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Borinic acid Catalysed Peptide Synthesis

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General Information.

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were performed under argon atmosphere using flame-dried glassware. Commercially available compounds were used without further purification. Solvents (THF and CH₂Cl₂) were dried and purified from a solvent purification system. Fluorobenzene was distilled from CaH₂. NMR experiments were performed in deuterated solvents. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹¹B NMR and ⁹F spectra were recorded on 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual protium in the solvents (¹H) or the solvent carbon (¹³C) as internal standards. ¹H NMR spectral data features are tabulated in the following order: chemical shift in ppm (δ) (multiplicity, coupling constant, integration, type of H). The following abbreviations were used in reporting NMR data: s, singlet; br s, broad singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; dd, doublet of doublets; dt, doublet of triplet; td, triplet of doublet; ddd, doublet of doublet; m, multiplet; sept, septet; quin, quintet. Because of their low intensity (resulting from quadruple coupling), ¹³C signals arising from the quaternary carbon bearing the borinic acid group were not always observed and therefore were not always listed. Sometimes, the OH group of some borinic acids was not observed due to the exchange with DMSO-d⁶. Chromatographic separations were achieved on silica gel columns (Kieselgel 60, 40-63 µm). Detection was accomplished by irradiation with a UV lamp or staining with KMnO₄. IR Spectra were recorded on a FTIR spectrometer with frequencies expressed in cm⁻¹. HSQCETGP (2D H-1/X correlation via double inept transfer phase sensitive using Echo/Antiecho-TPPI gradient selection with decoupling during acquisition using trim pulses in inept transfer). HMBCGPLPNDQF (2D H-1/X correlation via heteronuclear zero and double quantum coherence optimized on long range couplings with low-pass J-filter to suppress onebond correlations no decoupling during acquisition using gradient pulses for selection). DEPT135 (dept polarization transfer with 135 degree read pulse to give XH, XH₃ positive and XH₂ negative with decoupling during acquisition) were used to assign the NMR peaks. Mass Spectra and high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Q-Tof instrument were recorded using either electron impact (EI) or electrospray ionization (ESI) techniques. Powdered molecular sieves were dried for 3 hours under high vacuum (<1 mbar) at 250 °C using a Kugelrohr instrument.

General Procedure A for the Preparation of Aryl Borinic Acids (9a-o).

Under argon atmosphere, a mixture of magnesium tunings (11 mmol, 267.3 mg, 1.1 equiv.) with a small crystal of iodine in THF (5 mL) was stirred at 40 °C for a period of 30 minutes until complete decolorization. Then, a solution of the aryl bromide (10 mmol, 1 equiv.) and B(OMe)₃ (5 mmol, 0.56 mL, 0.5 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was maintained at 40 °C for an additional two hours and then cooled to room temperature. Hydrolysis was achieved by the addition of aqueous 5% HCl (5.75 mL) and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 minutes. The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. This crude was then dissolved in EtOAc (1.2 mL) and 2-ethanolamine (10 mmol, 0.60 mL, 1 equiv.) was added. The mixture was then stirred overnight at room temperature, washed with water and brine, extracted with EtOAc (2 x 3 mL) and concentrated under vacuum to obtain a crude 2aminoethoxydiaryl borinate, which was recrystallized from ethanol, acetone or chloroform to give, unless otherwise stated, a colorless powder.

To obtain the desired borinic acid, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of MeOH/Acetone and an equivalent volume of aqueous HCl (1 M) was added. The mixture was left to stir at room temperature for two hours. Then, it was extracted with Et_2O or EtOAc, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under high vacuum to yield the corresponding pure borinic acid in the form of oil or a powder.

Phenylborinic acid (9a). Known and fully described.^{1a} Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using bromobenzene (1.05 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (788 mg, 3.50 mmol, 35%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9a** as colorless oil that solidifies upon storage (573 mg, 3.15 mmol, 90%). The overall yield of **9a** is 32%.



M.p: 118 - 120 °C (*lit*: 115 - 130 °C).^{1b} The ¹H, ¹³C and ¹¹B data were consistent with those reported in the literature. ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 9.98$ (s, OH), 7.68 (dd, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 7.48-7.38 (m, 6H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm C} = 134.5$ (CH_{Ar}), 130.0 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 46.2$ (br s).

2-Methylphenylborinic acid (9b). Known and fully described.² Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 2-bromotoluene (1.20 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (532 mg, 2.10 mmol, 21%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9b** as brown oil (437 mg, 2.08 mmol, 99%). The overall yield of **9b** is 21%.



The ¹H, ¹³C and ¹¹B data were consistent with those reported in the literature. ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 10.27$ (s, OH), 7.28-1.25 (m, 4H_{Ar}), 7.16-7.11 (m, 4H_{Ar}), 2.31 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 141.1$ (Cq_{Ar}), 133.6 (CH_{Ar}), 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 129.1 (CH_{Ar}), 124.6 (CH_{Ar}), 22.2 (CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 45.0$ (br s).

¹ (a) A. Hofer, G. Kovacs, A. Zappatini, M. Leuenberger, M. A.Hediger and M. Lochner, *Bioorg. Med. Chem.*, 2013, **21**, 3202. (b) N. Wang, *J. Organomet. Chem.*, 1972, **35**, 231.

