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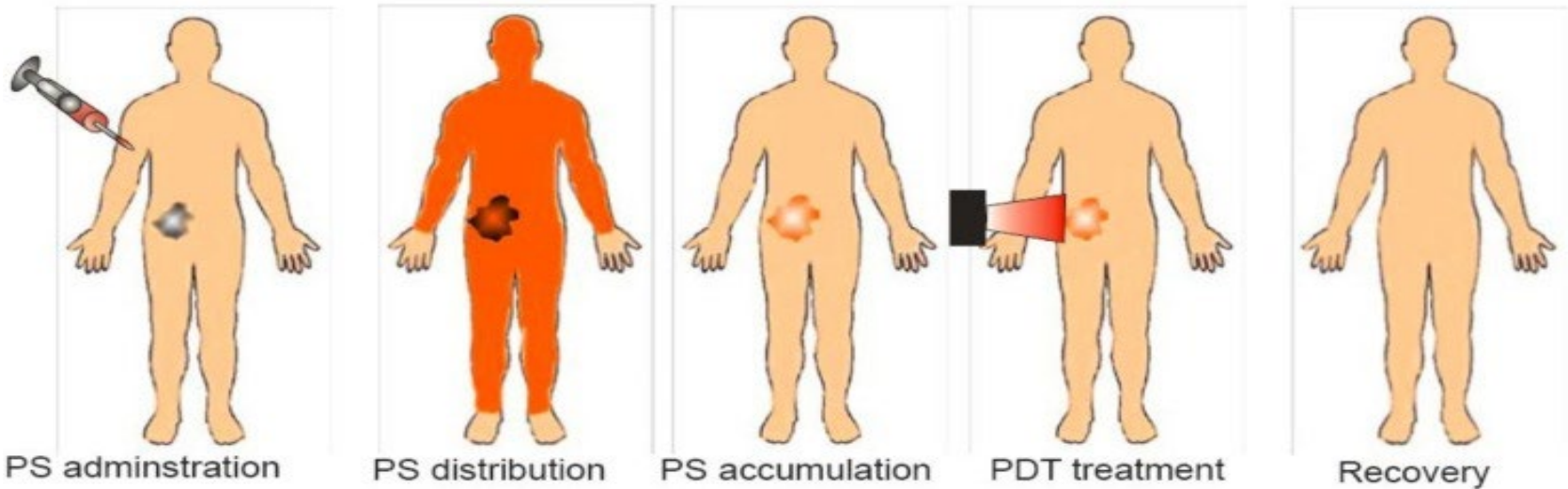
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# What is Photodynamic Therapy?

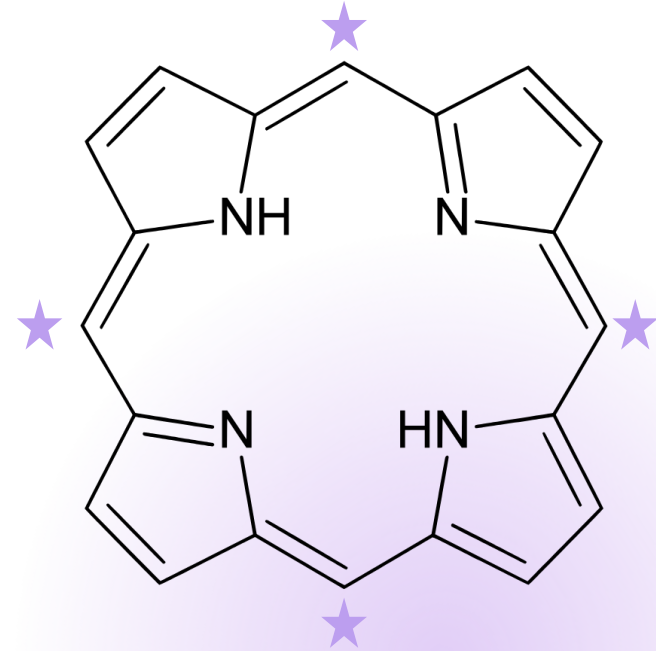


# Photosensitizers- Porphyrins

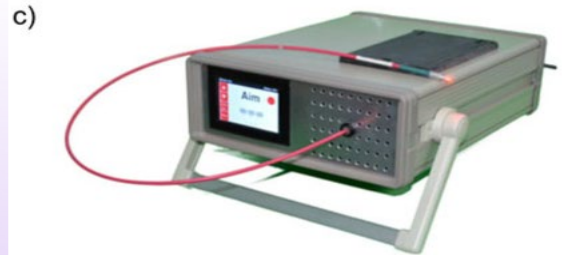
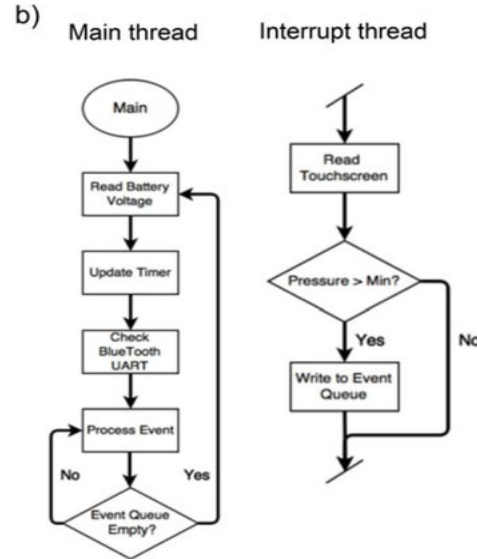
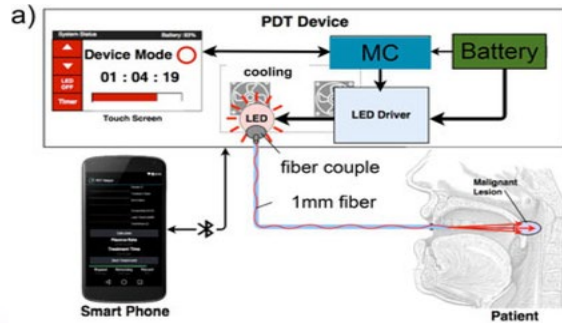
PDT based on idea that photosensitizer will absorb certain photon of light

