

Supporting Information for

Instructed Assembly of Peptides for Intracellular Enzyme Sequestration

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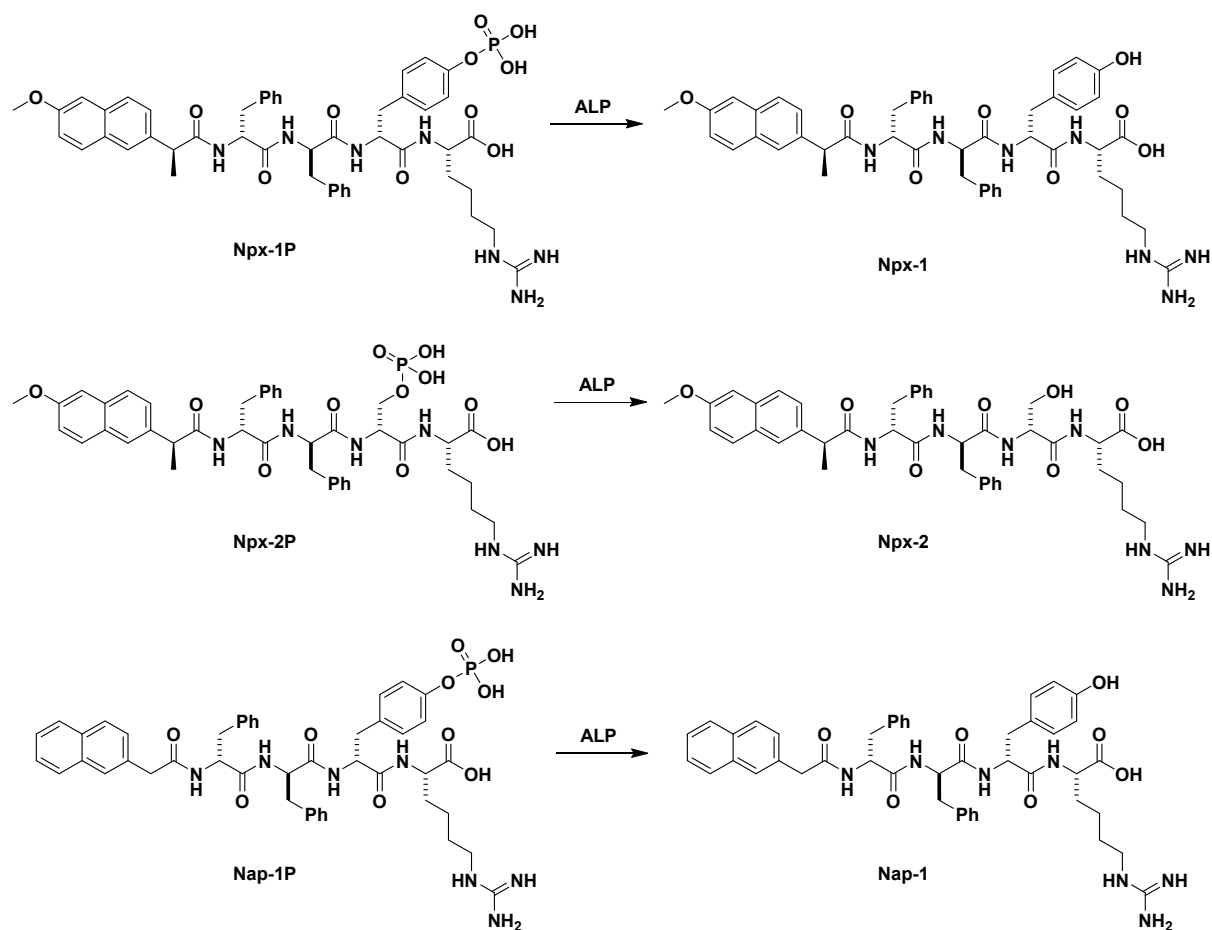
S1. Materials and instruments

2-Cl-trityl chloride resin (1.0-1.2 mmol/g), HBTU, Fmoc-OSu, and other Fmoc-amino acids were purchased from GL Biochem (Shanghai, China). Other chemical reagents and solvents were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Alkaline phosphatase was purchased from Biomatik (Cat. No. A1130, Alkaline Phosphatase [ALP], > 1300 U/mg, in 50% Glycerol.), McCoy's 5A Medium, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM), fetal bovine serum (FBS) and Penicillin-Streptomycin from Gibco by Life Technologies. All precursors were purified with Agilent 1100 Series Liquid Chromatograph system, equipped with an XTerra C18 RP column and Variable Wavelength Detector. The LC-MS spectra were obtained with a Waters Acuity Ultra Performance LC with Waters MICROMASS detector, and ¹H-NMR spectra on Varian Unity Inova 400. CLSM images were obtained using Zeiss LSM 880 confocal microscopy at the lens of 63× with oil. The lasers used are 405, 488 and 633 nm.

