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1. A glycine amino acid added to the TOAC spin label at the N-terminus of the T0A β peptide reduces the local mobility and enhances the sensitivity of EPR to the size of the aggregates. [**Chapter 3 + Chapter 6**]
2. While the TOAC spin label is better than the MTSL spin label to determine the size of aggregates of smaller peptides, the high local mobility of MTSL helps to differentiate oligomers from fibrils in systems with a large molecular weight. [**Chapter 4 + 6**]
3. The use of a thioether linked spin label can prevent the formation of free spin label during the aggregation of spin-labeled α -synuclein. [**Chapter 4**]
[J. Eroles, M. Lorenzi, R. Lebrun, A. Fournel, E. Etienne, C. Courcelle, B. Guigliarelli, B. Gontero, V. Belle, *Biochemistry* **2009**, 48, 6034–6040].
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[G. Karthikeyan, A. Bonucci, G. Casano, G. Gerbaud, S. Abel, V. Thomé, L. Kodjabachian, A. Magalon, B. Guigliarelli, V. Belle, et al., *Angew. Chemie - Int. Ed.* **2018**, 57, 1366–1370].
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[Y. Engelberg, M. Landau, *bioRxiv* **2020**, 37, 2020.02.04.933432].

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[P. Widder, J. Schuck, D. Summerer, M. Drescher, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2020**, *22*, 4875–4879].
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[A. Annaggar, R. Tiemann, *ChemRxiv* **2019**].
9. Quarantine is a blessing if you have a passion for reading books.