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for

## A Fluorescent Probe for the 70 S-Ribosomal GTPase-Associated Center

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### HPLC methods

Varian ProStar, Diode Array Detector, flow = 1 mL/min, ternary gradient (A/B/C in v/v/v): A = bidest. H<sub>2</sub>O, B = CH<sub>3</sub>CN, C = 2% TFA in bidest. H<sub>2</sub>O.

Method I:

A/B/C = 90:10:0 for 1 min, then to 0:100:0 in 16 min, then 0:100:0 for 2 min.

Column: 125 x 4 mm Nucleodur 5 µm C4 (Macherey & Nagel).

Method II:

A/B/C = 85:10:5 for 1 min, then to 0:95:5 in 10 min, then 0:95:5 for 3 min.

Column: 125 x 4 mm Nucleodur 3 µm C18 Gravity (Macherey & Nagel).

### 1. Preparation of truncated Thiostrepton derivatives

To a stirred solution of thiostrepton **1** (1.0 g, 0.601 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) was added HNEt<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) dropwise at 0°C. After 5 min the reaction was continued at RT for 3 h. The volatiles were coevaporated with toluene and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2-5 % MeOH in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to provide truncated thiostrepton **4** and minor amounts of **5**.

(**4**): 70% yield, colorless powder, m.p. > 240 °C decomp., *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.39 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 9:1). HPLC: *R<sub>t</sub>* = 13.4 min (method I). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1) δ = 9.70 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.8, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 10.1, 1H),

6.46 (d,  $J=1.7$ , 1H), 6.25 – 6.15 (m, 2H), 6.06 (q,  $J=7.1$ , 1H), 5.67 (d,  $J=2.1$ , 1H), 5.63 – 5.57 (m, 2H), 5.48 (d,  $J=1.6$ , 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.16 – 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.81 (dd,  $J=8.9$ , 12.9, 1H), 4.60 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.23 (m, 3H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.68 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.51 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.36 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd,  $J=11.4$ , 13.0, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J=4.3$ , 1H), 2.78 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.13 (t,  $J=12.9$ , 1H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J=7.1$ , 3H), 1.42 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.21 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.13 (d,  $J=6.4$ , 5H), 1.03 – 0.97 (m, 8H), 0.95 – 0.86 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d,  $J=6.9$ , 3H), 0.72 (t,  $J=7.3$ , 4H), 0.65 (d,  $J=6.2$ , 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{69}H_{83}N_{18}O_{17}S_5+H^+]$  1595.478, found (ESI) 1595.482.

(5): 15 % yield, colorless powder, m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f = 0.28$  ( $CHCl_3/MeOH$  9:1). HPLC:  $R_t = 14.0$  min (method I).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3/CD_3OD$  4:1)  $\delta$  9.70 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d,  $J = 8.8$ , 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.9$ , 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 10.1$ , 1H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 1.7$ , 1H), 6.25 – 6.15 (m, 2H), 6.06 (q,  $J = 7.1$ , 1H), 5.67 (d,  $J = 2.1$ , 1H), 5.63 – 5.57 (m, 2H), 5.48 (d,  $J = 1.6$ , 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.16 – 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.81 (dd,  $J = 8.9$ , 12.9, 1H), 4.60 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.23 (m, 3H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.68 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.51 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.36 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd,  $J = 11.4$ , 13.0, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 4.3$ , 1H), 2.78 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.13 (t,  $J = 12.9$ , 1H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d,  $J = 6.6$ , 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J = 7.1$ , 3H), 1.42 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d,  $J = 6.6$ , 3H), 1.21 (d,  $J = 6.6$ , 3H), 1.13 (d,  $J = 6.4$ , 5H), 1.03 – 0.97 (m, 8H), 0.95 – 0.86 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d,  $J = 6.9$ , 3H), 0.72 (t,  $J = 7.3$ , 4H), 0.65 (d,  $J = 6.2$ , 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{66}H_{80}N_{17}O_{16}S_5+H^+]$  1526.457, found (ESI) 1526.461.

