

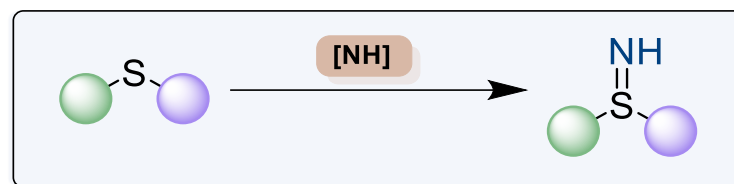
Late-stage peptide modifications through S-imation enable chemoselective installation of free-NH sulfilimines and sulfoximines

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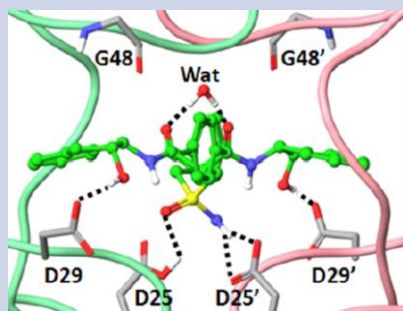
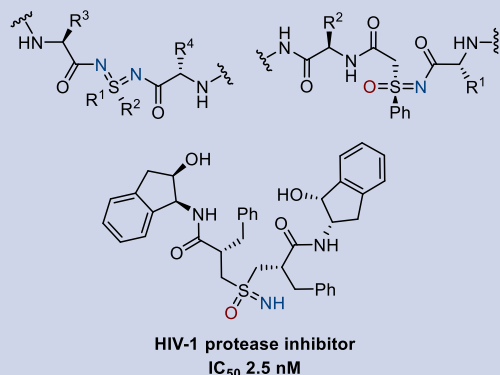
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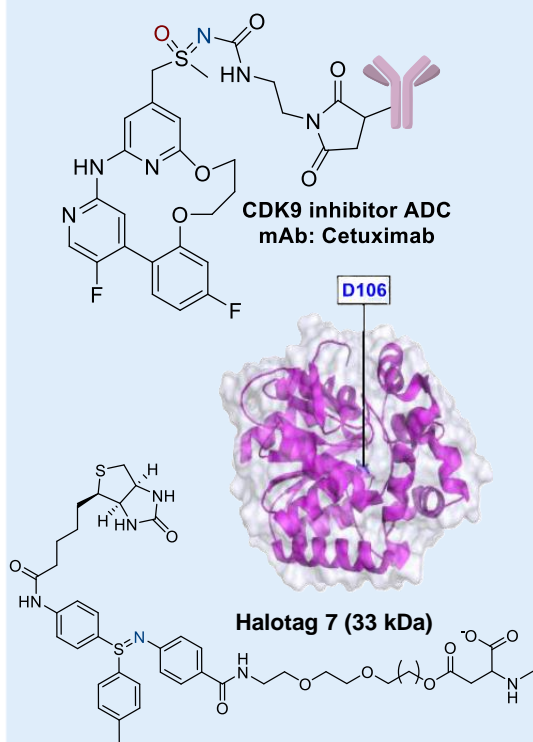
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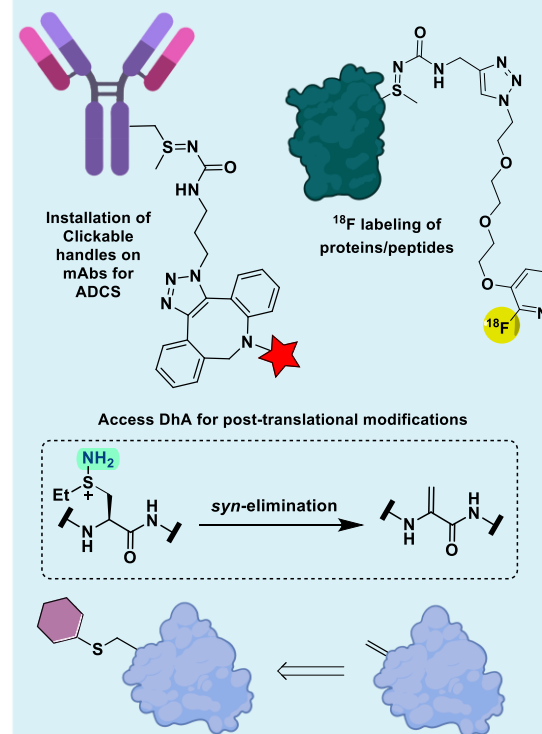


