

Scaffold optimization in discontinuous epitope containing protein mimics of gp120 using smart libraries

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**General procedure for scaffold conjugation of cyclic peptides by optimized CuAAc,
described here for CTV **9**.¹⁻⁴**

10-fold stock solutions of CuSO₄ (26.5 μmol, 6.6 mg in 1 mL H₂O) and sodium ascorbate (53.0 μmol, 10.5 mg in 1 mL H₂O) were prepared. TBTA^{3,4} was dissolved in 100 μL DMF. Peptides were dissolved individually in the smallest possible amount (100-500 μL) of DMF (4Å).

Solutions of three peptides in DMF were prepared: loop 1 (compound **4a**, 4.4 μmol, 4.08 mg), loop 2 (compound **4b**, 4.4 μmol, 6.04 mg) and loop 3 (compound **4c**, 4.4 μmol, 4.71 mg). CTV scaffold **9** (4.4 μmol, 2.30 mg) was added to the microwave vessel and dissolved in 100 μL DMF (4Å). 100 μL of the CuSO₄ stock solution (2.65 μmol, 0.66 mg) and 100 μL of the sodium ascorbate stock solution (5.30 μmol, 1.05 mg) were added to the solution, followed by addition the TBTA solution (0.66 μmol, 0.35 mg). The peptide solutions were combined and added to the reaction mixture. Depending on the amount of DMF that was used to dissolve the peptides, H₂O was added to obtain a 3:2 DMF/H₂O ratio and 1-1.5 mL total volume. The microwave vessel was sealed and allowed to react in the microwave at 80°C during 25 minutes.

After reaction, a sample was taken from the reaction mixture for LC-MS analysis. Based on this analysis, the individual components were purified with preparative HPLC.

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Compound 4a:

Loop 1: K(N₃)LTRDGGNG

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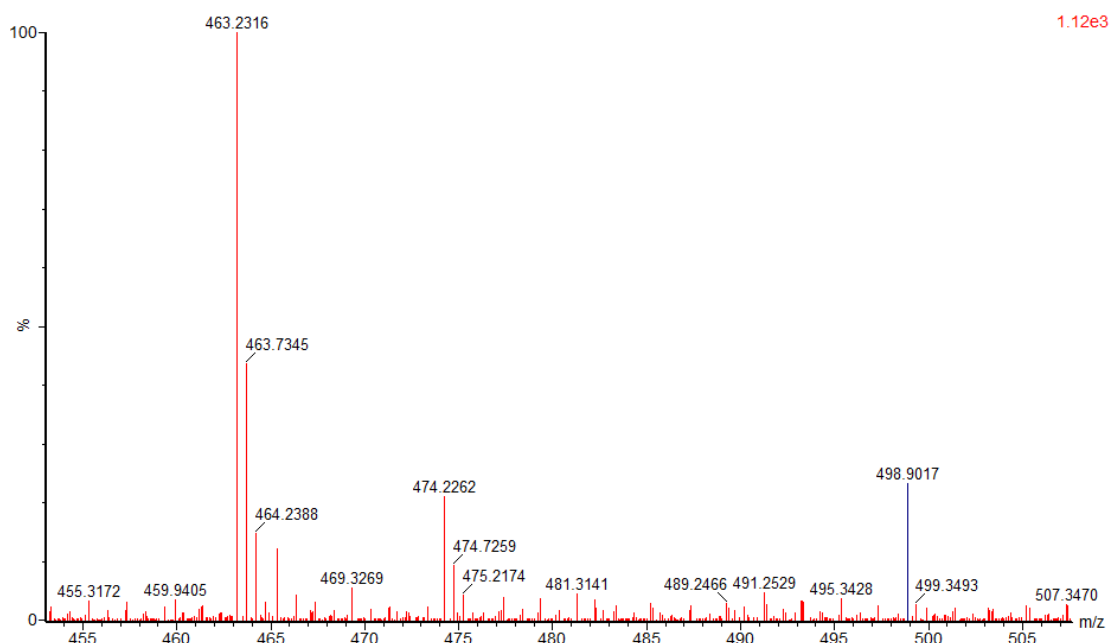
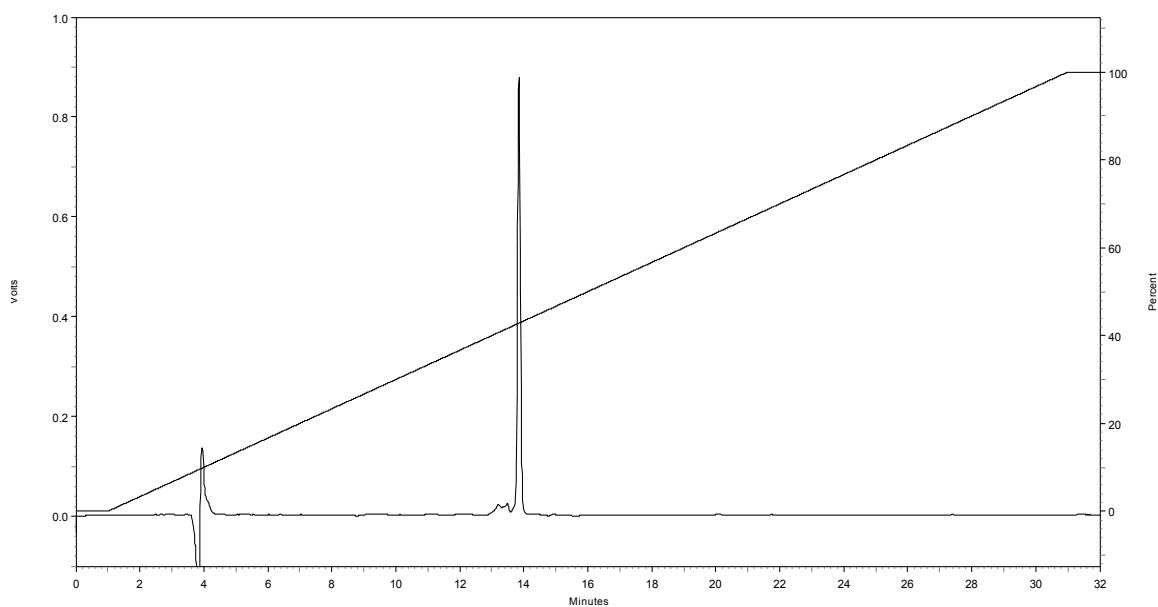
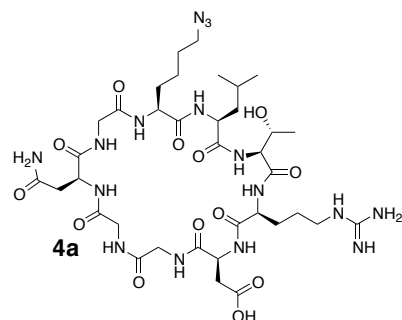
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[M+2H]²⁺ calculated: 463.2336

HRMS [M+2H]²⁺ found: 463.2316

Rt= 13.85 min

Purity= 94.5%



Compound 4b:

Loop 2: INMWQEVGKAK(3)G

C₆₀H₉₃N₁₉O₁₆S

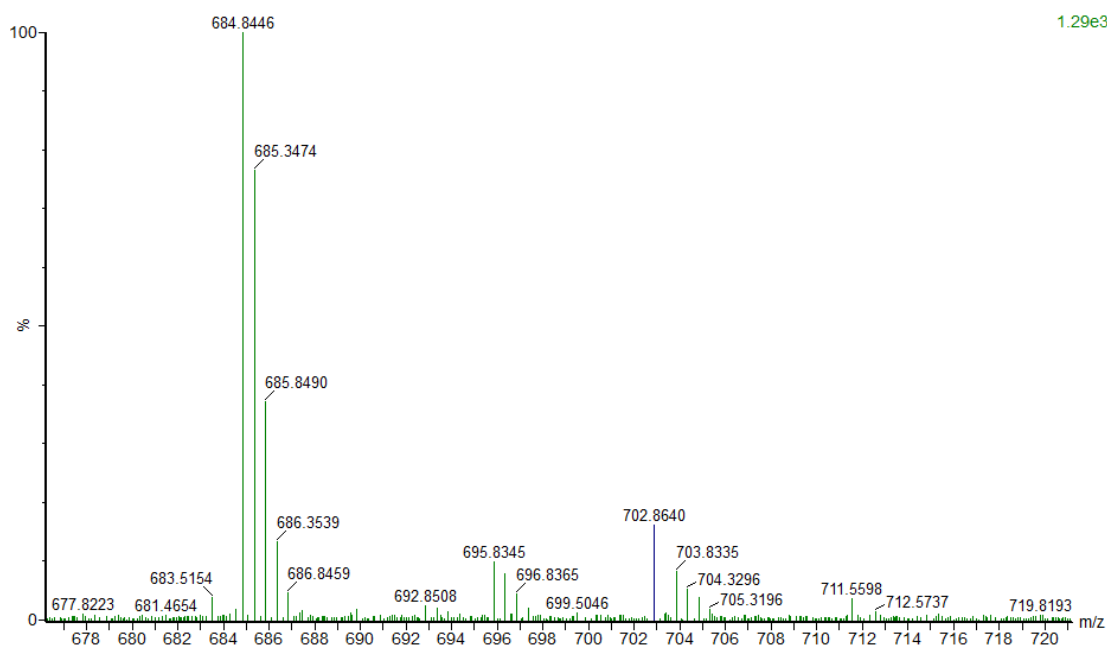
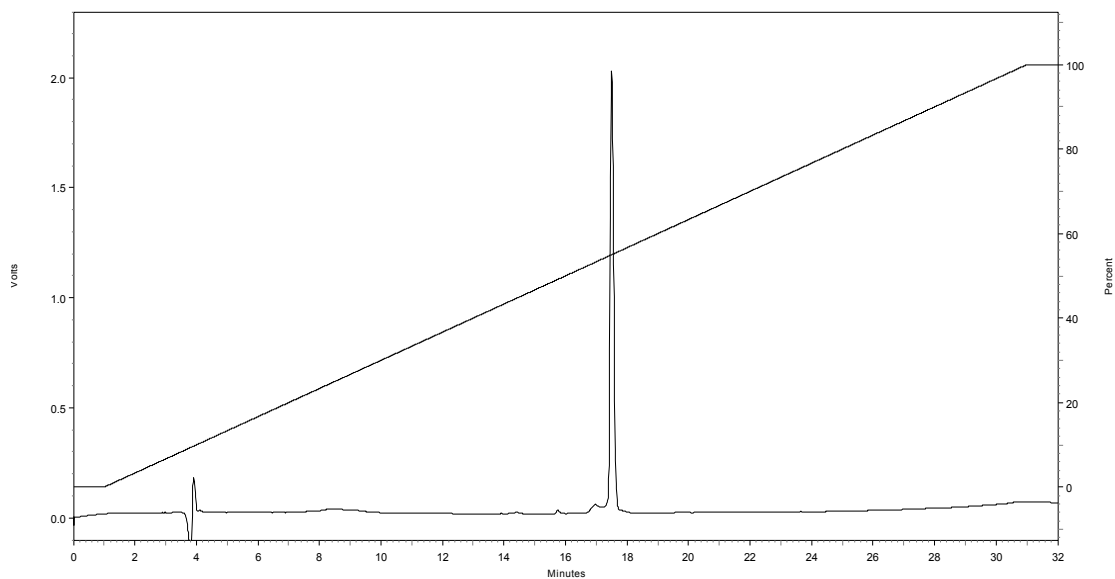
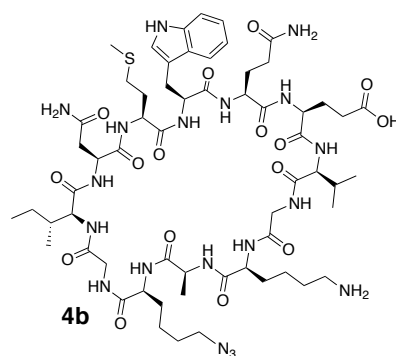
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[M+2H]²⁺ calculated: 684.8457

