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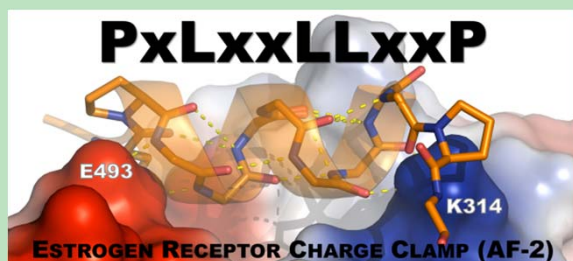


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(Supra)Molecular Modulation of Protein-Protein Interactions

Our group synthesizes novel molecules and supramolecular architectures and explores these for modulating protein-protein interactions. The nuclear receptor – cofactor interaction is the key protein protein interaction that transfers ligand induced changes in the nuclear receptor conformation to the transcriptional machinery. A molecular understanding of this process and its regulation is necessary to fully control and predict the effects of nuclear receptor targeting. With the Estrogen Receptors as examples, molecular strategies to elucidate this protein-protein interaction at the molecular level are discussed. Using synthesis and screening techniques, the importance of helix length control is brought forward as a key element in tuning and inhibiting the Estrogen Receptor – cofactor interaction and its functional effects.^[1]



Molecular elucidation of protein interactions

Supramolecular chemistry has primarily found its inspiration in biomolecules and their interactions. Synthetic host-guest systems are applied for the controlled and reversible dimerization and immobilization of proteins.^[2] Specifically, cucurbituril based systems are being used to recognize specific protein elements.^[3] In this way, supramolecular inducers of dimerization can be generated that act as allosteric modulators and activators of enzyme dimerization and activation. Supramolecular self-assembling platforms are synthesized to enable 1-D protein assembly along a self-assembling scaffold.^[4]

- [1] e.g. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 4364-4371; *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* **2013**, *10.1073/pnas.1220809110*.
[2] e.g. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46* 1798-1802; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 19199-19206.
[3] e.g. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, *49*, 895-898; *Angew. Chem.* **2013**, *125*, 2987-2991.
[4] e.g. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2012**, *134*, 8086-8089; *Chem. Sci.* **2013**, *4*, 2886-2891.

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