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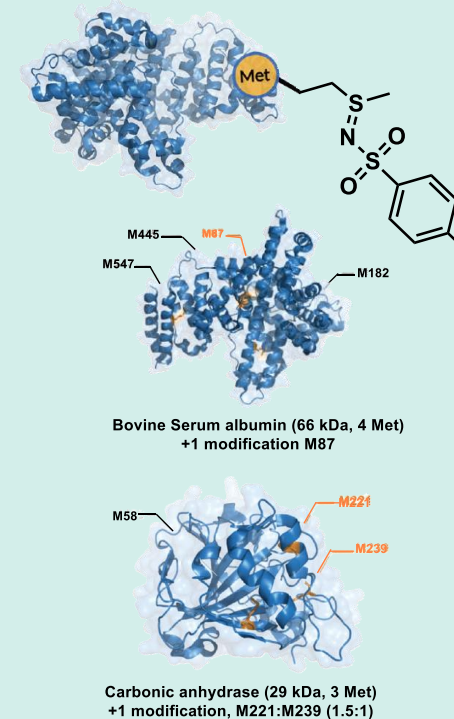
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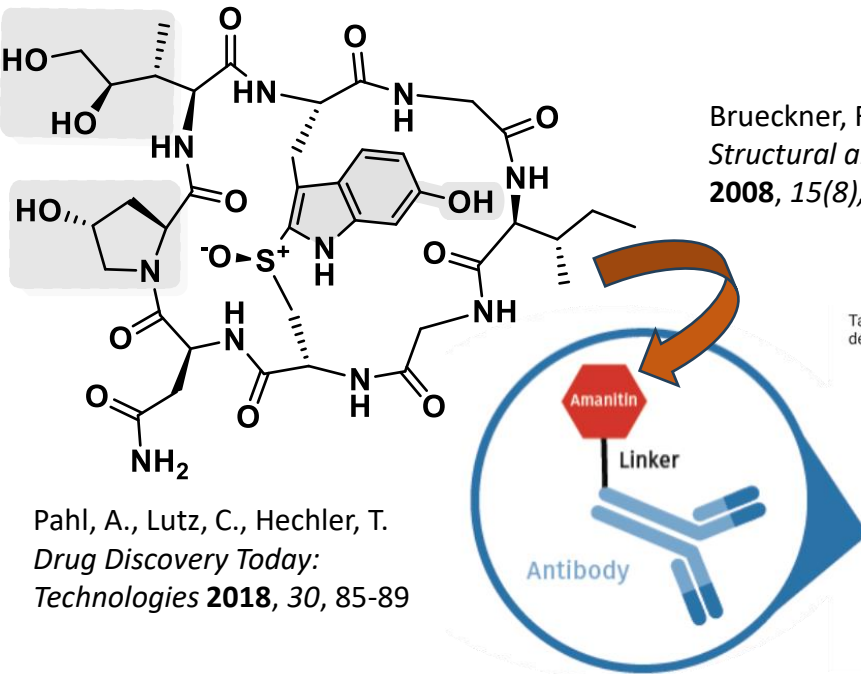
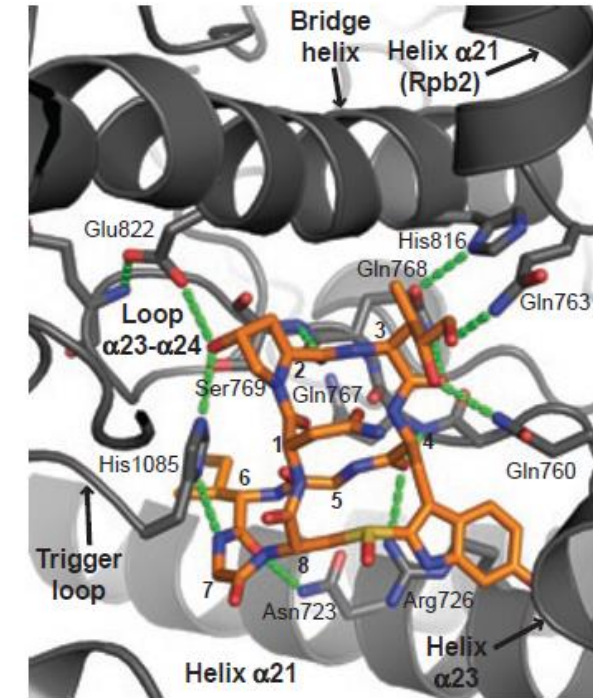
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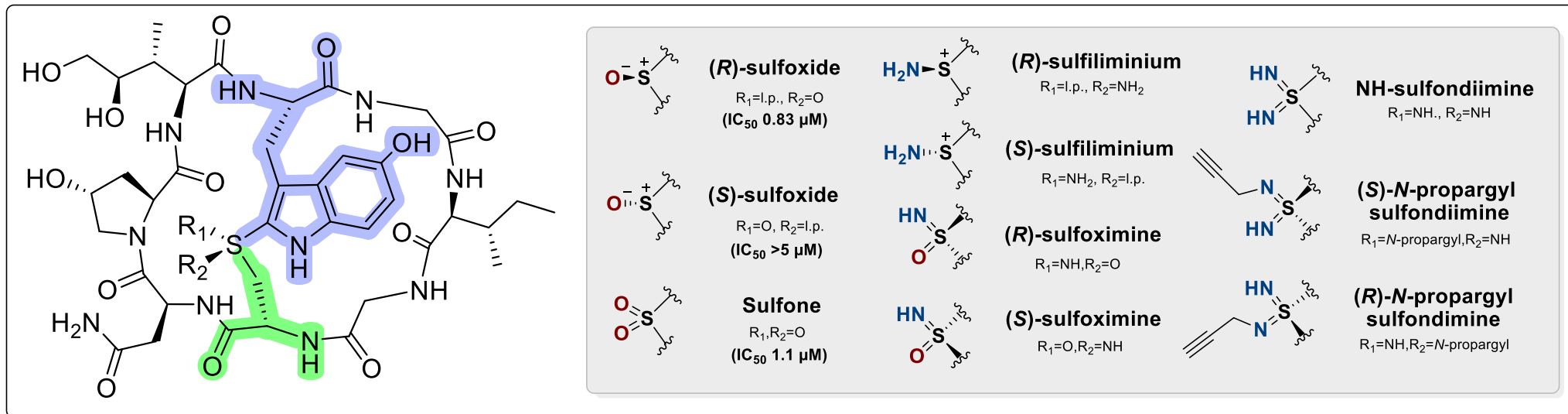
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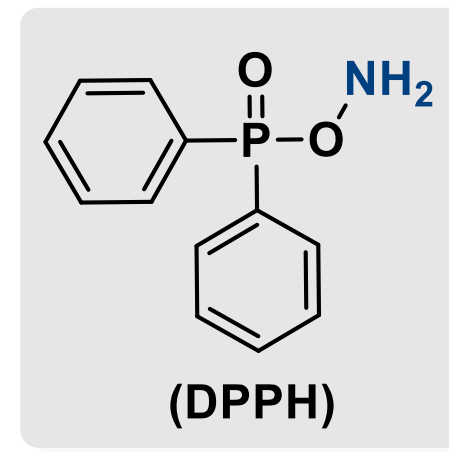
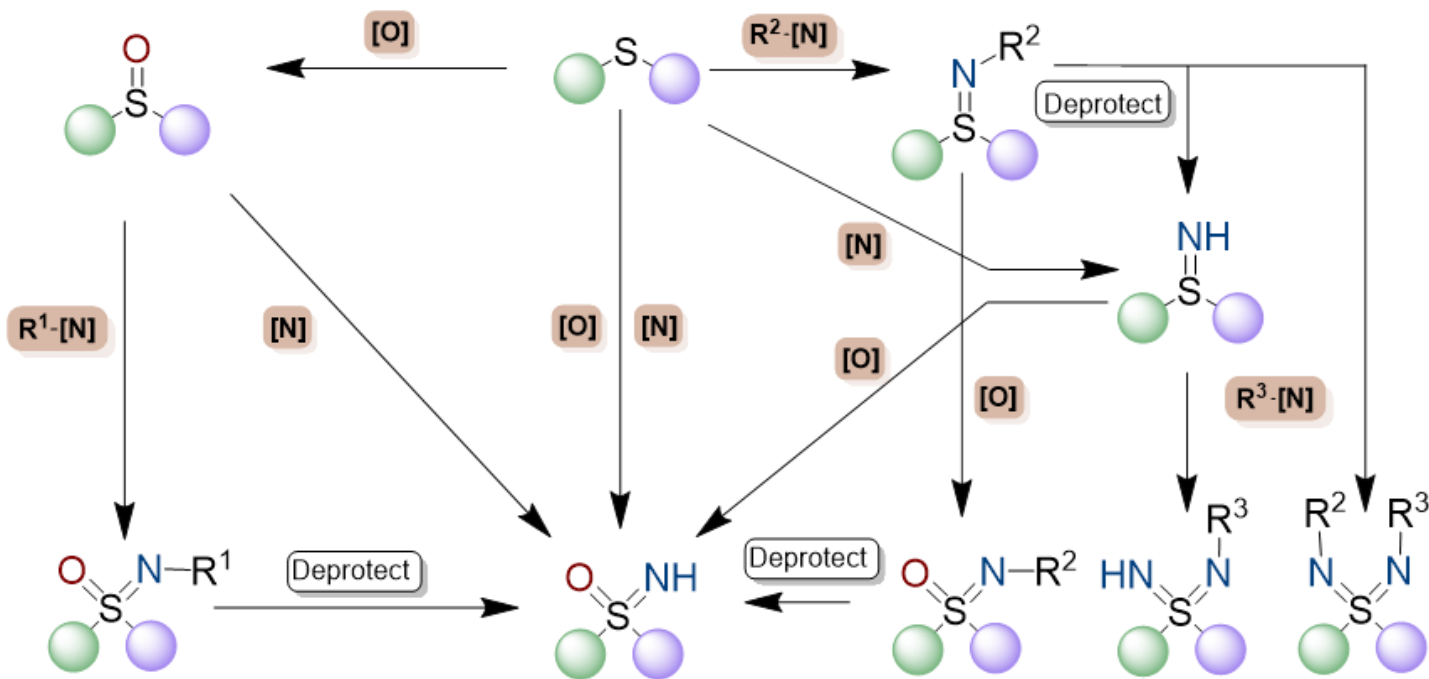
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Synthesis Strategies to access Sulfilimines, Sulfoximines, and Sulfondiimines

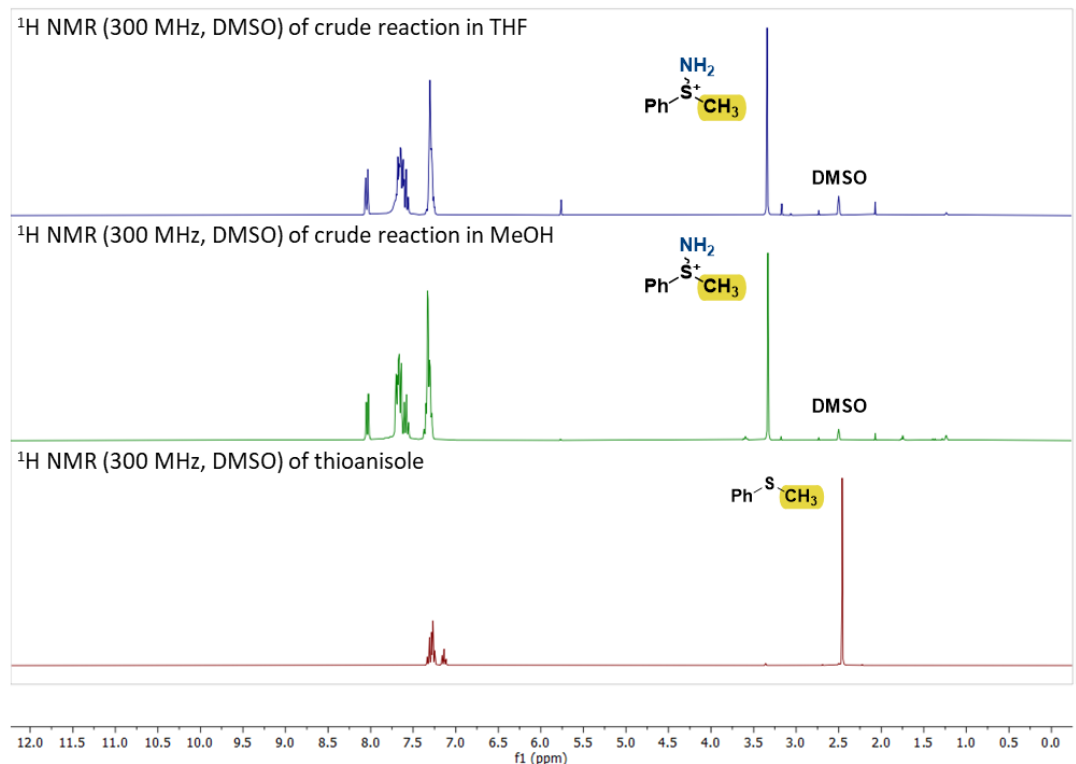
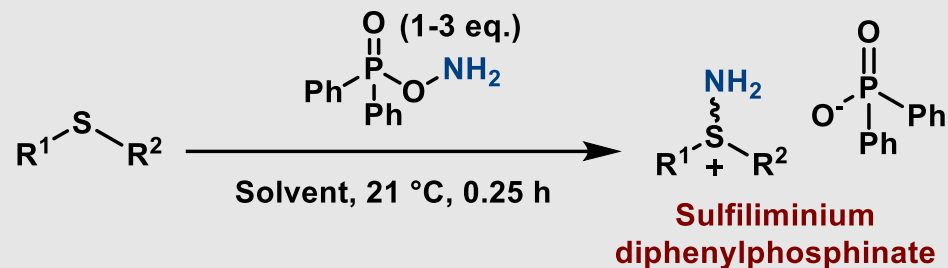
Synthetic routes to Sulfoximines and Sulfondiimines



