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# Conformational promiscuity in triazolamers derived from quaternary amino acids mimics peptide behaviour

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# **GENERAL METHODS**

Reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers (Aldrich, Fluka or Merck) and were used without further purification. Flash chromatographic purifications and were performed using Silica 60 Å 35-70  $\mu$ m Chromagel (SDS). TLCs were performed using 6x3 cm SiO2 pre-coated aluminium plates (ALUGRAM® SIL G/UV254).

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopic experiments were carried out on a Varian INOVA 500 spectrometer or in a Varian Mercury 400 instrument. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to trimethylsilane (TMS), and coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz).

High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) analyses were carried out at the IQAC Mass Spectrometry Facility, using a UPLC-ESI-TOF equipment: [Acquity UPLC® BEH C18 1.7 mm, 2.1x100 mm, LCT Premier Xe, Waters]. (CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 20 mM HCOOH and H<sub>2</sub>O + 20 mM HCOOH) mixtures at 0.3 mL/min were used as mobile phase.

Optical rotation data were recorded on Perkin-Elmer Polarimeter-341

**X-ray crystallographic analysis** Crystal Structure Analyses: Data were collected on a STOE IPDS II two-circle diffractometer with a Genix Microfocus tube with mirror optics using MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). The data were scaled using the frame scaling procedure in the X-AREA program system.<sup>1</sup> The structure was solved by direct methods using the program SHELXL.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stoe & Cie. X-AREA. *Diffractometer control program system*; Stoe & Cie: Darmstadt. Germany, 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> G. M. Sheldrick, Acta Crystallogr., Sect. A 2008, **64**, 112-122.

# Synthesis of oligomers.

# Synthesis of *tert*-butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate 1a.

This compound was synthesised from commercially available 2-Methyl-3-butyn-2amine and Boc<sub>2</sub>O according to a known procedure.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.68 (brs, 1H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 146.9 (CO), 87.6 (C), 85.3 (C), 68.8 (CH), 47.1 (C), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

# Synthesis of alkyne 1b.



a) Synthesis of N-Boc (L)-Methylvalinol. To an ice-cooled solution of methylvalinol<sup>4</sup> (250 mg, 2.13 mmol) in 15 mL of dry dichloromethane, 700 mg (3.2 mmol) of Di-tertbutyl-dicarbonate were added followed by 0.45 mL (3.2 mmol) of trimethylamine. The mixture was stirred overnight diluted with 25 mL of dichloromethane and washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2x10 mL). The organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:Hexane 20:80) to yield 325 mg (1.50 mmol, 70%) of the title compound as pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.60 (brs, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J= 11.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J= 11.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (hept, J= 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.7 (C), 80.0 (C), 68.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.1 (C), 31.1 (CH), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 457 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 240 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 50%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{11}H_{23}NO_3 + Na^+$ : 240.1576, found 240.1495.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> C. Francavilla, E.Low, S.Nair, B. Kim, T. P. Shiau, D. Debabov, C. Celeri, N. Alvarez, A. Houchin, P. Xu, R. Najafi, R. Jain. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 2009, **19**, 2731–2734

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> WO2010019203A1, 2010

# b) Synthesis of N-Boc (L)-Methylvalinal

430 mg (1.97 mmol) of N-Boc (L)-Methylvalinol were dissolved in 30 mL of dry dichloromethane. 1.0 g (2.36 mg) of Dess-Martin periodinane was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 6h. Upon completion (TLC monitoring) the sample was diluted to 60 mL of dichloromethane, washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2x10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:Hexane 10:90 to 20:80) to yield 400 mg (1.86 mmol, 95%) of the aldehyde as a pale yellow oil that crystallises on standing.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.49 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 2.10 (brm, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H),
1.34 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.8 (CHO), 155.1 (C), 80.2 (C), 64.5 (C), 33.2 (CH), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 453 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 238 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 30%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{11}H_{21}NO_3 + Na^+$ : 238.1419, found 238.1404.