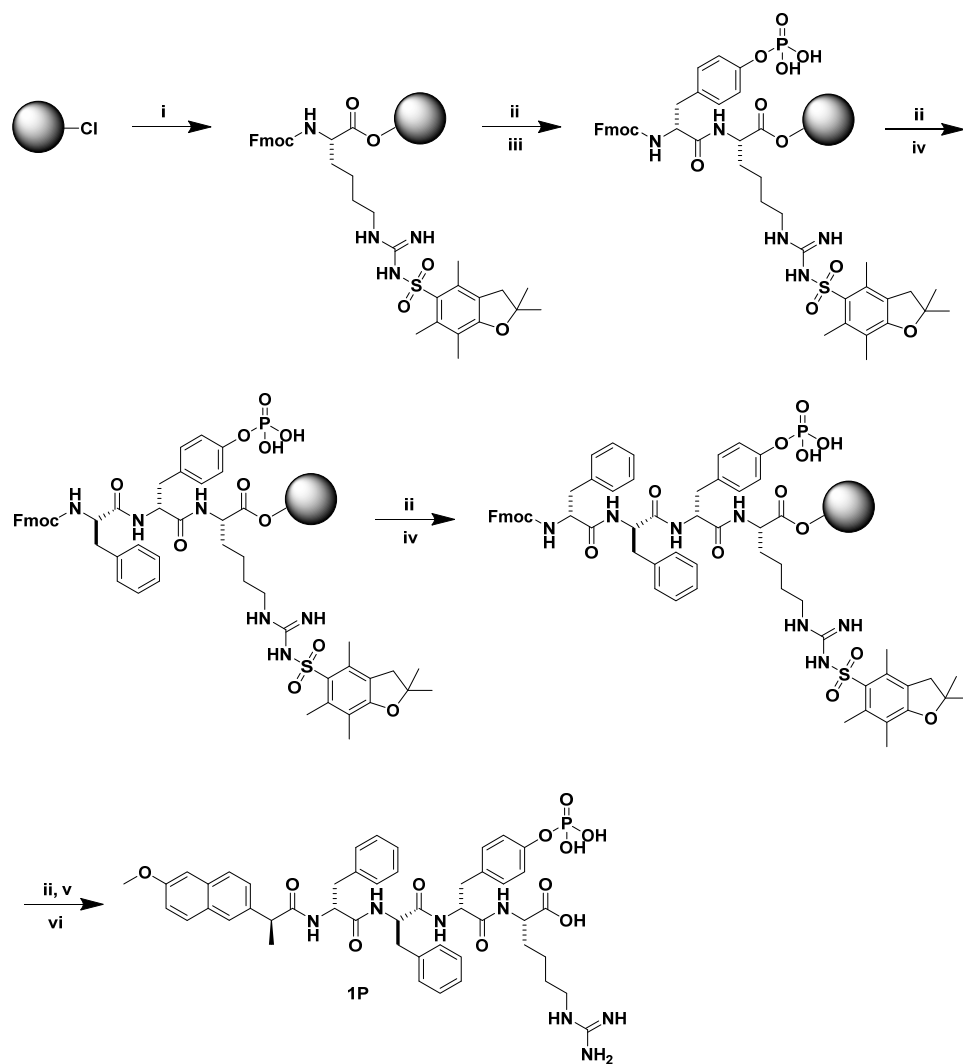
S2. Synthesis and characterization of the precursors

We synthesized Fmoc-Tyr(PO₃H₂)-OH and Fmoc-Ser(PO₃H₂)-OH based on previous work for directly use in solid phase peptide synthesis (SPPS). **Npx-1P**, **Npx-2P**, **Nap-1P** and **Npx-1** (Scheme S1) were synthesized based on reported protocols using SPPS.¹ Scheme S2 shows the synthetic route of **Npx-1P**. The synthetic route of other compounds are the same with **Npx-1P**. All compounds were purified by reverse phase HPLC using HPLC grade acetonitrile and water with

supplement of 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid as the eluents.



Scheme S1. Molecular structures of EISA precursors **Npx-1P**, **Npx-2P**, **Nap-1P** and their corresponding dephosphorylation products **Npx-1**, **Npx-2**, **Nap-1**.



i) Fmoc-HomoArg(Pbf)-OH, DIEA; ii) 20% piperidine; iii) Fmoc-D-Tyr(PO₃H₂)-OH, HBTU, DIEA; iv) Fmoc-D-Phe-OH, HBTU, DIEA; v) Naproxen, HBTU, DIEA; vi) 95%TFA, 2.5% H₂O, 2.5% TIS.

Scheme S2. Synthesis route of **Npx-1P**.

LC-MS (ESI):

Npx-1P (m/z): C₄₈H₅₆N₇O₁₁P, calc. 937.38; observed [M-H]⁻ 936.50.

Npx-1 (m/z): C₄₈H₅₅N₇O₈, calc. 857.41; observed [M-H]⁻ 856.53.

Npx-2P (m/z): C₄₂H₅₂N₇O₁₁P, calc. 861.35; observed [M-H]⁻ 860.43.

Nap-1P (m/z): C₄₆H₅₂N₇O₁₀P, calc. 893.35; observed [M-H]⁻ 892.25.

S3. Sol-gel transition

Npx-1P solutions, from the concentration of 100 to 800 μM , were prepared in pH 7.4 PBS buffer.

After adding 1 U/mL ALP for 24 hours, the sol-gel transition was tested.

S4. CMC measurements

A series of **Npx-1P**/**Npx-1** solutions, from the concentration of 1 μM to 1 mM, were prepared in pH 7.4 PBS buffer. After incubating with Rhodamine 6G (5 μM), we measured the absorbance of above solutions from 520 to 540 nm using a Biotek Synergy 4 hybrid multi-mode microplate reader and determined the λ_{max} for the plotting.

S5. TEM sample preparation

After glowing discharge the 400 mesh copper grids coated with continuous thick carbon film, we placed placing 5 μL samples on the grid, then stained the grid with uranyl acetate and allow to dry in air. TEM images were obtained with Morgagni 268 transmission electron microscope. Specifically, to prepare the TEM samples of nanofibers with proteins, we first added the ALP (1 U/mL) to 150 μL **Npx-1P** (200 μM) solution in pH 7.4 PBS buffer, then incubated 1 μM proteins (i.e., PTP1B, COX-2 or both PTP1B and COX-2) with the solutions for TEM images.

S6. Cell culture

Saos-2 and HS-5 cells were purchased from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, USA) and maintained at 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO_2 . Saos-2 cells were cultured in McCoy's

5A Medium supplemented with 15% (v/v) fetal bovine serum (FBS), 100 U/mL penicillin and 100 µg/mL streptomycin; HS-5 cells were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% (v/v) FBS, 100 U/mL penicillin and 100 µg/mL streptomycin.