- Activated hydroxyl amine
- Powerful electrophilic aminating agent
- Unexplored in S-imation
- Bench-stable reagent
- Commercial availability and convenient synthesis

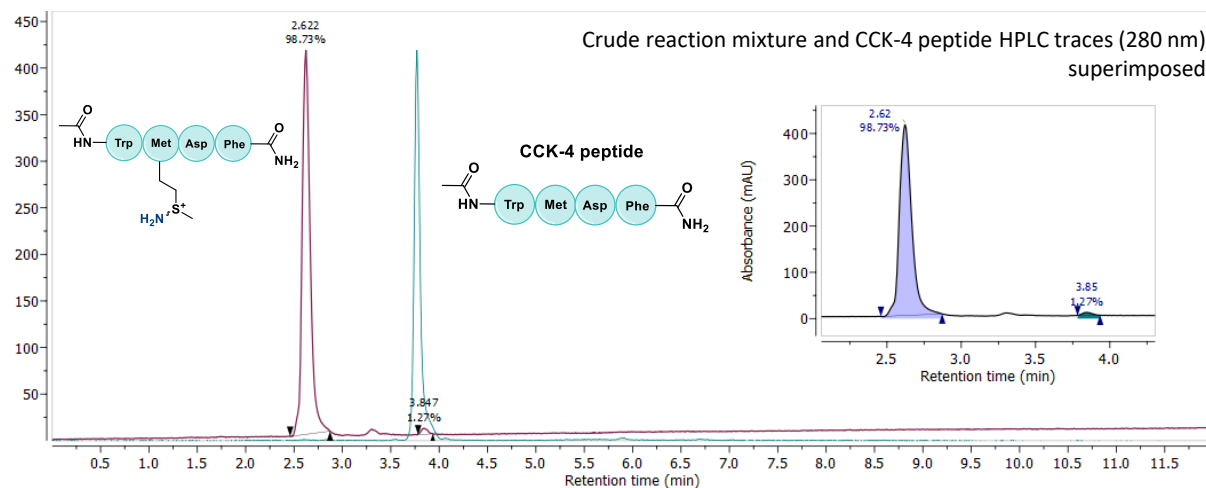
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DPPH as an Excellent Iminating Agent to access Sulfiliminium Salts

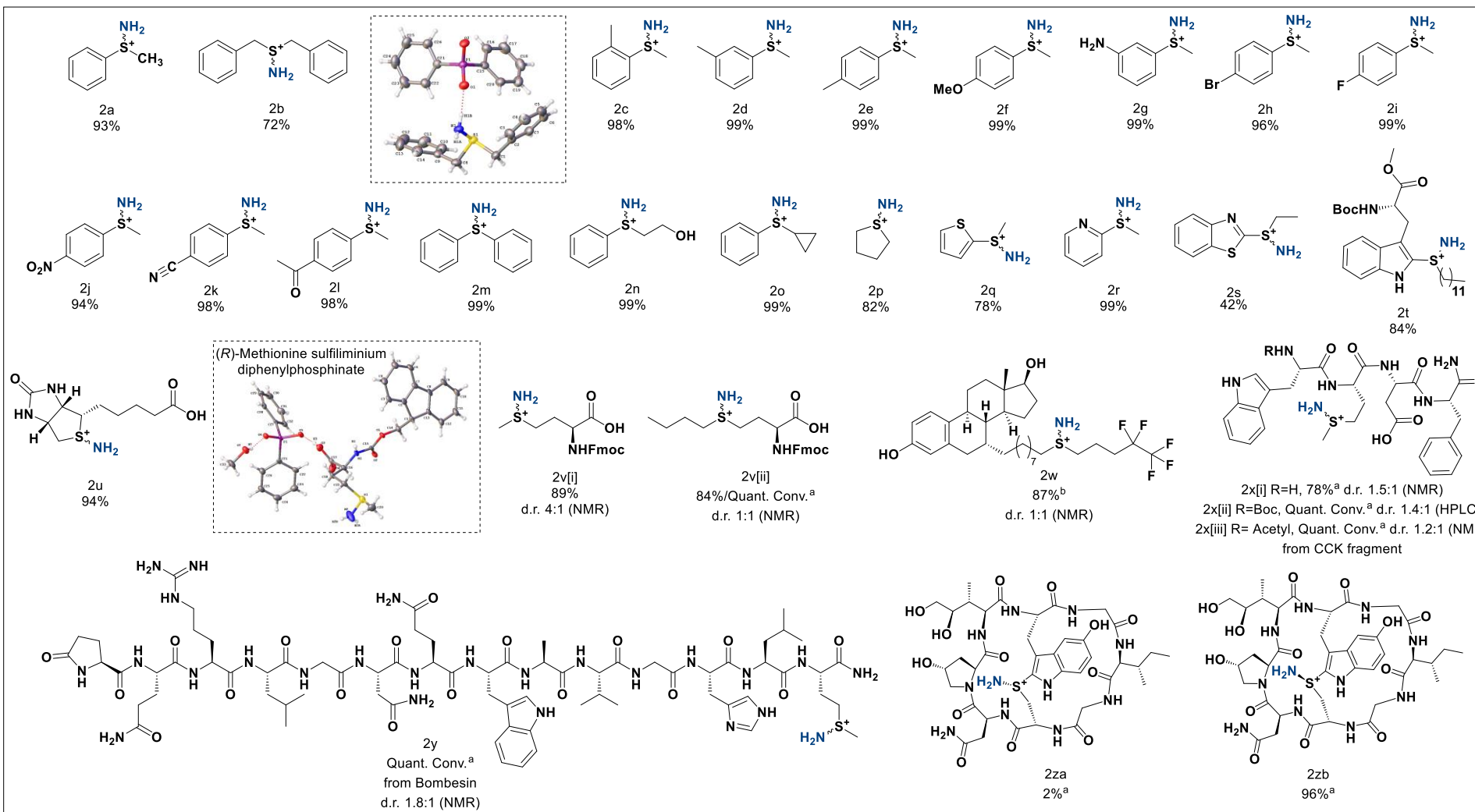
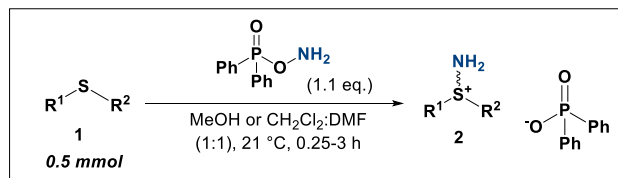


Entry	Substrate	Solvent	Conversion to Sulfiliminium salt [%] ^[a]
1	Thioanisole	MeOH	Quantitative
2	Thioanisole	CH ₂ Cl ₂	Quantitative
3	Thioanisole	THF	Quantitative
4	Thioanisole	MeCN-d ³	89
5	Thioanisole	DMF	Quantitative
6	Thioanisole	DMSO-d ⁶	20
7	CCK-4 Peptide	H ₂ O	99

[a] % Conversion determined using ¹H-NMR spectral analysis of crude reaction mixtures and HPLC analysis (at 280 nm) of the crude reaction mixture.



