



AVAILABLE POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN BIO-ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Our research group, located at [UMR 6014 COBRA-CNRS Rouen](#) (France), is currently looking for an postdoctoral research fellow to work on a project called "Photosphingo".

Project description:

The concept of photopharmacology is an emerging approach in medicine based on the administration of a photoswitchable drug. In combination with light irradiation, the drug is converted into a bioactive isomer allowing for a spatio-temporal control of the pharmacological activity. This concept of photopharmacology is therefore useful for therapeutic applications, but also as a research tool to study and elucidate cellular mechanisms.

The aim of the project is the development of photoswitchable inhibitors of the Sphingosine Kinase 1 (SphK1). This enzyme is a key regulator of the ceramide/sphingosine/sphingosine-1-phosphate (S1P) rheostatic balance and plays an important role in the genesis, progression and metastatic processes of cancer.

Keywords: Medicinal chemistry, organic chemistry, docking, fluorescence.

References : *J. Med. Chem.* **2020**, *63*, 20, 11436–11447; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 2178-2191; *Chem. Rev.* **2018**, *118*, 10710-10747; *J. Med. Chem.* **2014**, *57*, 13, 5509-5524.

Profile:

The candidate should be a skilled organic synthetic chemist. He (she) should have received his PhD diploma in organic chemistry. He (she) must be self-motivated, hard-working, independent thinker and have good communication skills and a good team spirit. Knowledge of photophysics (fluorescence measurement) will be an asset for the application.

Starting date: January 2021

Duration: 18 months

Salary: ~ 2100 € net / month

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Applications should be sent by e-mail to Dr. Ludovic Jean ludovic.jean@univ-rouen.fr including: CV, a letter of motivation, a short research summary with the list of publications and 2 recommendation letters.