² X. Chen, H. Ke, Y. Chen, C. Guan and G. Zou, J. Org. Chem., 2012, 77, 7572.

4-*t***-Butylphenylborinic acid** (**9c**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-4-(*tert*-butyl)benzene (1.73 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (2.02 g, 5.99 mmol, 60%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9c** as a colorless solid (1.67 g, 5.68 mmol, 95%). The overall yield of **9c** is 57%.



M.p: 76-78 °C. ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 9.80$ (s, OH), 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 7.44 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 1.31 (s, 18H, 6 x CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 152.8$ (Cq_{Ar}), 134.7 (CH_{Ar}), 124.3 (CH_{Ar}), 34.5 (Cq), 31.1 (CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 45.1$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3413, 2958, 1607, 1462, 1399, 1299, 1267, 1197, 1138, 1105, 1018, 885, 830, 760, 695. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆BO: 293.2077; Found: 293.2087.

4-Methoxyphenylborinic acid (**9d**). Known and fully described.^{2,3} Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 4-bromoanisole (1.25 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (1.74 g, 6.12 mmol, 61%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9d** as an off-white solid (1.41 g, 5.82 mmol, 95%). The overall yield of **9d** is 58%.



M.p: 93 - 95 °C (*lit*: 115 - 130 °C).³ The ¹H, ¹³C and ¹¹B data were consistent with those reported in the literature. ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 9.58 (s, OH), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 3.81 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 161.1 (Cq_{Ar}), 136.6 (CH_{Ar}), 113.1 (CH_{Ar}), 54.9 (CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B}$ = 44.9 (br s).

³ S. Murakami and T. Suzuki, Patent: US2015/105562 A1, 2015.

3-Methoxyphenylborinic acid (**9e**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 3-bromoanisole (1.27 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (2.22 g, 7.78 mmol, 78%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9e** as colorless oil (1.23 g, 5.08 mmol, 65%). The overall yield of **9e** is 51%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 9.93$ (s, OH), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 7.24 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 6.03 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 3.78 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 158.5$ (Cq_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 119.3 (CH_{Ar}), 115.8 (CH_{Ar}), 54.9 (CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 47.3$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3437, 3001, 2939, 2836, 1594, 1571, 1484, 1463, 1447, 1416, 1374, 1287, 1235, 1217, 1180, 1149, 1114, 1038, 993, 932, 876, 854, 790, 755, 700. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄BO₃: 241.1036; Found: 241.1029.

2-Fluorophenylborinic acid (**9f**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-2-fluorobenzene (1.09 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (1.44 g, 5.51 mmol, 55%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9f** as yellowish oil (2.11 g, 9.67 mmol, 97%). The overall yield of **9f** is 53%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.53$ (t, 6.2 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H_{Ar}), 7.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 6.99 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 165.3$ (d, J = 245.9, Cq_{Ar}), 134.8 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 130.6 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 123.3 (CH_{Ar}), 114.4 (d, J = 25.4 Hz, CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 31.0$ (br s). ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm F} = -104.5$. $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3608, 3077, 1610, 1568, 1477, 1440, 1301, 1280, 1205,

1155, 1104, 1084, 1066, 1030, 650, 876, 821, 782, 770, 698. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₈BOF₂: 217.0636; Found: 217.0646.

4-Fluorophenylborinic acid (**9g**). Known and fully described.^{1a,2} Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-4-fluorobenzene (1.10 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (2.01 g, 7.70 mmol, 77%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9g** as a colorless solid (1.65 g, 7.56 mmol, 98%). The overall yield of **9g** is 76%.



M.p: 79 - 82 °C (*lit*: 78 - 80 °C).² The ¹H and ¹³C data were consistent with those reported in the literature. ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 9.86 (s, OH), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 7.22 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 163.7 (d, *J* = 249.9, Cq_{Ar}), 136.9 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 114.4 (d, *J* = 19.3 Hz, CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B}$ = 44.4 (br s). ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm F}$ = -110.4 (s).

2-Chlorophenylborinic acid (**9h**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene (1.17 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (2.11 g, 7.17 mmol, 72%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9h** as yellowish oil (1.69 g, 6.73 mmol, 94%). The overall yield of **9h** is 68%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 9.46$ (s, OH), 7.54 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 7.33-7.27 (m, 6H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 136.9$ (Cq_{Ar}), 134.6 (CH_{Ar}), 130.4 (CH_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 126.0 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 39.3$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3543, 3052, 1588, 1559, 1464, 1425, 1335, 1287, 1260, 1239, 1160, 1123, 1079, 1032, 947, 856,

751, 720, 688. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₈BOCl₂: 249.0045; Found: 249.0038.

3-Chlorophenylborinic acid (9i). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-3-chlorobenzene (1.175 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (1.76 g, 5.98 mmol, 60%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid 9i as yellowish oil (1.43 g, 5.70 mmol, 95%). The overall yield of 9i is 57%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.46$ (s, 2H_{Ar}), 7.38 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 7.27-7.21 (m, 4H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 132.3$ (Cq_{Ar}), 131.9 (CH_{Ar}), 131.0 (CH_{Ar}), 128.9 (CH_{Ar}), 126.6 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm B} = 45.6$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3580, 3433, 3060, 2979, 1591, 1558, 1473, 1473, 1399, 1306, 1275, 1248, 1171, 1137, 1081, 997, 888, 787, 702. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₈BOCl₂: 249.0045; Found: 249.0039.