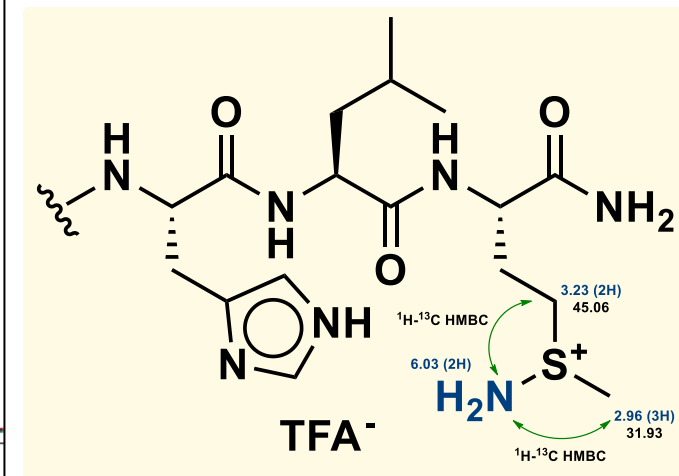
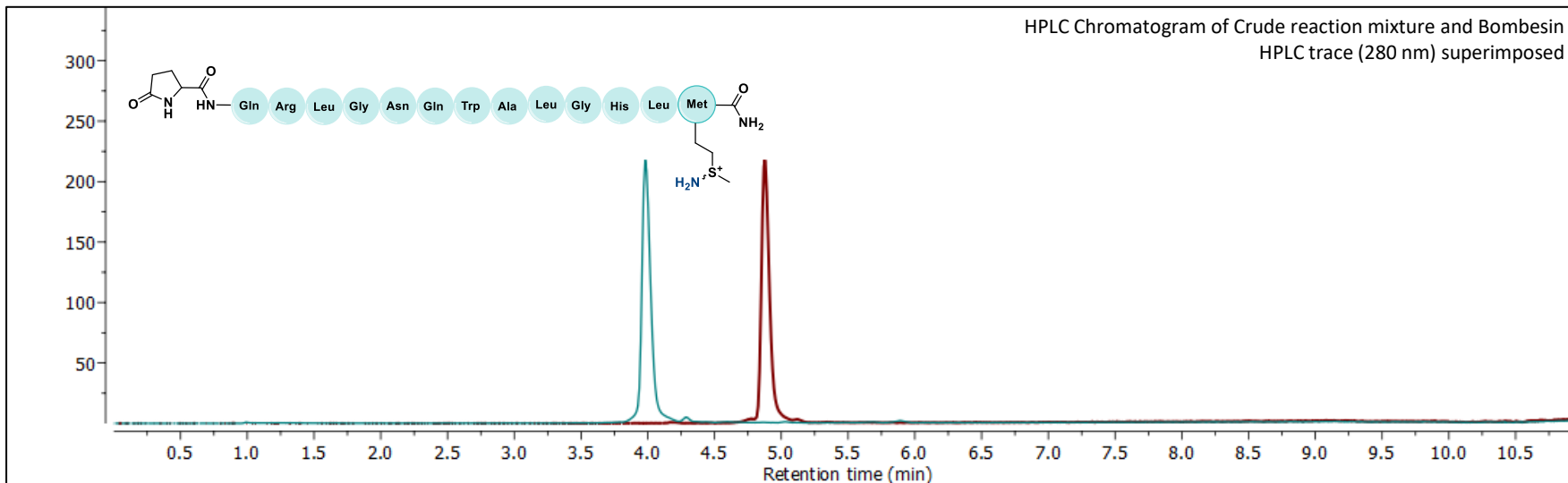
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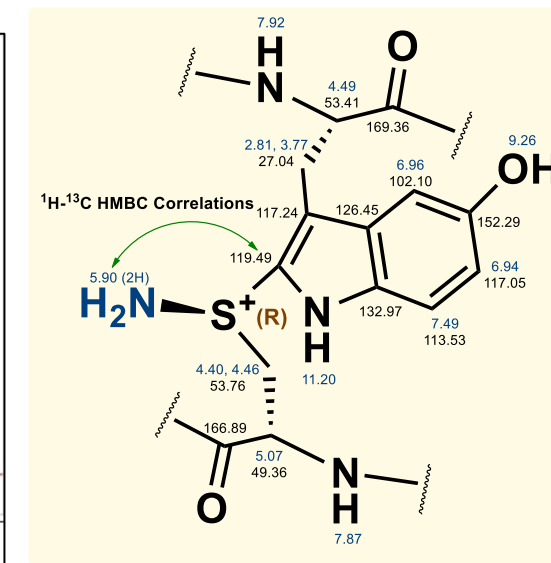
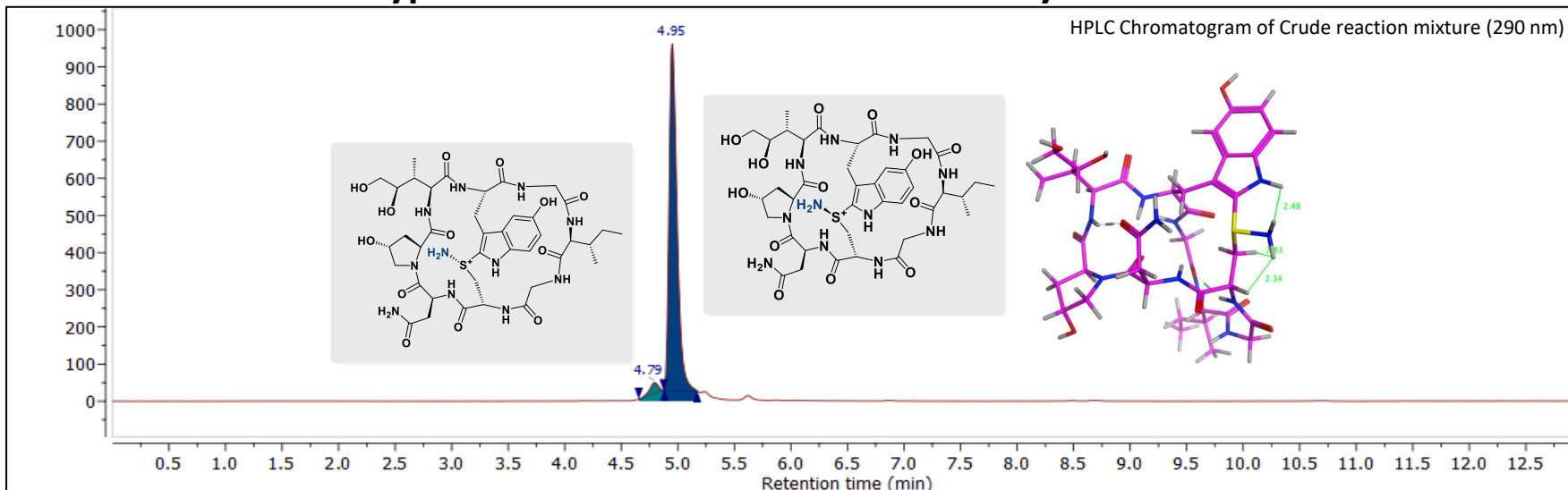
Isolated yields reported for cpds 2a-2w; [a] % conversion determined from reverse-phase HPLC; reactions run in MeOH for cpds 2a-2w, in CH₂Cl₂:DMF (1:1) for cpds 2x-2z