S7. Pull-down assays

Solutions of **Npx-1P** (200 µM) were prepared in pH 7.4 PBS buffer. 5 µg COX-2 and PTP1B (purchased from abcam) were added and incubated with above solutions upon treating with 1 U/mL ALP for 1 h at room temperature then 4 h at 4 °C, followed by pelleting for 10 min at 12,000 × g at 4 °C. Pellets and supernatants were denatured in Laemmli sample buffer and fractionated by SDS/PAGE, followed by Coomassie staining.

S8. Immunofluorescence staining

Immunofluorescence staining was performed using antibodies from abcam and the protocols as following:

1. Seed Saos-2 cells at 1.5×10^5 cells in a 3.5 cm confocal dish for 24 hours to allow attachment.
2. Remove culture medium and incubate the cells with the precursors.
3. Remove the precursors and wash the cells three times with PBS buffer, then fix the cells with 4% formaldehyde for 10 minutes at room temperature.
4. Wash the cells for three times and block with PBS containing 10% goat serum, 0.3 M glycine, 1% BSA and 0.1% tween for 2h at room temperature.
5. Stain the treated cells with 5 µg/ml primary antibodies (Rabbit polyclonal to COX2 or Mouse monoclonal to PTP1B) overnight at 4°C in PBS containing 1% BSA and 0.1% tween.

6. Incubate the cells with the 2 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ secondary antibody (Alexa Fluor® 647 goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) or Alexa Fluor® 488 goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L)) for 1 h.
7. Stain the cell nucleus with Hoechst 33342 and image the cells with Zeiss LSM 880 confocal microscopy at the lens of 63 \times with oil.

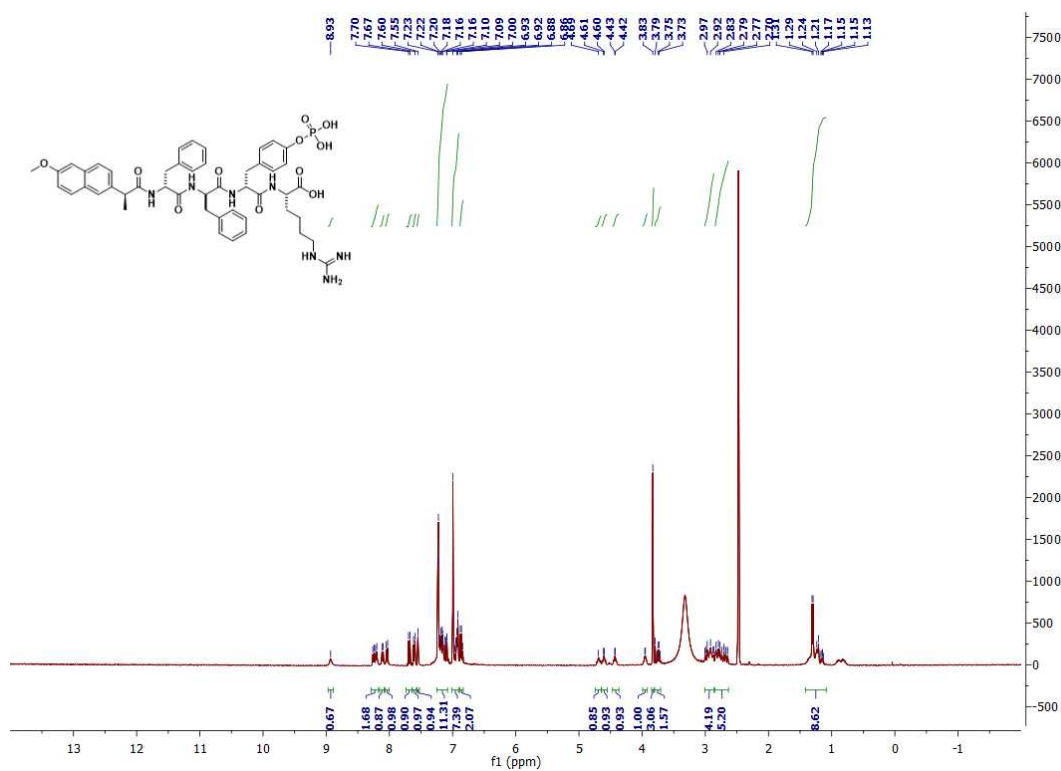


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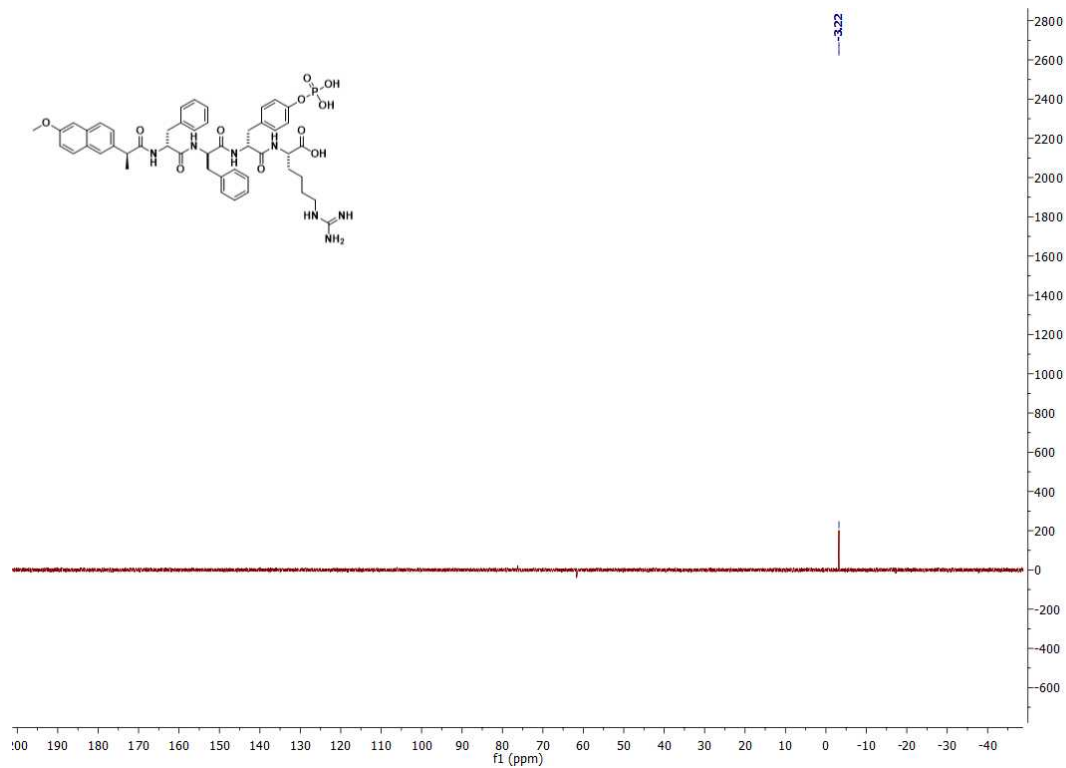