Photosensitizer: any molecule that uses radiant energy or light to elicit a specific response

Porphyrins: macrocyclic structures that differ in substituents and central metal atom



# Considerations for PDT in rural/medically underserved areas



## Portable PDT

- Portable, battery-operated, LED device for PDT treatment.
- Solves problem of electricity
- Continuity of care locally or through telemedicine if applicable

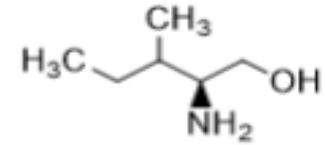


# Project goals

To synthesize a novel porphyrin that is:

- Water soluble
  - Minimally toxic to cells in the absence of light
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# Selection of Isoleucinol



Isoleucinol is a derivative of amino acid, isoleucine

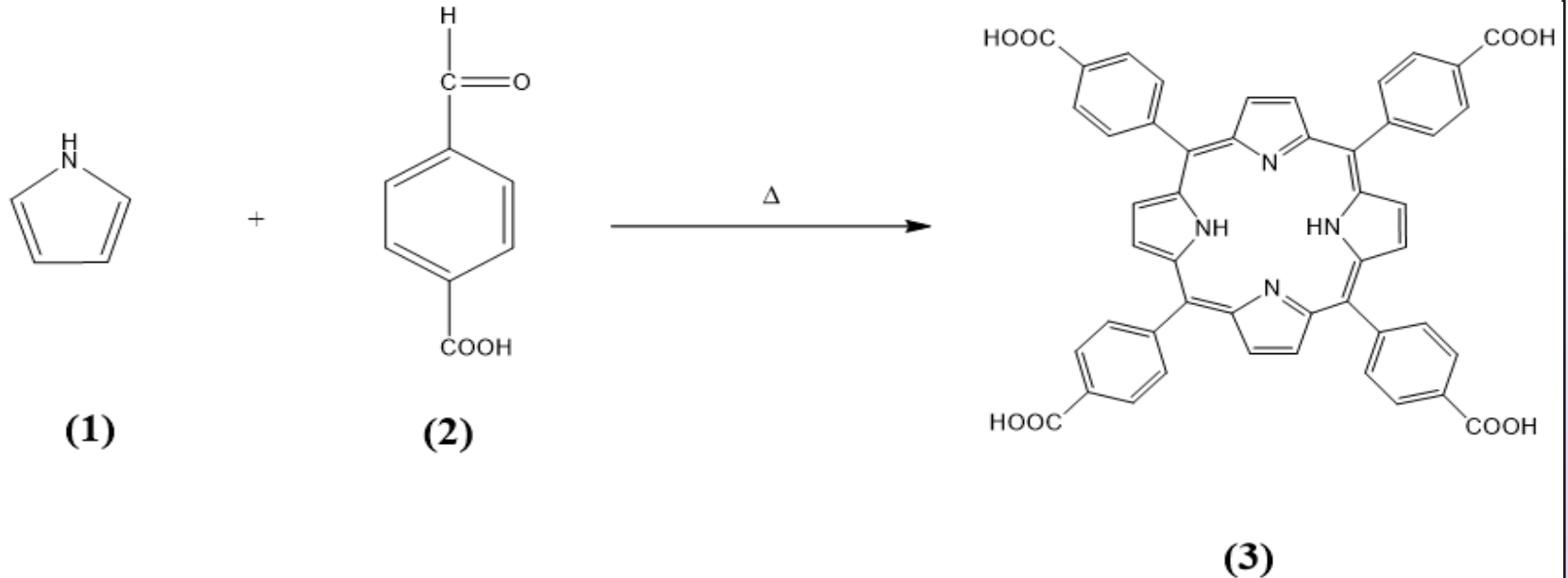
Isoleucinol:

1. Thought to have low cytotoxicity in healthy cells
2. High solubility in water due to alcohol and amine groups



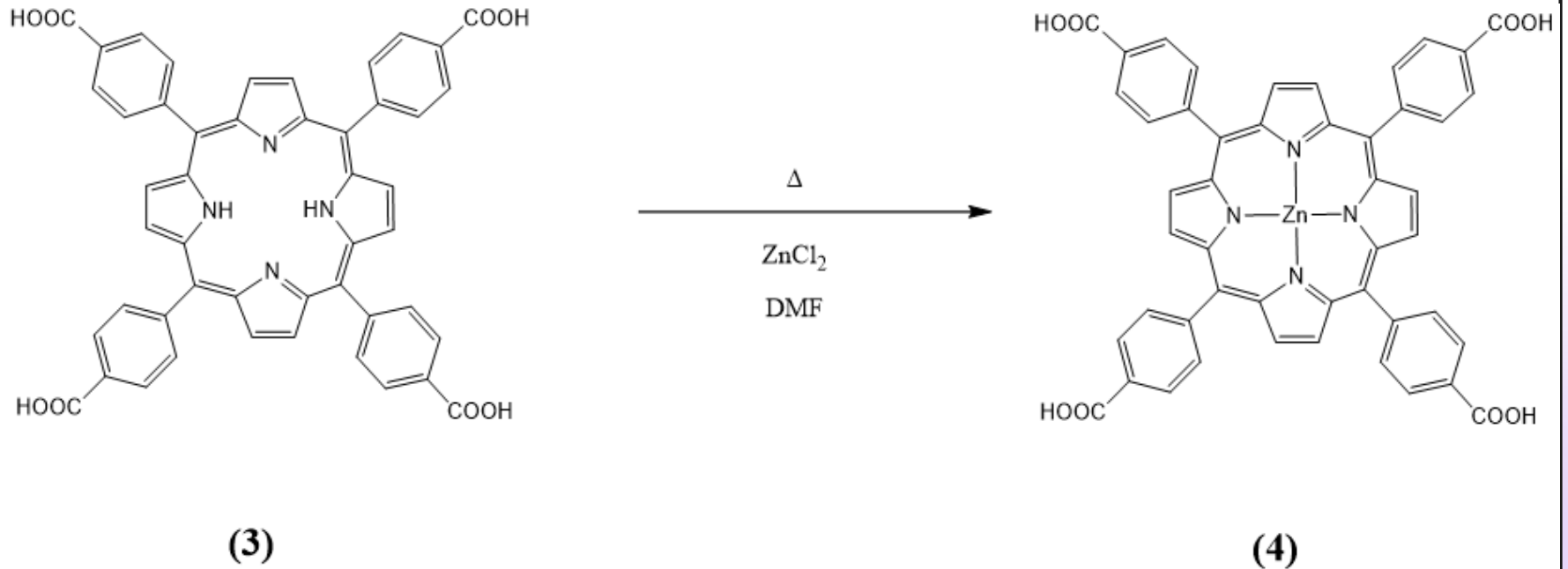
# Synthesis of ZnTPP-IL

Reaction 1- reaction of pyrrole (1) and 4-formylbenzoic acid (2) to create H<sub>2</sub>TPPC (3)



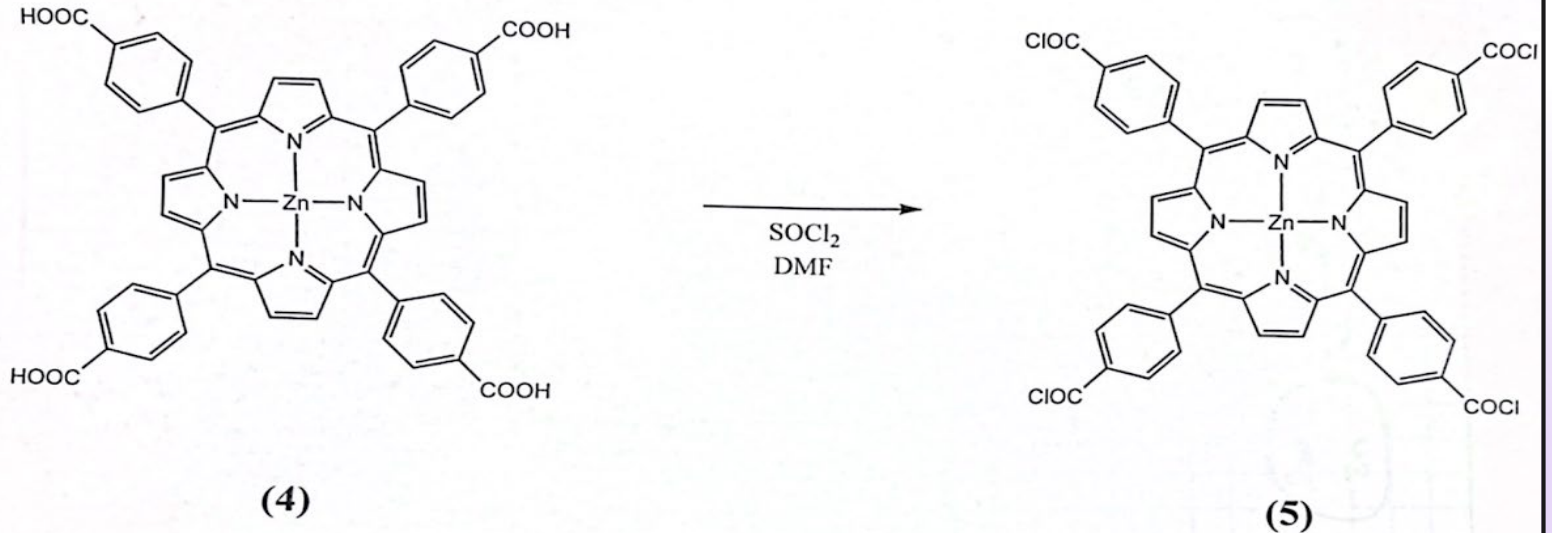
# Synthesis of ZnTPP-IL

Reaction 2- reaction of H<sub>2</sub>TPPC (3) and zinc chloride in DMF solution to create ZnTPPC (4)