#### Truncation 4 ? 5:

To a stirred solution of **4** (100 mg, 0.060 mmol) in  $CHCl_3$  (4.5 mL) was added  $HNEt_2$  (0.5 mL) dropwise at 0°C. After 5 min the reaction was continued at RT. After 29 h additional  $HNEt_2$  (0.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 27 h. The volatiles were coevaporated with toluene and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2-5 % MeOH in  $CHCl_3$ ) to give 46 mg of **5** (48%) as a colorless solid.

## 2. General procedure for the preparation of sulfa-Michael adducts 7-11

Truncated thiostrepton **4** (50 mg, 0.031 mmol) was dissolved in TFE (2 mL) and  $NaP_i$  buffer was added (1 mL, 50 mM, pH 9). The respective thiol was added (0.037 mmol, 1.2 eq) followed by 22  $\mu$ L  $Et_3N$  (0.156 mmol, 5 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred

for 16 h under Ar atmosphere. The volatiles were removed and purification of the crude product by preparative HPLC (C4 column, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) gave the desired sulfa-Michael addition product after lyophilization of the corresponding fractions.

**(7):** 56 % yield, colorless powder. m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f$  = 0.21 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 17:3). HPLC:  $R_t$  = 11.0 min (method I). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$ =3.9, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$ =10.1, 1H), 6.27 – 6.15 (m, 2H), 6.07 (q,  $J$ =7.0, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.64 – 5.56 (m, 2H), 5.22 – 5.12 (m, 3H), 4.87 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.78 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.53 (m, 1H), 4.37 (d,  $J$ =9.7, 1H), 4.31 (d,  $J$ =9.1, 1H), 4.29 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.82 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.67 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.57 – 3.44 (m, 3H), 3.31 – 3.20 (m, 3H), 3.09 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.82 (d,  $J$ =4.1, 1H), 2.13 (d,  $J$ =13.4, 1H), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d,  $J$ =6.5, 3H), 1.46 (d,  $J$ =7.0, 4H), 1.28 (t,  $J$ =6.5, 3H), 1.23 (d,  $J$ =6.6, 4H), 1.14 (d,  $J$ =6.4, 4H), 1.05 – 0.98 (m, 7H), 0.85 (d,  $J$ =6.9, 3H), 0.73 (t,  $J$ =7.3, 3H), 0.66 (d,  $J$ =6.1, 3H). HRMS calcd. for [C<sub>75</sub>H<sub>94</sub>N<sub>18</sub>O<sub>22</sub>S<sub>6</sub>+H<sup>+</sup>] 1791.519, found (ESI) 1791.520.

**(8a):** 6 % yield, colorless powder. m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f$  = 0.35 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 9:1). HPLC:  $R_t$  = 17.5 min (method I). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J$ =10.1, 1H), 6.27 – 6.15 (m, 2H), 6.06 (q,  $J$ =7.0, 1H), 5.68 (d,  $J$ =2.0, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 5.17 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd,  $J$ =8.5, 12.0, 1H), 4.61 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.29 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.94 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.80 – 3.69 (m, 16H), 3.68 – 3.59 (m, 17H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.87 (d,  $J$ =6.9, 2H), 2.85 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.44 (t,  $J$ =7.4, 2H), 2.15 (dd,  $J$ =10.2, 22.6, 1H), 1.91 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d,  $J$ =6.7, 3H), 1.48 – 1.41 (m, 6H), 1.23 (d,  $J$ =6.7, 6H), 1.10 (s, 8H), 1.03 – 0.97 (m, 8H), 0.85 (d,  $J$ =6.9, 3H), 0.75 – 0.68 (m, 8H), 0.64 (d,  $J$ =6.3, 3H). HRMS calcd. for [C<sub>77</sub>H<sub>100</sub>N<sub>18</sub>O<sub>17</sub>S<sub>6</sub>+H<sup>+</sup>] 1741.591, found (ESI) 1741.592.