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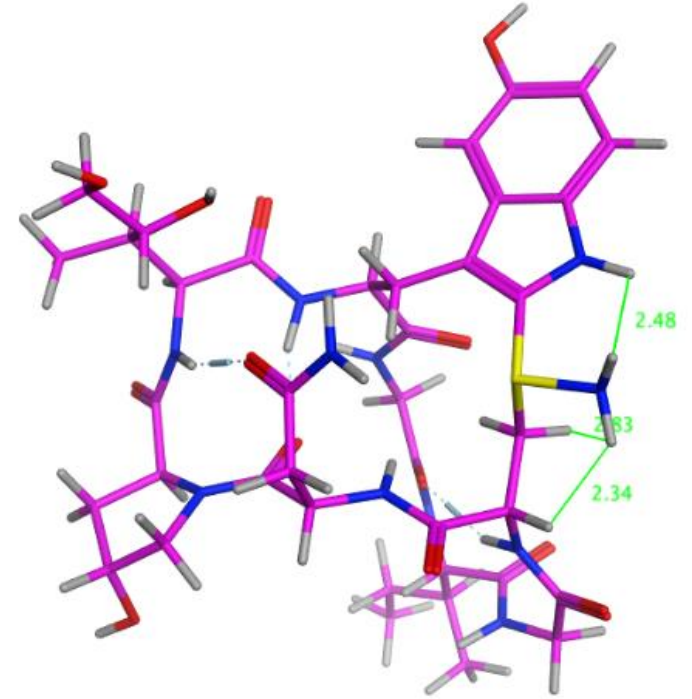
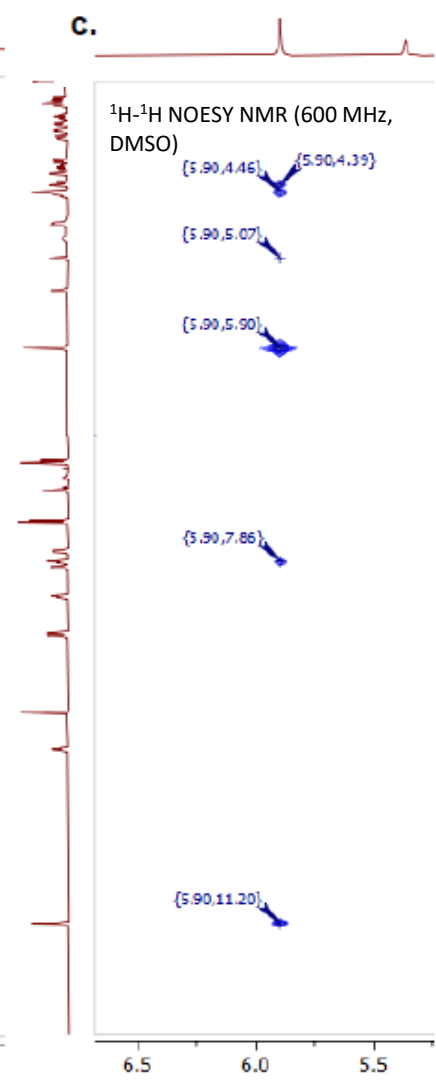
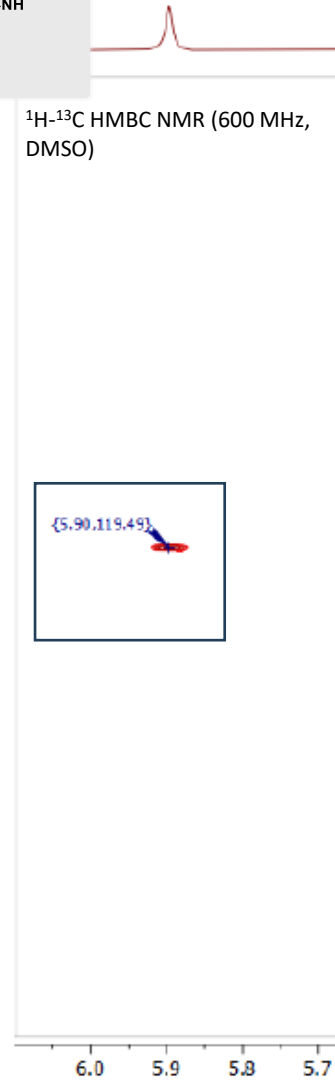
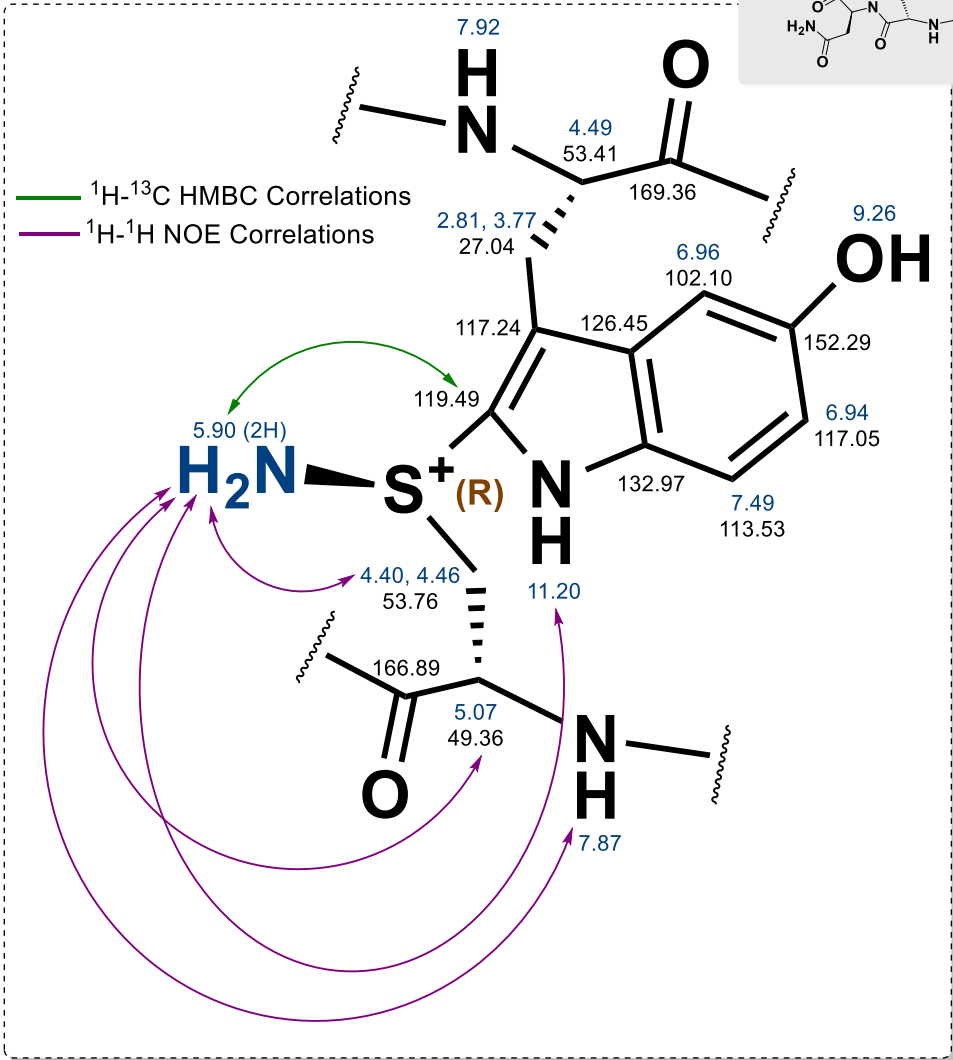
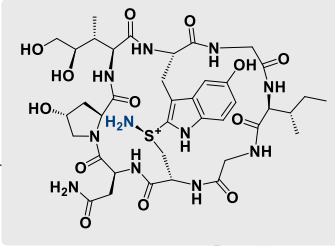
Chemoselective Methionine sulfimination of Bombesin



Chemoselective Tryptathionine sulfimination of S-deoxy amanitin

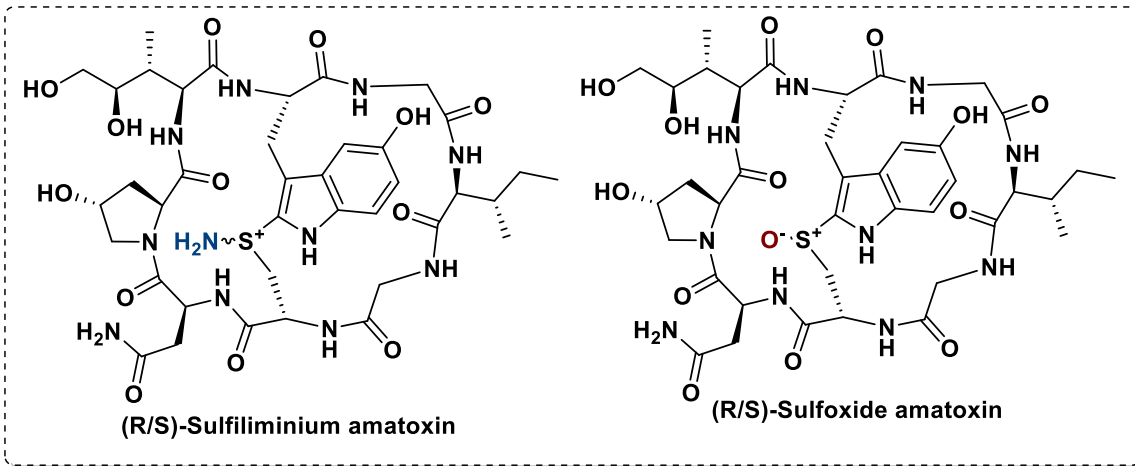


Stereochemical assignment of 5-OH Ama Sulfiliminium salt (Major diastereomer)