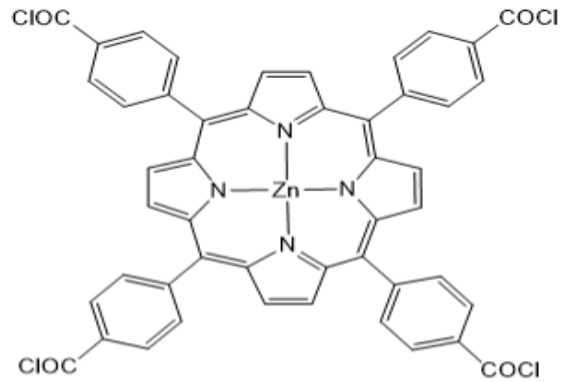
# Synthesis of ZnTPP-IL

Reaction 3- reaction of ZnTPPC (4) and  $\text{SOCl}_2$  in DMF solution to create acid chloride intermediate (5)

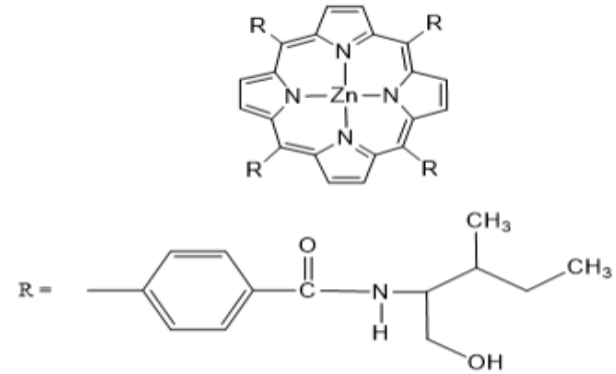
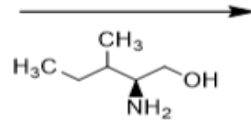


# Synthesis of ZnTPP-IL

Reaction 4- reaction of acid chloride intermediate (5) and isoleucinol in DMF solution to create ZnTPP-IL (6)



(5)



ZnTPP-IL

(6)

# Purification

## Syringe Filtration

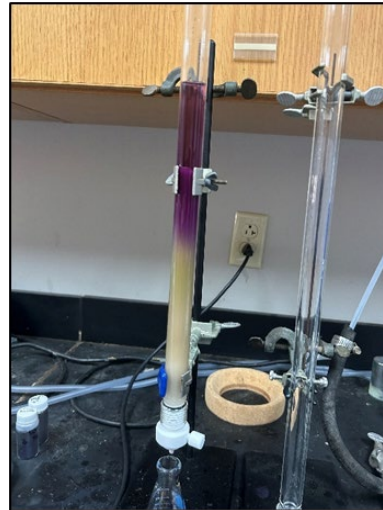
To remove large impurities in solution

## Sephadex LH-20

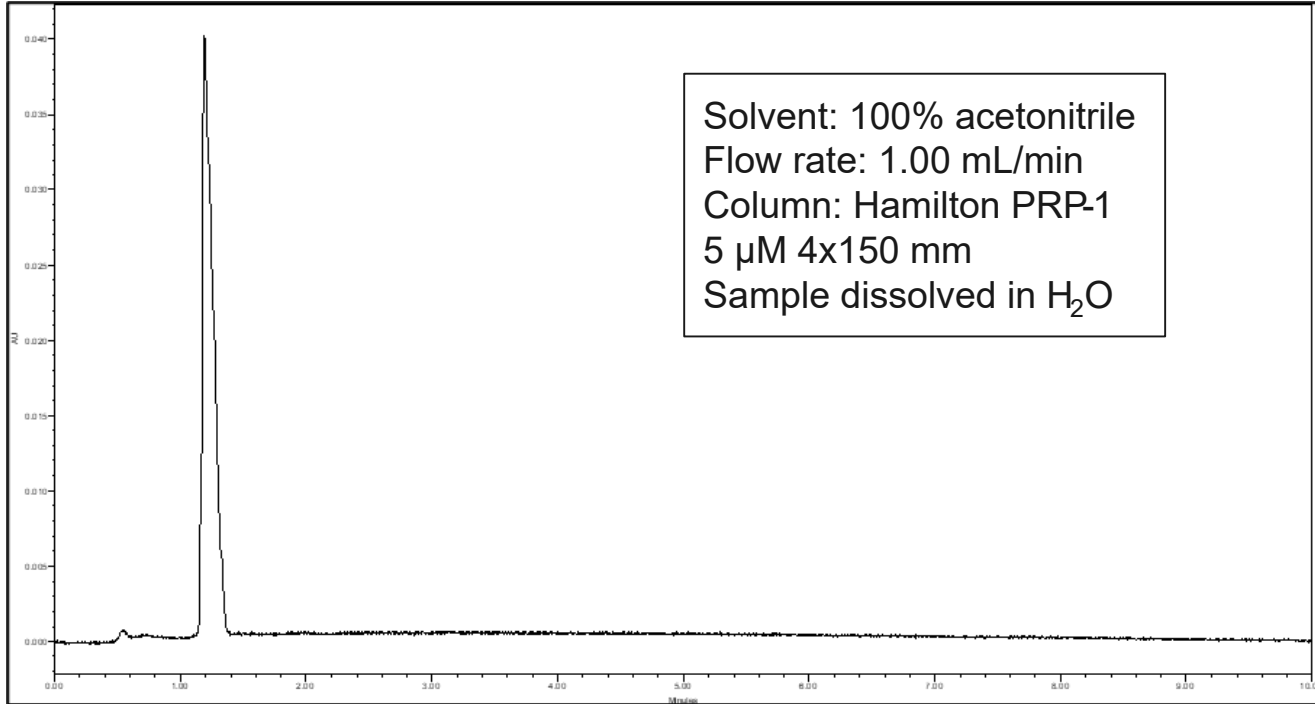
Based on lipophilicity, polarity  
Excess amine eluted first