4-Chlorophenylborinic acid (**9j**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-4-chlorobenzene (1.91 g, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (2.03 g, 6.90 mmol, 69%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9j** as a colorless solid (1.66 g, 6.61 mmol, 96%). The overall yield of **9j** is 66%.



M.p: 62-64 °C. ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 8.73 (s, OH), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H_{Ar}), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 135.7 (CH_{Ar}), 134.2 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B}$ = 45.7 (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3561, 3443, 3040, 1585, 1557, 1488, 1411, 1393, 1349, 1385, 1251, 1180, 1119, 1082, 1053, 1012, 968, 870,

857, 833, 826, 818, 751, 731, 710, 686. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₈BOCl₂: 249.0045; Found: 249.0036.

2-Bromophenylborinic acid (**9k**). General procedure **A** failed to deliver the desired product **9k**, propably due to the lack of regioselectivity where both bromine atoms can be involved in the formation of the Grignard. As a result, a mixture of byproducts (mainly non-polar) was obtained and a different method was used for the synthesis of **9k**.

To a solution of 1,2-dibromobenzene (471.8 mg, 2 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 35 mL THF was added *n*-BuLi in hexanes (0.88 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.5 M, 1.1 equiv.) dropwise at -78 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 1 h, B(OMe)₃ (0.11 mL, 1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) was added and the mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched by addition of aqueous HCl (1 M, 20 mL) and then extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The solvents were removed on a rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/EtOAc (99/1) as the eluent to yield the desired product **9k** as a colorless oil (109 mg, 0.32 mmol, 16%).



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 9.50$ (s, OH), 7.69 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H_{Ar}), 7.52 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H_{Ar}), 7.43-7.14 (m, 6H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm C} = 144.6$ (Cq_{Ar}), 134.8 (CH_{Ar}), 129.2 (CH_{Ar}), 124.5 (CH_{Ar}), 120.4 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 45.1$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3561, 3302, 2957,1593, 1563, 1464, 1436, 1372, 1338, 1182, 1120, 1026, 1002, 947, 823, 783, 700, 659. HRMS (ESI-TOF) of C₁₂H₉Br₂BO was not possible due to the extreme instability of this product. However, a peak with m/z: 339 was detected.

2-Chloro-5-methoxyphenylborinic acid (91). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 3-bromo-4-chloroanisole (1.42 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a pink solid (2.02 g, 5.70 mmol, 57%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid 91 as brown oil (1.76 g, 5.65 mmol, 99%). The overall yield of 91 is 56%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 10.27$ (s, OH), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H_{Ar}), 7.18-7.12 (m, 3H_{Ar}), 2.32 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 141.1$ (Cq_{Ar}), 133.6 (CH_{Ar}), 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 129.1 (CH_{Ar}), 124.6 (CH_{Ar}), 22.21 (CH₃). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 45.8$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3590, 3404, 2936, 2838, 1591, 1567, 1462, 1441, 1396, 1334, 1304, 1283, 1176, 1151, 1118, 1048, 1022, 959, 868, 808, 783, 736, 704, 689. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂BO₃Cl₂: 309.0257; Found: 309.0262.

2,5-Dichlorophenylborinic acid (**9m**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 2-bromo-1,4-dichlorobenzene (2.26 g, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (1.52 g, 4.18 mmol, 42%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9m** as yellowish oil (1.32 g, 4.13 mmol, 99%). The overall yield of **9m** is 42%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.78$ (d, J = 2.6 Hz, $2H_{\rm Ar}$), 7.14-7.08 (m, $4H_{\rm Ar}$). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 135.8$ (Cq_{Ar}), 134.7 (CH_{Ar}), 130.3 (Cq_{Ar}), 130.1 (CH_{Ar}), 127.1 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm B} = 44.5$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3549, 2925, 1582, 1552, 1455, 1378, 1331, 1290, 1252, 1231, 1097, 1037, 902, 817, 766, 745, 736, 698. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₆BOCl₄: 316.9266; Found: 316.9265.

2-Chloro-5-fluorophenylborinic acid (**9n**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2-aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 2-bromo-1-chloro-4-fluorobenzene (1.20 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (1.49 g, 4.51 mmol, 45%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9n** as yellowish oil (1.28 g, 4.46 mmol, 99%). The overall yield of **9n** is 45%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.52$ (dd, J = 10.3, 2.6 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 7.10-7.07 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.0 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 6.90 (td, J = 8.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 160.4$ (d, J = 244.9, Cq_{Ar}), 132.2 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, Cq_{Ar}), 129.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 121.1 (d, J = 20.3 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 114.2 (d, J = 23.4 Hz, CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm B} = 44.6$ (br s). ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm F} = -119.0$ (s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3545, 3069, 2972, 1574, 1457, 1392, 1334, 1330, 1251, 1215, 1185, 1105, 1078, 1038, 951, 881, 815, 771, 731, 702. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₆BOCl₂F₂: 284.9857; Found: 284.9868.