Figure S2. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of **Npx-1P** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

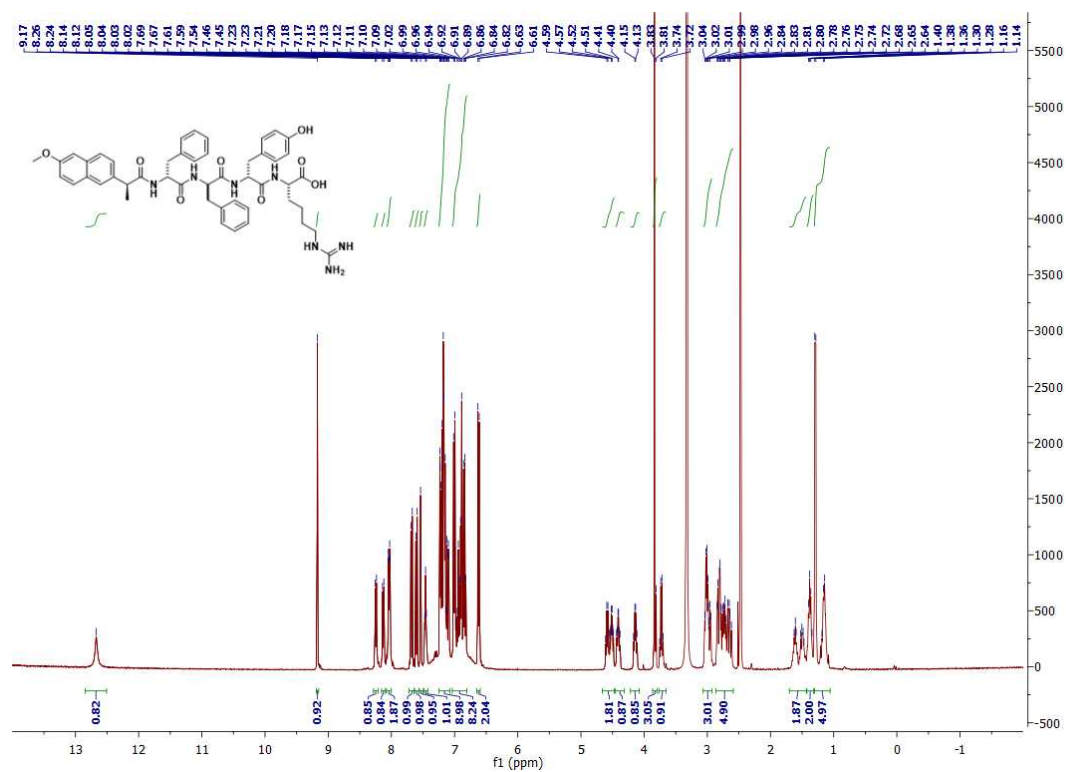


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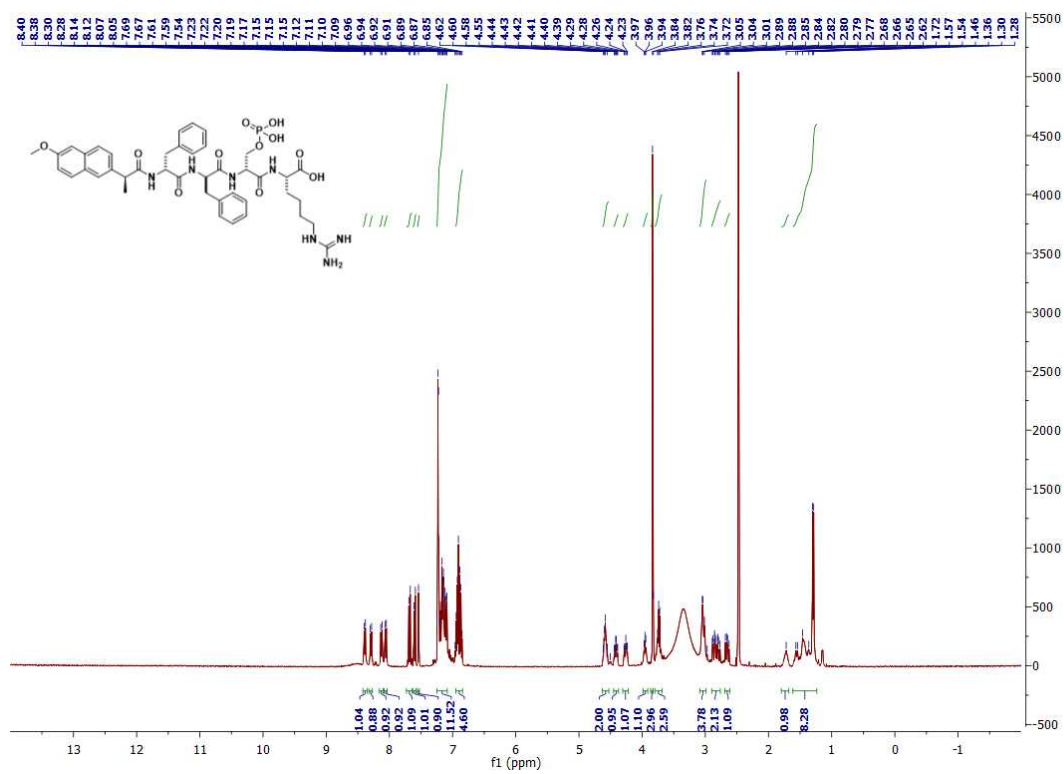