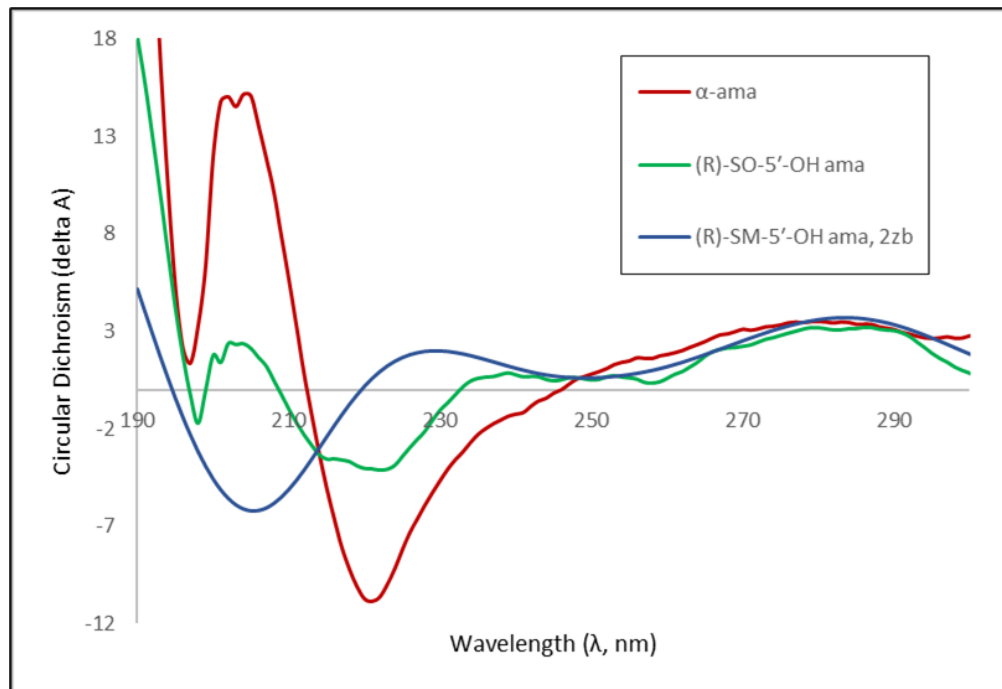
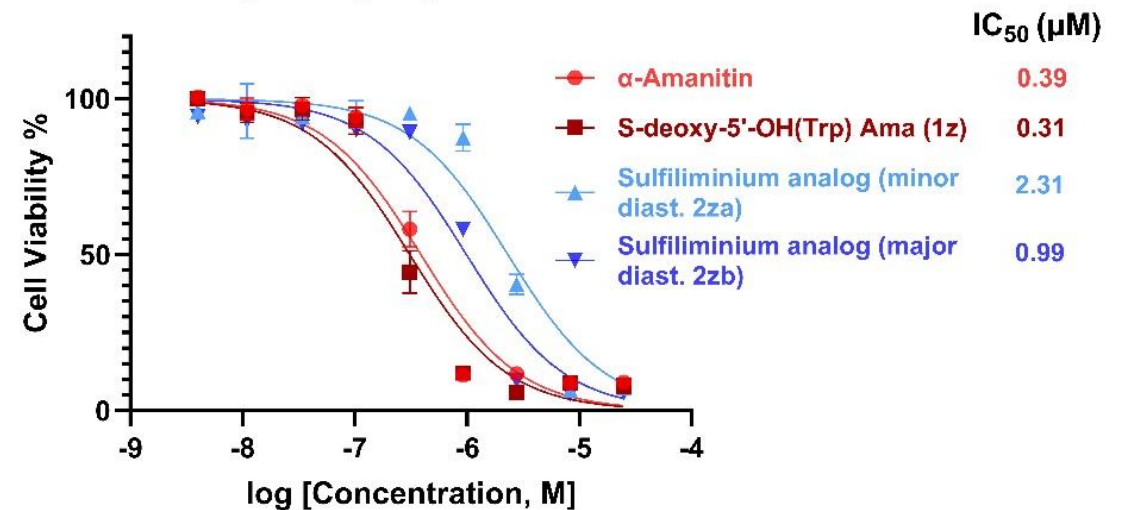


- Energy minimized model for (R)-sulfiliminium analogue of 5'-OH(Trp) Amanitin constructed using molecular operating environment (MOE) program
- Highlighted in green lines are inter-Hydrogen distances (10⁻¹⁰ m)