**(8b):** 6 % yield, colorless powder. m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f$  = 0.38 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 9:1). HPLC:  $R_t$  = 17.7 min (method I). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$ =7.5, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J$ =10.1, 1H), 6.27 – 6.16 (m, 2H), 6.06 (q,  $J$ =7.1, 1H), 5.68 (d,  $J$ =2.3, 1H), 5.64 – 5.56 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d,  $J$ =1.7, 1H), 5.17 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd,  $J$ =9.0, 12.9, 1H), 4.61 – 4.53 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.94 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.68 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.31 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.87 (d,  $J$ =6.5,

2H), 2.81 (d,  $J=4.1$ , 1H), 2.79 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.40 (t,  $J=7.4$ , 2H), 2.19 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d,  $J=6.5$ , 3H), 1.49 – 1.39 (m, 6H), 1.27 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.16 – 1.05 (m, 13H), 1.04 – 0.98 (m, 6H), 0.85 (d,  $J=6.9$ , 3H), 0.76 – 0.67 (m, 7H), 0.65 (d,  $J=6.2$ , 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{77}H_{100}N_{18}O_{17}S_6+H^+]$  1741.591, found (ESI) 1741.592.

(9): 32 % yield, colorless powder, m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f = 0.21$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 9:1). HPLC:  $R_t = 12.5$  min (method I). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J=5.9$ , 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J=7.8$ , 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J=10.0$ , 1H), 6.23 – 6.11 (m, 2H), 6.03 (q,  $J=7.5$ , 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.59 – 5.53 (m, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.14 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.79 (dd,  $J=9.1$ , 12.3, 1H), 4.63 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.56 – 4.50 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.91 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 1H), 3.65 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.55 (d,  $J=5.0$ , 3H), 3.47 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.27 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.74 (m, 4H), 2.17 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.76 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d,  $J=6.5$ , 3H), 1.41 (d,  $J=7.1$ , 4H), 1.26 – 1.20 (m, 3H), 1.18 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.10 (d,  $J=6.3$ , 4H), 1.04 (s, 1H), 0.99 – 0.94 (m, 6H), 0.81 (d,  $J=7.0$ , 3H), 0.68 (t,  $J=7.3$ , 3H), 0.60 (d,  $J=6.4$ , 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{75}H_{93}N_{19}O_{20}S_6+H^+]$  1772.524, found (ESI) 1772.525.

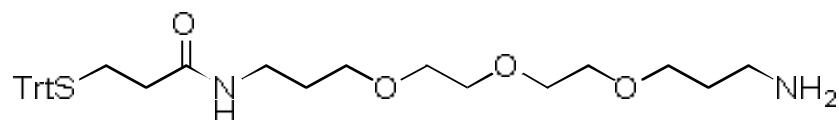
(10): 42 % yield, colorless powder, m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f = 0.10$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 17:3). HPLC:  $R_t = 7.4$  min (method I). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J=10.2$ , 1H), 6.28 – 6.15 (m, 2H), 6.06 (q,  $J=7.1$ , 1H), 5.68 (d,  $J=1.8$ , 1H), 5.64 – 5.55 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.17 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd,  $J=9.0$ , 13.0, 1H), 4.70 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.52 (m, 2H), 4.29 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.92 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.68 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.78 (m, 3H), 2.16 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J=7.1$ , 3H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.23 (d, 2H), 1.14 (d,  $J=6.4$ , 3H), 1.03 – 0.97 (m, 6H), 0.85 (d,  $J=6.9$ , 3H), 0.72 (t,  $J=7.3$ , 3H), 0.65 (d,  $J=6.1$ , 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{74}H_{91}N_{19}O_{20}S_6+H^+]$  1758.509, found (ESI) 1758.509.