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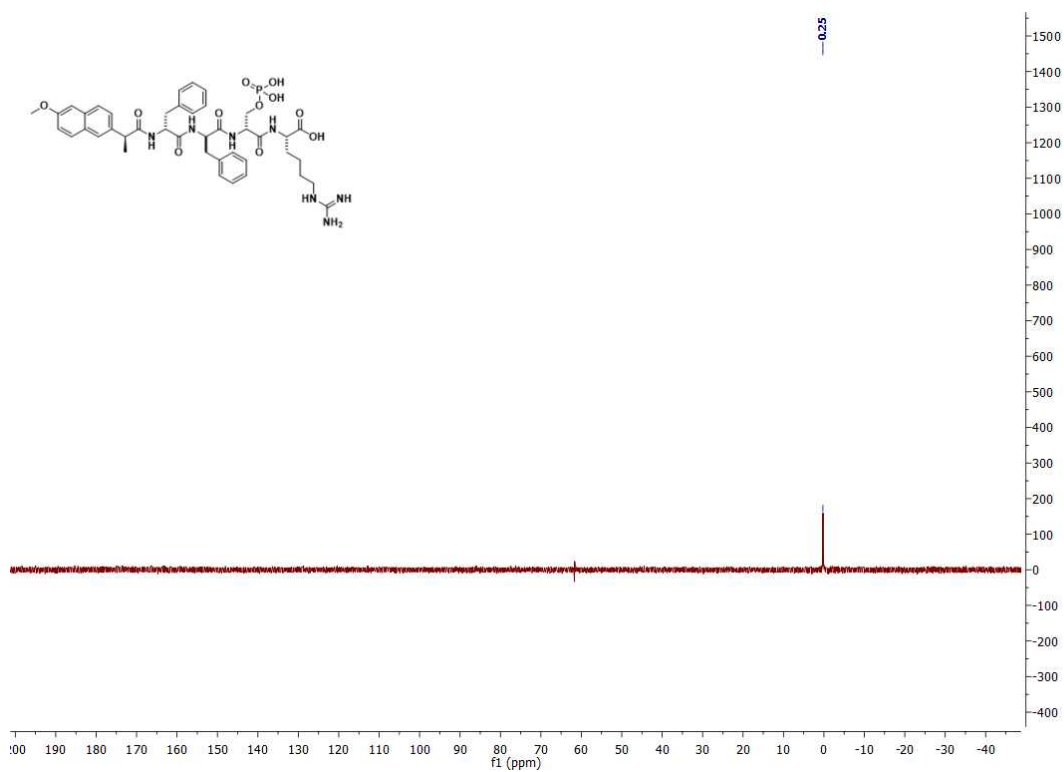


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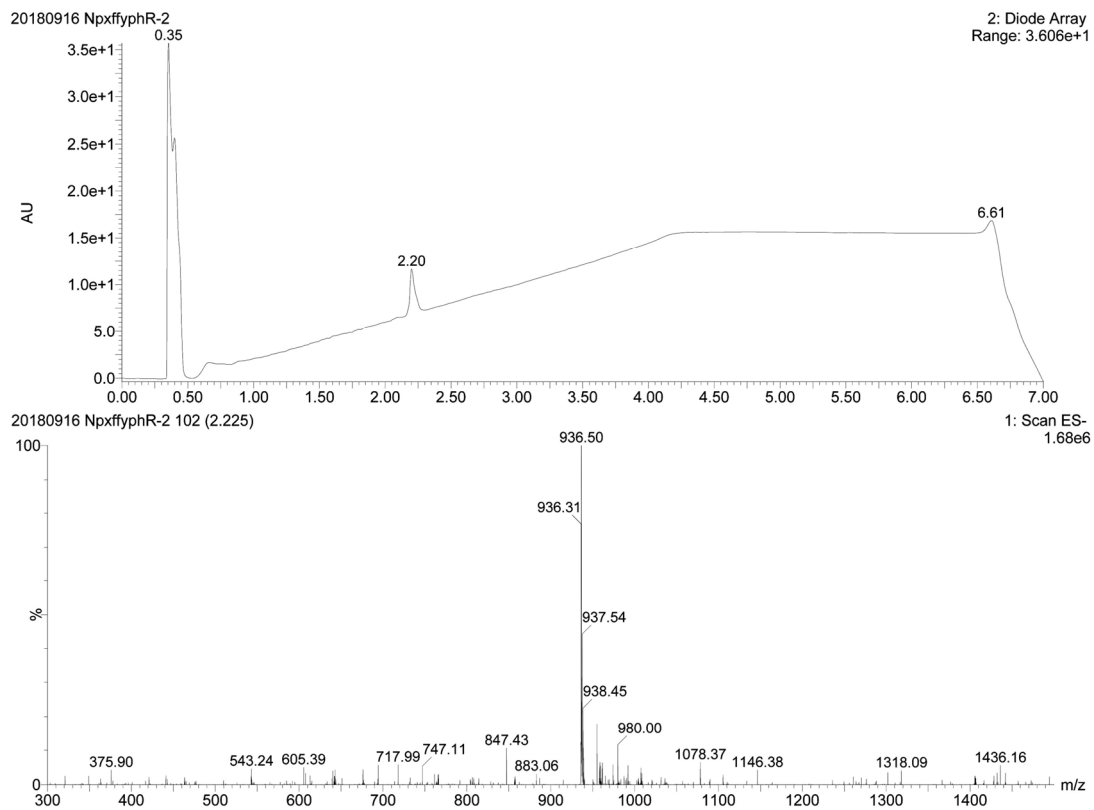


