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# A Color-Shifting Near-Infrared Fluorescent Aptamer–Fluorophore Module for Live-Cell RNA Imaging

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### **Authors introduce**





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Our laboratory explores unknown roles of RNA modifications, in particular RNA-linked coenzymes, in biology. Furthermore, we develop methods for imaging and microscopy of RNA in living cells, with a focus on superresolution techniques. In another research area we develop, characterize and apply photoswitchable biomolecules. We also have a long-standing interest in the origin of life. Our work combines organic synthesis with molecular and cellular biology, biochemistry, bioinformatics and modern bioanalytical methods.



# Background



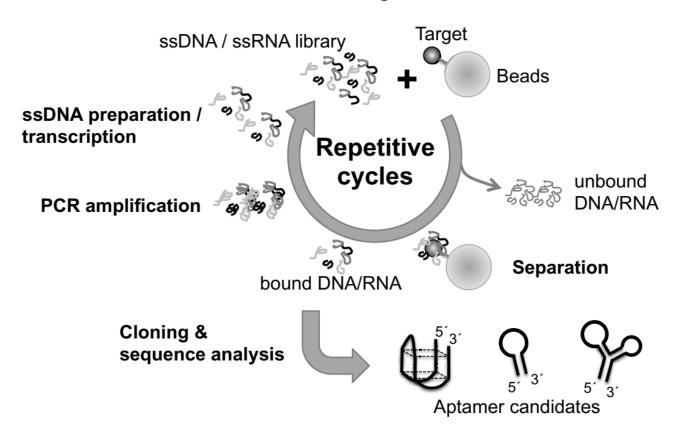
Aptamers, first described in 1990 by *Tuerk* and *Gold* and *Ellington* and *Szostak*.

Aptamers adopt complex threedimensional structures capable of recognizing target molecules with

high affinity and specificity comparable with those of antibodies.

#### **Binding**

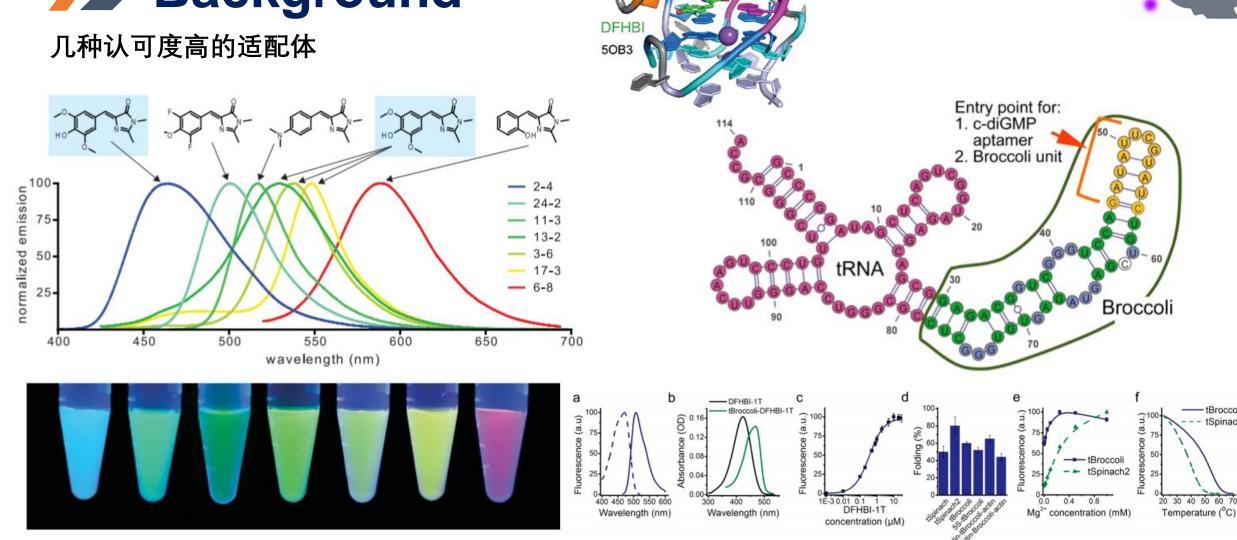
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Aptamers have been developed for a variety of target molecules such as *metal* ions, small molecules, peptides, proteins, microorganisms, cells, and tissues.