(11): 26 % yield, colorless powder, m.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f = 0.16$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 17:3). HPLC:  $R_t = 8.6$  min (method II). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.65 (d,  $J=8.7$ , 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J=1.5$ , 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J=5.3$ , 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J=10.2$ , 1H), 6.28 – 6.16 (m, 2H), 6.07 (q,  $J=7.1$ , 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.65 – 5.57 (m, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 5.18

– 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd,  $J=8.9, 13.0$ , 1H), 4.71 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.30 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.61 (m, 3H), 3.51 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.88 – 2.79 (m, 4H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 4H), 2.42 (d,  $J=5.5$ , 6H), 2.21 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 3H), 1.46 (d,  $J=7.1$ , 3H), 1.31 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.23 (d,  $J=6.6$ , 6H), 1.14 (d,  $J=6.4$ , 6H), 1.04 – 1.01 (m, 5H), 0.85 (d,  $J=6.9$ , 3H), 0.73 (t,  $J=7.3$ , 3H), 0.65 (d,  $J=6.2$ , 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{73}H_{93}N_{19}O_{17}S_6+H^+]$  1700.539, found (ESI) 1700.541.

### 3. Preparation of Trityl-protected PEG-fluoresceine tag 13

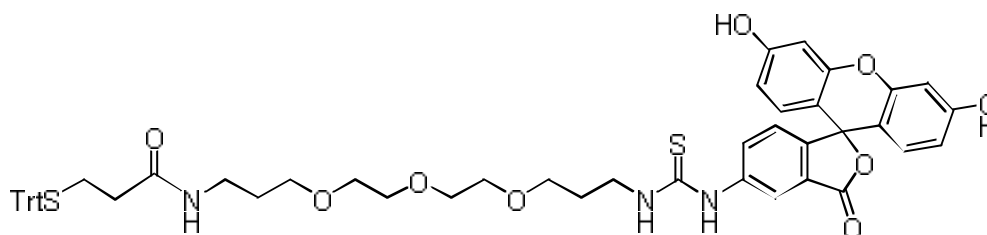
#### *N*-(3-(2-(2-(3-aminopropoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)propyl)-*b*-(tritylthio)propionamide (12)



To a solution of Trt-mercaptopropionic acid (697 mg, 2.0 mmol) and HBTU (1.52 g, 2.0 eq) in DMF (20 mL) was added  $EtN(iPr)_2$  (349  $\mu$ L, 1.0 eq) at 0°C. After 10 min the reaction mixture was added dropwise to 4,7,10-trioxa-1,13-tridecanediamine (4.38 mL, 10 eq) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20 mL) and stirred over night. After removal of the volatiles the residue was redissolved in EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with sat.  $NaHCO_3$  solution (60 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (60 mL), dried with  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography ( $CH_2Cl_2$ /MeOH 95:5) to afford amine **12** as colorless oil (601 mg, 54 %).

$R_f$ : 0.28 ( $CH_2Cl_2$ /MeOH 10:1).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.06 (t,  $J=6.4$ , 1H), 3.73 (t,  $J=5.2$ , 2H), 3.67 – 3.48 (m, 9H), 3.41 (t,  $J=5.4$ , 2H), 3.28 – 3.10 (m, 4H), 2.44 (t,  $J=7.1$ , 2H), 2.11 (t,  $J=7.1$ , 2H), 1.96 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.57 (m, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 172.82, 144.84, 129.76, 128.15, 126.96, 71.21, 70.49, 69.71, 69.56, 69.35, 68.10, 67.10, 41.75, 36.80, 35.33, 29.69, 27.73, 25.90. HRMS calcd. for  $[C_{32}H_{42}N_2O_4S+H^+]$  551.2938, found (ESI) 551.2932.