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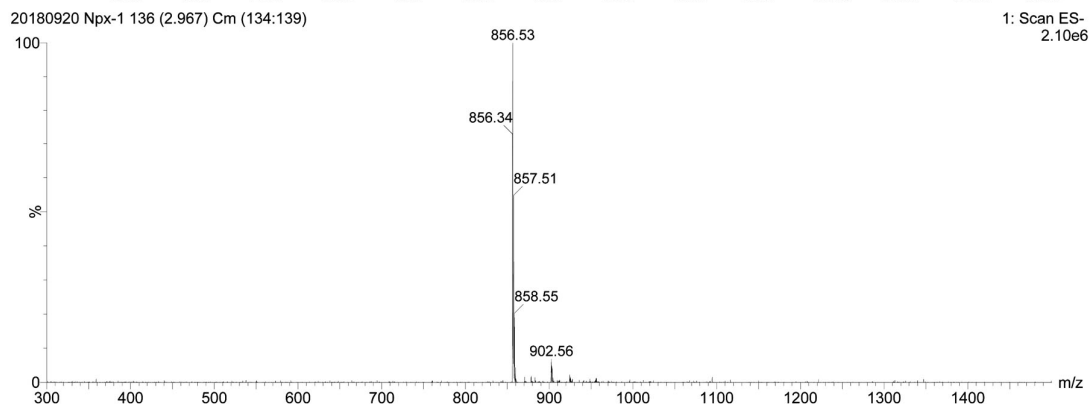
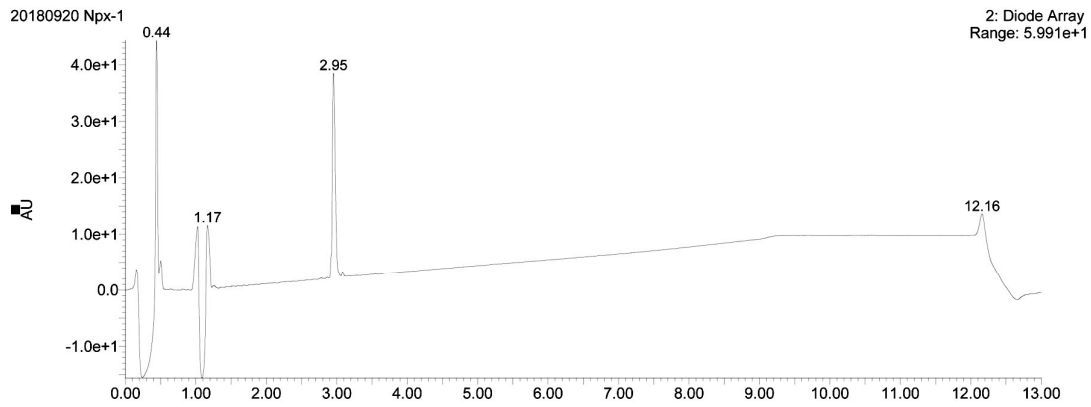


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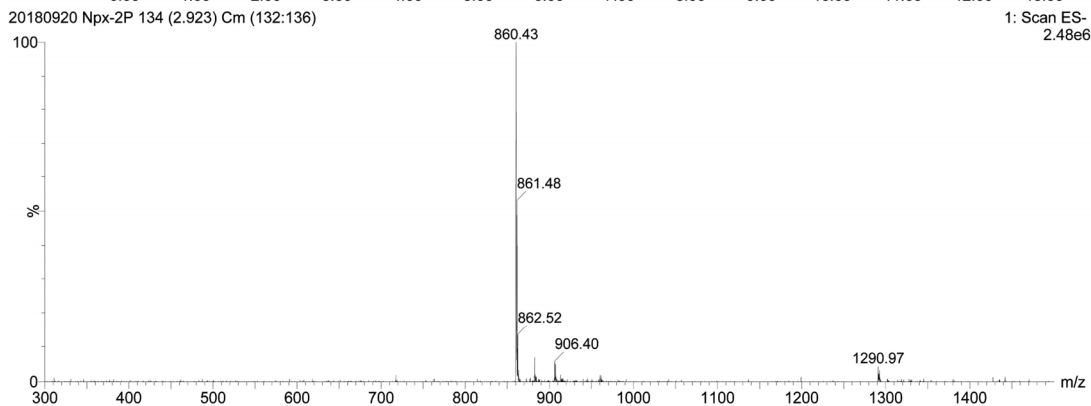
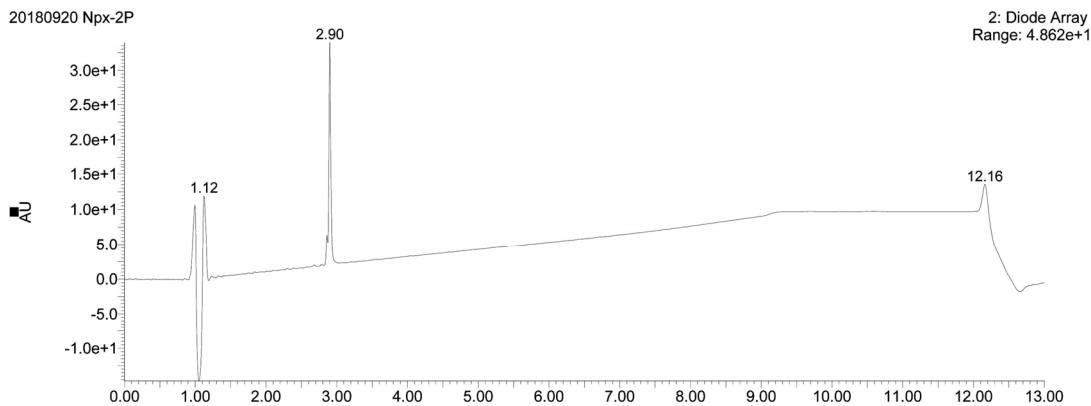