## Sephadex G-50

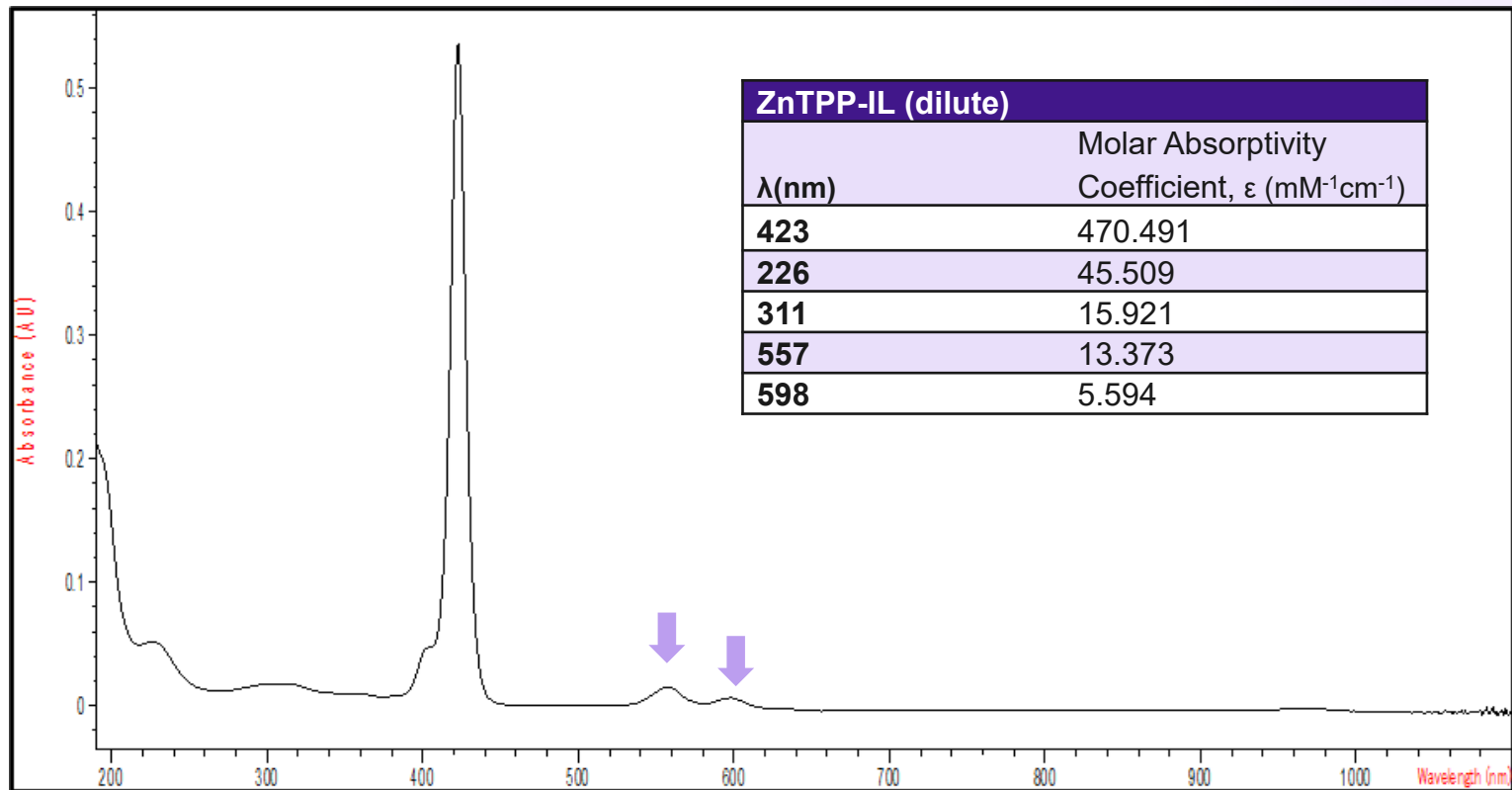
Size exclusion



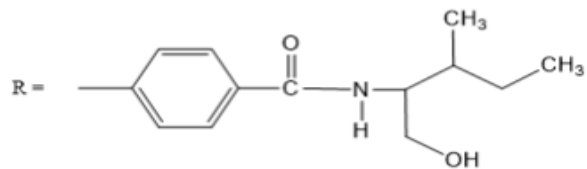
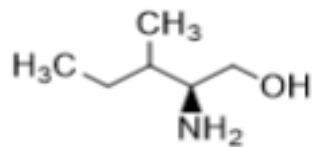
# HPLC 96% purity