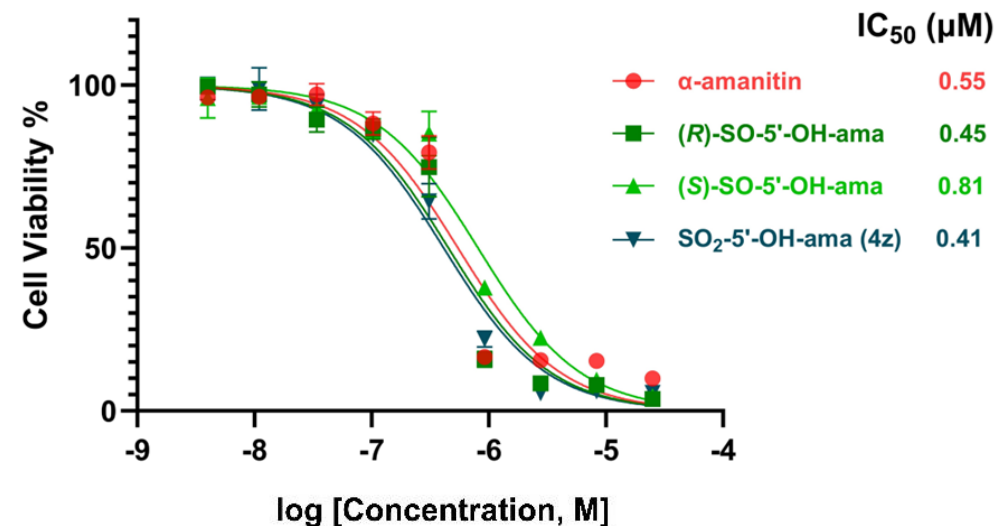
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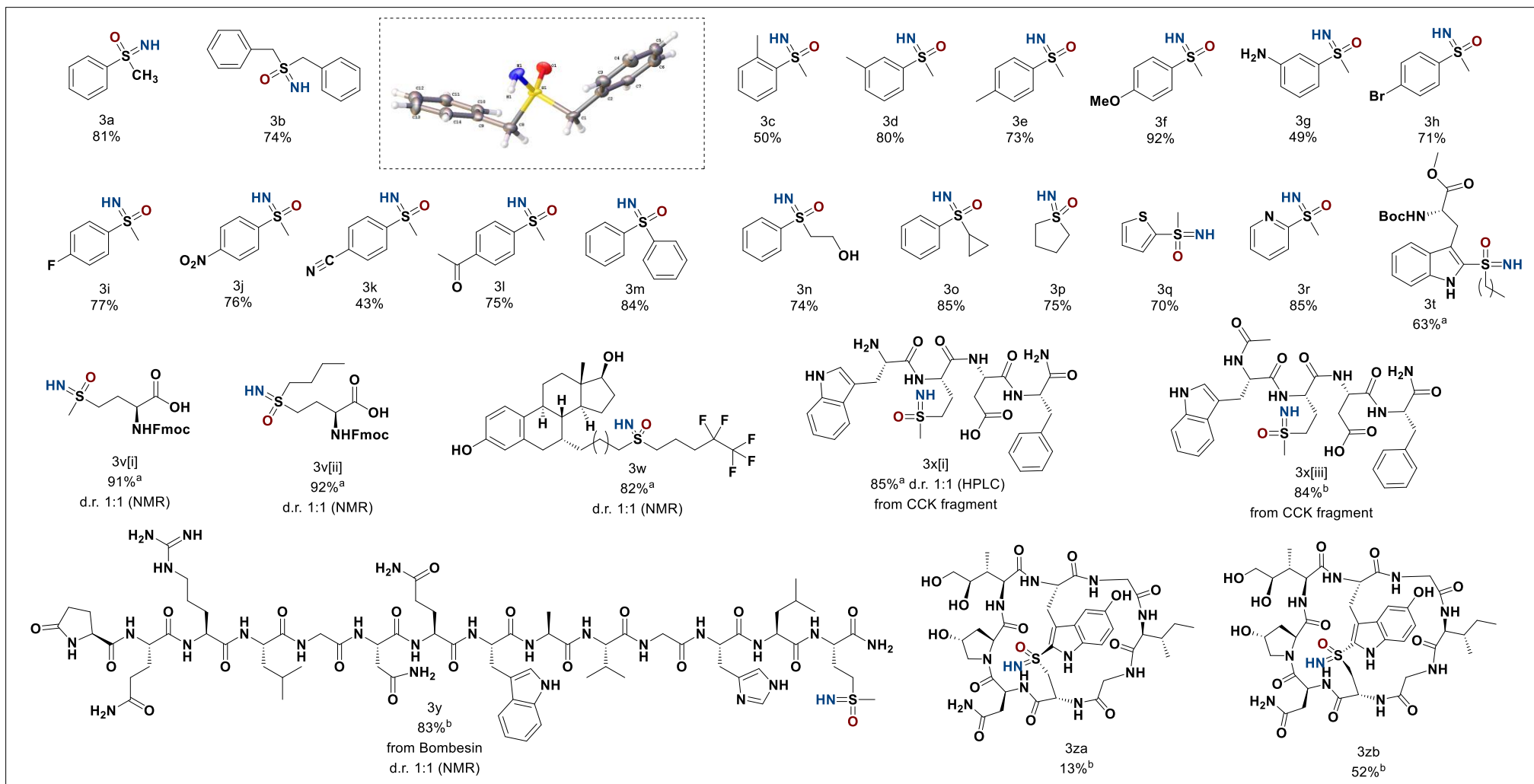
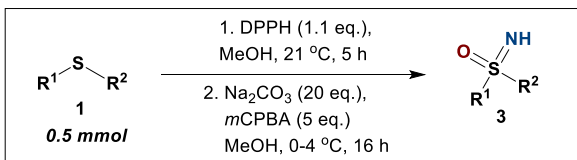
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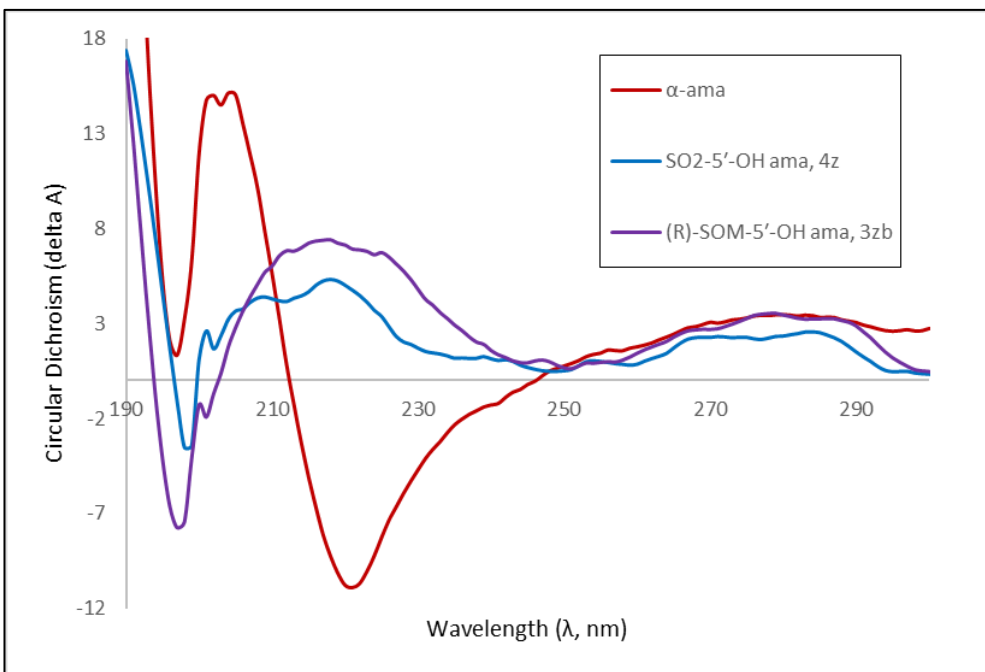
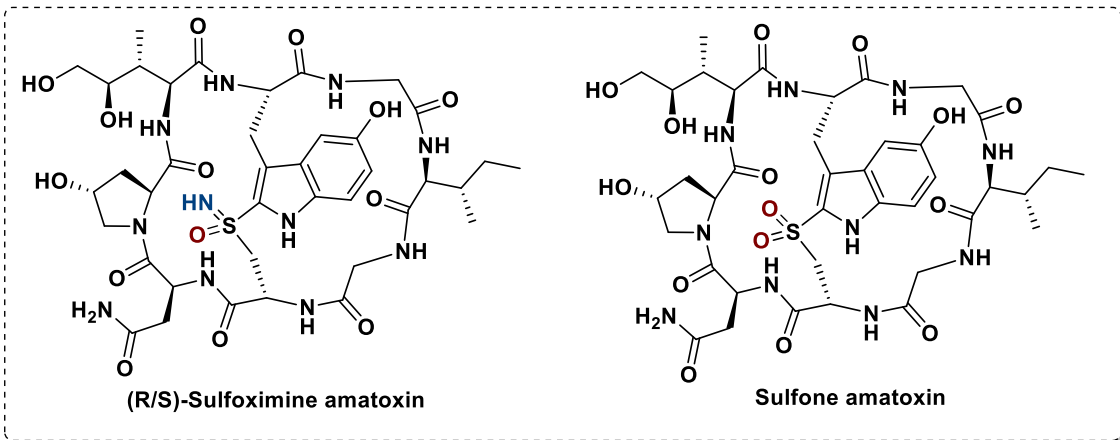


DPPH mediated access to free-NH⁷ Sulfoximines

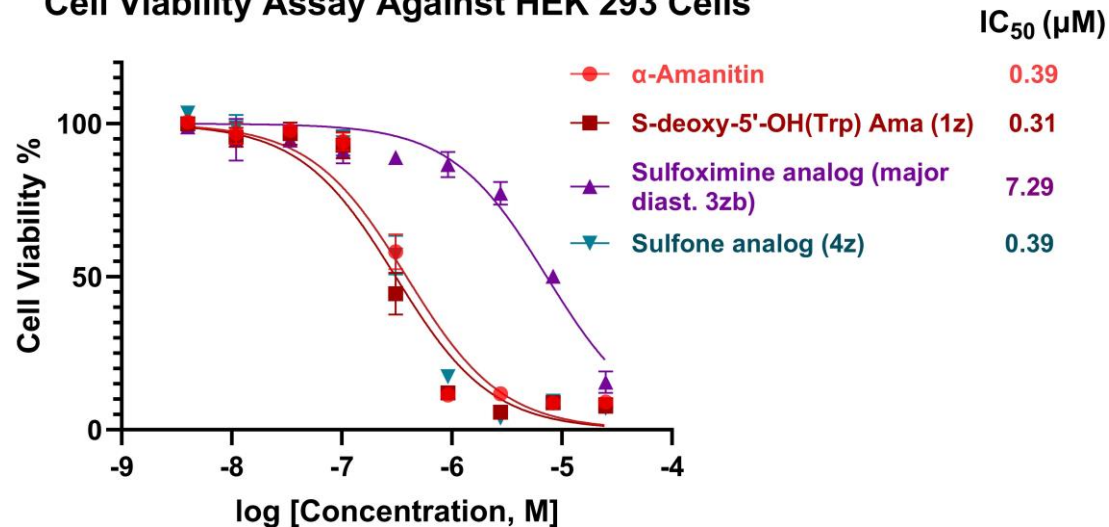


Isolated yields reported for cpds 3a-3r and 3w; [a] % conversion determined from reverse-phase HPLC; [b] one-pot imination and then oxidation method in which the imination solvent was removed by evaporation or lyophilization followed by oxidation in the presence of Na₂CO₃