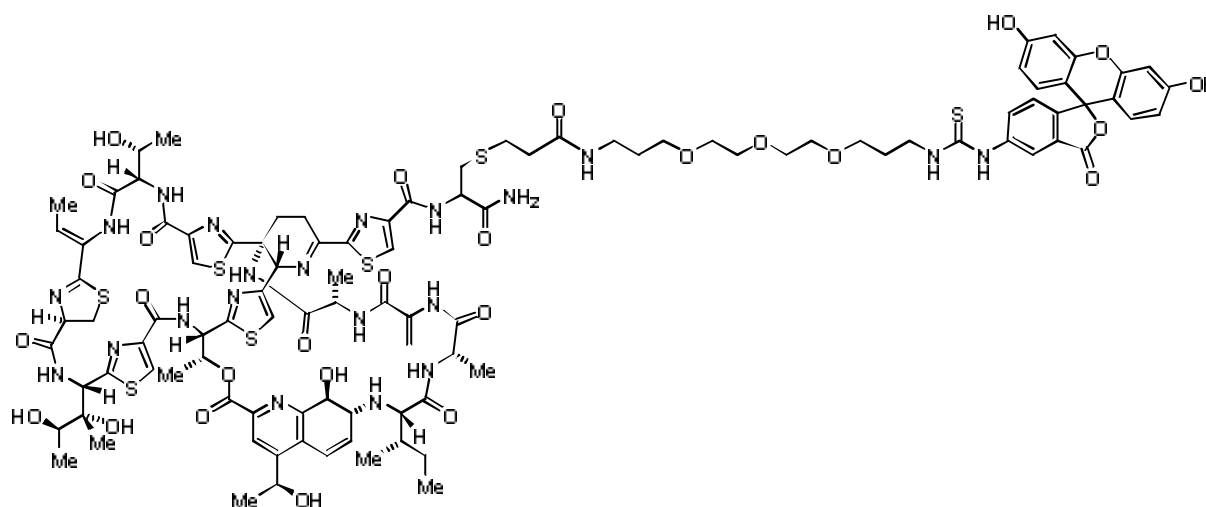
***N*-(1-(5'-fluoresceinylamino)-1-thiono-6,9,12-trioxa-2-azapentadecan-15-yl)-*b*-(tritylthio)propionamide (13)**



To a solution of amine **12** (280 mg) in acetone/ $\text{CHCl}_3$  (60 mL, 2:1) was added FITC (218 mg, 1.1 eq) and  $\text{EtN}(\text{iPr})_2$  (89  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1 eq). After stirring for 16 h, the mixture was concentrated and subjected to silica gel chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc}$  / 5% 10% MeOH) to give trityl-protected thiol **13** (214 mg, 45%) as an orange solid.

$R_f$  = 0.51 ( $\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeOH}$  10:1). M. p. > 230 °C decomp.,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  4:1)  $\delta$  = 7.86 (d,  $J$ =1.9, 1H), 7.71 (dd,  $J$ =2.1, 4.4, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.06 (t,  $J$ =7.4, 6H), 6.99 (t,  $J$ =7.0, 3H), 6.91 (d,  $J$ =8.3, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J$ =2.4, 2H), 6.49 (d,  $J$ =8.6, 2H), 6.35 (dd,  $J$ =2.3, 8.6, 2H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.45 – 3.37 (m, 8H), 3.36 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.29 (t,  $J$ =6.1, 2H), 3.06 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.23 (t,  $J$ =7.3, 2H), 1.94 (t,  $J$ =7.2, 2H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.48 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  4:1)  $\delta$  = 173.50, 145.87, 130.54, 130.25, 128.79, 127.64, 103.57, 71.33, 71.01, 70.95, 69.84, 67.66, 37.79, 35.94, 30.05, 29.67, 28.90, 14.55. HRMS calcd. for  $[\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9\text{S}_2+\text{H}^+]$  940.3296, found (ESI) 940.3302.

#### 4. Preparation of PEG-fluoresceine-tagged probe 6



S-Trt-protected PEG-fluorescein-conjugate **13** (32 mg, 0.034 mmol, 1.1 eq) was dissolved in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (3 mL) containing TES (5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.034 mmol, 1.1 eq). TFA (240  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. The volatiles were coevaporated with toluene and the residue was redissolved in TFE (6 mL) and  $\text{NaPi}$  buffer was added (2 mL, 50 mM, pH 9). Truncated thiostrepton **4** (50 mg, 0.031 mmol) was added followed by  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (44  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.313 mmol, 10 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred under Ar atmosphere for 16 h. The mixture was concentrated and purified by prep. HPLC ( $\text{C}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) to give probe **6** (23 mg, 32 %) as a yellow powder after lyophilization of the corresponding fractions.