HRMS [M+2H]²⁺ found: 684.8446

Rt= 17.51 min

Purity= 95.3 %



Compound 4c:

Loop 3: SGGDPEIVTK(N₃)G

C₄₄H₇₀N₁₄O₁₇

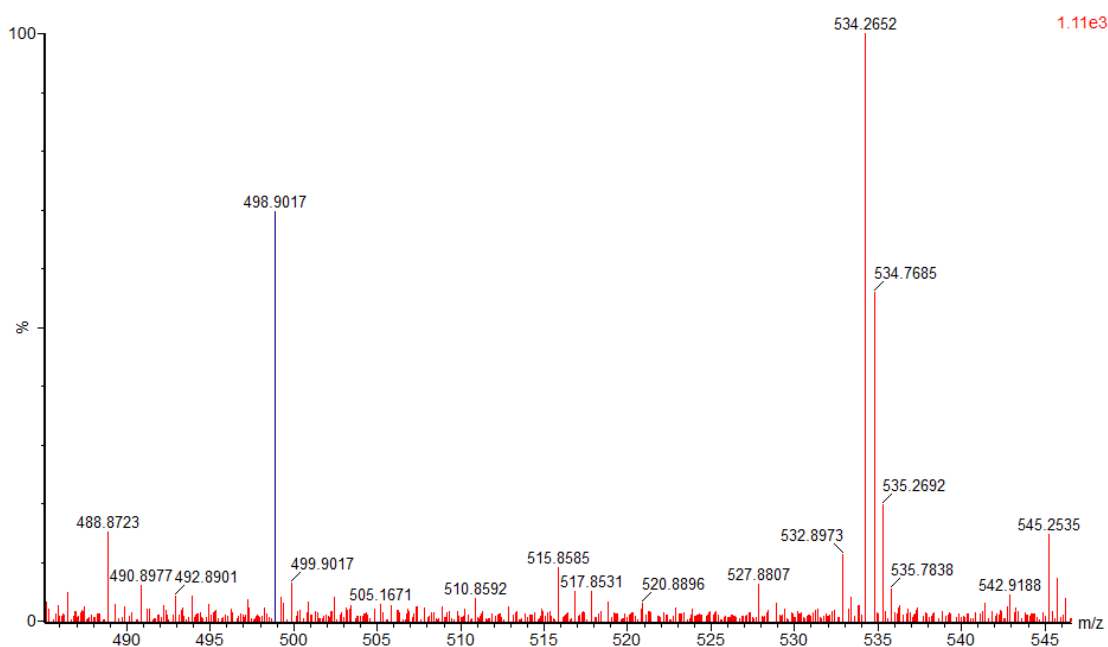
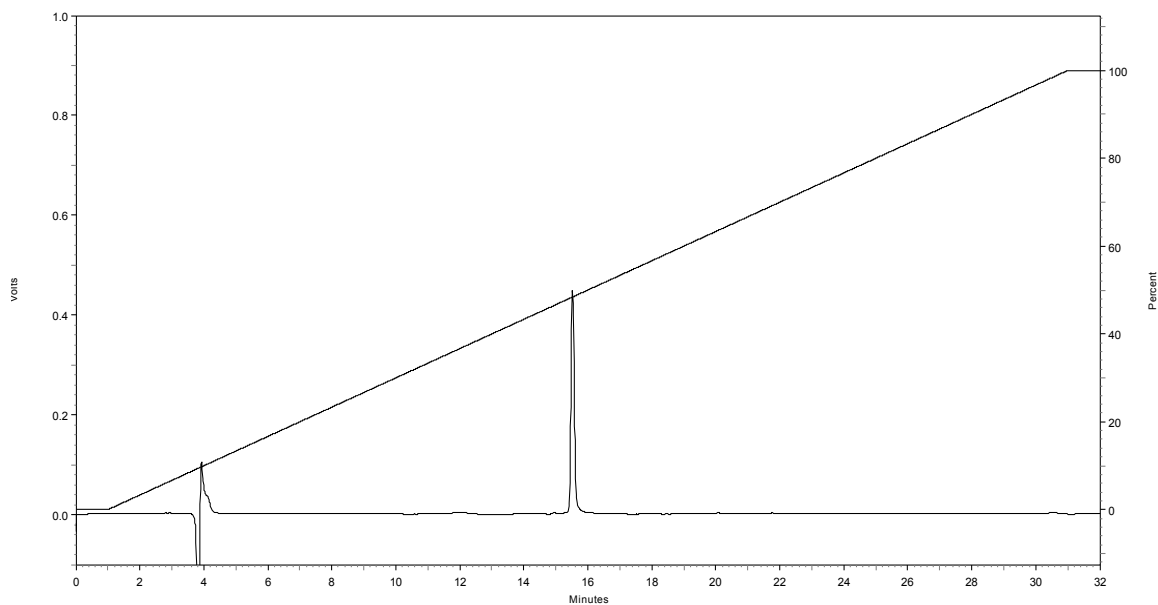
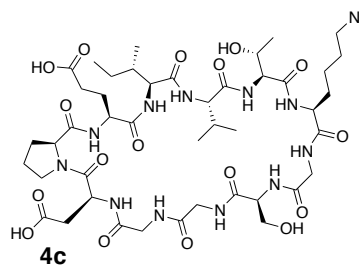
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Rt= 15.52 min