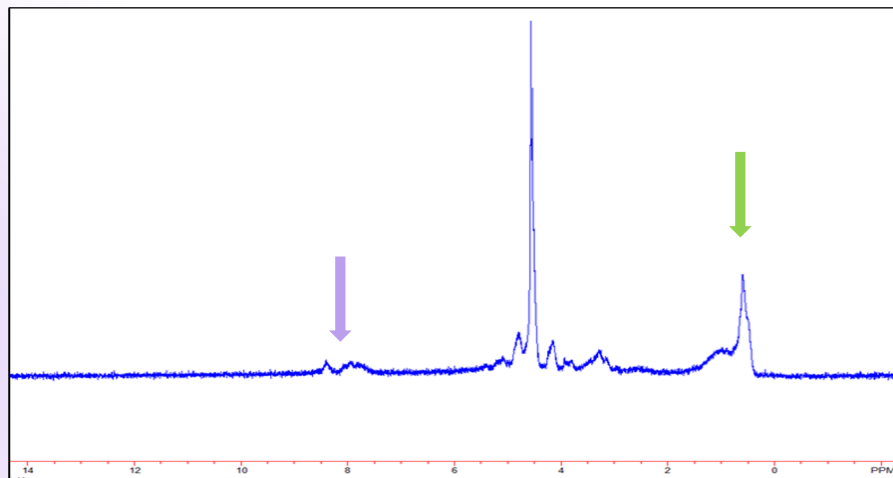
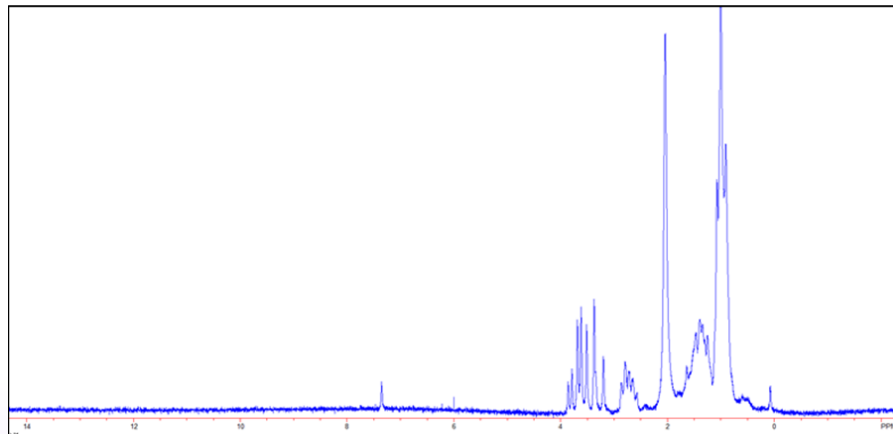
# UV-Vis



# NMR

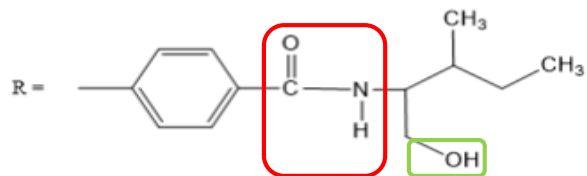
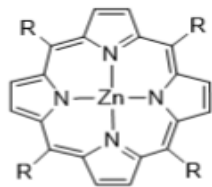
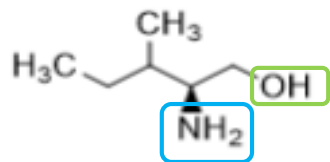


ZnTPP-IL

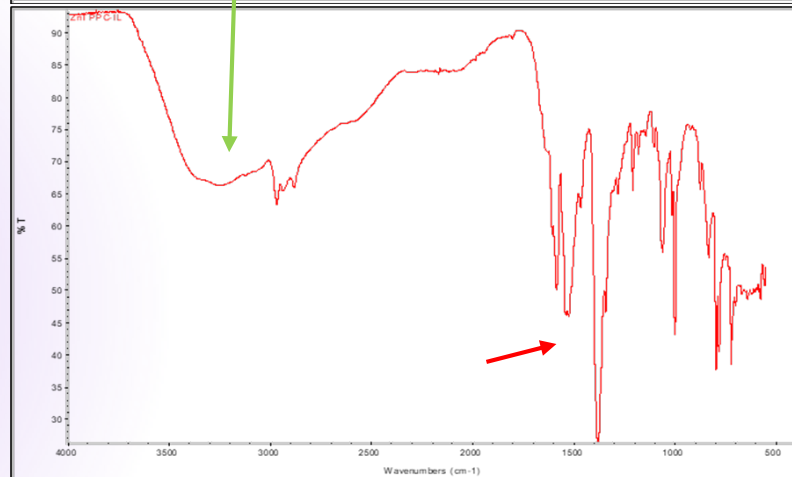
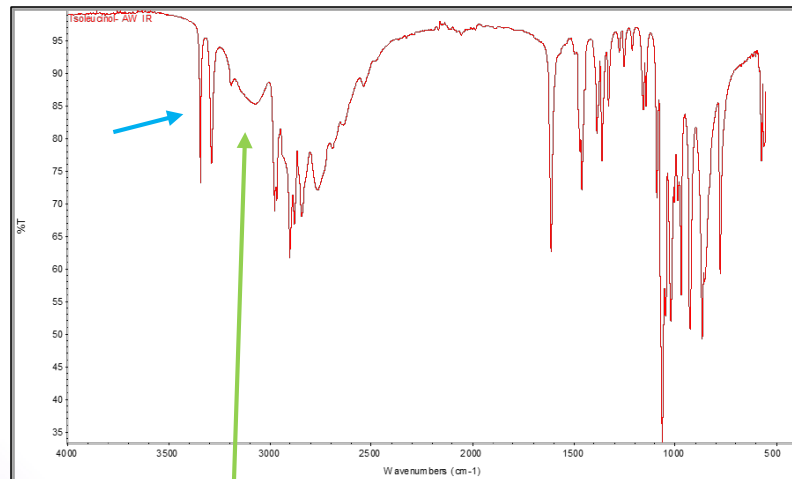