### c) Synthesis of 1b.

200 mg of N-Boc (L)-Methylvalinal (0.93 mmol) were dissolved in 2.5 mL of methanol. 255 mg of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> were then added followed by 170  $\mu$ L of Bestman-Ohira reagent (1.12 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room T until no SM could be detected (TLC monitoring, 22h). The reaction was quenched with 1 mL of water and diluted with 40 mL of ethyl acetate, washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:Hexane 5:95 to 10:90) to yield 190 mg (0.90 mmol, 97%) of the alkyne as yellowish oil.

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +0.80 (c = 1.0, CHCl_3)$ 

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.68 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 1H), 2.27 (hep, J= 6.8 Hz , 1H),
1.53 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.01 (d, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.2 (C), 85.5 (C), 79.6 (C), 70.9 (CH), 55.2 (C), 35.4 (CH), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 445 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 234 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 40%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{12}H_{21}NO_2 + Na^+$ : 234.1417, found 234.1459.

### Synthesis of triazole monomer 3a



*tert*-butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate (530 mg, 2.89 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O.THF (1:1). 420 mg (3 mmol) of benzyl azide were added followed by 90 mg (0.6 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O and 1.2 g (6 mmol) of sodium ascorbate. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature overnight under a nitrogen atmosphere. Upon completion (TLC monitoring) 30 mL of brine were added and the mixture extracted with dichloromethane (3x30 mL). The organic extracts were combined and dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 2:8 to 1:1) to yield 890 mg (2.81 mmol, 97%) of the tittle compound as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 1.67 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.4 (CO +C), 134.9 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.15 (CH), 120.3 (CH) 54.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.7 (C), 28.5 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 655 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 317 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 50%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{17}H_{24}N_4O_2 + H^+$ : 317.1978, found 317.1985.

# Synthesis of triazole monomer 3b



As stated for **3a** *tert*-butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate (297 mg, 1.62 mmol), 310 mg (1.62 mmol) of methyl 2-azidomethylbenzoate, 50 mg (0.20 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>0 and 640 mg (3.24 mmol) in 10 mL of THF:H<sub>2</sub>O 2:1 were used. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 2:8 to 1:1) to yield 536 mg (1.43 mmol, 88%) of the tittle compound as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (dd, *J*= 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J*= 7.64, 7.60 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, *J*= 7.62, 7.57, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 5.19 (brs, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.36 (s, 9H).ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.3 (CO), 154.1 (CO), 154.1 (C), 137.1 (C), 133.2 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.5 (C + CH), 121.2 (CH), 79.2 (C), 52.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.8 (C), 28.5 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>).ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 771 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 375 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 75%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{19}H_{26}N_4O_4 + H^+$ : 374.2032, found 374.1944.

#### Azide monomer 4a



400 mg (1.26 mmol) of **3a** were dissolved in 2.0 mL of dichloromethane. TFA (2 mL) was then added and the mixture stirred for 2 h (TLC monitoring). The resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The traces of TFA were eliminated by co-evaporation with chloroform (3x5 mL) under reduced pressure. The crude amine was then dissolved in 10 mL of MeOH and 550 mg (4 mmol) of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> were added followed by 400 mg (1.90 mmol) of 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride and 2.5 mg (0.01 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with 20 mL of water, acidified to pH=2 with 4 M HCl solution, and extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL) The organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 2:8 to 4:6) to yield 305 mg (1.26 mmol, quantitative) of **4a** as a colourless oil that crystallised on standing.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 1.56 (s, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 152.4 (C), 134.5 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 59.1 (C), 54.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 243 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{12}H_{14}N_6 + H^+$ : 243.1358, found 243.1359.