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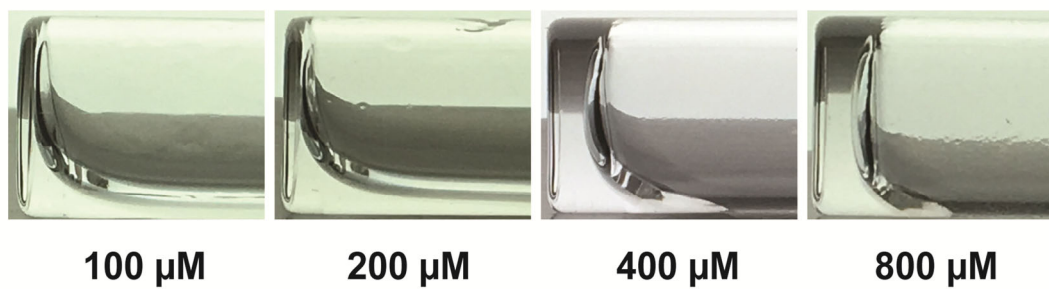


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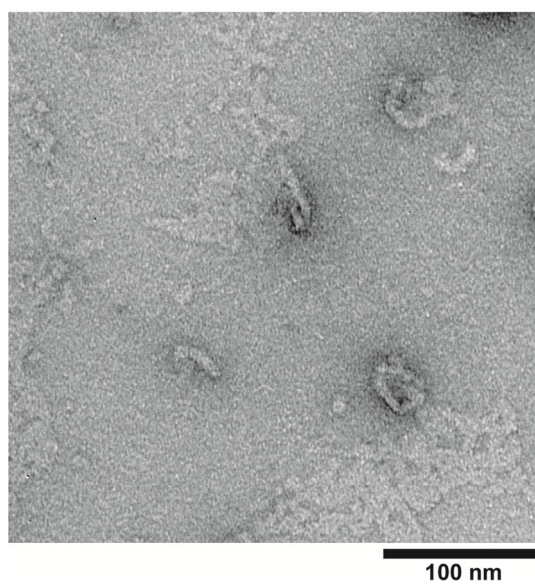


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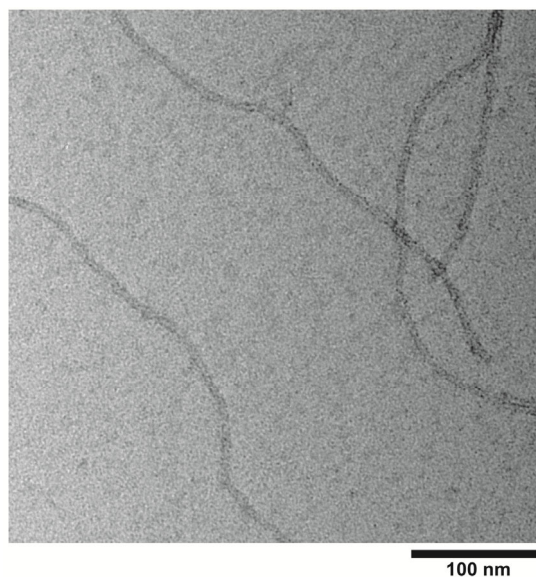


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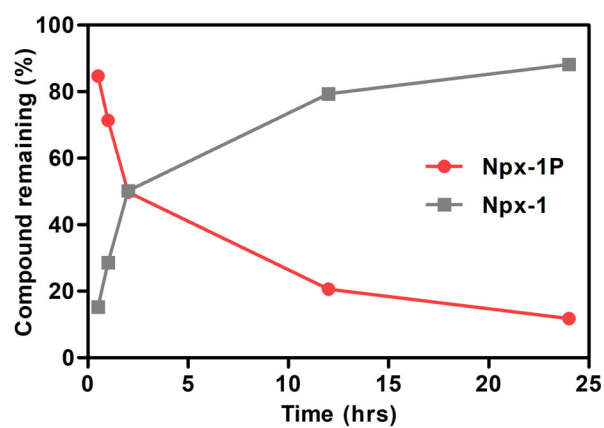


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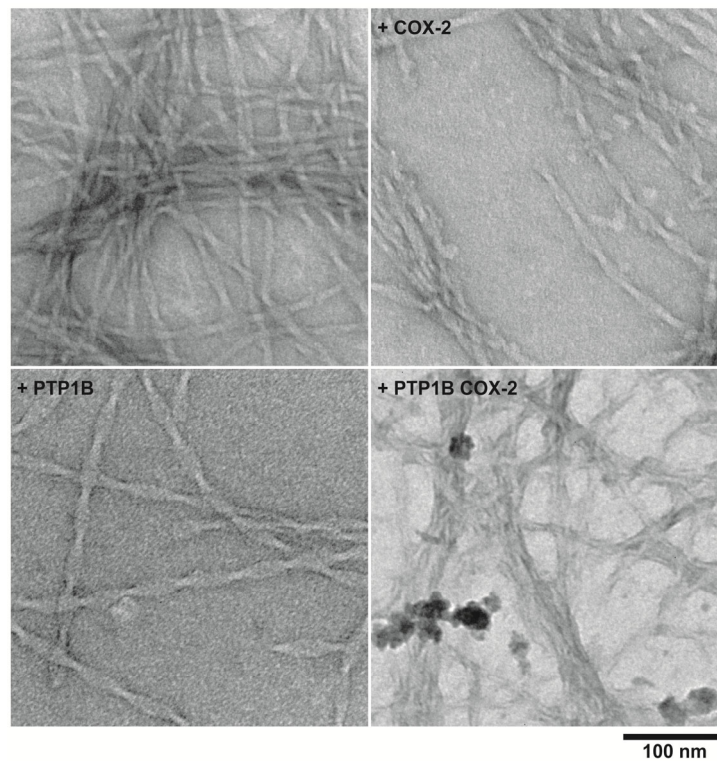