(**6**): M.p. > 240 °C decomp.,  $R_f$  = 0.36 ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  17:3). HPLC:  $R_t$  = 7.6 min (method I).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  4:1)  $\delta$  = 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$ =1.3, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J$ =8.5, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J$ =9.1, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J$ =9.8, 1H), 6.48 – 6.41 (m, 4H), 6.26 – 6.17 (m, 2H), 6.07 (q,  $J$ =6.7, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.62 – 5.58 (m, 2H), 5.20 – 5.13 (m, 3H), 4.82 (dd,  $J$ =9.0, 12.8, 1H), 4.66 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.58 – 4.54 (m, 1H), 4.28 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.57 (m, 5H), 3.46 (br s, 10H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.36 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 3.10 – 3.03 (m, 3H), 3.00 (d,  $J$ =11.7, 1H), 2.82 (d,  $J$ =5.1, 3H), 2.72 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.56 (d,  $J$ =6.8, 5H), 1.46 (d,  $J$ =7.2, 3H), 1.29 – 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.23 (d,  $J$ =6.6, 3H), 1.14 (d,  $J$ =6.5, 3H), 1.04 – 0.98 (m, 6H), 0.96 (d,  $J$ =6.6, 2H), 0.85 (d,  $J$ =6.9, 3H), 0.73 (t,  $J$ =7.4, 3H), 0.65 (d,  $J$ =6.8, 3H). HRMS calcd. for  $[\text{C}_{103}\text{H}_{121}\text{N}_{21}\text{O}_{26}\text{S}_7+\text{H}^+]$  2292.691, found (ESI) 2292.688.

## 5. Biochemistry

**a) L11-protein:** The L11 protein from *Thermus thermophilus* was expressed and purified as N-terminally His<sub>6</sub>-tagged fusion-protein following procedures described elsewhere.<sup>[1]</sup>

**b) RNA:** A 58 nt fragment of *Escherichia coli* 23 S rRNA (1051-1109) was synthesized by in vitro transcription and purified as described elsewhere.<sup>[1]</sup>

**c) Thiopeptides:** Thiostrepton (**1**) was purchased from Calbiochem. Analytical samples of Nosiheptide (**2**) and Micrococцин (**3**) were gifts from Prof. Dr. Heinz G. Floss, Prof. T. Mahmud and Dr. K. Shin-Ya. Thiopeptide concentration was determined by UV using the following extinction coefficients:

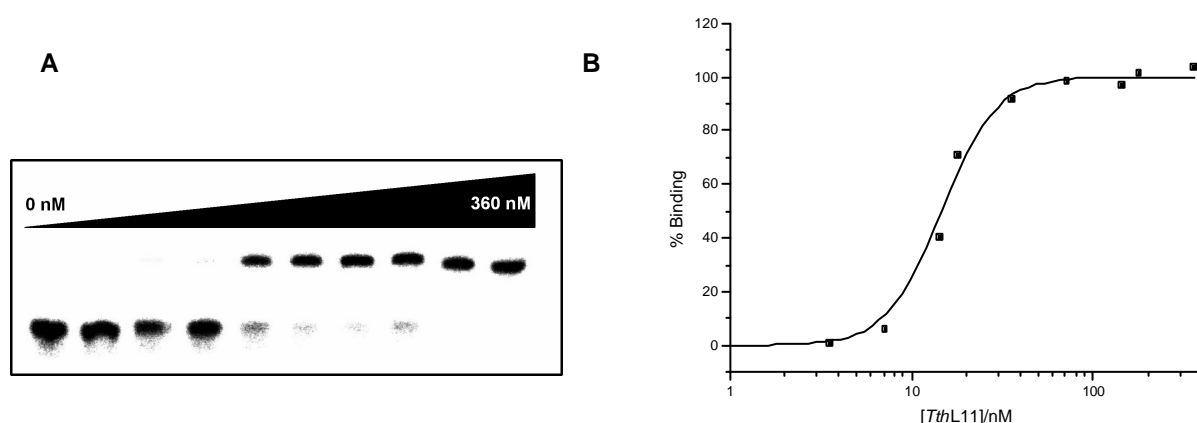


thiostrepton (**1**):  $\epsilon_{280} = 0.027 \text{ cm}^{-1} \mu\text{M}^{-1}$ ;  
 nosiheptide (**2**):  $\epsilon_{280} = 0.039 \text{ cm}^{-1} \mu\text{M}^{-1}$ ;  
 micrococcin (**3**):  $\epsilon_{280} = 0.034 \text{ cm}^{-1} \mu\text{M}^{-1}$ ;  
 probe (**6**):  $\epsilon_{492} = 0.078 \text{ cm}^{-1} \mu\text{M}^{-1}$ .

