

**Figure S1.** ESI mass spectra of the SS intermediates generated by the reaction of  $\alpha$ LA with DHS<sup>ox</sup>. The reaction was carried out in Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0) containing 2 mM EDTA. After 1 min, the reaction was quenched by AEMTS. The samples obtained were analyzed with the ESI(+) mode. (A) R; (B) 1 eq DHS<sup>ox</sup> was added to R; (C) 2 eq DHS<sup>ox</sup> was added to R; (D) 3 eq DHS<sup>ox</sup> was added to R; (E) 4 eq DHS<sup>ox</sup> was added to R.

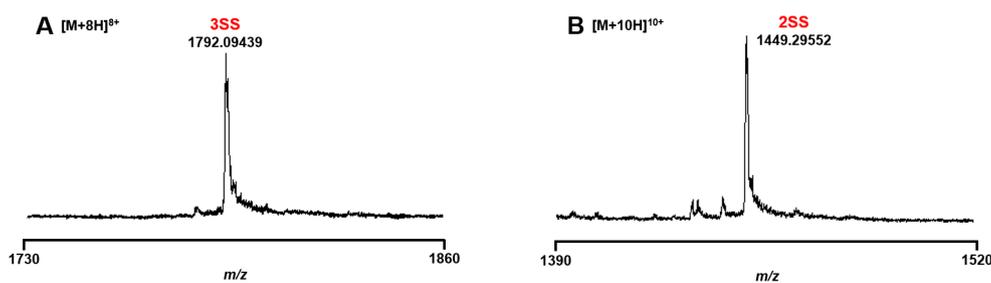
**Table S1.** Assignment of the peaks observed in Figure S1. <sup>a</sup>

Species	Expected M <sup>+</sup>	[M+8H] <sup>8+</sup>	[M+11H] <sup>11+</sup>	[M+12H] <sup>12+</sup>	[M+14H] <sup>14+</sup>
R + 8×AEMTS	14784.9862			1233.40653 (1233.0899)	1057.18916 (1057.0782)
1SS + 6×AEMTS	14632.9420			1220.69909 1220.88367 (1220.4196)	
2SS + 4×AEMTS	14480.8978		1317.63212 (1317.4530)	1207.79401 1207.77323 (1207.7492)	
3SS + 2×AEMTS	14328.8536	1792.38606 (1792.1144)	1303.88087 (1303.6308)	1195.35133 (1195.0789)	
4SS	14176.8094	1773.24379 (1773.1089)	1289.73942 (1289.8086)		

<sup>a</sup> The calculated mass numbers are shown in parentheses.



**Figure S2.** RP-HPLC chromatograms obtained by the oxidation of R (10  $\mu$ M) with 1 eq DHS<sup>ox</sup> at pH 6.8 and 5  $^{\circ}$ C in the absence of EDTA. The reaction was acid-quenched after 20 h. For HPLC analysis conditions, see the experimental section. (A) In the absence of CaCl<sub>2</sub>; (B) In the presence of 5 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>.

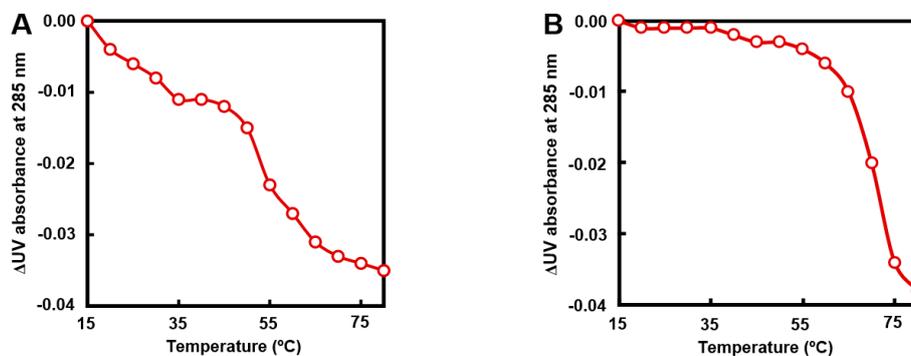


**Figure S3.** ESI mass spectra of I-1 and I-2 quenched by AEMTS. (A) I-1; (B) I-2.

**Table S2.** Assignment of the peaks observed in Figure S3. <sup>a</sup>

	Expected M <sup>+</sup>	[M+8H] <sup>8+</sup>	[M+10H] <sup>10+</sup>
I-1 (3SS) + 2×AEMTS	14328.8536	1792.09439 (1792.1144)	
I-2 (2SS) + 4×AEMTS	14480.8978		1449.29552 (1449.0975)

<sup>a</sup> The calculated mass numbers are shown in parentheses.



**Figure S4.** The thermal denaturation curves of  $\alpha$ LA (10  $\mu$ M) in the absence (A) and presence (B) of 5 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>.