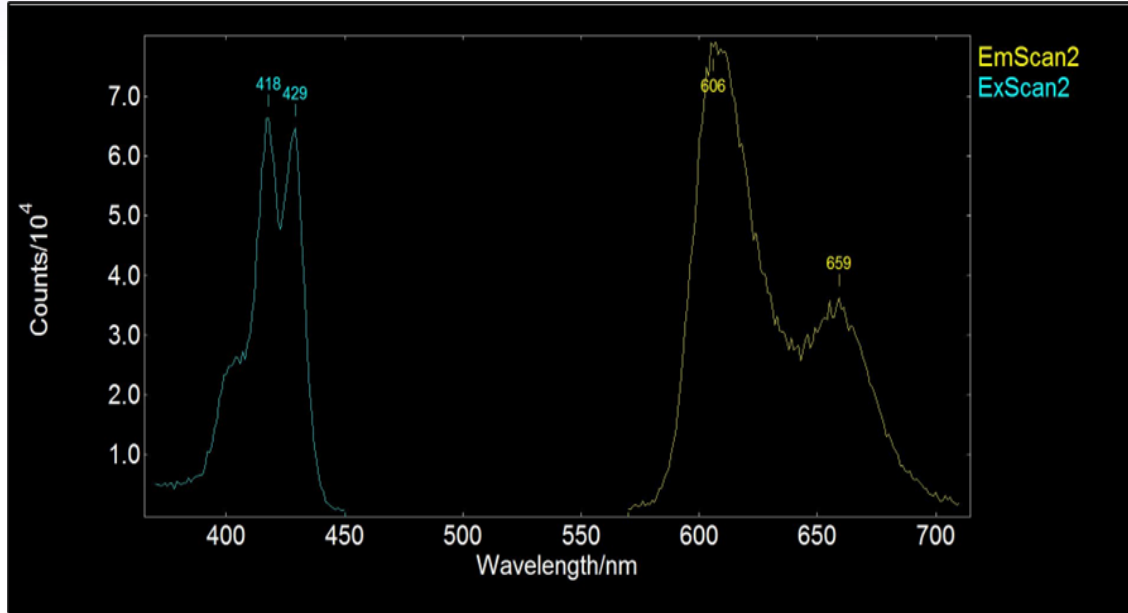
# IR



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# Fluorescence Spectroscopy



# ROS Assay

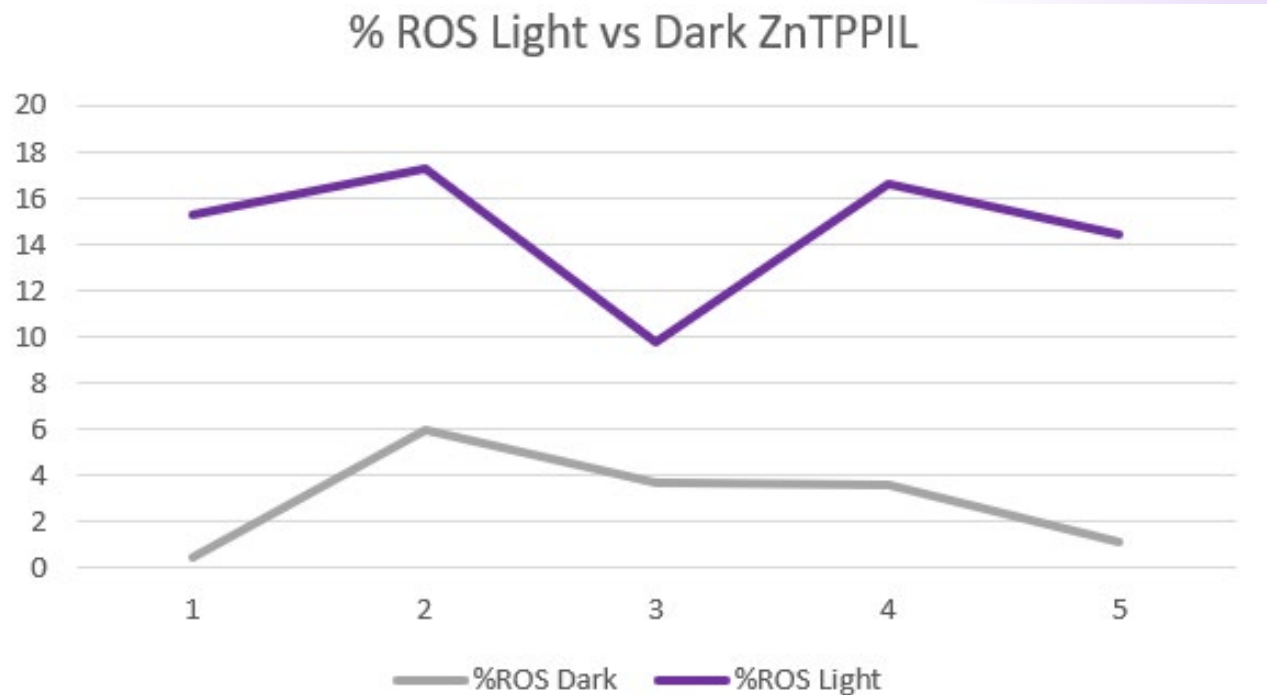
## Why?