Azide monomer 4b



Following the procedure described for 4a, 510 mg (1.36 mmol) of **3b** in 4 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub>:TFA 1:1 were used. After solvent elimination the crude amine TFA salt was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and 660 mg (4.76 mmol) of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; were added followed by 430 mg (2.04 mmol) of 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride and 2.5 mg (0.01 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with 20 mL of water, acidified to pH=2 with 4 M HCl solution, and extracted with dichloromethane (3x20 mL). The organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was used without further purification (yellowish oil), 405 mg (1.36, quantitative yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.67 (dd, *J*= 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, *J*= 7.6, 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (ddd, *J*= 7.7, 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 167.3 (CO), 151.8 (C), 136.3 (C), 133.3 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (C), 121.1 (CH), 59.1 (C), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 623 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 323 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 50%), 301 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 25%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{14}H_{16}N_6O_2$ + H<sup>+</sup>: 301.1413, found 301.1375.

### Synthesis of dimer 5a



350 mg (1.44 mmol) of azide **4a** were dissolved in 10 mL of a 1:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. *tert*-butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate (320 mg, 1.72 mmol) was added followed by 570 mg (2.88 mmol) of sodium ascorbate and 70 mg (0.28 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h (TLC monitoring). Upon completion 10 mL of brine were added and the mixture was

extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 1:1) to yield 470 mg (1.10 mmol, 78%) of the title compound as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.5 (C), 153.5 (C), 152.1 (C), 134.4 (C), 129.3 (CH),
129.0 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 79.2 (C), 59.4 (C), 54.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.8 (C), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 448 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 426 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 50%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{22}H_{31}N_7O_2 + H^+$ : 426.2617, found 426.2623.

### Synthesis of dimer 5b



455 mg (1.51 mmol) of azide **4b** were dissolved in 10 mL of a 1:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. *tert*-butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate (280 mg, 1.51 mmol) was added followed by 600 mg (3.00 mmol) of sodium ascorbate and 75 mg (0.30 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h (TLC monitoring). Upon completion 10 mL of brine were added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 1:1) to yield 470 mg (1.10 mmol, 78%) of the title compound as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.02 (dd, J= 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd, J= 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J= 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 5.17 (brs, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.2 (CO), 154.5 (CO), 153.6 (C), 151.6 (C), 136.4 (C),
133.3 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (C), 122.0 (CH), 118.7 (CH),
79.1 (C), 59.4 (C), 52.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.9 (C), 28.7 5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 989 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 55%); 484 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{24}H_{33}N_7O_4 + H^+$ : 484.2672, found 484.2576.

### Azide dimer 6a

Following the procedure described for 4a, 420 mg (1.26 mmol) of **5a** in 4 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub>:TFA 1:1 were used. After solvent elimination the crude amine TFA salt was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and 485 mg (3.5 mmol) of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, were added followed by 310 mg (1.48 mmol) of 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride and 2.5 mg (0.01 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with 20 mL of water, acidified to pH=2 with 4 M HCl solution, and extracted with dichloromethane (3x20 mL). The organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 1:1) to yield 310 mg (0.88 mmol, 90%) of **6a** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 151.7 (C), 151.4 (C), 134.2 (C), 129.3 (CH), 129.1 (CH),
128.3 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 59.6 (C), 59.1 (C), 54.5 4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 703 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 352 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 74%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{17}H_{21}N_9 + H^+$ : 352.1998, found 352.1985.

# Azide dimer 6b



Following the procedure described for 4a, 655 mg (135 mmol) of **5b** in 5 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub>:TFA 1:1 were used. After solvent elimination the crude amine TFA salt was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and 650 mg (4.7 mmol) of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, were added followed by 425 mg (2.03 mmol) of 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride and 2.5 mg (0.01 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with 20 mL of water, acidified to pH=2 with 4 M HCl solution, and extracted with dichloromethane (3x20 mL). The organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 1:1) to yield 507 mg (1.24 mmol, 92%) of **6b** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.03 (dd, J= 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H),
7.52 (ddd, J= 7.6, 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J= 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J= 7.8 Hz,
1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 3.91 (d, J= 0.7 Hz, 3H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 1.66 (d, J= 0.7 Hz, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.2 (CO), 151.3 (C), 151.2 (C), 136.2 (C), 133.3 (CH),
131.4 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (C), 122.0 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 59.6 (C), 59.1 (C), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1(CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 841 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 30%), 819 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 410 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 55%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{19}H_{23}N_9O_2$ + H<sup>+</sup>: 410.2053, found 410.2012.

