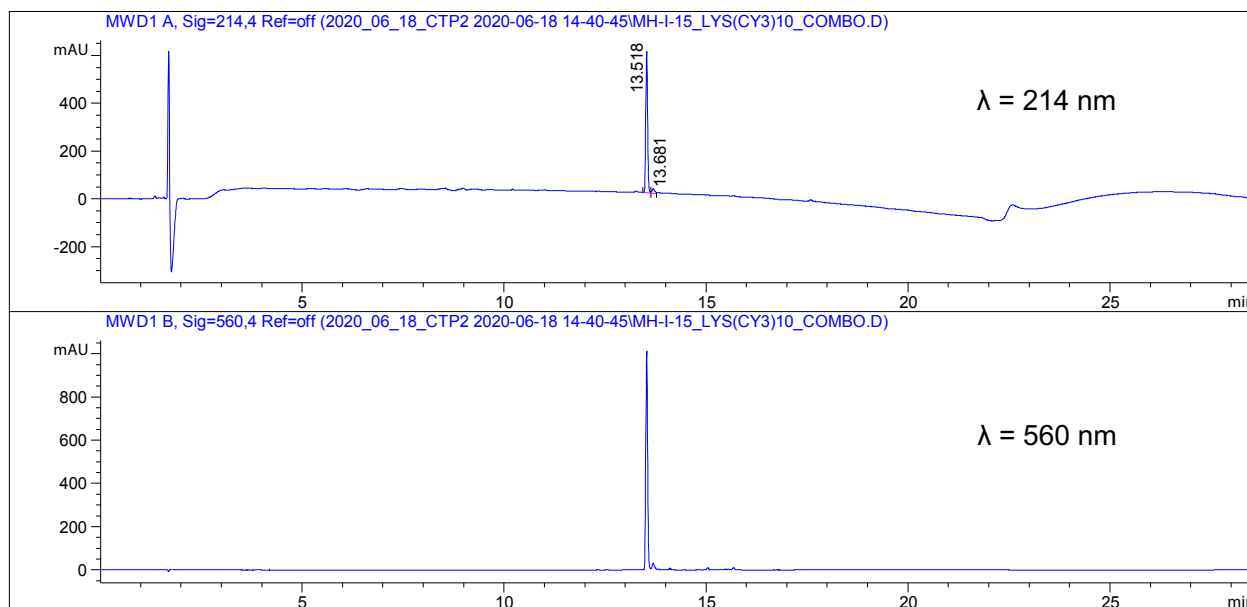
HRMS on Lys(BDY FL)₁₀-teixobactin was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 using Leucine Enkephalin as the calibrant.

Note: electrospray ionization of BODIPY FL can result in the fragmentation of BODIPY FL, generating the loss of fluoride (F^-), which is why $[M-F+H]^{2+} = 735.9200$ is observed.

Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin

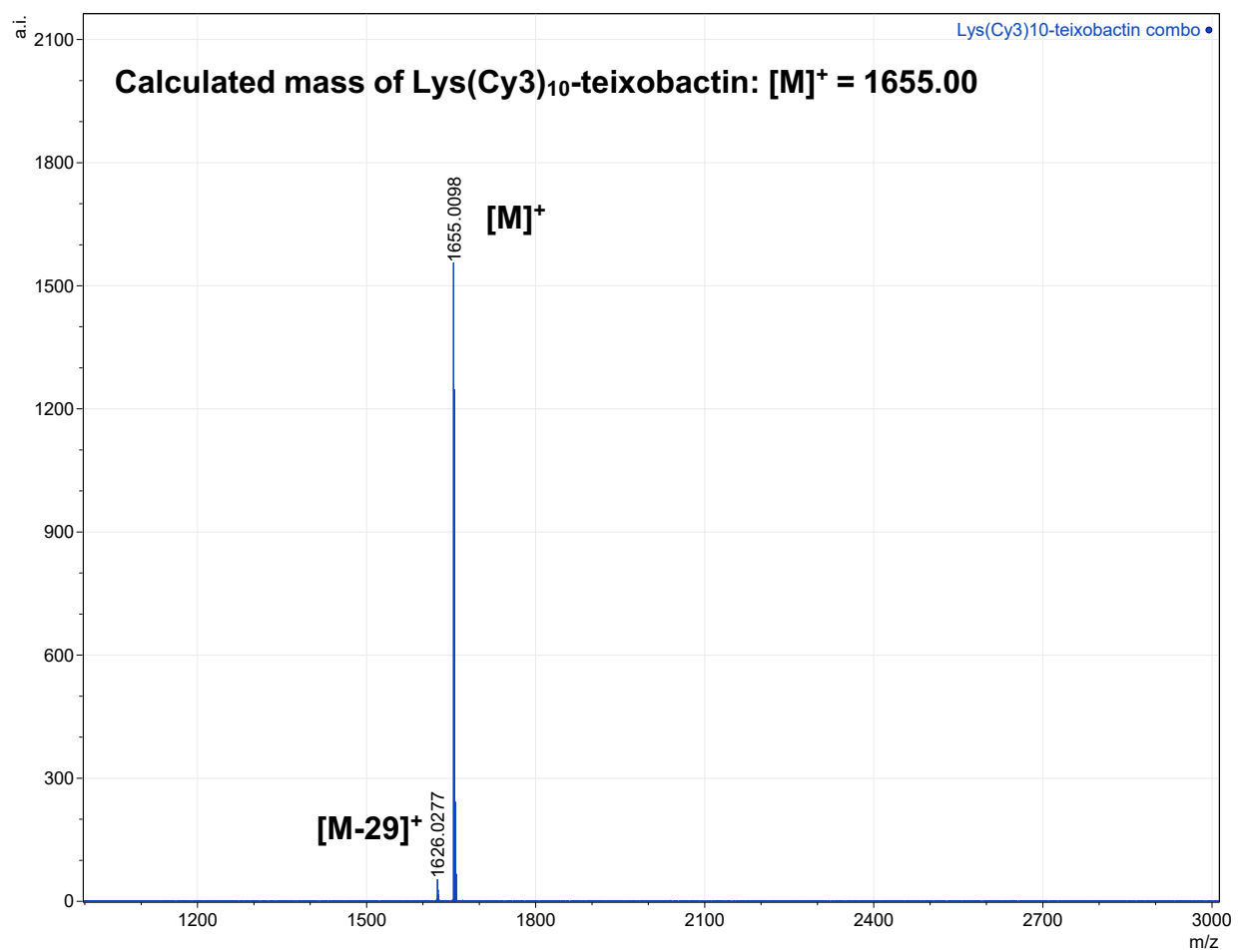


Chemical Formula: C₈₈H₁₃₂N₁₅O₁₆⁺
Exact Mass: 1655.00

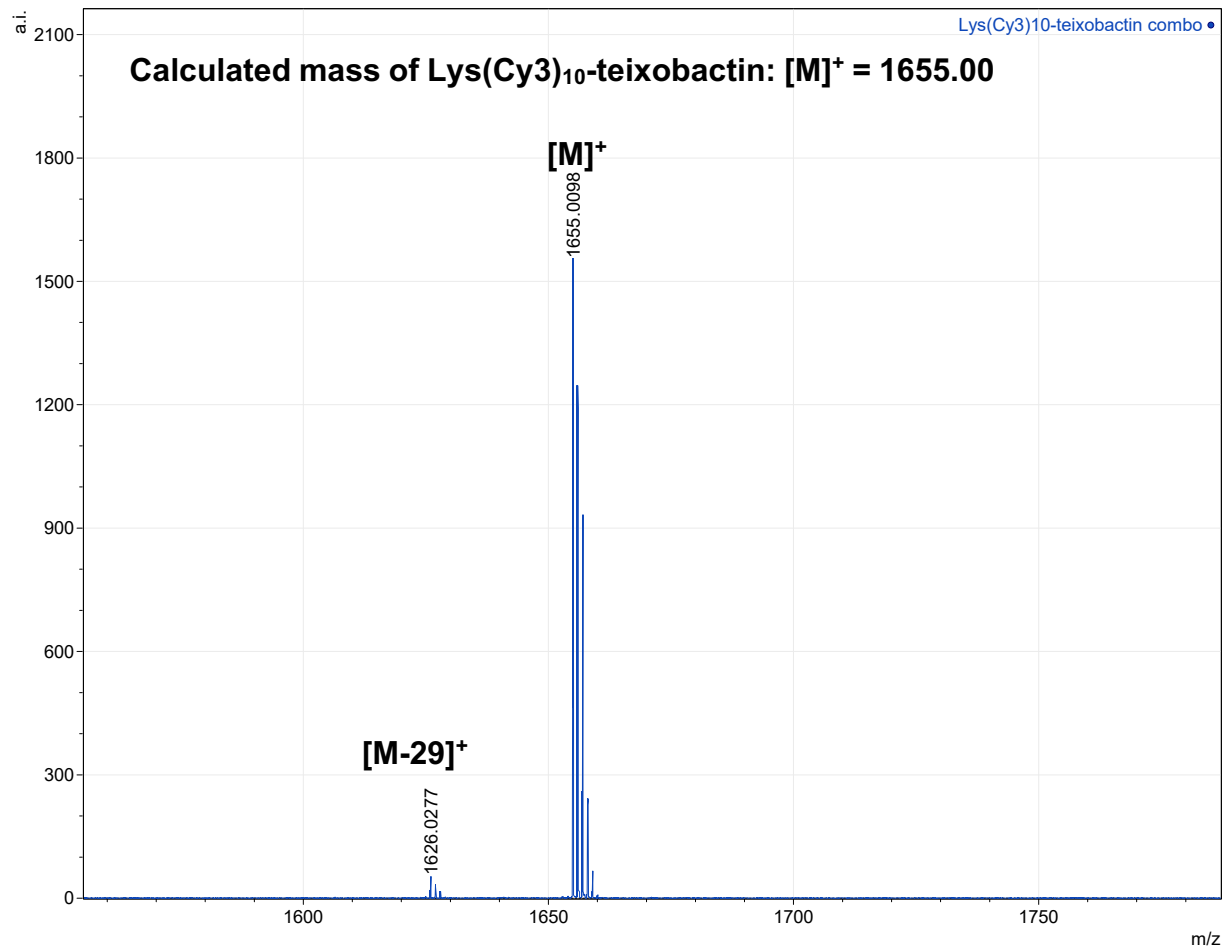


Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.518	MF	0.0520	1852.17371	593.26880	95.5362
2	13.681	FM	0.0761	86.54102	18.95244	4.4638

MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin (LRMS)

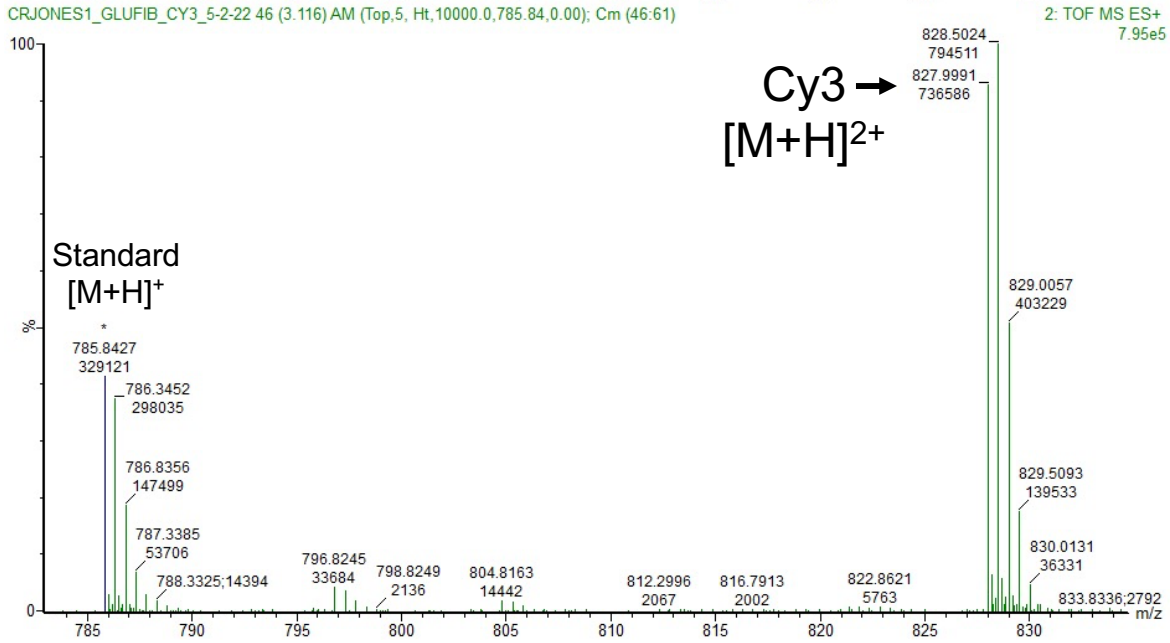


MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin (LRMS)



HRMS (ESI-TOF) of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin

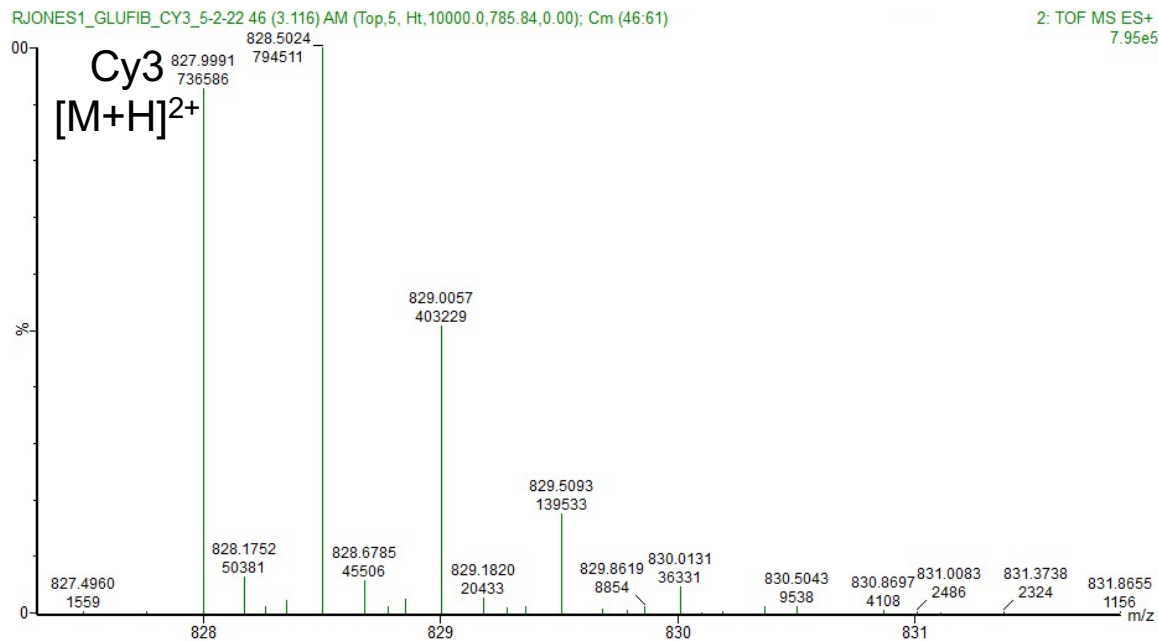
HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+H]^{2+}$ calcd for $C_{88}H_{133}N_{15}O_{16}$ 828.0026 found 827.9991



HRMS on Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 using [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B as the calibrant.

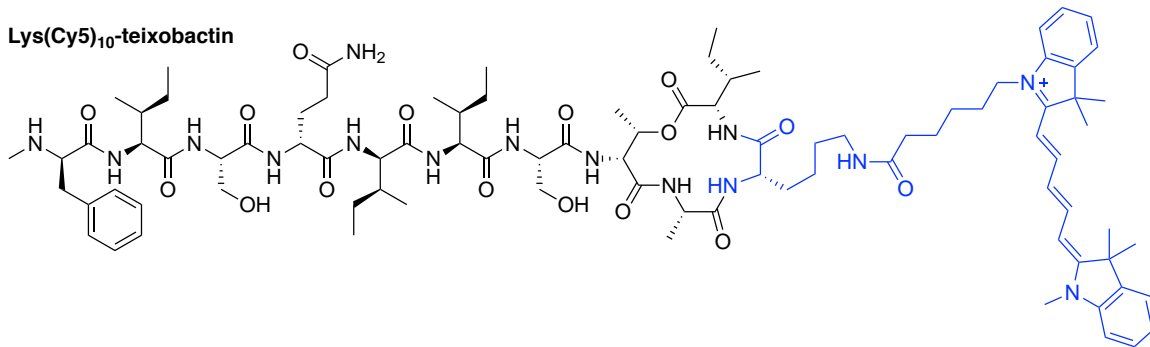
HRMS (ESI-TOF) of Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin

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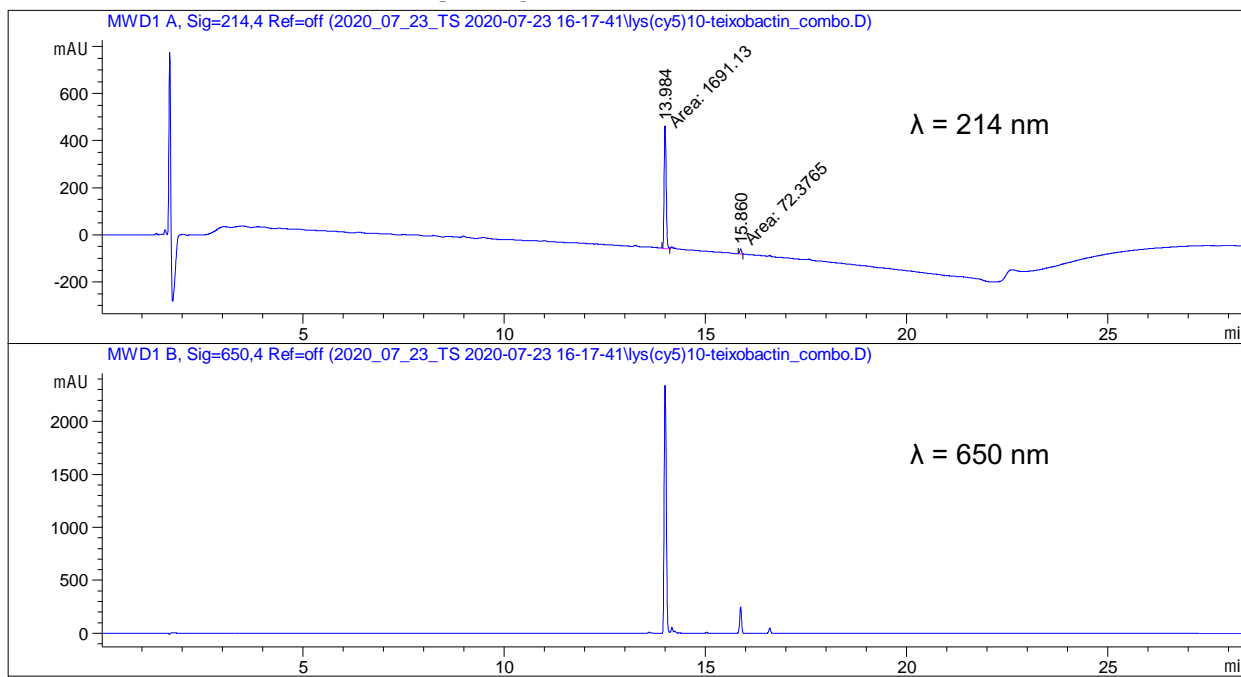


HRMS on Lys(Cy3)₁₀-teixobactin was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 using [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B as the calibrant.

Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin



Chemical Formula: C₉₀H₁₃₄N₁₅O₁₆⁺
Exact Mass: 1681.01

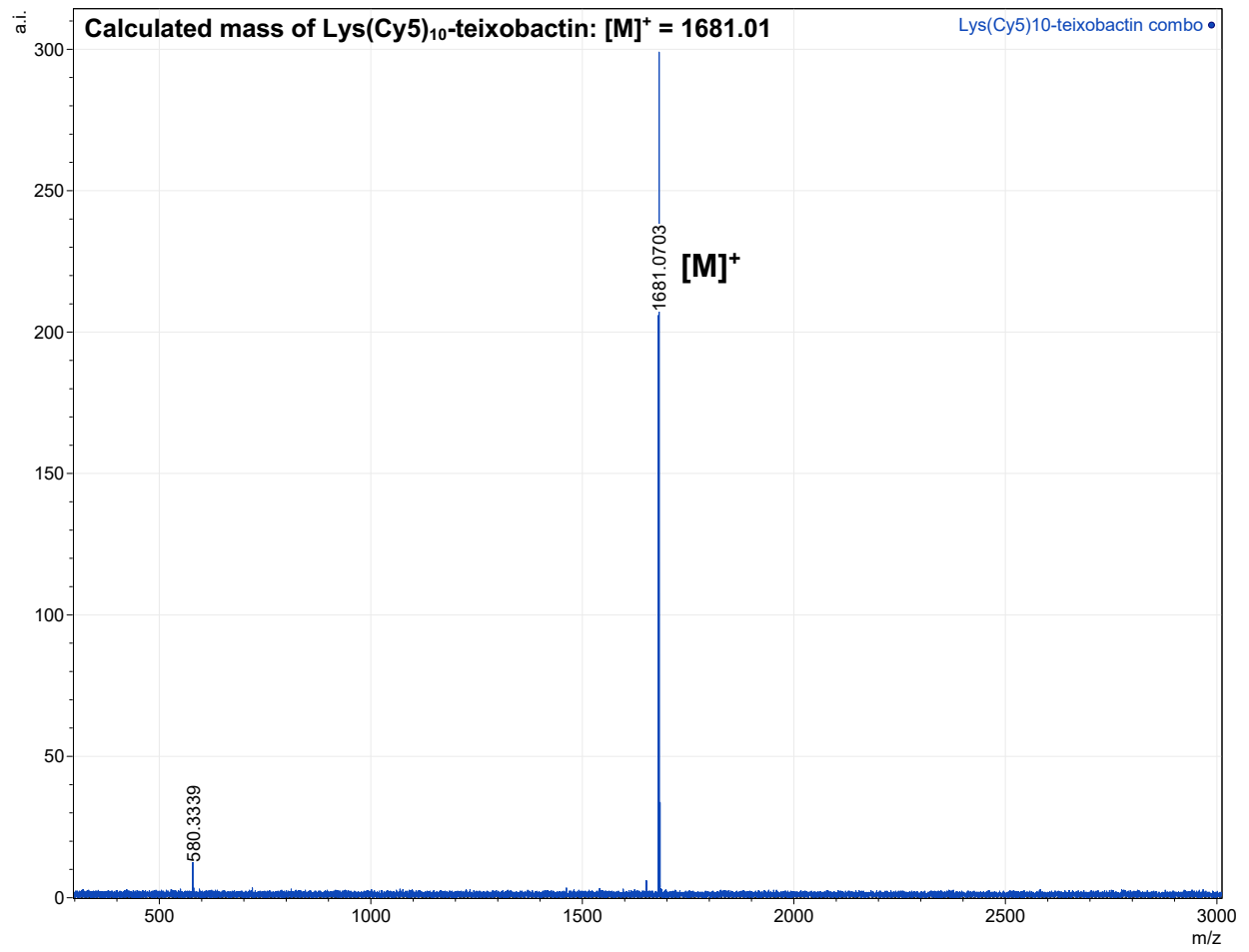


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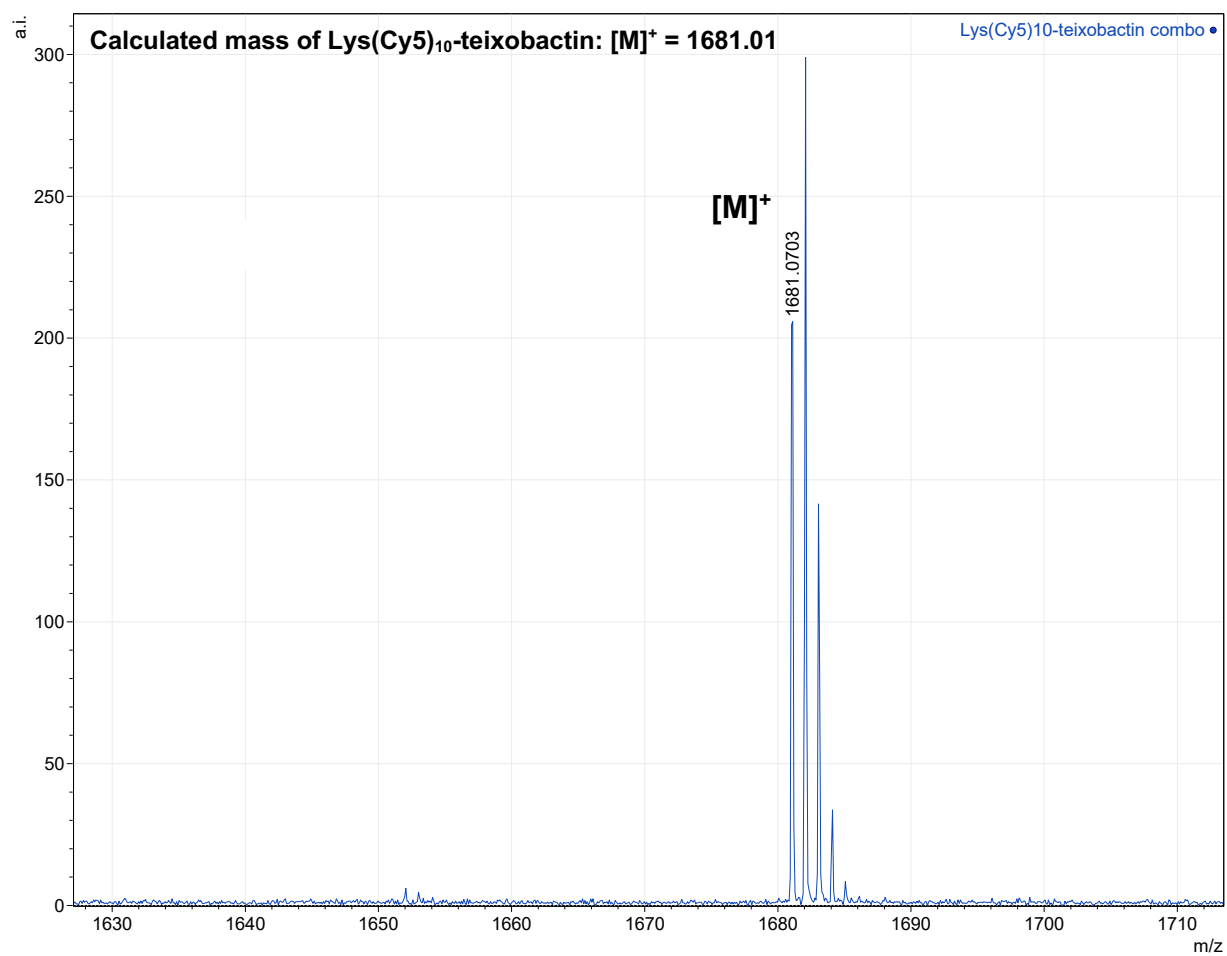
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2	15.860	MM	0.0540	72.37655	22.33026	4.1041