2-Chloro-4-fluorophenylborinic acid (**9o**). Following the general procedure **A**, the 2aminoethoxydiaryl borinate of the title compound was prepared using 1-bromo-2-chloro-4fluorobenzene (1.20 mL, 10 mmol) and isolated in the form of a colorless solid (1.65 g, 5.01 mmol, 50%). Acid hydrolysis furnished the desired borinic acid **9o** as yellowish oil (1.42 g, 4.94 mmol, 99%). The overall yield of **9o** is 50%.



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.68$ (t, J = 7.9 Hz, $2H_{\rm Ar}$), 7.12-7.04 (m, $4H_{\rm Ar}$). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 161.8$ (d, J = 247.9, Cq_{Ar}), 137.9 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, Cq_{Ar}), 136.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 115.7 (d, J = 23.4 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 112.7 (d, J = 19.3 Hz, CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm B} = 45.2$ (br s). ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm F} = -113.6$ (s) and ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) $\delta_{\rm F} = -114.5$ (s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3559, 3350, 3071, 2928, 1586, 1570,

1483, 1380, 1330, 1287, 1260, 1243, 1201, 1119, 1073, 1034, 915, 895, 857, 819, 734, 701, 688. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₆BOCl₂F₂: 284.9857; Found: 284.9861.

2-Chlorophenyl(phenyl)borinic acid (9p). This unsymmetrical borinic acid was synthesized in two steps. The first step involved the preparation of dimethyl (2-chlorophenyl)boronate according to a reported procedure.⁴ TFA (70 μ L) was added to a mixture of 2-chlorobenzene boronic acid (1.095 g, 7.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and trimethyl orthoformate (1.91 mL, 17.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 15 min. Then; the volatile materials were evaporated under vacuum to give pure methyl boronic ester as brown oil (997 mg, 3.99 mmol, 99%).

In the next step,⁵ to a solution of bromobenzene (0.32 mL, 3 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 25 mL of dry THF under argon atmosphere at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi in hexanes (2.5 M, 1.32 mL, 3.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) dropwise. After stirring at this temperature for 1 h, a solution of the prepared methyl boronic ester (553 mg, 3 mmol, 1 equiv.) in 6 mL of THF was added dropwise. The mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched by addition of 25 mL of water, and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The solvents were removed on a rotary evaporator. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/EtOAc (95/5) as the eluent to yield the desired borinic acid **9p** as colorless oil (341 mg, 1.58 mmol, 53%).



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm H} = 10.4$ (s, OH), 7.61 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 7.60-7.34 (m, 7H_{Ar}). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm C} = 135.3$ (Cq_{Ar}), 135.0 (CH_{Ar}), 132.6 (CH_{Ar}), 131.3 (CH_{Ar}), 130.0 (CH_{Ar}) 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 127.6 (CH_{Ar}), 126.1 (CH_{Ar}). ¹¹B NMR (160.4 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) $\delta_{\rm B} = 43.9$ (br s). $v_{\rm max}$ (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3629, 3457, 3065, 2989, 1603, 1574, 1493, 1444, 12780,

⁴ P.K. Elkin, V. V. Levin, A. D. Dilman, M. I. Struchkova, P. A. Belyakov, D. E. Arkhipov, A. A. Korlyukov and V. A. Tartakovsky, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2011, **52**, 5259.

⁵ W.-M. Wan, F. Cheng and F. Jaekle, Ang. Chem. Int. Ed., 2014, **53**, 8934.

1266, 1247, 1159, 1104, 1073, 1049, 1030, 959, 886, 856, 771, 750, 703, 667, 656. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₁₂H₉BOCl: 215.0435; Found: 215.0443.

General procedure B for Studying the Reactivity of the Different Borinic Acids 9a-p.

Under argon atmosphere phenylacetic acid **6** (0.55 mmol, 75.0 mg, 1.1 equiv.), the borinic acid **9a-p** (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) and 1 g of powdered of activated 5Å molecular sieves were introduced. Dry CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added, and the suspension was vigorously stirred for 15 min. Then, benzylamine **7** (0.50 mmol, 54.6 μ L, 1 equiv.) was added and the resulting mixture was further stirred for 48 h at room temperature. The suspension was filtered through a pad of celite and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The filtrate was extracted twice with an aqueous solution of HCl (1M, 10 mL), twice with an aqueous solution of NaOH (1M, 10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was collected, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield the title amide **8** as pure products. ¹H NMR conversions were calculated using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (0.05 mmol, 8.40 mg, 10 mol%) as an internal standard.

N-Benzyl-2-phenylacetamide (8). Known and fully described.⁶ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **B** and isolated as a light yellow solid (112 mg, 99% yield).

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.35-7.23 (m, 8H_{Ar}), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 5.70 (br s, NH), 4.39 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 171.0 (C=O), 138.2 (Cq_{Ar}), 134.9 (Cq_{Ar}), 129.5 (CH_{Ar}), 129.1 (CH_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH_{Ar}), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}), 43.8 (CH₂), 43.6 (CH₂).