- i) vibrational and rotational motions
- ii) ground-state complex formation
- iii) spirolactonization



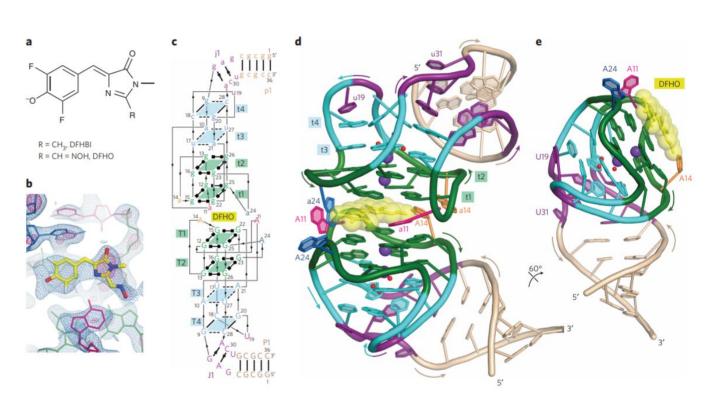


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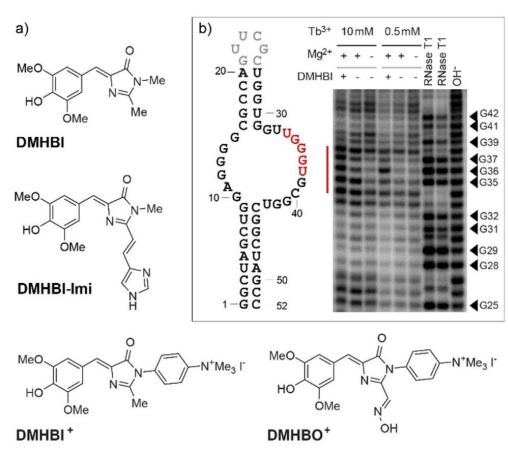
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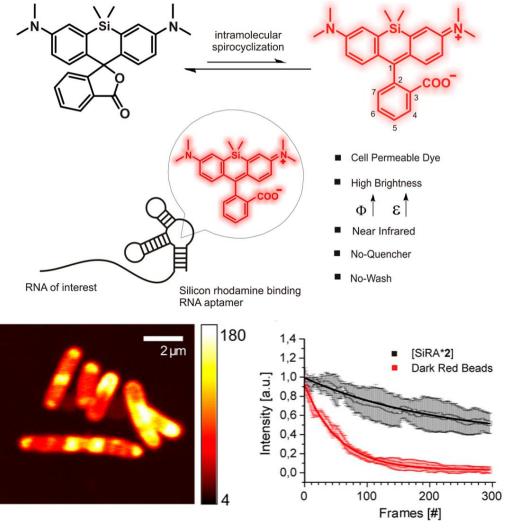


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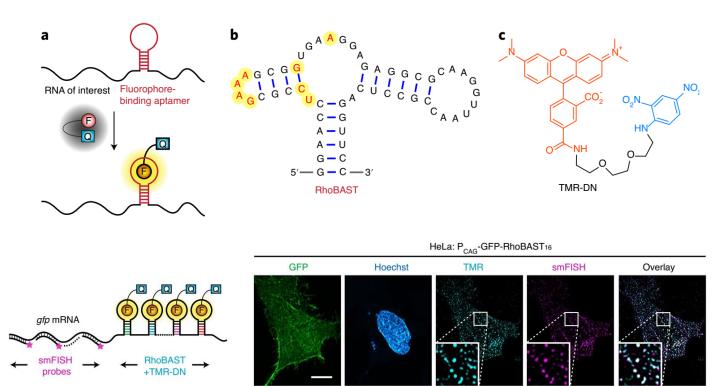