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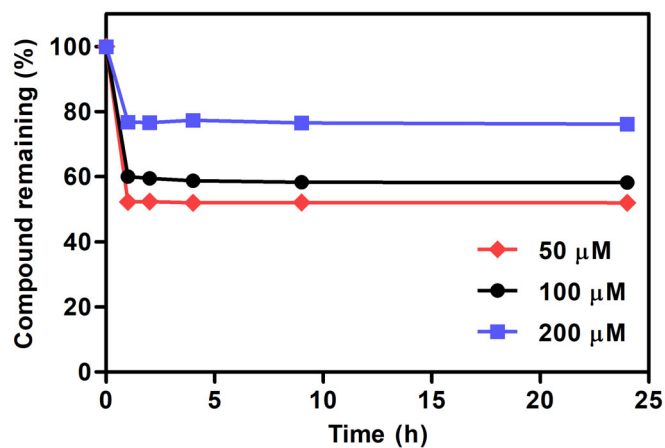


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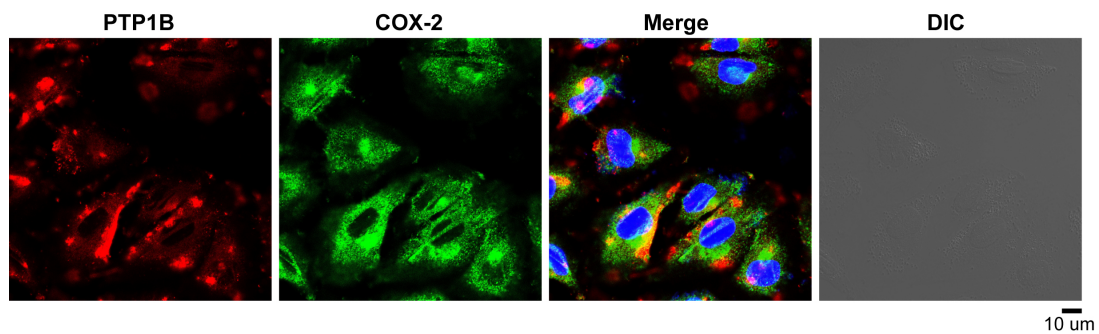


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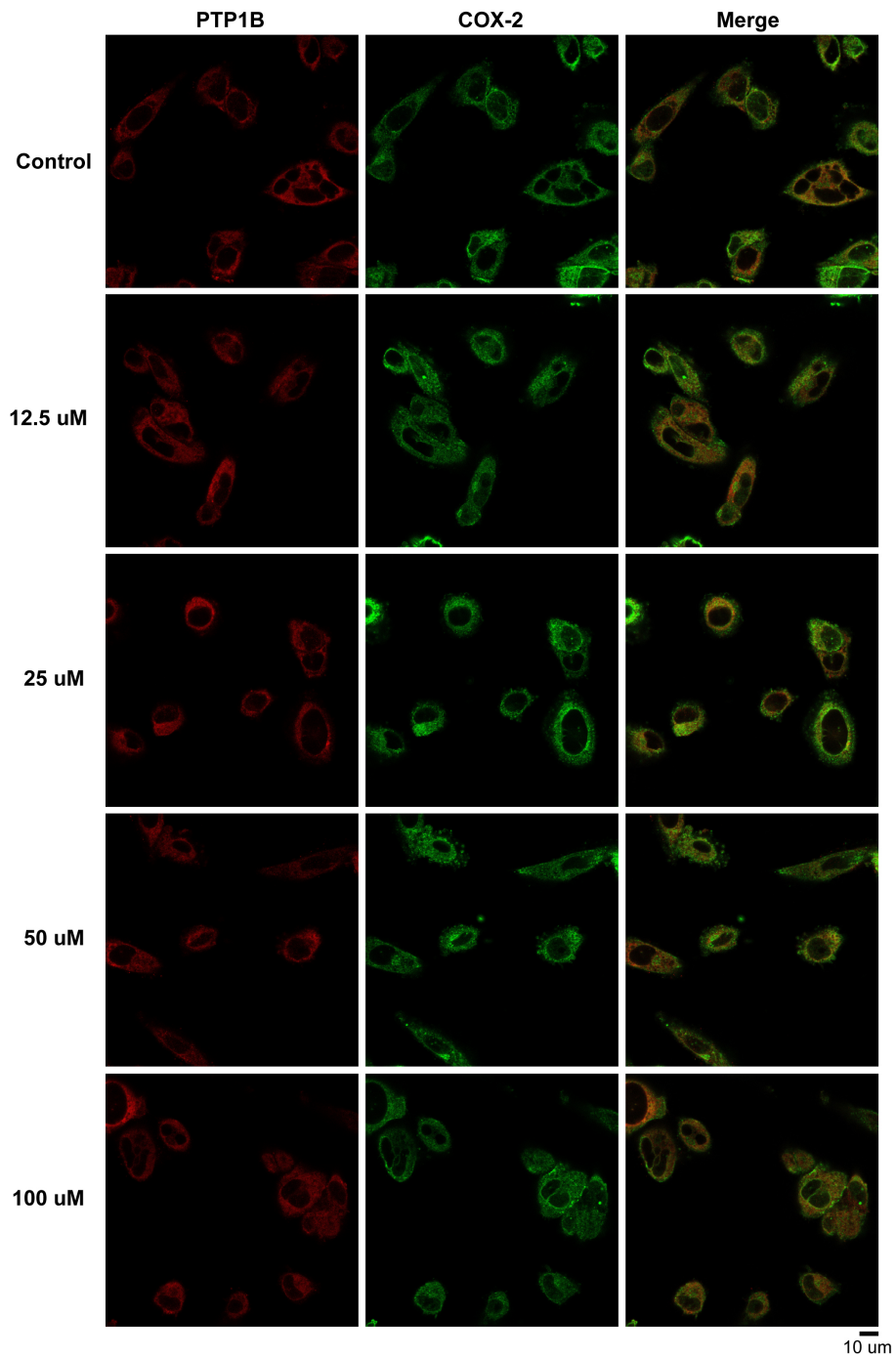


Figure S16. CLSM images of HS-5 cells treated with **Npx-1P** for 1 h and then stained with antibodies of PTP1B (red) and COX-2 (green).

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