⁶ T. Mohy El Dine, W. Erb, Y. Berhault, J. Rouden and J. Blanchet, J. Org. Chem., 2015, 80, 4532.

General Procedure C for the Preparation of Amino Acid Ester Free Amines (10a-h).

The amino acid ester hydrochloride salt (10 mmol) was introduced into a separatory funnel and mixed with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). An aqueous solution saturated with Na_2CO_3 was added and the solution was vigorously shaked for few minutes and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were collected, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to provide the pure amino acid ester amines **10a-h** in quantitative yields.

General Procedure D for the Synthesis of (11) and the Dipeptides (13a-m).

Into a 25 mL round-bottom flask kept under argon atmosphere was added the *N*-protected amino acid **12a-d** (0.46 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2-Chlorophenylborinic acid **9h** (29 mg, 0.115 mmol, 25 mol %) and 1 g of activated powdered 5 Å molecular sieves. Dry fluorobenzene (6.7 mL) was added, and the mixture was vigorously stirred for 15 min at a temperature of 65 °C. Then, the *C*-protected amino acid **10a-h** (0.46 mmol, 1 equiv.) was slowly added using a gastight 100 μ L syringe and the resulting mixture was further stirred for 48 h at 65 °C. Then, the solution was filtered through a pad of Celite 545 and the residue washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 5 mL) and EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). Unless otherwise mentioned, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, washed with an aqueous solution of HCl (1M, pH = 3) (2 x 10 mL), aqueous basic solution of NaOH (pH = 11) (2 x 10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was collected, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated again under reduced pressure to provide the crude mixture. For certain products, purification by column chromatography was required.

(S)-N-Phenylacetyl-Phe OMe (11). Known and fully described.⁶ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using phenylalanine methyl ester 10d. It was purified using the acid-base aqueous workup and isolated as a colorless solid after flushing with pentane (129 mg, 96%, ee > 99.9%).

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 $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 37.6^\circ$ (*c* = 1.05, CHCl₃), $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (lit) + 37.5° (*c* = 1.06, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.35-7.25$ (m, 3H_{Ar}), 7.22-7.18 (m, 5H_{Ar}), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H_{Ar}), 5.81-5.80 (br s, NH), 4.87-4.82 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 171.8$ (C=O), 170.5 (C=O), 135.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 134.5 (Cq_{Ar}), 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 129.2 (CH_{Ar}), 129.0 (CH_{Ar}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}), 127.1 (CH_{Ar}), 53.0 (CH), 52.3 (CH), 43.6 (CH₂), 37.6 (CH₂). Enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral HPLC on Daicel Chiralpak ASH 4.6 mm, 250 mm, 5 µm, using 60% n-heptane, 40% 2-propanol with a flow rate of 1 mL/min at 20 °C. The retention times (RT) were -10.142 min for the major enantiomer and -20.214 min for the minor enantiomer, respectively. The product **11** was obtained as one enantiomer with RT of -9.914 min.

(*S*,*S*)-Boc-Phe-Val-OMe (13a). Known and fully described.⁷ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Boc-phenylalanine 12a and valine methyl ester 10a. It was purified using the acid-base aqueous workup and isolated as a colorless solid (89 mg, 51%).



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 7.0^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ (lit) -7.0° (*c* = 1.02, CHCl₃).⁷ ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_{H} = 7.34-7.24$ (m, 5H_{Ar}), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, NH), 5.12 (br s, NH), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.12 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.18-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.45

⁷ F. Fécourt, B. Delpech, O. Melnyk and D. Crich, Org. Lett., 2013, 15, 3758.

(s, 9H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C} = 171.9$ (C=O), 171.3 (C=O), 155.6 (C=O), 136.8 (Cq_{Ar}), 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 80.3 (Cq), 57.4 (CH), 56.0 (CH), 52.2 (CH₃), 38.1 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH), 28.4 (CH₃), 19.0 (CH₃), 17.9 (CH₃).

(*S*,*S*)-Boc-Phe-Ala-OMe (13b). Known and fully described.⁸ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Boc-phenylalanine 12a and alanine methyl ester 10b. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (30/70) as the eluent and isolated as colorless oil that solidifies upon storage (76 mg, 47%).

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 19^\circ$ (*c* = 1.0, MeOH), $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (lit) $- 22^\circ$ (*c* = 0.1, MeOH).⁹ ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.33-7.22$ (m, 5H_{Ar}), 6.85 (br s, NH), 5.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz NH), 4.56 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (br s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.07 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 173.0$ (C=O), 171.2 (C=O), 155.6 (C=O), 136.7 (Cq_{Ar}), 129.5 (CH_{Ar}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 80.2 (Cq), 55.7 (CH), 52.5 (CH₃), 48.2 (CH), 38.5 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₃), 18.3 (CH₃).

⁸ T. V. Nguyen and D. J. M. Lyons, *Chem. Commun.*, 2015, **51**, 3131.

⁹ S. M. Mali and H. N. Gopi, J. Org. Chem., 2014, 79, 2377.

(*S*)-Boc-Phe-Gly-OMe (13c). Known and fully described.¹⁰ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Boc-phenylalanine 12a and glycine methyl ester 10c. It was purified using the acid-base aqueous workup and isolated as a colorless solid (85 mg, 55%).