# Synthesis of trimer 7a



255 mg (0.73 mmol) of azide **6a** were dissolved in 8 mL of a 1:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. *tert*butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate (160 mg, 0.87 mmol) was added followed by 290 mg (1.46 mmol) of sodium ascorbate and 35 mg (0.14 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h (TLC monitoring). Upon completion 10 mL of brine were added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 50:50 to 100% EtOAc) to yield 310 mg (0.58 mmol, 80%) of the title compound as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 154.6 (C) 154.5 (C), 153.5 (C), 152.1 (C), 134.4 (C), 129.3 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 79.2 (C), 59.4 (C), 54.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.8 (C), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 458 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 436 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 50%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{27}H_{38}N_{10}O_2 + H^+$ : 435.3257, found 435.3154.

# Synthesis of trimer 7b



450 mg (1.10 mmol) of azide **6b** were dissolved in 20 mL of a 2:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. *tert*-butyl N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl)carbamate (202 mg, 1.10 mmol) was added followed by 130 mg (0.66 mmol) of sodium ascorbate and 54 mg (0.21 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h (TLC monitoring). Upon completion 10 mL of brine were added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 50:50 to 100% EtOAc) to yield 642 mg (1.08 mmol, 98%) of the title compound as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.02 (dd, J= 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 7.7, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 1.65 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.0 (CO), 154.4 (CO), 153.4 (C), 150.8 (C), 150.7 (C),
136.0 (C), 133.1 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (C), 121.9 (CH),
119.5 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 79.0 (C), 59.5 (C), 59.1 (C), 52.4 (C), 51.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>),
28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 1185 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 20%); 593 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{29}H_{40}N_{10}O_4 + H^+$ : 593.3312, found 593.3243.

### Synthesis of trimer 8a



Following the procedure described for 4a, 225 mg (0.42 mmol) of **7a** in 4 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub>:TFA 1:1 were used. After solvent elimination the crude amine TFA salt was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol and 200 mg (1.47 mmol) of  $K_2CO_{3;}$  were added followed by 135 mg (0.64 mmol) of 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride and 2.0 mg (0.01 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with 20 mL of water, acidified to pH=2 with 4 M HCl solution, and extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 1:1) to yield 175 mg (0.38 mmol, 90%) of **8a** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 1.66 (s, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 151.3 (C), 151.2 (C), 150.6 (C), 134.2 (C), 129.4 (CH),
129.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 59.7 (C), 59.5 (C), 59.1 (C), 54.5 (CH2), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 921 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 90%); 461 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{22}H_{28}N_{12}$  + H<sup>+</sup>: 461.2638, found 461.2576.

# Synthesis of trimer 8b



Following the procedure described for 4a, 620 mg (1.05 mmol) of **7b** in 8 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub>:TFA 1:1 were used. After solvent elimination the crude amine TFA salt was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and 505 mg (3.70 mmol) of  $K_2CO_{3;}$  were added followed by 330 mg (1.57 mmol) of 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride and 2.0 mg (0.01 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with 20 mL of water, acidified to pH=2 with 4 M HCl solution, and extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 60:40) to yield 460 mg (0.88 mmol, 85%) of **8a** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1H 8.01 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J*= 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 12H), 1.64 (s, 6H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.2 (CO), 151.2 (C), 150.8 (C), 150.5 (C), 136.1 (C), 133.3 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (C), 122.1 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 59.7 (C), 59.5 (C), 59.1 (C), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 1037 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%); 519 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 65%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{22}H_{30}N_{12}O_2 + H^+$ : 519.2693, found 519.2911.