Totals : 1763.50167 548.41266

MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin (LRMS)

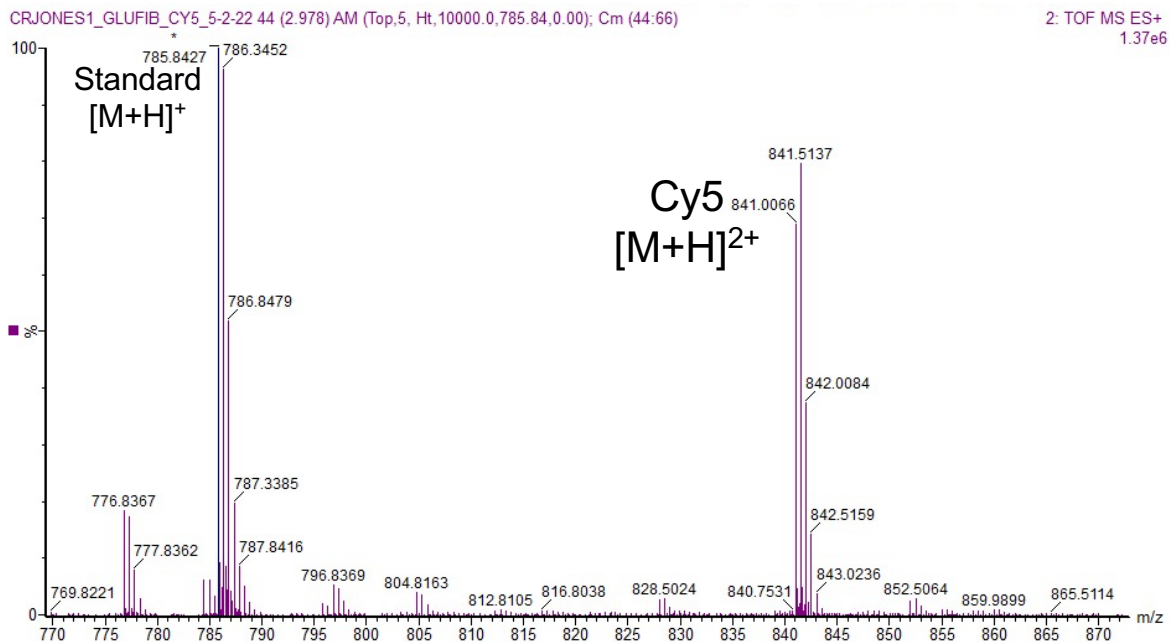


MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin (LRMS)



HRMS (ESI-TOF) of Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin

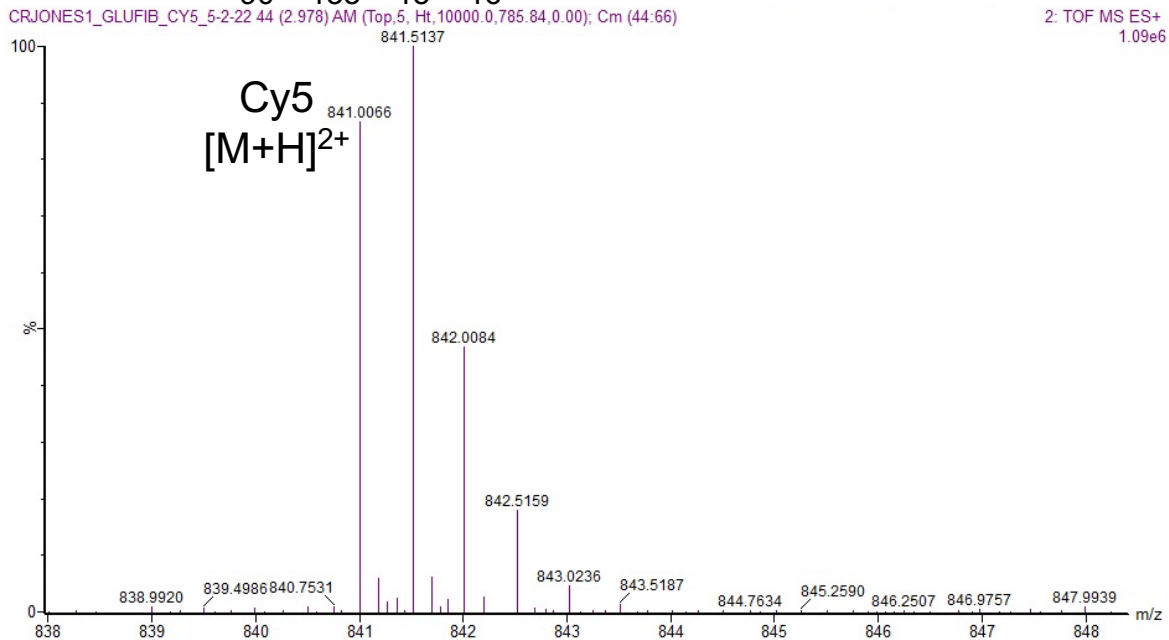
HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+H]^{2+}$ calcd for $C_{90}H_{135}N_{15}O_{16}$ 841.0100 found 841.0066



HRMS on Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 using [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B as the calibrant.

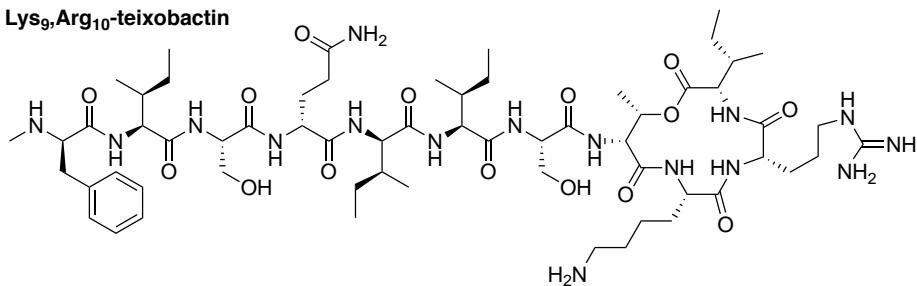
HRMS (ESI-TOF) of Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin

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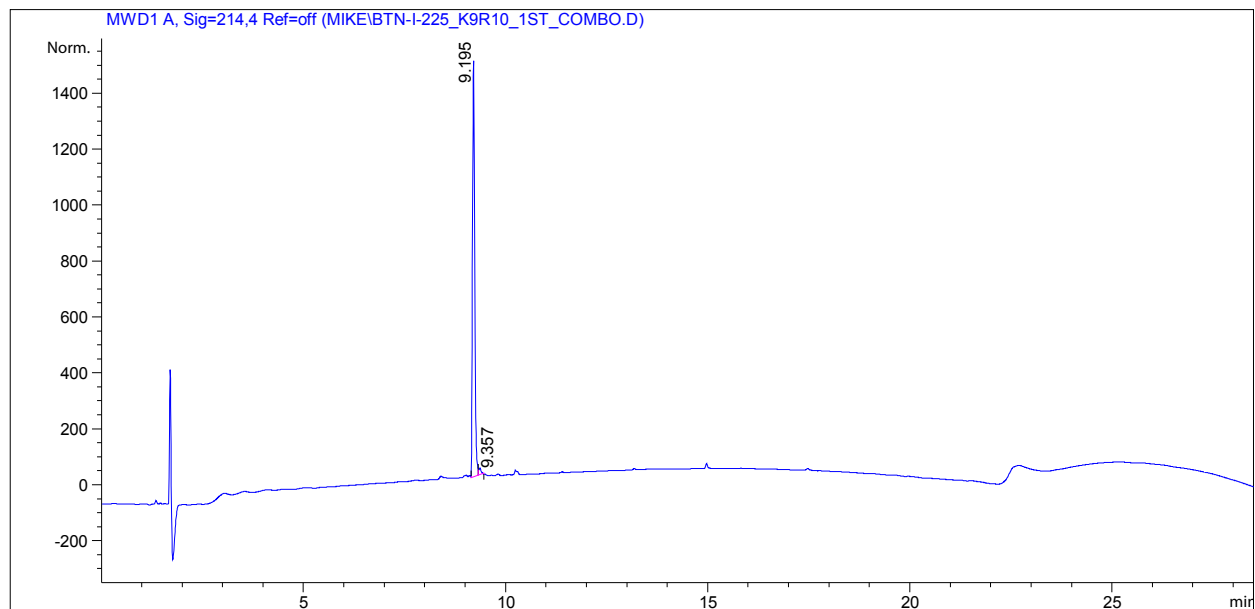


HRMS on Lys(Cy5)₁₀-teixobactin was performed on a Waters Synapt G2 using [Glu1]-Fibrinopeptide B as the calibrant.

Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin

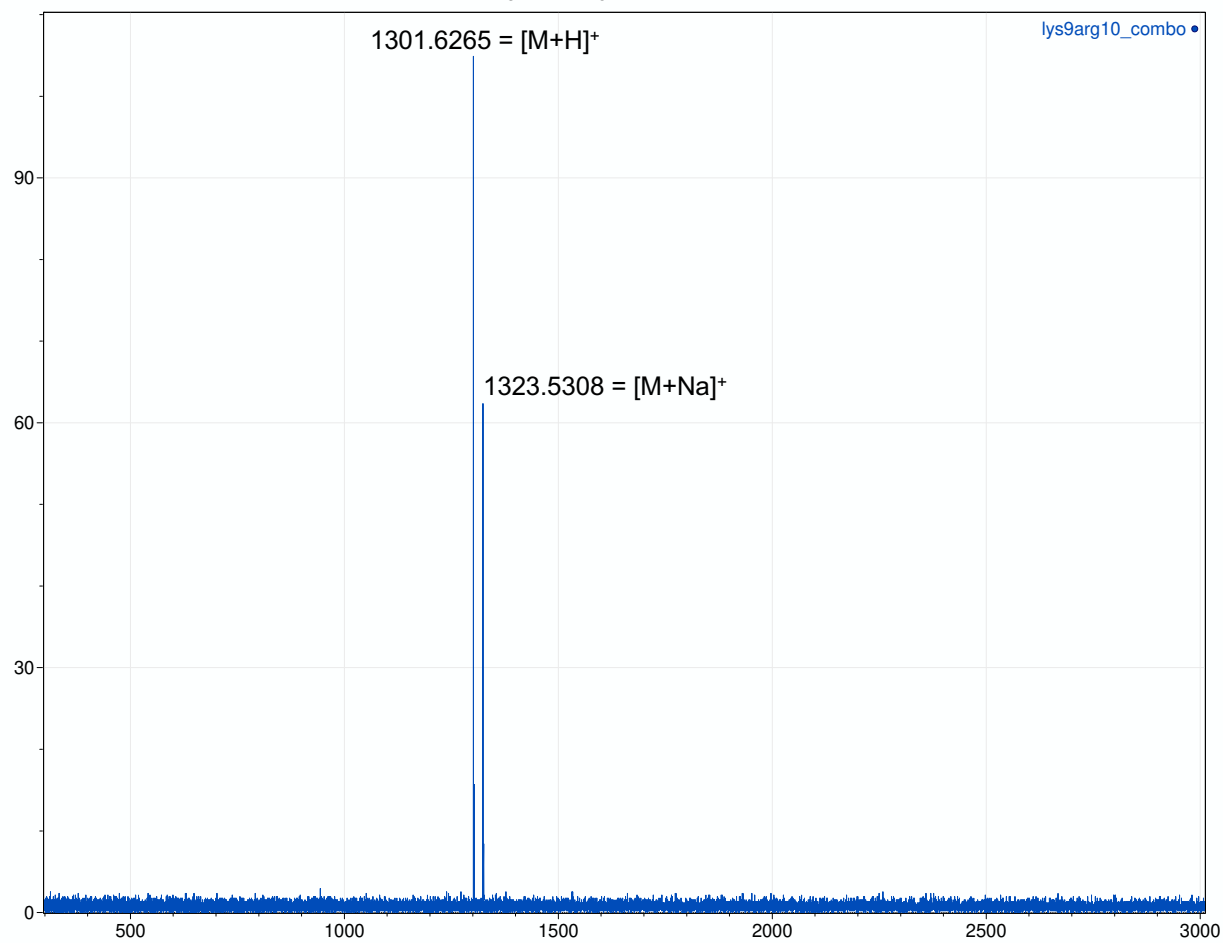


Chemical Formula: C₆₁H₁₀₄N₁₆O₁₅
Exact Mass: 1300.79

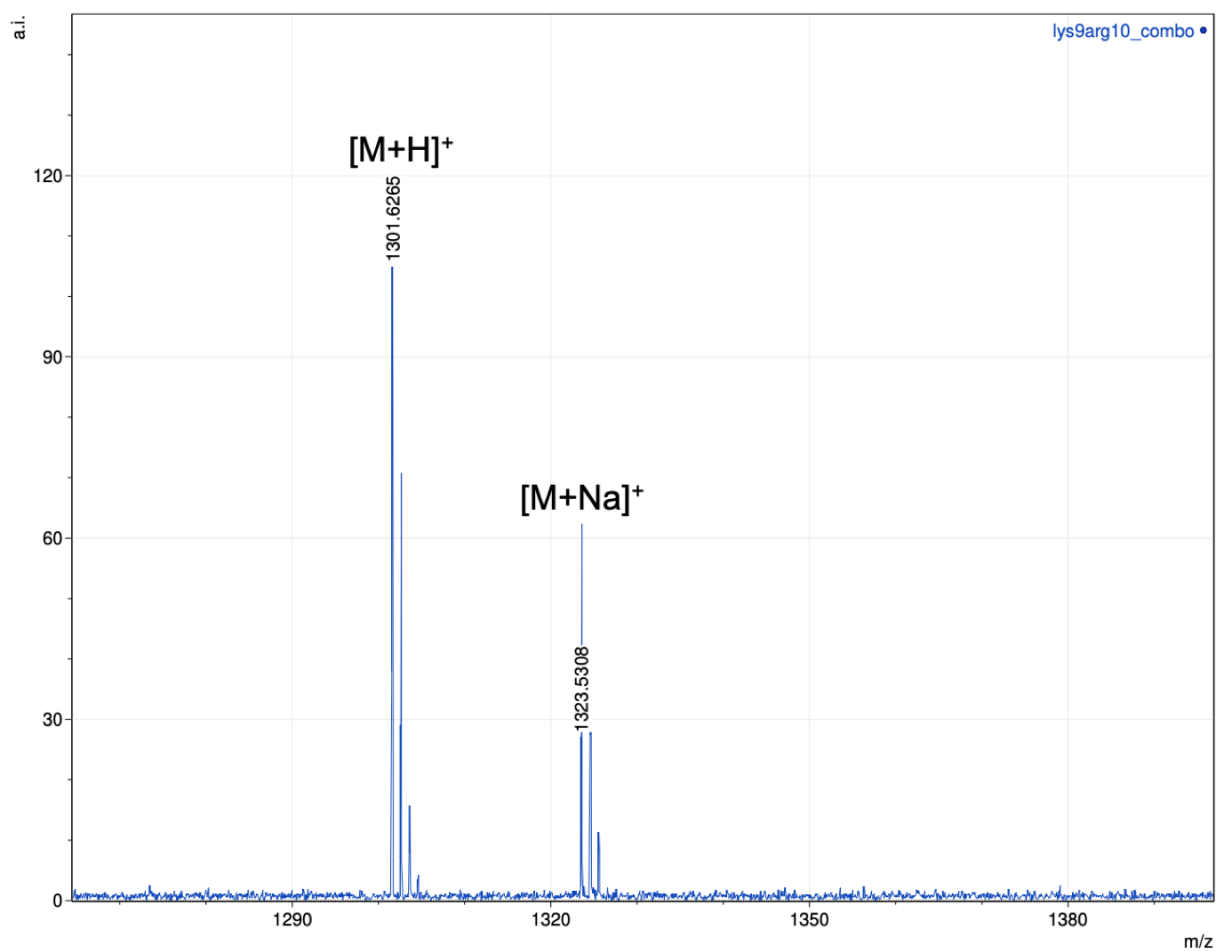


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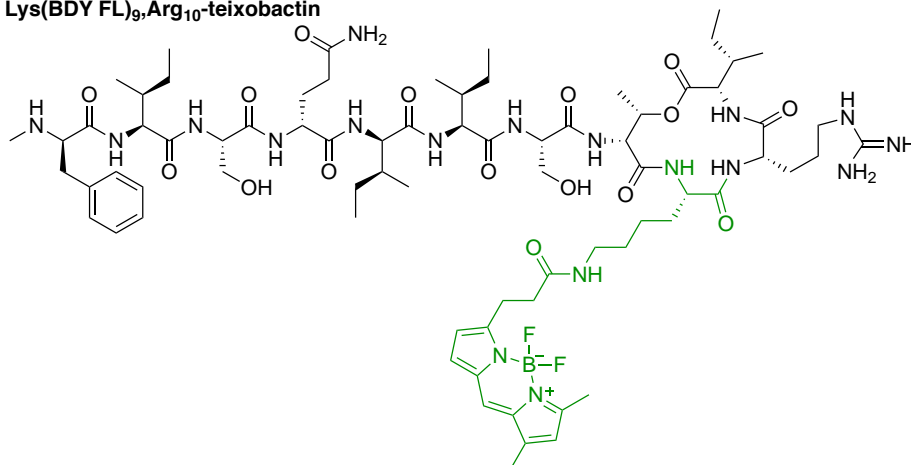
Calculated mass for Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin: [M+H]⁺ = 1301.79



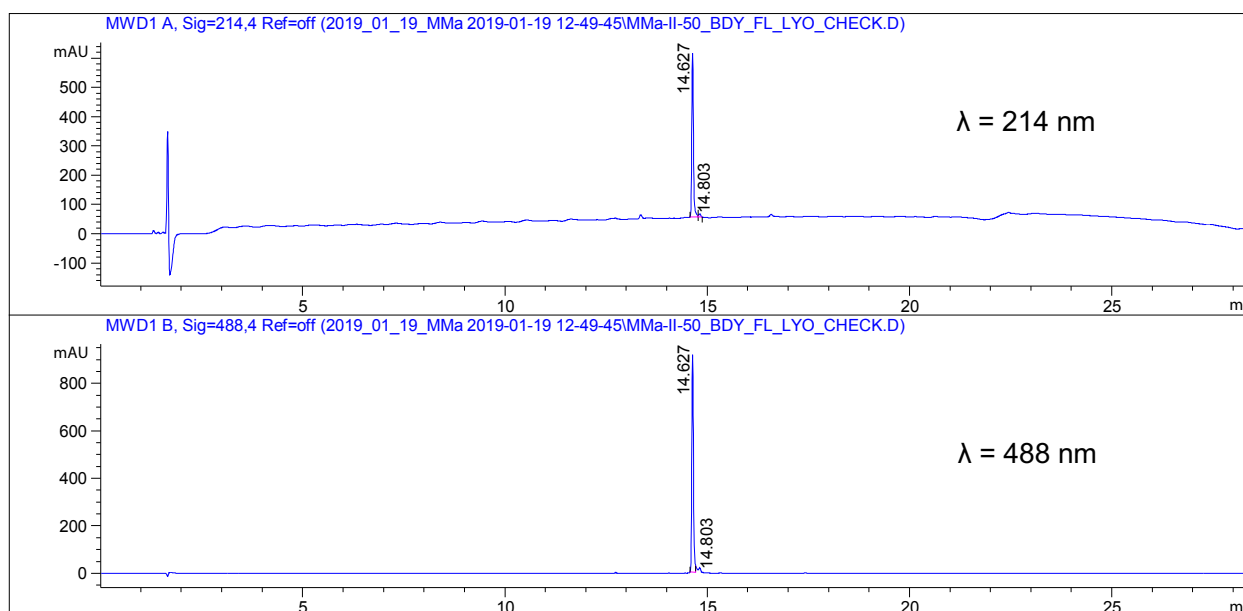
Calculated mass for Lys₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin: [M+H]⁺ = 1301.79



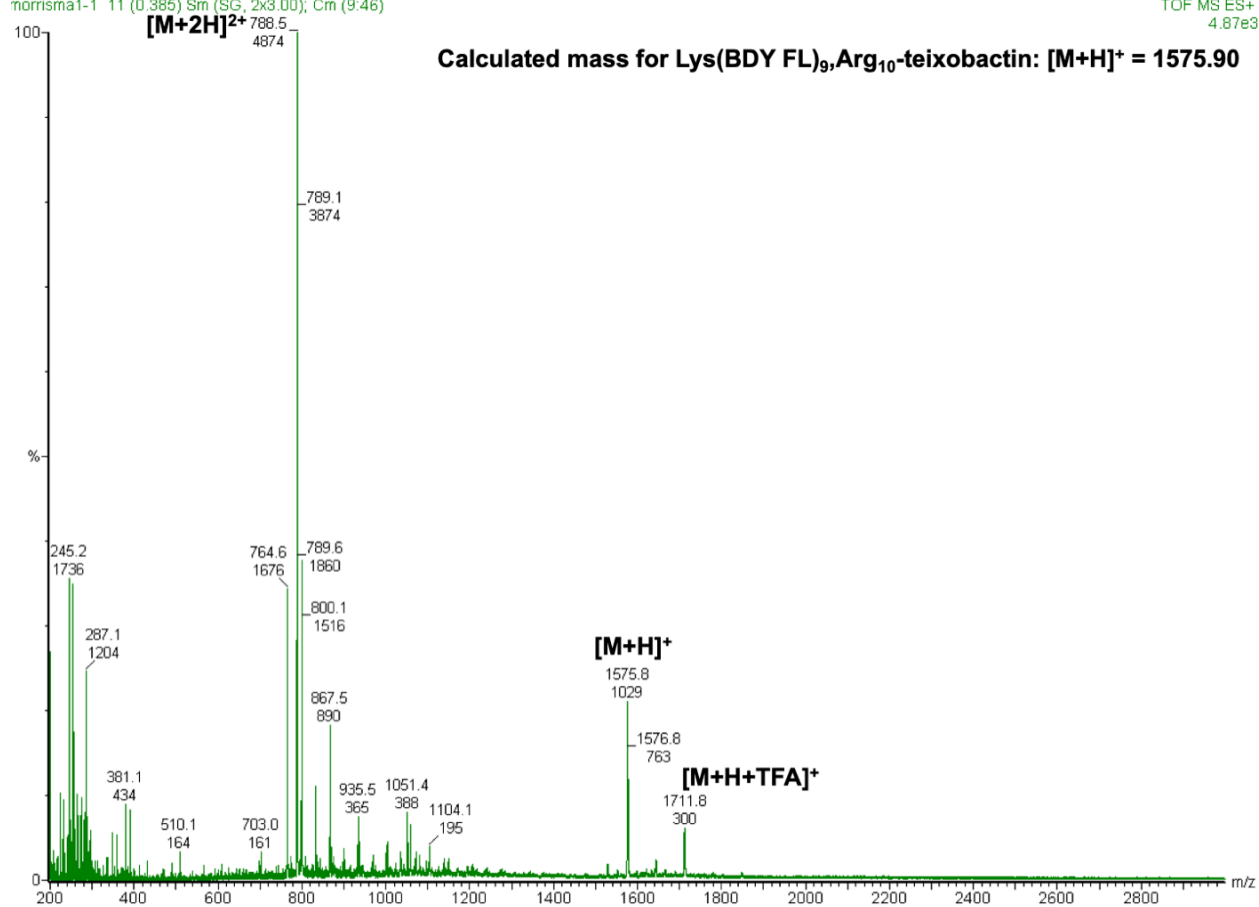
Lys(BDY FL)₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin



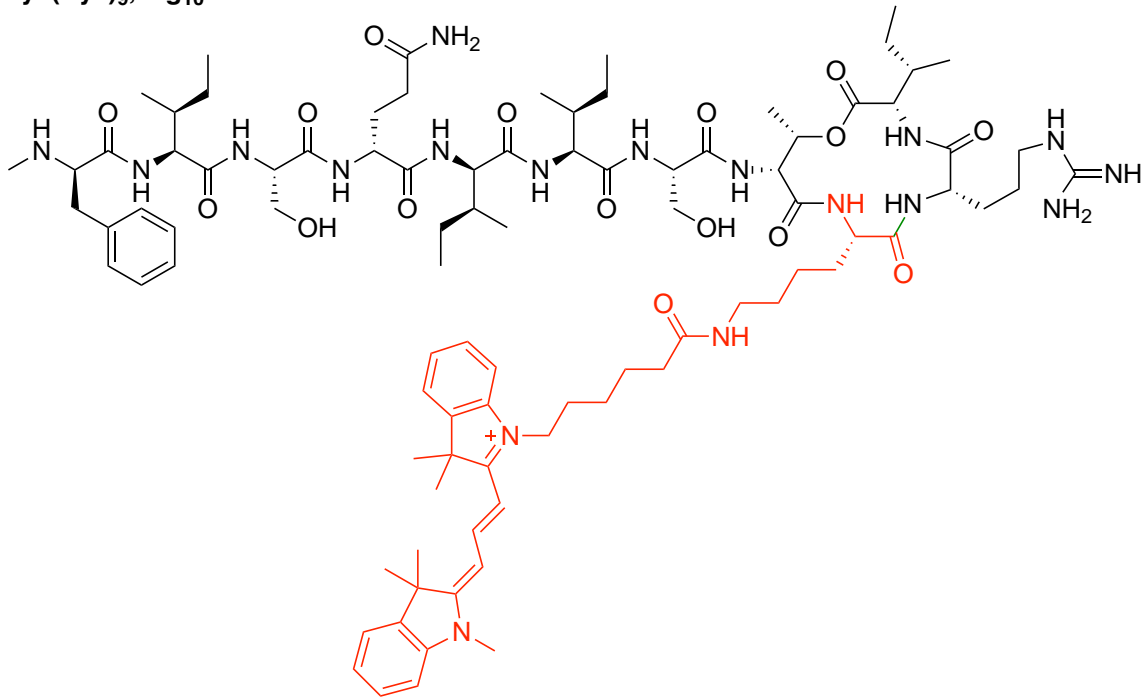
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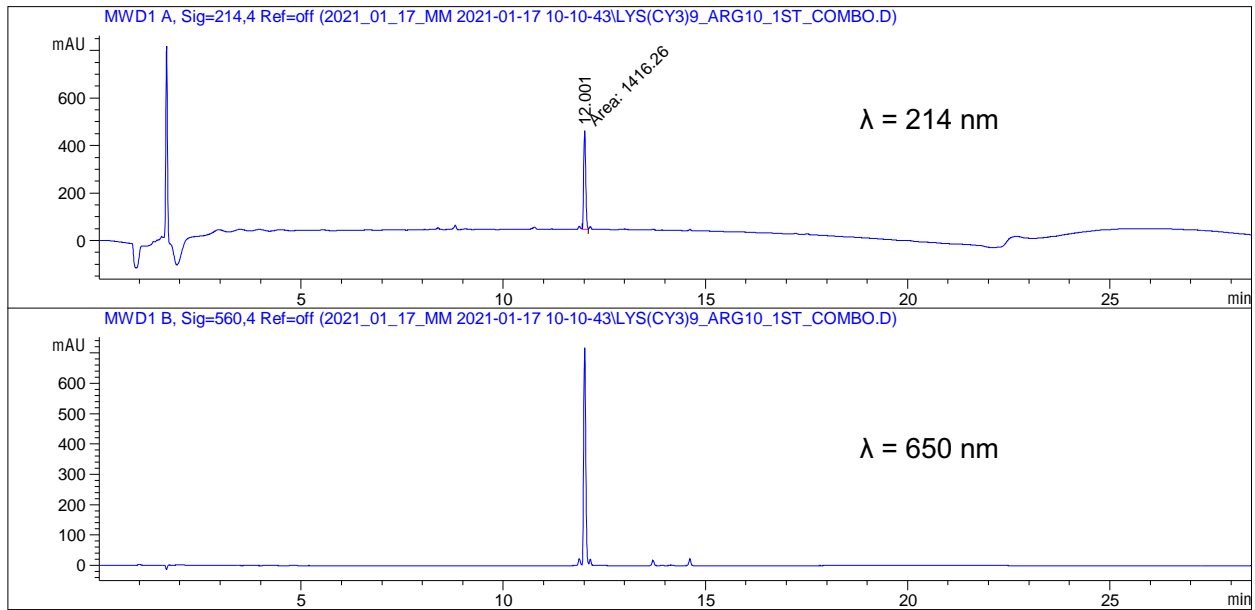
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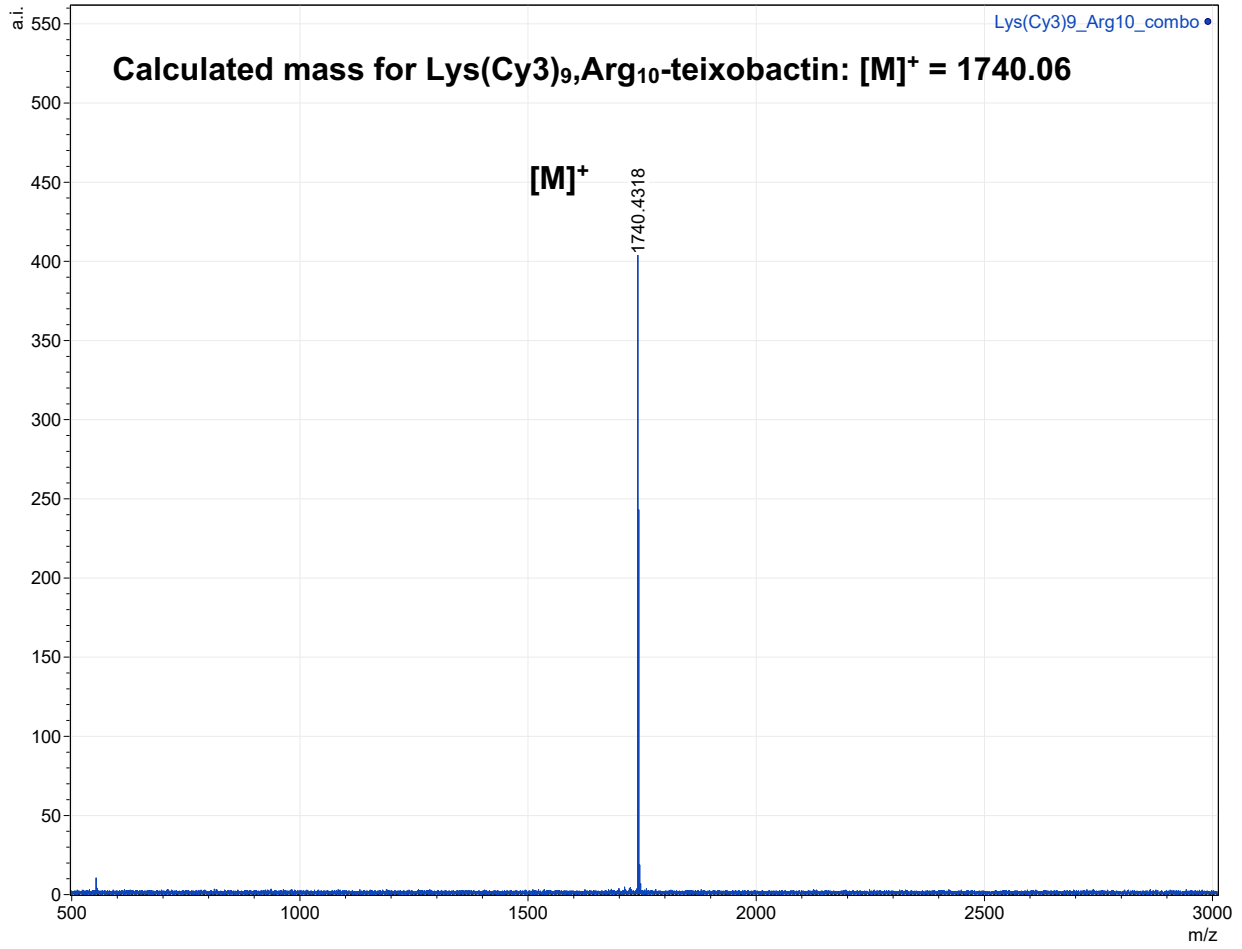
Lys(Cy3)₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin

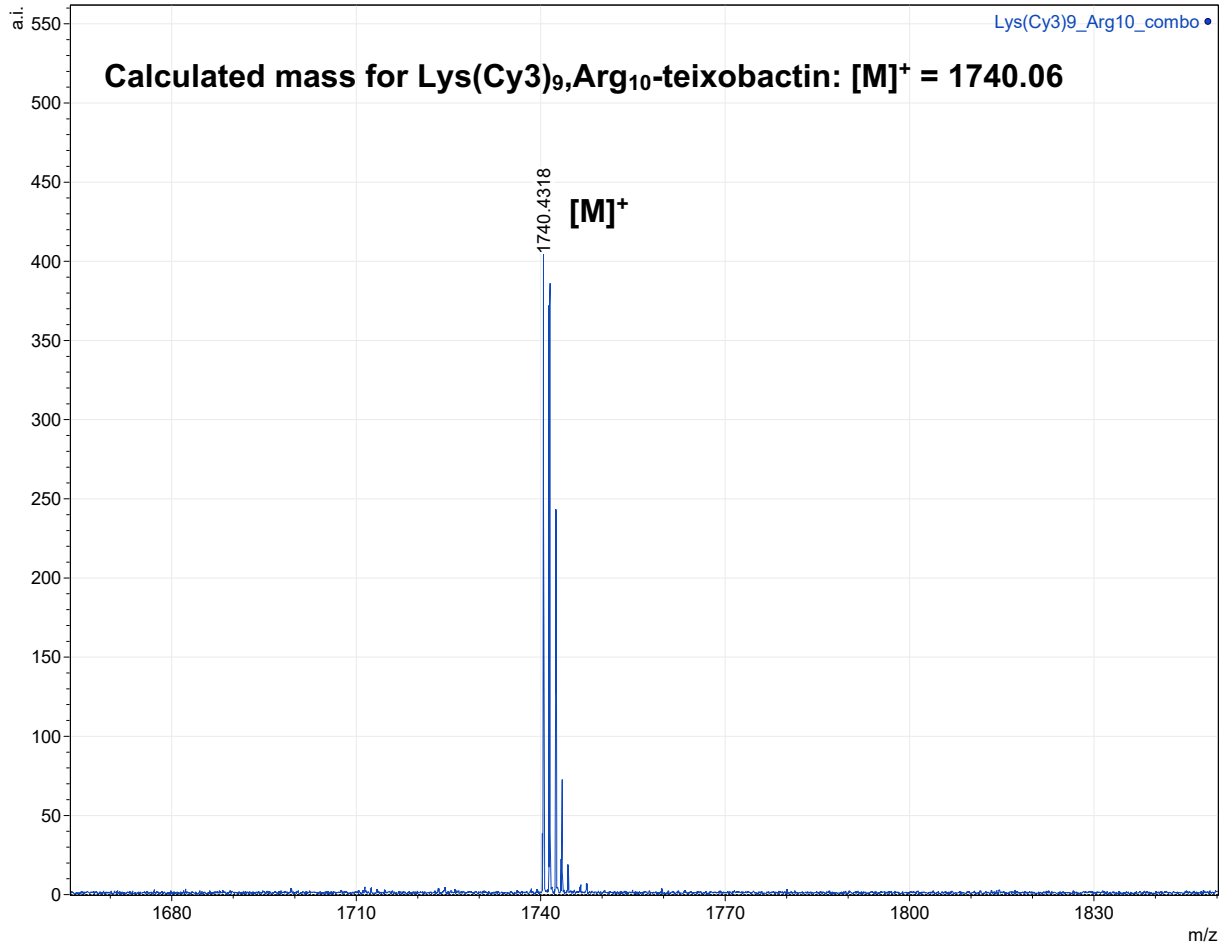


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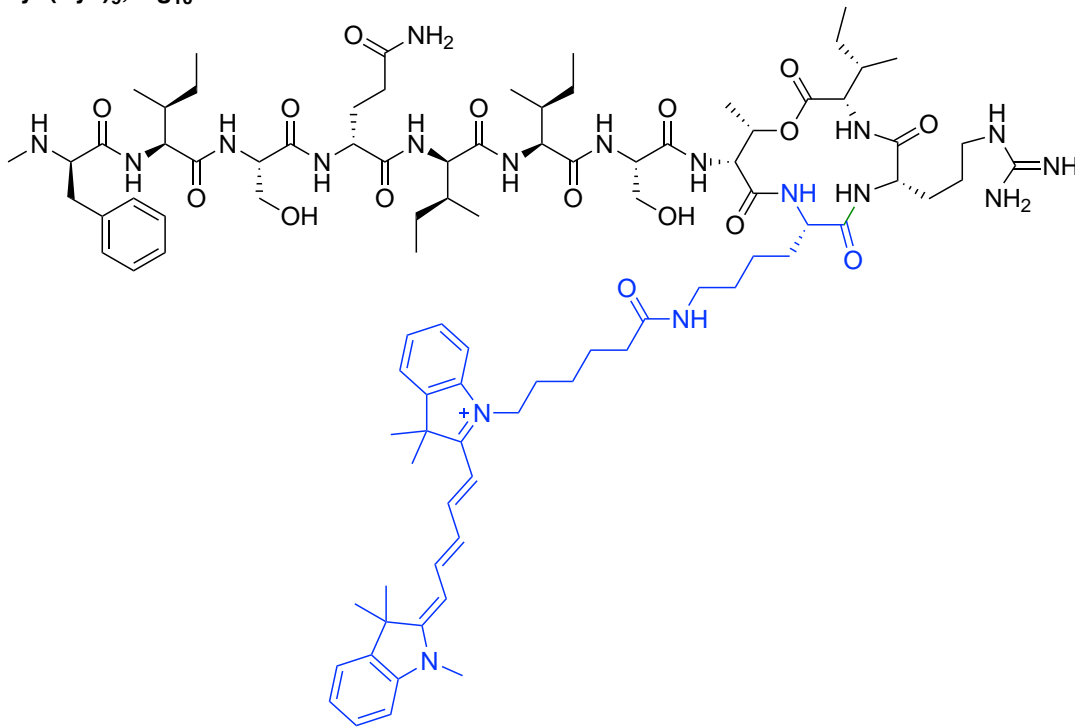


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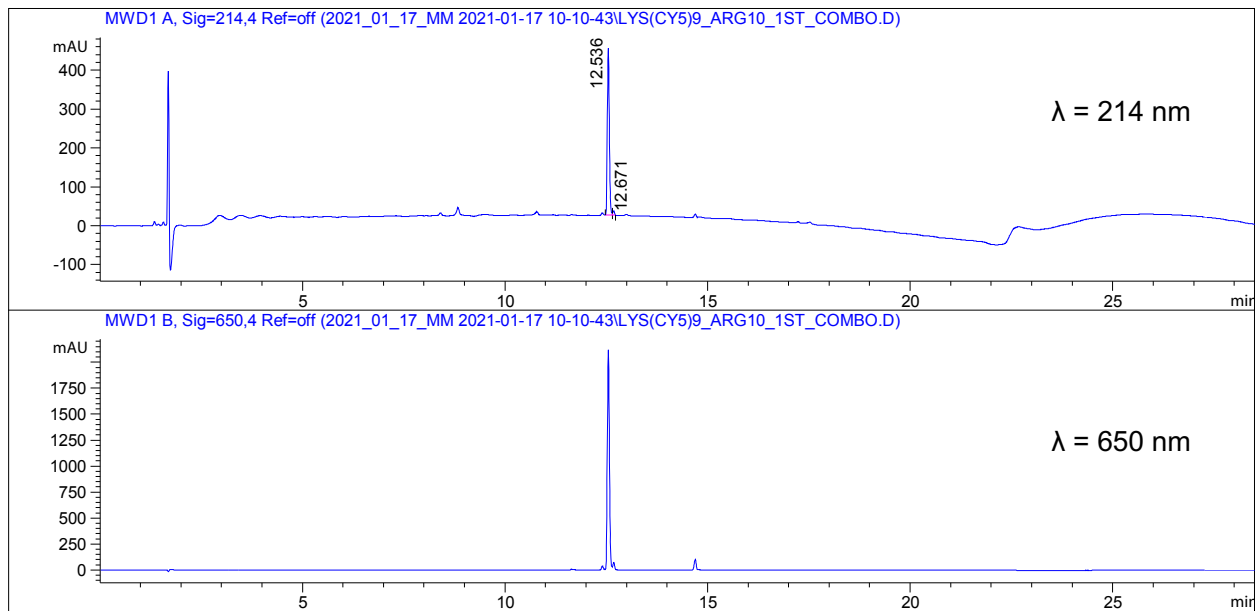




Lys(Cy5)₉,Arg₁₀-teixobactin



Chemical Formula: C₉₃H₁₄₁N₁₈O₁₆⁺
Exact Mass: 1766.08



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
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2	12.671	FM	0.0480	32.20267	11.17171	2.1446