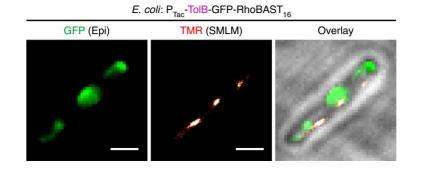
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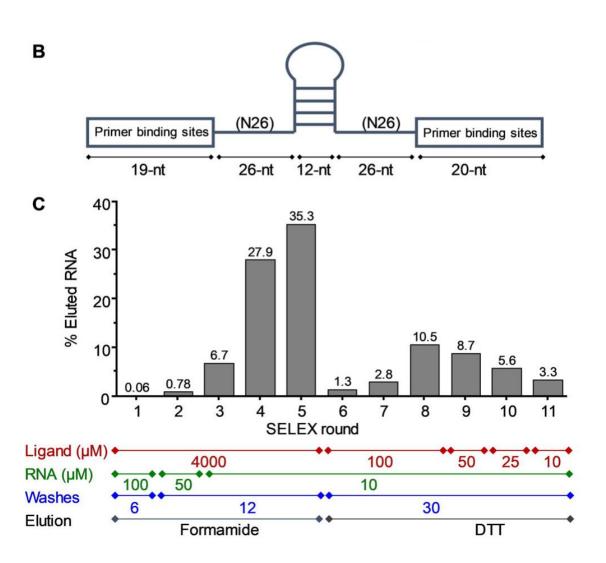


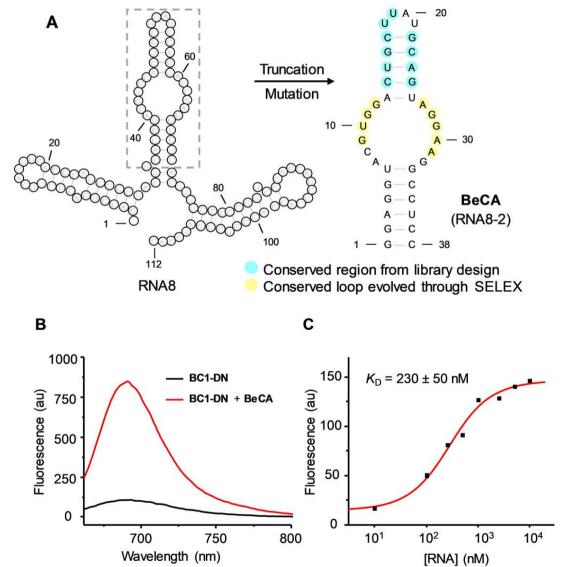


Unfortunately, all FLAPs reported **so far are based on a single-color fluorescence turn-on**. In this work, to address these issues, we report the evolution, characterization, and application of a novel colorshifting NIR-fluorescent aptamer-fluorophore module based on spirolactamization of fluorophores for RNA imaging in living cells.