Purity= 100%



Loop 3*

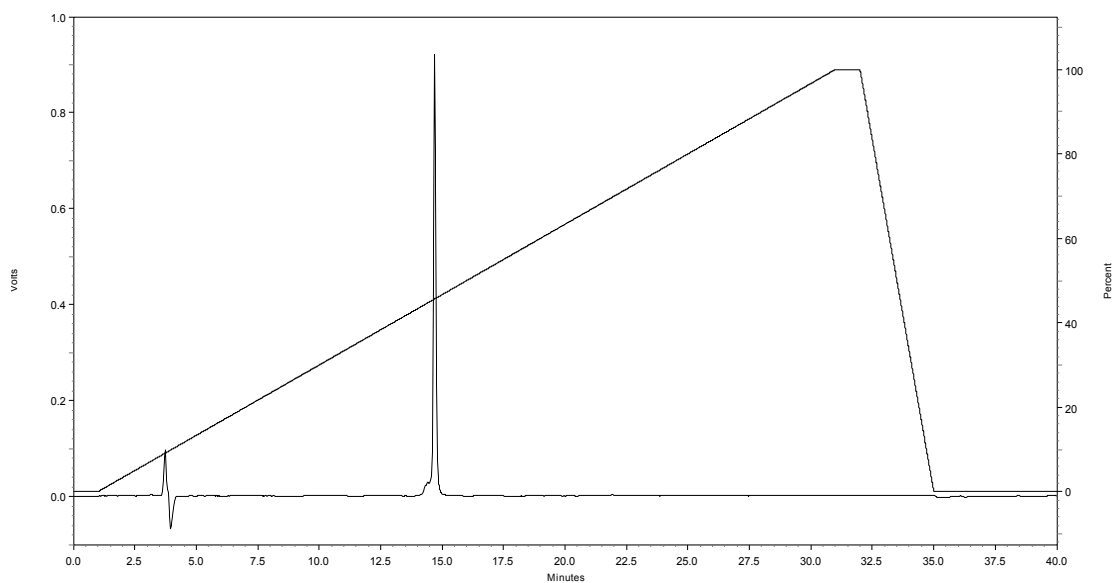
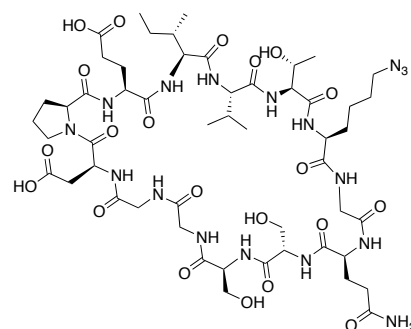
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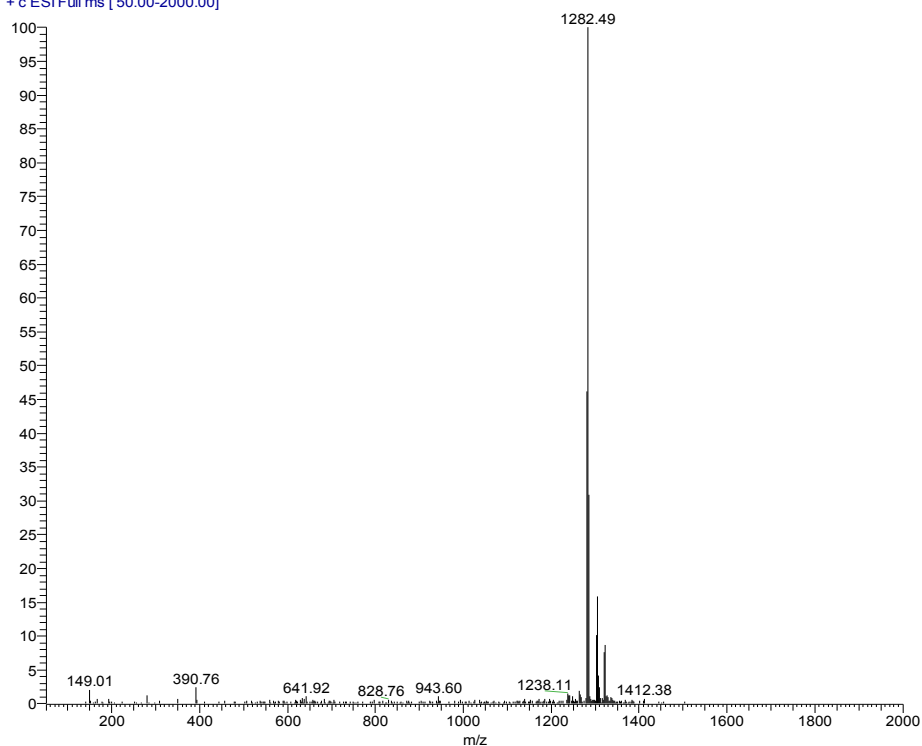
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Rt= 14.68 min

Purity= 98.2 %



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Dendrimer scaffolded compounds 6

Loop combination	Bruto formula	[M+H] ⁺ calculated	[M+H] ⁺ found	Rt (min)
1-1-2	C ₁₆₄ H ₂₅₄ N ₅₄ O ₅₀ S	3812.88	3813.62	15.12
1-2-2	C ₁₈₈ H ₂₈₇ N ₅₇ O ₅₃ S ₂	4255.10	4256.01	15.92
1-1-3	C ₁₄₈ H ₂₃₁ N ₄₉ O ₅₁	3511.70	3511.14	14.68
1-3-3	C ₁₅₆ H ₂₄₁ N ₄₇ O ₅₅	3653.76	3654.66	15.30
1-2-3	C ₁₇₂ H ₂₆₄ N ₅₂ O ₅₄ S	3954.93	3955.97	15.67
2-2-3	C ₁₉₆ H ₂₉₇ N ₅₅ O ₅₇ S ₂	4398.15	4397.44	16.48
2-3-3	C ₁₈₀ H ₂₇₄ N ₅₀ O ₅₈ S	4096.98	4097.66	16.29