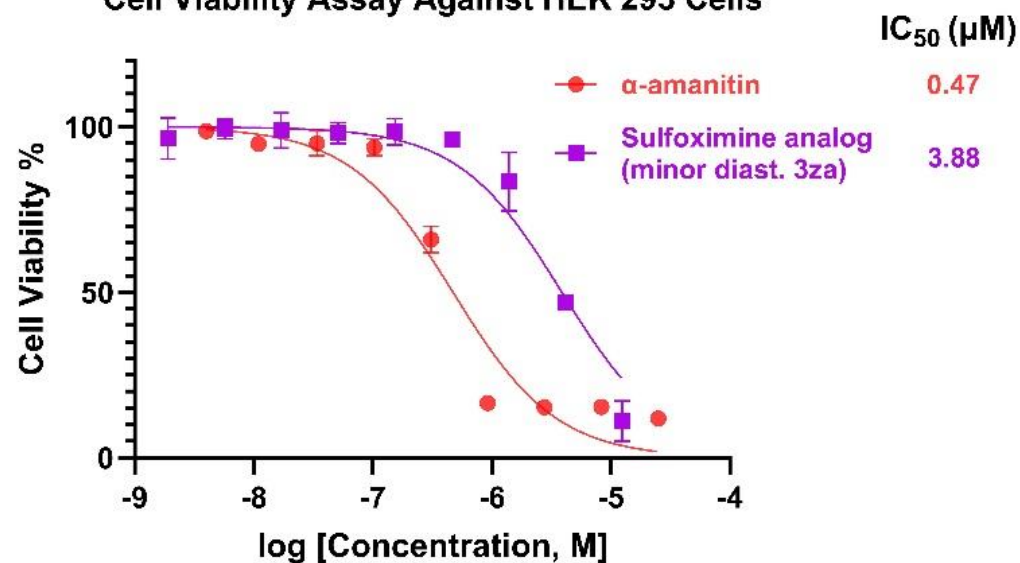
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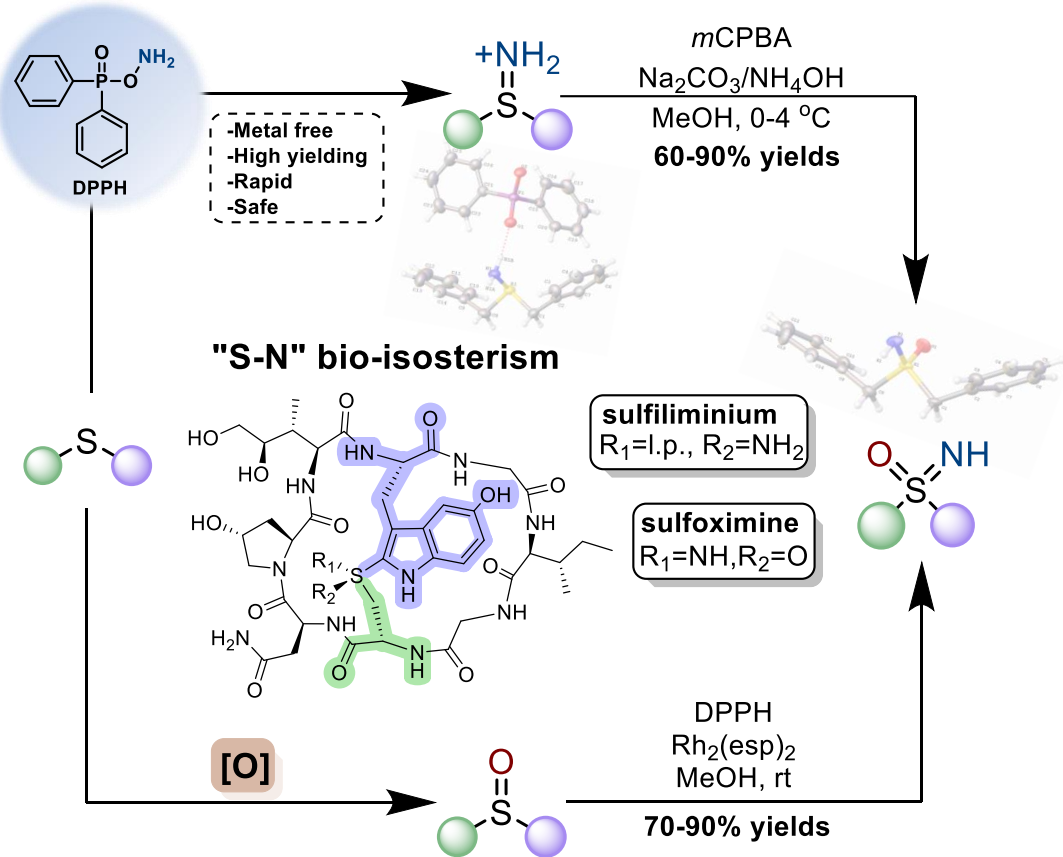
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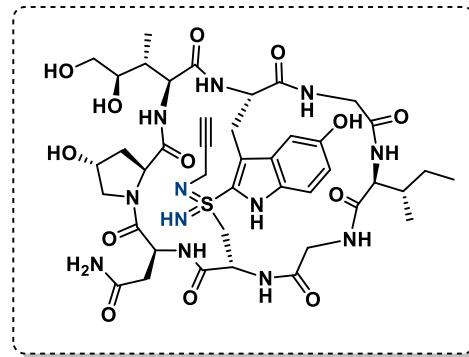
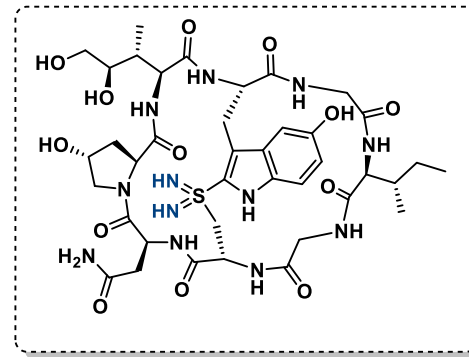
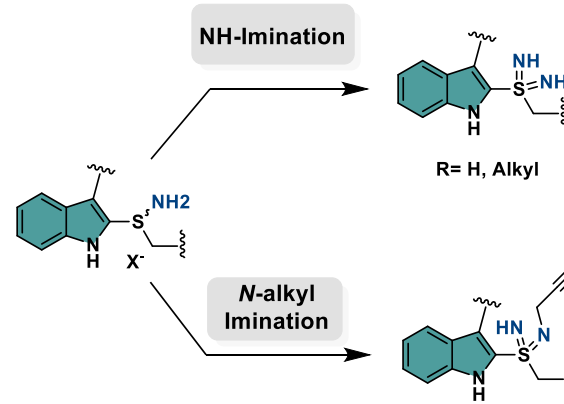
Conclusions and Future Directions



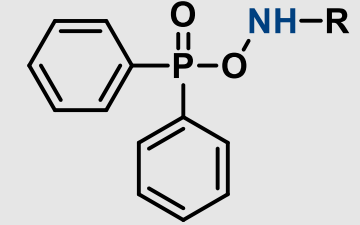
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- DPPH serves as a safe, bench-stable, highly efficient iminating agent for facile and biomolecule compatible sulfimination and sulfoximation

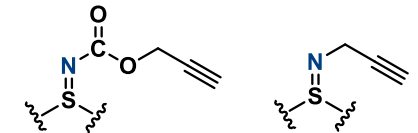
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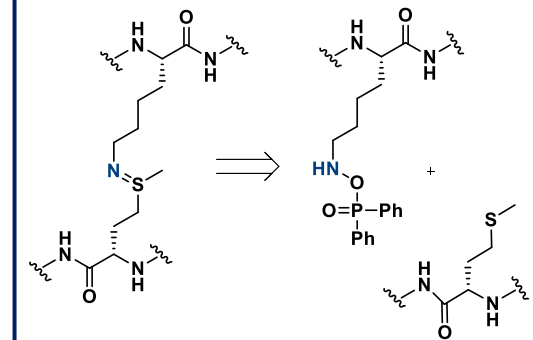
N-substituted Sulfilimines



(N-substituted DPPH derivatives)



Sulfilimines with clickable handles



Sulfilimine peptide cross-links

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