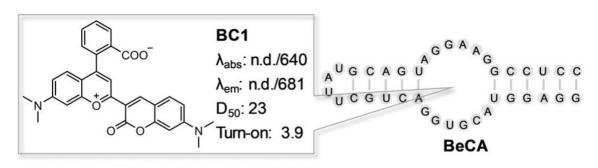


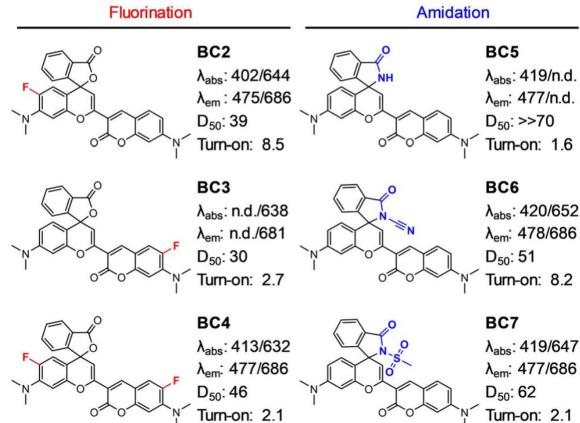


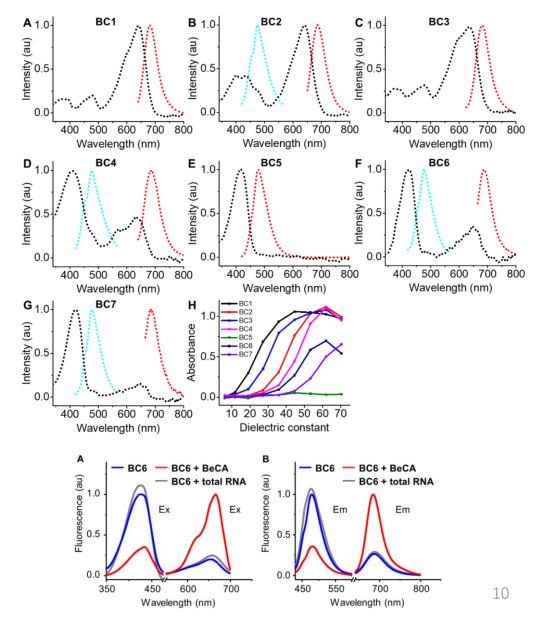






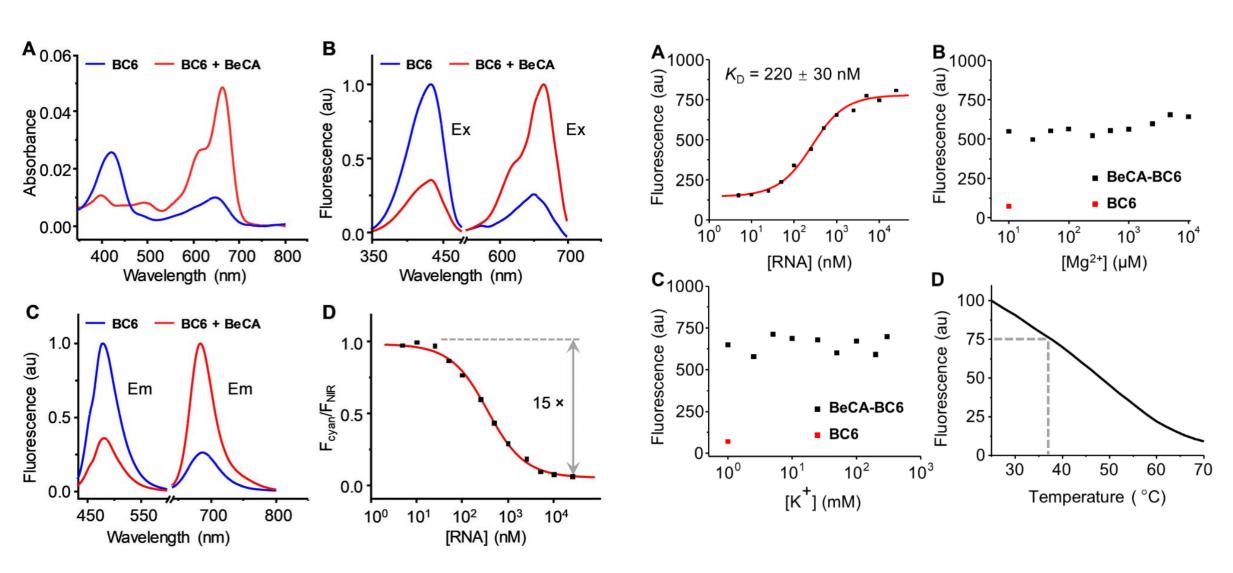








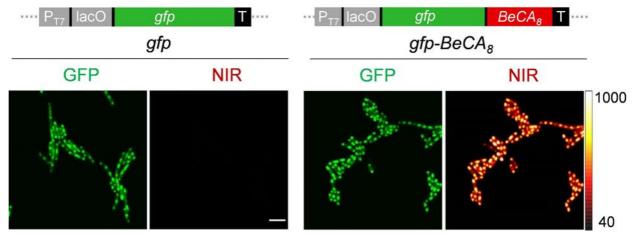


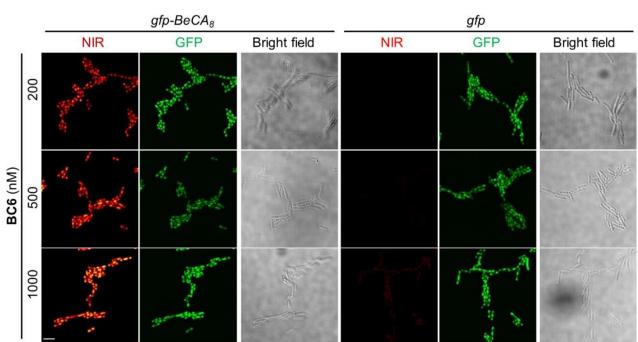


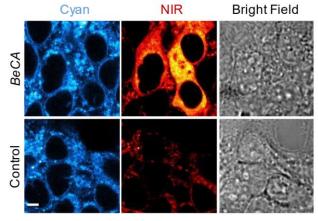




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