All thiopeptide stock solutions were prepared in trifluoroethanol (TFE).

**d) Electro-mobility-shift assay:** For protein/RNA affinity determination radioactive EMSA were performed. The RNA was 5'- $^{32}\text{P}$ -labeled using T4 polynucleotide kinase (Fermentas) following the suppliers protocol.  $^{32}\text{P}$ - $\gamma$ -ATP was purchased from Amersham Biosciences (GE Healthcare). For binding reactions 1 nM labeled RNA and varying concentrations of protein were incubated in binding buffer (5 mM MOPS, 5 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 50 mM KCl, pH 8.0) at room temperature.

The EMSA were performed in 10% (w/v) acrylamide gels (37.5:1) using pre-cooled TBE + 5 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$  (1 $\times$ ) pH 8.0 as gel- and running buffer. After 30-60 min. equilibration the gels were run for approx. 120 min. at 30 mA at 4°C. Gels were dried, analyzed by autoradiography (FLA 5000 Phosphoimager, Kodak/Raytest) and evaluated using the AIDA software (Kodak/Raytest). Intensities were normalized (% Binding = shift / (shift + unshift)) and plotted against the protein concentration (Figure S1). Hill fitting of the data of three independent experiments yielded a  $K_{D1}$  of  $17.7 \text{ nM} \pm 2.5 \text{ nM}$ , respectively.



**Figure S1.** A) Autoradiograph of a representative EMSA of the titration of 1 nM  $^{32}\text{P}$ -labeled RNA 58mer with 0; 3.6; 7.2; 14.4; 18; 36; 72; 144; 180; 360 nM *Tth*L11-protein. B) Representative plot of complex formation in dependence on the protein concentration. The data were fitted using the Hill equation.

**e) Fluorescence polarisation experiments:** Fluorescence polarization experiments were performed using a Tecan Safire II plate reader in 384 well plates (PerkinElmer Optiplate-384 F) at an excitation wavelength of 470 nm, emission wavelength of 520 nm, emission bandwidth of 5 nm, and 50 scans per well at 22°C.

### Probe Affinity Determination

A typical binding reaction sample contained 5 nM of **6** in 5 mM MOPS; 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>; 50 mM KCl at pH 7.5; 5% (v/v) TFE as well as varying concentrations of protein L11 and/or the 23S rRNA-fragment (total volume: 50 µL). All samples were equilibrated for 12-24 hours before evaluation.

Equilibrium titrations of **6** with protein or RNA alone did not induce any change of the polarization signal, indicating that no binding was occurring (data not shown). Titration of 5 nM of **6** and 0.6 µM protein with increasing amounts of RNA induced a significant increase of the polarization signal, indicating a binding event. Anisotropy data were plotted against the RNA concentration and fitted by least-squares approximation (Origin V 7.5) with the equation below, which can be shown to analytically describe the binding of a ligand in two consecutively coupled equilibriums. The fitting process of five independent experiments gave a probe/complex  $K_{D2}$  of 0.14 nM ± 0.08 nM.

$$A = (A_{\max} - A_0) \left( \frac{c_{RNA} + T^* + \frac{k_1 k_2}{l} + k_2}{2T^*} - \sqrt{\left( \frac{c_{RNA} + T^* + \frac{k_1 k_2}{l} + k_2}{2T^*} \right)^2 - \frac{c_{RNA}}{T^*}} \right) + A_0 =$$

