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MUNI Grants Week

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Ph.D.
5 years

MUNI SCI

Bc., Mgr.
5 years

ETH zürich

postdoc, senior scientist
5 years

FALAB

Universität Konstanz

MUNI SCI

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: a lot of junior funding

The Branco Weiss Fellowship
Society in Science

experientia
NADACE

erc Starting Grants

JUNIOR STAR

MUNI Award in Science and Humanities

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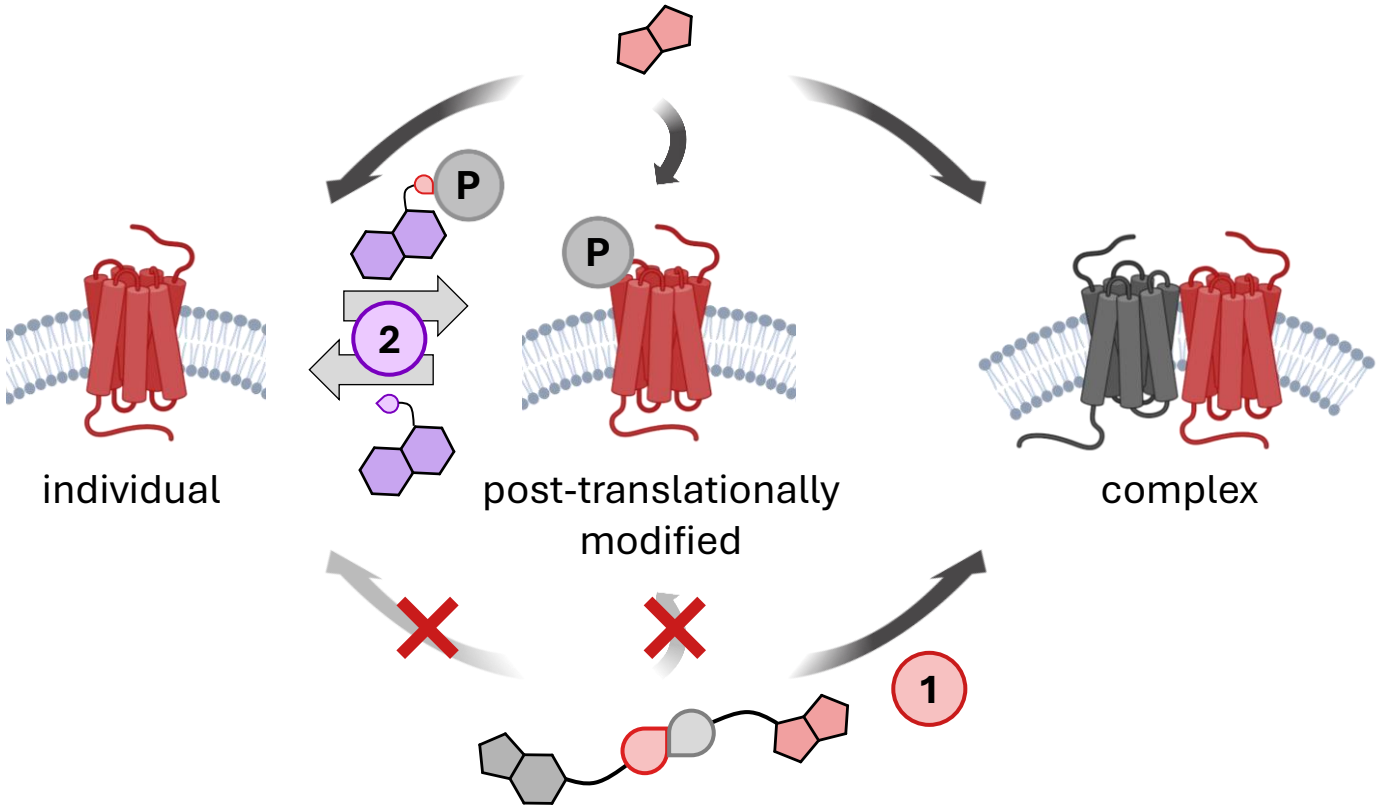


Key contributors to success

- proposal writing part of the curriculum
- helping supervisor with grants

  → seeded initial success:

- applying for further funding

  → CV

- building a network

  → mentoring and feedback

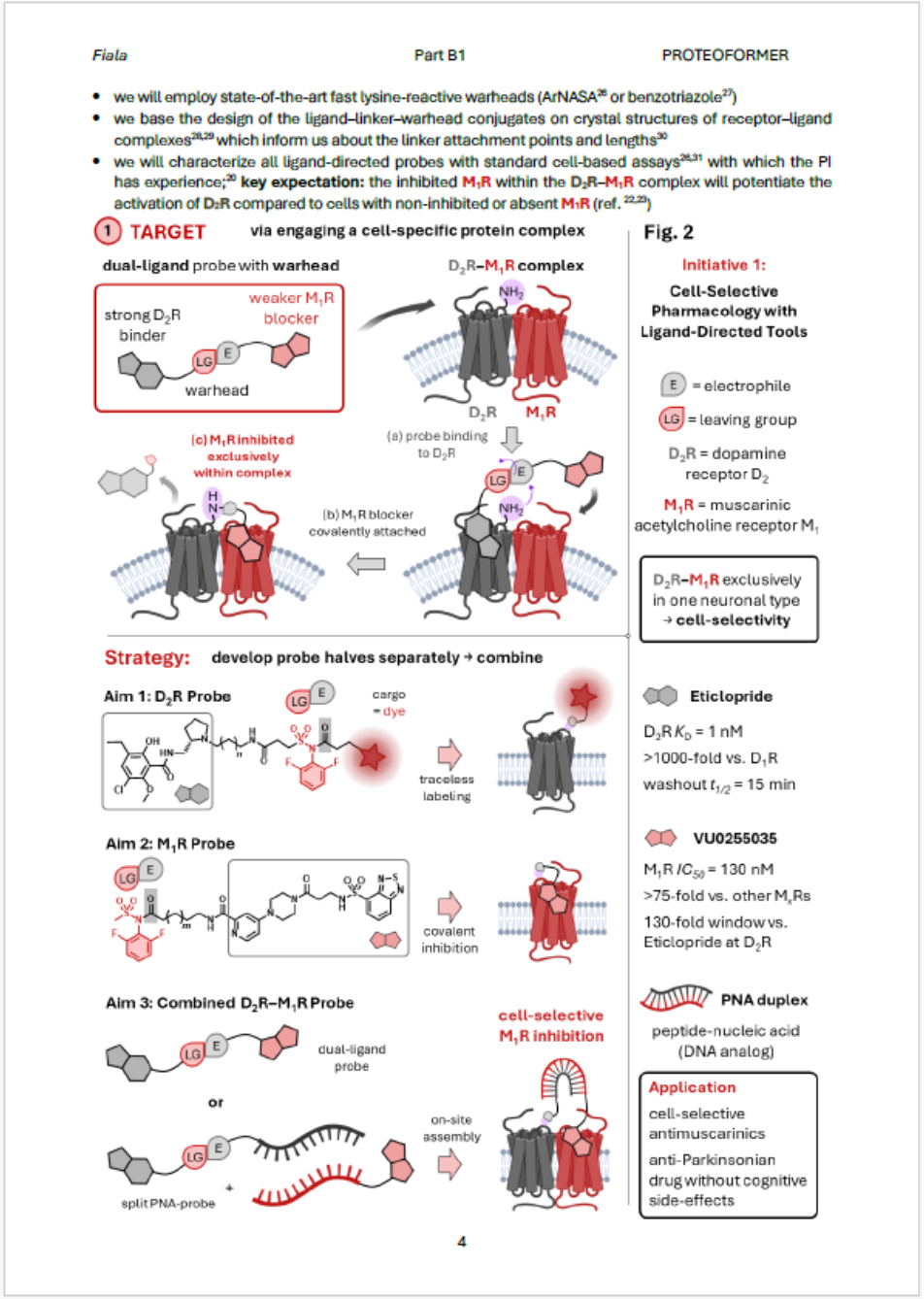
What I learned...

- Think like a reviewer!
  - → reviewers are **lazy** and/or **busy**
  - → **Simplicity! Clarity!**

- Proposal like a **comic book**
  - → **large figures** with comments
  - → nobody wants to read the text...

B1: typical length vs. mine

2500–3500 **1681** words



Now at MUNI...

- **C5895** Independent Research Project Preparation
  → **practical course**: writing a MSCA-style proposal
  → for **Ph.D. students**
  → spring semester

- **How to ERC** ...and beyond
  → **workshop**: writing an ERC proposal
  → for **MUNI faculty**
  → 29th Apr, 13th May, 27th May 2026

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