Triamine scaffolded compounds 8

Loop combination	Bruto formula	[M+H] ⁺ calculated	[M+H] ⁺ found	Rt (min)
1-1-2	C ₁₅₃ H ₂₄₂ N ₅₄ O ₄₅ S	3588.80	3587.57	14.66
1-2-2	C ₁₇₇ H ₂₇₅ N ₅₇ O ₄₈ S ₂	4032.03	4030.21	15.69
1-1-3	C ₁₃₇ H ₂₁₉ N ₄₉ O ₄₆	3287.63	3286.89	13.97
1-3-3	C ₁₄₅ H ₂₂₉ N ₄₇ O ₅₀	3429.68	3428.99	14.41
1-2-3	C ₁₆₁ H ₂₅₂ N ₅₂ O ₄₉ S	3730.85	3729.11	15.29
2-2-3	C ₁₈₅ H ₂₈₅ N ₅₅ O ₅₂ S ₂	4174.08	4173.43	16.26
2-3-3	C ₁₆₉ H ₂₆₂ N ₅₀ O ₅₃ S	3872.91	3872.12	15.89

TAC-scaffolded compounds

Loop combination	Bruto formula	[M+H] ⁺ calculated	[M+H] ⁺ found	Rt (min)
1-1-2	C ₁₆₂ H ₂₄₉ N ₅₅ O ₄₆ S	3733.86	3732.15	14.87
1-2-2	C ₁₈₆ H ₂₈₂ N ₅₈ O ₄₉ S ₂	4177.08	4176.55	15.59
1-1-3	C ₁₄₆ H ₂₂₆ N ₅₀ O ₄₇	3432.69	3432.11	14.42
1-3-3	C ₁₅₄ H ₂₃₆ N ₄₈ O ₅₁	3574.74	3574.59	14.94
1-2-3	C ₁₇₀ H ₂₅₉ N ₅₃ O ₅₀ S	3875.91	3874.51	15.32
2-2-3	C ₁₉₄ H ₂₉₂ N ₅₆ O ₅₃ S ₂	4319.13	4318.95	16.17
2-3-3	C ₁₇₈ H ₂₆₉ N ₅₁ O ₅₄ S	4017.96	4017.14	15.97

CTV scaffolded compounds 10

Loop combination	Bruto formula	[M+H] ⁺ calculated	[M+H] ⁺ found	Rt (min)
1-1-2	C ₁₆₅ H ₂₄₃ N ₅₁ O ₄₈ S	3738.79	3739.16	16.21
1-2-2	C ₁₈₉ H ₂₇₆ N ₅₄ O ₅₁ S ₂	4183.01	4181.57	16.85
1-1-3	C ₁₄₉ H ₂₂₀ N ₄₆ O ₄₉	3438.61	3438.39	16.10
1-3-3	C ₁₅₇ H ₂₃₀ N ₄₄ O ₅₃	3580.67	3580.33	16.74
1-2-3	C ₁₇₃ H ₂₅₃ N ₄₉ O ₅₂ S	3881.84	3881.01	16.77
2-2-3	C ₁₉₇ H ₂₈₆ N ₅₂ O ₅₅ S ₂	4325.06	4323.22	17.63
2-3-3	C ₁₈₁ H ₂₆₃ N ₄₇ O ₅₆ S	4023.89	4022.43	17.41
1-1-3*	C ₁₅₇ H ₂₃₃ N ₄₉ O ₅₃	3653.71	3654.15	16.06
1-3*-3*	C ₁₇₃ H ₂₅₆ N ₅₀ O ₆₁	4010.85	4010.87	16.44