A: Anisotropy,  $A_{\max}/A_0$  max/min  
µM)

l: concentration of protein (L11, typically 0.6

$c_{RNA}$ : concentration of rRNA fragment       $k_1$ :  $K_{D1}$  of RNA/L11 complex formation

$T^*$ : concentration of **6** ( $TS^*$ , 5 nM)       $k_2$ :  $K_{D2}$  of  $TS^* + RNA/L11$  complex formation

### Displacement Titrations

For displacement titrations 5 nM of **6**, 5 nM RNA and 0.6 µM L11 protein in 5 mM MOPS; 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>; 50 mM KCl pH 7.5; 5% (v/v) TFE, were prepared with varying concentrations of the analytes (total volume: 50 µL). All tested compounds induced a significant decrease of the polarization signal, indicating a displacement of the fluo-

rescent probe from the macromolecular complex. After plotting against the thiopeptide concentration, the data were fitted to the Hill equation to yield  $IC_{50}$  values. Five independent experiments were averaged and converted into apparent  $K_D$  using the equation given below.

**Table S1.**  $IC_{50}$  values and apparent  $K_D$  from displacement titrations.

Compound	$IC_{50}/\mu M$	$K_{app}/nM$
Thiostrepton <b>1</b>	$0.0071 \pm 0.0017$	$0.20 \pm 0.05$
Nosiheptide <b>2</b>	$0.0040 \pm 0.0009$	$0.11 \pm 0.02$
Micrococccin <b>3</b>	$0.062 \pm 0.032$	$1.73 \pm 0.90$
<b>4</b>	$0.0067 \pm 0.0005$	$0.19 \pm 0.01$
<b>5</b>	$0.0113 \pm 0.0016$	$0.32 \pm 0.05$
Probe <b>6</b>	-	<b><math>0.14 \pm 0.08</math></b>
<b>7</b>	$0.0081 \pm 0.002$	$0.22 \pm 0.06$
<b>8a</b>	$0.128 \pm 0.042$	$3.59 \pm 1.20$
<b>8b</b>	$0.193 \pm 0.072$	$5.41 \pm 2.03$
<b>8a+b</b>	$0.115 \pm 0.060$	$3.23 \pm 1.70$
<b>9</b>	$0.0114 \pm 0.003$	$0.32 \pm 0.08$
<b>10</b>	$0.0112 \pm 0.0014$	$0.32 \pm 0.04$
<b>11</b>	$0.016 \pm 0.004$	$0.44 \pm 0.11$

$$K_{app} = \frac{IC_{50}}{TS^*} \times k_2 =$$

$K_{app}$ : apparent  $K_D$

$T$ : concentration of **6** ( $TS^*$ , 5 nM)

$k_2$ :  $K_{D2}$  of  $TS^* + RNA/L11$  complex formation (0.14 nM)

## 6. Antibacterial Growth Inhibition Testing

All growth inhibition testing was conducted in 96 well plates equipped with diffusion-equilibrating covers ("System Duetz", EnzyScreen bv, Leiden, NL) in an orbital shaker at 190 rpm at 37°C. Five independent colonies of *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC No. 25923 or No. 43300) were used as starters for a liquid preculture (20 mL). The bacteria were incubated until logarithmic growth phase was reached ( $OD_{600}$  0,3 – 1), then diluted to  $1\text{--}5 \times 10^5$  colony forming units per mL and used in the antimicrobial testing. Total volume per well was 100  $\mu$ L Müller-Hinton broth (Carl Roth, Germany) with 2% NaCl (Sigma Aldrich, Germany). 8 blank wells without bacteria, 4 wells with bacteria, and 4 wells with two known antibiotics (Sigma Aldrich, Germany) at their minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) were used as controls (ampicillin: 0.26 mg/L; tetracycline: 1 mg/L). All compounds were prepared in twofold dilution series in trifluoroethanol (TFE), each done in duplicate. All concentrations given are final concentrations in the test volume; final concentration of TFE was 1% v/v. Up to 5% v/v TFE were found tolerable in independent control experiments. Bacterial growth was followed by OD determination during 24h. The reported MIC values correspond to the concentration where no growth was observed.

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