#### Synthesis of tetramer 9a



60 mg (0.13 mmol) of azide 8a were dissolved in 4 mL of a 2:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. Alkyne **1b** (30 mg, 0.14 mmol) was added followed by 51 mg (0.26 mmol) of sodium ascorbate and 8 mg (0.032 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h (TLC monitoring). Upon completion 10 mL of brine were added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 50:50 to 80:20) to yield 80 mg (0.12 mmol, 92%) of the title compound as white solid.

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -14.0 \text{ (c = 0.2, CHCl}_{3})$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 5.43 (brs, 1H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.08 (2xs, 12 H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 2.05 (s, 4H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 0.82 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (d, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.3 (C), 151.0 (2xC), 150.4 (C), 149.5 (C), 134.3 (C), 129.4 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 119.82 (CH), 119.78 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 59.7 (C), 59.7 (C), 59.4 (C), 57.2 (C), 54.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH) 28.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.75 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.71 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 672 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{34}H_{49}N_{13}O_2 + H^+$ : 672.4210, found 672.3945.

#### Synthesis of tetramer 9b



104 mg (0.20 mmol) of azide 8b were dissolved in 4 mL of a 2:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. Alkyne **1b** (42 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added followed by 25 mg (0.06 mmol) of sodium ascorbate and 10 mg (0.04 mmol) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 2 h (TLC monitoring). Upon completion 10 mL of brine were added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 50:50 to 80:20) to yield 105 mg (0.14 mmol, 72%) of the title compound as white solid.

**[α]**<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = -24.5 (c =0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.03 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.54 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.76 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  167.3 (CO), 154.8 (CO), 150.9 (2xC), 150.8 (C), 150.3 (C), 136.1 (C), 133.3 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (C), 122.1 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 78.9 (C), 59.7 (C), 59.7 (C), 59.4 (C), 57.2 (C), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH), 28.76 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.73 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.69 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.66 (overlapping, (CH<sub>3</sub>)), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.64 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 1459 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 15%); 730 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{36}H_{51}N_{13}O_4 + H^+$ :730.4265, found 730.4158.

# Synthesis of tetramer 9c



50 mg (0.07 mmol) of ester 9b were dissolved in 4 mL of a 3:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. LiOH (4 mg, 0.1 mmol) was then added and the mixture stirred until no starting material could be detected (TLC monitoring). The solution was then acidified with KHSO<sub>4</sub> 2.0 M and extracted with DCM (3x15 mL). The organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, DCM:EtOH 95:5) to yield 46 mg (0.06 mmol, 86%) of the title compound as white solid.

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -4.5 \text{ (c = 0.2, CHCl}_3)$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.14 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 5.90 (A of AB, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (B of AB, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H) 5.54 (s, 1H), 2.55 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.07 (m, 12H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  167.5 (CO), 150.8 (2xC), 150.1 (C), 135.4 (C), 133.0 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 132.1 (CH + C), 129.3 (C), 122.0 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 60.6 (C), 60.1 (C), 59.8 (C), 57.1 (C), 52.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.1 (CH), 29.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 716 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{35}H_{49}N_{13}O_4 + H^+$ :716.4109, found 716.7062.