Photosensitizer will absorb a photon of energy and transfer that energy to oxygen. The photosensitizer becomes excited and reacts with ground state oxygen to produce singlet oxygen.

## Methods

- NIH 3T3 fibroblast cells were plated and porphyrin was added to cells in concentrations of 1, 3, 10, 30, and 100  $\mu\text{M}$
- After incubation, plates exposed to white light for 22 minutes or kept in the dark
- 10  $\mu\text{M}$  CDCHF-DA in HBS was added before using microplate reader

# ROS Assay Results





# MTT Assay

## Goal:

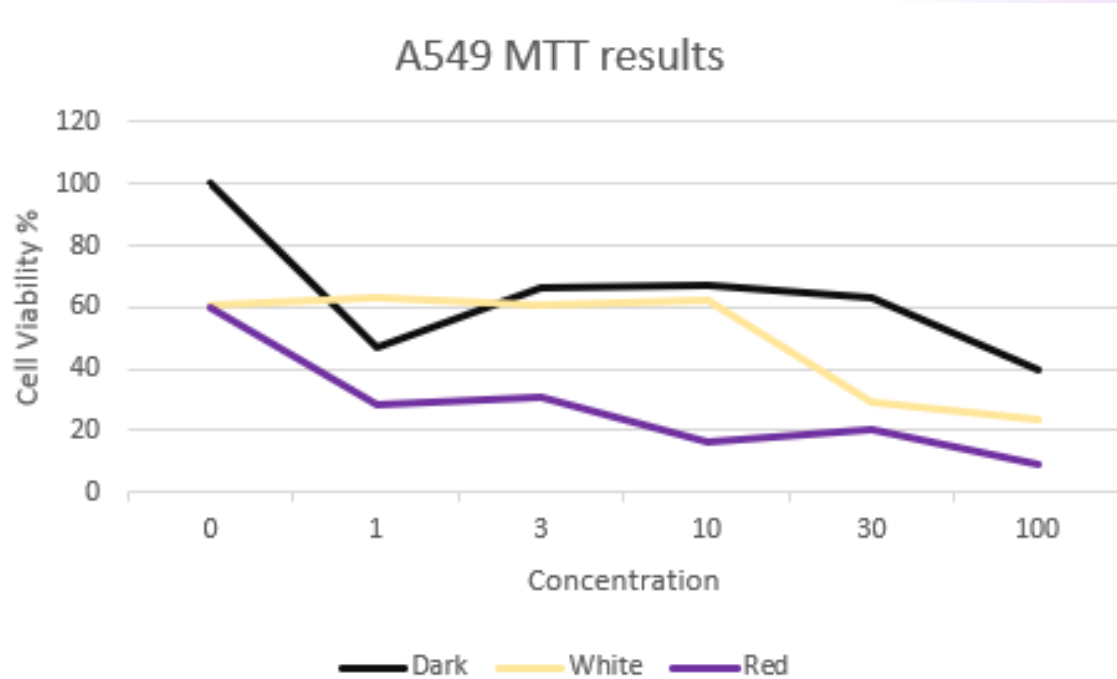
Determine LD<sub>50</sub> in both red and white light conditions

## Methods

- A549 lung cancer cells plated in 96 well plate. Porphyrin added in concentrations of 1, 3, 10, 30, 100  $\mu\text{M}$ .
- Plates exposed to red or white light for 22 minutes or kept in dark



# MTT Assay Results



# Conclusions

- ZnTPP-IL was successfully synthesized, purified, and retained internal structure
- Minimal toxicity when kept in the dark at low concentrations
- LD<sub>50</sub> of 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  for red and 30.0  $\mu\text{M}$  for white light conditions

# Future Work

- Further cytotoxicity testing with a wider concentration range and/or light exposure times and/or hypoxic conditions
- *In-vivo* testing to examine tumor recurrence
- Cyanine porphyrin synthesis and testing



# Cyanine Porphyrin

Synthesized according to same 4 reactions

Purified with G-50 and LH-20

Cyanine compound is dark green dye

- Increased tumor penetrating depth



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