 $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 6.8^\circ$ (c = 0.2, CHCl₃), $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (lit) $- 6.4^\circ$ (c = 1.46, MeOH).¹¹ ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.32-7.20$ (m, 5H_{Ar}), 6.43 (br s, NH), 5.00 (br s, NH), 4.40 (br s, 1H), 4.07-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 170.5$ (C=O), 168.9 (C=O), 154.4 (C=O), 135.5 (Cq_{Ar}), 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 127.7 (CH_{Ar}), 126.0 (CH_{Ar}), 79.4 (Cq), 54.6 (CH), 51.4 (CH₃), 40.2 (CH₂), 37.3 (CH₂), 27.2 (CH₃).

(*S*,*S*)-Boc-Phe-Phe-OMe (13d). Known and fully described.¹² The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Boc-phenylalanine **12a** and phenylalanine methyl ester **10d**. It was purified using the acid-base aqueous workup and isolated as a colorless solid (120 mg, 61%).



 $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 13.4^\circ$ (*c* = 1.0, MeOH), $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (lit) $- 13.5^\circ$ (*c* = 1.0, MeOH).¹³ ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.34-7.21$ (m, 8H_{Ar}), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H_{Ar}), 6.37 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, NH), 5.01 (br s, NH), 4.82 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.06 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 171.4$ (C=O), 170.9 (C=O), 155.4 (C=O), 136.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 135.7 (Cq_{Ar}), 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 129.3 (CH_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 127.2 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 80.3 (Cq), 55.8 (CH), 53.4 (CH), 52.4 (CH₃), 38.3 (CH₂), 38.0 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₃).

¹⁰ W. W. Gerhardt and M. Weck, J. Org. Chem., 2006, 71, 6333.

¹¹ M. Michelot, P. V. C. Magneney and P. Schmitt, *Eur. J. Med. Chem.*, 1988, 23, 243.

¹² J. Bonnamour, T.-X. Métro, J. Martineza and F. Lamaty, Green Chem., 2013, 15, 1116.

¹³ D. K. Mohapatra and A. Datta, J. Org. Chem., 1999, 64, 6879.

(*S*,*S*)-Z-Pro-Phe-OMe (13e). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and phenylalanine methyl ester 10d. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (40/60) as the eluent and isolated as a colorless solid (113 mg, 60%).



[α]_D²⁵ – 33.1° (c = 1.0, MeOH), [α]_D²⁵ (lit) – 32.8° (c = 1.0, MeOH)^{14.1}H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_H = 8.0 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, NH), 7.36-7.20 (m, 10H_{Ar}), 5.10-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.59-4.56 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.13-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.76 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_C = 171.2 (C=O), 171.0 (C=O), 153.5 (C=O), 136.5 (Cq_{Ar}), 136.4 (Cq_{Ar}), 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH_{Ar}), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}), 126.9 (CH_{Ar}), 126.5 (CH_{Ar}), 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 65.3 (CH₂), 59.0 (CH), 52.7 (CH), 50.9 (CH₃), 46.2 (CH₂), 36.2 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 22.5 (CH₂). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3446, 3002, 2901, 1743, 1700, 1416, 1261, 1117, 990, 802. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆N₂O₅Na: 433.1739; Found: 433.1728.

(*S*,*S*)-*Z*-**Pro-Leu-OMe** (13f). Known and fully described.¹⁵ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and leucine methyl ester 10e. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (40/60) as the eluent and isolated as a yellow solid (103 mg, 60%).



 $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 56.9^\circ$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃), $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ (lit) $- 56.7^\circ$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).¹⁵ ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) $\delta_H = 7.97$ (d, J = 5.8 Hz, NH), 7.35-7.31 (m, 5H_{Ar}), 5.11-5.08 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.31 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.42 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.83 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.53

¹⁴ P. Revelou, C. G. Kokotos and P. Moutevelis-Minakakis, *Tetrahedron*, 2012, 68, 8732.

¹⁵ J. Duan, Y. Sun, H. Chen, G. Qiu, H. Zhou, T. Tang, Z. Deng and X. Hong, J. Org. Chem., 2013, 78, 7013.

(m, 3H), 0.90-0.83 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) $\delta_{\rm C} = 173.2$ (C=O), 172.5 (C=O), 154.5 (C=O), 137.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 128.0 (CH_{Ar}), 127.6 (CH_{Ar}), 66.4 (CH₂), 59.9 (CH), 52.0 (CH₃), 50.9 (CH), 50.8 (CH₂), 47.4 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₃), 23.7 (CH₂), 23.0 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH).

(*S*,*S*)-*Z*-**Pro-Val-OMe** (13g). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and valine methyl ester 10a. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (30/70) as the eluent and isolated as colorless oil (97 mg, 58%).



[α]_D²⁵ – 59.3° (c = 1.1, EtOH), [α]_D²⁵ (lit) – 60.0° (c = 1.01, EtOH).¹⁶ ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_H = 7.85 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, NH), 7.35-7.30 (m, 5H_{Ar}), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.40 (dd, J =7.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 6.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.40 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.84 (m, 3H), 0.88-0.85 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_C = 171.8 (C=O), 171.2 (C=O), 153.6 (C=O), 136.5 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.7 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 126.7 (CH_{Ar}), 65.4 (CH₂), 58.8 (CH), 57.0 (CH), 50.9 (CH₃), 46.4 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 22.9 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3444, 3002, 2250, 1739, 1743, 1667, 1216, 1053, 1024, 1006, 998, 821, 758. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₂O₅Na: 385.1739; Found: 385.1751.