### Synthesis of tetramer 9d



20 mg (0.03 mmol) of acid tetramer **9c** were dissolved in 2 mL of dry DMF. Hobt (5.6 mg, 0.04 mmol) and EDCI (8.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) were added followed by 10  $\mu$ L (0.06 mmol) of DIPEA and 10  $\mu$ L (0.12 mmol) of isopropylamine. The mixture was stirred overnight and then diluted with 30 mL of EtOAc and washed with HCL 0.1 M (2 x 5 mL), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> sat (2x5 mL) and brine (2x5mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated by evaporation under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 80:20) to yield 16 mg (0.02 mmol, 76%) of the 9d as pale yellow solid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -14.8 \text{ (c = 0.2, CHCl}_3)$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.06 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (A and B of AB, J=14.0 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.20 (m, 1H) 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 6H), 2.04 (s, 6H), 2.02 (overlapping peaks, 6H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.27 – 1.13 (m, 6H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.74 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.1 (CO), 167.5 (CO), 150.9 (C), 150.7 (C), 150.2 (C), 136.0 (C), 133.3 (C), 131.1 (2xCH), 129.2 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 81.7 (C), 59.7 (2xC), 59.4 (2xC), 57.2 (C), 51.5 42.4 (CH),, 28.8 (CH3), 28.7 (overlapping signals, CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 1513 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 10%), 757 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%)

**HRMS**: Calc. for  $C_{38}H_{56}N_{14}O_3 + H^+$ :757.4738, found 757.4609.

#### Synthesis of azide 10b



70 mg (0.095 mmol) of Boc-protected 9b were dissolved in 4 mL of a 2:1 mixture CHCl<sub>3</sub>:TFA. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2h and then the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was evaporated two more times with 5 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> and then redisolved in 5 mL of methanol.  $K_2CO_3$  (45 mg, 0.33 mmol), 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride (33 mg, 0.16 mmol) and CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. (1.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) were then added and the mixture stirred overnight. The mixture was then acidified with HCl 2.0 M and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3x 15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> sat (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 80:20) to yield 38 mg (0.06 mmol, 61%) of the title compound as white foam.

**[α]<sup>20</sup>**<sub>D</sub> = -20.12 (c =0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.03 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.22 (hept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 12H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.55 (s, 9H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.5 (CO), 150.8 (C), 150.7 (C), 150.2 (C), 150.0 (C), 136.1 (C), 133.3 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (C), 122.1 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 65.9 (C), 59.7 (C), 59.7 (C), 59.6 (C), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.1 (CH), 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.7 (overlapping peaks, CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.7, 28.7, 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 1334 ([2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 45%); 1311 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 47%); 678 ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 58%); 656 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc.  $C_{31}H_{41}N_{15}O_2$ + H<sup>+</sup>:656.3646, found 656.3416.

# Synthesis of azide 10c



30 mg (0.045 mmol) of azide 10b were dissolved in 4 mL of a 3:1 mixture THF:H<sub>2</sub>O. LiOH (3.5 mg, 0.09 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred at The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2h and then the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was evaporated two more times with 5 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> and then redisolved in 5 mL of methanol. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (45 mg, 0.33 mmol), 1H-Imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride (33 mg, 0.16 mmol) and CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O. (1.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) were then added and the mixture stirred overnight. The mixture was then acidified with HCl 2.0 M and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3x 15 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> sat (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane 80:20) to yield 38 mg (0.06 mmol, 61%) of the title compound as white foam.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -1.25 (c = 0.2, CHCl_3)$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.14 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 2.22 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 12H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.0 (CO), 150.7 (C), 150.1 (C), 149.93 (C), 149.85 (C), 135.5 (C), 133.0 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 65.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.6 (C), 60.1 (C), 59.6 (C), 52.5 (C), 37.1 (CH), 28.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.50 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z= 1283 ([2M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 20%); 642 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**HRMS**: Calc.  $C_{30}H_{39}N_{15}O_2$ + H<sup>+</sup>:642.3489, found 642.3514.

# Supplementary figures: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra

1b <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

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3a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**3b** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>3</sup>b <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



4a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





4a <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)











# 5a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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# 5b <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







6a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>6</sup>a <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





<sup>6</sup>b <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





<sup>7</sup>a<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





**7b** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)











# 9a NOESY (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





**9b** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





**9c** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



9c NOESY (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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# **10b** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



10b  $^{13}$ C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







<sup>10</sup>c  $^{13}$ C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







Figure ESI1. Stacking of layers of product 10c in the crystal cell