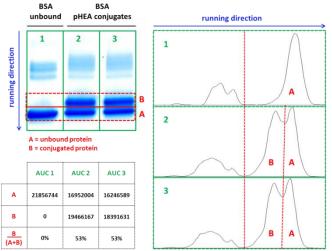
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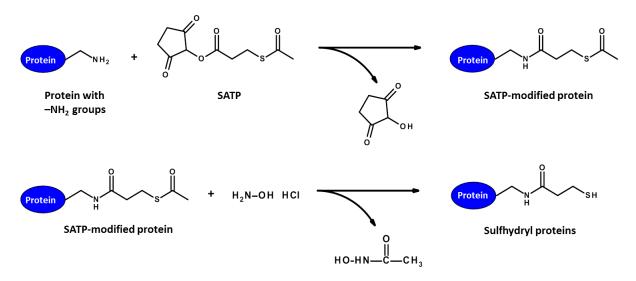
## Polymer-protein conjugation via a 'grafting to' approach – A comparative study of the performance of protein-reactive RAFT chain transfer agents

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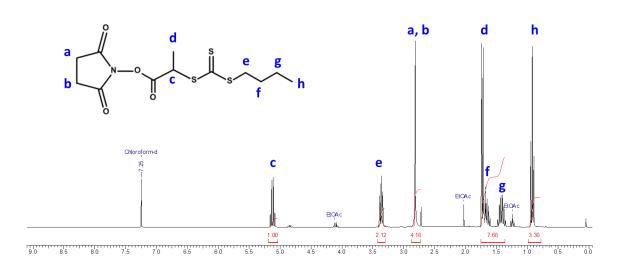


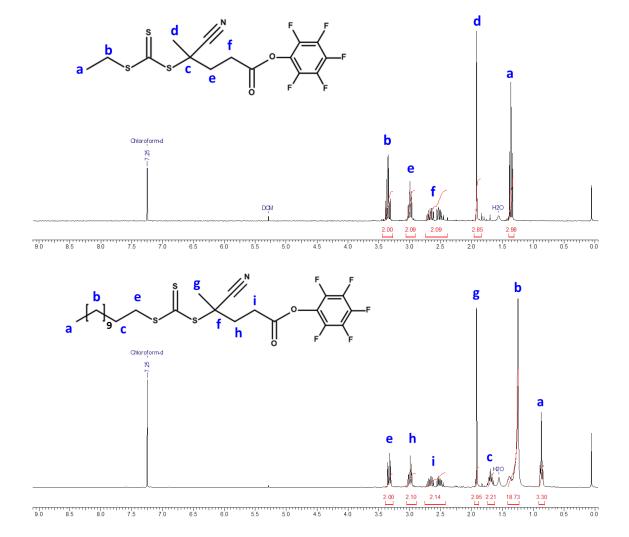
**Figure S1. Quantification of protein conjugation** by automated integration of optical density by ImageJ software and calculating the ratio of conjugated protein (B) to total protein content per lane (A+B). As BSA forms high molecular weight aggregates, these bands were excluded from the calculations. For OVA, aggregation did not occur.

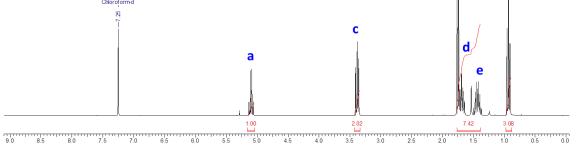


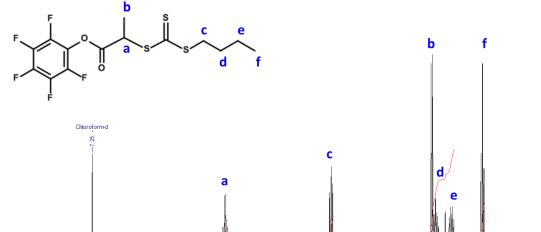
Scheme S1. Reaction scheme for the modification of protein amino groups with SATP. First, primary amines on the protein react and form an amide bond with N-succinimidyl-S-acetylthiopropionate (SATP), which contains a protected sulfhydryl. Next, hydroxylamine is used to deacetylate the sulfur and yield a sulfhydryl group.

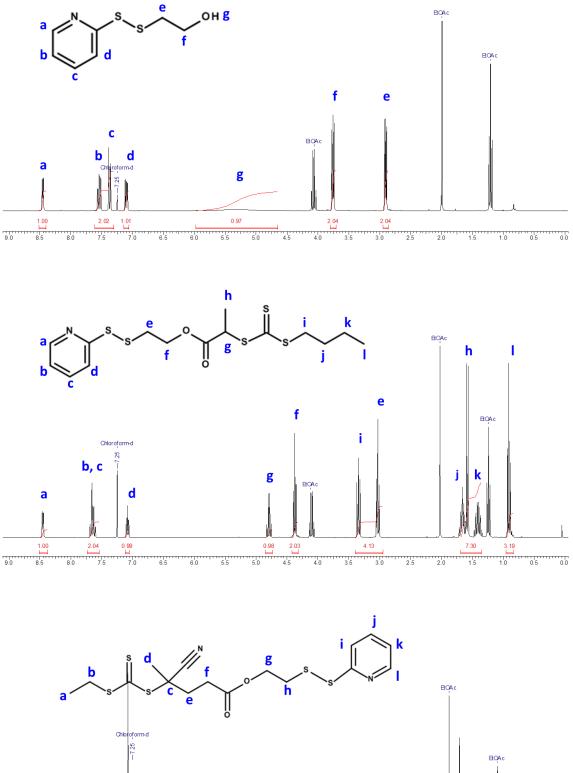
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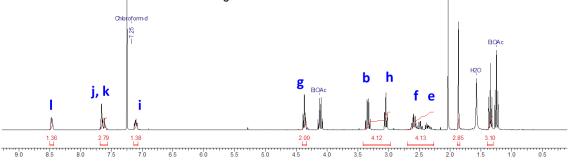












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