¹⁶ O. E. Edwards and W. Rank, Can. J. Chem., 1990, 68, 1425.

(*S*,*S*)-*Z*-**Pro-Val-OBn** (13h). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and valine benzyl ester 10f. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (40/60) as the eluent and isolated as yellowish oil (119 mg, 59%).



[α]_D²⁵ – 38.2° (c = 1.0, DMF), [α]_D²⁵ (lit) – 38.0° (c = 1.0, DMF).¹⁷ ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_H = 7.88 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, NH), 7.36-7.30 (m, 10H_{Ar}), 5.17-5.12 (m, 2H), 5.05 (br s, 2H), 4.39 (d, J = 6.6, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 5.8, 1H), 3.48-3.41 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.78 (m, 3H), 0.86 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_C = 171.8 (C=O), 170.6 (C=O), 153.6 (C=O), 136.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 135.5 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.8 (CH_{Ar}), 127.7 (CH_{Ar}), 127.6 (CH_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH_{Ar}), 127.1 (CH_{Ar}), 126.7 (CH_{Ar}), 65.5 (CH₂), 65.4 (CH₂), 58.8 (CH), 57.2 (CH), 46.4 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH), 22.8 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3472, 2963, 1739, 1703, 1701, 1544, 1417, 1356, 1262, 1204, 1053, 1025, 1006, 926, 820, 769, 757. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₀N₂O₅Na: 461.2052; Found: 461.2042.

(*S*)-Z-Pro-Gly-OEt (13i). Known and fully described.¹⁸ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and glycine ethyl ester 10g. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (50/50) as the eluent and isolated as colorless oil that solidifies upon storage (112 mg, 73%).



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 24.9^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.35, EtOAc), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ (lit) - 60.4° (*c* = 2.43, EtOAc).¹⁸ ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_{H} = 8.06 (br s, NH), 7.37-7.32 (m, 5H_{Ar}), 5.13-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 5.9

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Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.11 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.46 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.85 (m, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) $\delta_{C} = 172.0$ (C=O), 169.1 (C=O), 153.8 (C=O), 136.7 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.8 (CH_{Ar}), 127.2 (CH_{Ar}), 126.8 (CH_{Ar}), 65.6 (CH₂), 59.9 (CH₂), 59.5 (CH), 46.4 (CH₂), 40.5 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH₂), 22.9 (CH₂), 13.6 (CH₃).

(*S*)-Z-Pro-Gly-OBn (13j). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and glycine benzyl ester 10h. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (40/60) as the eluent and isolated as a colorless solid (86 mg, 47%).



[α]_D²⁵ – 58.4° (c = 1.0, EtOH), [α]_D²⁵ (lit) – 58.3° (c = 1.0, EtOH).¹⁹ ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_H = 8.07 (br s, NH), 7.35-7.28 (m, 10H_{Ar}), 5.12 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.26 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.77 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_C = 172.0 (C=O), 169.0 (C=O), 153.7 (C=O), 136.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 135.5 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.9 (CH_{Ar}), 127.7 (CH_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH_{Ar}), 127.3 (CH_{Ar}), 127.1 (CH_{Ar}), 126.8 (CH_{Ar}), 65.5 (CH₂), 65.4 (CH₂), 59.4 (CH), 46.3 (CH₂), 40.4 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3444, 3003, 2905, 1750, 1699, 1668, 1413, 1178, 1183, 1053, 1006, 996, 821, 758, 766, 700. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N₂O₅Na: 419.1583; Found: 419.1580

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(*S*)-Z-Pro-Gly-OMe (13k). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-proline 12b and glycine methyl ester 10c. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (30/70) as the eluent and isolated as yellowish oil (75 mg, 51%).

[α]_D²⁵ – 62.2° (c = 1.0, MeOH), [α]_D²⁵ (lit) – 62.0° (c = 1.0, MeOH).²⁰ ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_H = 8.00 (br s, NH), 7.31-7.27 (m, 5H_{Ar}), 5.07-5.01 (m, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.78 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d₆, 80 °C) δ_C = 172.0 (C=O), 169.5 (C=O), 153.7 (C=O), 136.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 127.8 (CH_{Ar}), 127.1 (CH_{Ar}), 126.8 (CH_{Ar}), 65.6 (CH₂), 59.4 (CH), 51.0 (CH₃), 40.2 (CH₂), 46.4 (CH₂), 30.0 (CH₂), 22.9 (CH₂). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3444, 2801, 1739, 1664, 1376, 1205, 1053, 1025, 1006, 996, 828, 765. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀N₂O₅Na: 343.1270; Found: 343.1263.

Boc-Gly-Gly-OBn (131). Known and fully described.²¹ The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Boc-glycine 12c and glycine benzyl ester 10h. It was purified using the acid-base aqueous workup and isolated as a colorless solid (118 mg, 80%).



¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.28-7.24 (m, 5H_{Ar}), 6.89 (br s, NH), 5.34 (br s, NH), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.0 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 170.1 (C=O), 169.8 (C=O), 156.2 (C=O), 135.2 (Cq_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (CH_{Ar}), 80.4 (Cq), 67.3 (CH₂), 44.2 (CH₂), 41.3 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₃).

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(*S*)-Boc-Gly-Phe-OMe (13m). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Boc-glycine 12c and phenylalanine methyl ester 10d. It was purified using the acid-base aqueous workup and isolated as a yellow solid (111 mg, 72%).



 $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 4.8^{\circ}$ (*c* = 2.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CHCl₃) $\delta_H = 7.28-7.21$ (m, 3H_{Ar}), 7.09 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 6.79 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, NH), 5.34 (br s, NH), 4.85 (q, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) $\delta_C = 171.8$ (C=O), 169.3 (C=O), 156.1 (C=O), 135.8 (Cq_{Ar}), 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 128.2 (CH_{Ar}), 80.2 (Cq), 53.2 (CH), 52.4 (CH₃), 44.2 (CH₂), 37.9 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₃). *v*_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3422, 3049, 2979, 1743, 1710, 1683, 1532, 1456, 1367, 1278, 1250, 1214, 1169, 1051, 1024, 1006, 822, 759, 730, 700. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄N₂O₅Na: 359.1583; Found: 359.1570.

(S,S)-Z-Met-Phe-OMe (13n). The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure **D** using N-Cbz-methionine 12d and phenylalanine methyl ester 10d. It was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/pentane (30/70) as the eluent and isolated as a yellowish solid (81 mg, 40%).



 $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +3.8° (*c* = 0.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CHCl₃) δ_H = 7.35-7.25 (m, 4H_{Ar}), 7.27-7.09 (m, 4H_{Ar}), 7.09 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H_{Ar}), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, NH), 5.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, NH), 5.1 (s, 2H), 4.85 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.09 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 2.03-2.00 (m, 3H), 1.98-1.85 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃) δ_C = 171.7 (C=O), 170.8 (C=O), 156.0 (C=O), 136.3 (Cq_{Ar}), 135.6 (Cq_{Ar}), 129.3 (CH_{Ar}), 128.8 (CH_{Ar}), 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 128.4 (CH_{Ar}), 128.2 (CH_{Ar}), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}), 67.2 (CH₂), 53.6 (CH), 53.3 (CH3), 52.5

(CH₃), 37.9 (CH₂), 31.6 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂), 15.1 (CH₃). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3302, 3032, 1953, 2925, 2855, 1716, 1661, 1605, 1521, 1497, 1455, 1441, 1281, 1214, 1179, 1114, 1081, 1043, 1028, 913, 742. HRMS (ESI+ TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₈N₂O₅NaS: 467.1617; Found: 467.1613.

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of Newly Synthesized Aryl Borinic Acids.

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9c**



Figure S1. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9c.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9e.**



Figure S2. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9e.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9f.**



Figure S3. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9f.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9h.**



Figure S4. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9h.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9i.**



Figure S5. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9i.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9j.**



Figure S6. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9j.**



¹³C NMR (101.6 MHz; CDCl₃-d¹) of **9k.**





Figure S7. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9k.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9**l.



Figure S8. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **91.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9m.**



Figure S9. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9m.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9n.**



Figure S10. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9n.**



Figure S11. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **90.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶) of **9p.**



Figure S12. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **9p.**

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of Newly Synthesized Dipeptides. ¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶, 80 °C) of **13e.**



Figure S13. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13e**.



¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d⁶, 80 °C) of **13g.**



Figure S14. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13g.**

¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶, 80 °C) of **13h.**



¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz; DMSO-d⁶, 80 °C) of **13h.**



Figure S15. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13h.**

^1H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶, 80 °C) of 13j.



Figure S16. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13j.**

¹H NMR (500.0 MHz; DMSO-d⁶, 80 °C) of **13k.**



Figure S17. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13k.**



Figure S18. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13m.**

¹H NMR (400.0 MHz; CDCl₃) of **13n.**



Figure S19. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **13n.**

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HPLC Spectra of (S)-N-Phenylacetyl-Phe-OMe (11).





HPLC Spectra of Rac-N-Phenylacetyl-Phe-OMe

HPLC Spectra of Dipeptides

HPLC Spectra of (S)-Boc-Phe-Gly-OMe (13c)



HPLC Spectra of Rac-Boc-Phe-Gly-OMe



HPLC Spectra of (S)-Z-Pro-Gly-OEt (13i)



HPLC Spectra of Rac-Z-Pro-Gly-OEt





HPLC Spectra of (S)-Z-Pro-Gly-OBn (13j)

HPLC Spectra of Rac-Z-Pro-Gly-OBn



HPLC Spectra of (S)-Z-Pro-Gly-OMe (13k).



HPLC Spectra of Rac- Z-Pro-Gly-OMe



HPLC Spectra of (S)-Boc-Gly-Phe-OMe (13m)



HPLC Spectra of Rac-Boc-Gly-Phe-OMe



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2	Peak2	17,440	6213538	56,09		