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# Synthesis of Indoles and Tryptophan Derivatives *via* Photoinduced Nitrene C-H-Insertion

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# 1. Experimental Section

### **1.1.** Preparation of Starting Materials

Unless otherwise stated, all starting materials were purchased from *Acros Organics*, *ABCR* or *Sigma-Aldrich* and used without further purification.

2-(tributylstannyl)allyl ethyl carbonate and stannylated amino acid **1** were prepared according to a procedure by Kazmaier *et al.*<sup>[1]</sup>

2-lodo-4-methylaniline<sup>[2]</sup>, 4-chloro-2-iodoaniline<sup>[2]</sup>, 2-iodo-4-methoxyaniline<sup>[3]</sup>, 2-iodo-3-methoxyaniline<sup>[4]</sup>, 3-iodobenzocaine<sup>[5]</sup> and 2-iodo-1-naphthylamin<sup>[4]</sup> were prepared according to published procedures.

### **1.2.** General procedures (GP)

### GP1: Stille cross coupling (Method A)<sup>[8]</sup>

A dried Schlenk tube was charged with the organotin compound and the (substituted) *o*-iodoaniline in DMF (2 mL/mmol). CsF (2.0 eq), Cul (10 mol-%) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> were added and the mixture was stirred at 45 °C. After reaching full conversion (TLC) EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O were added. Upon vigorous shaking (in the Schlenk tube) a colorless precipitate formed and the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite® with EtOAc. The filtrate was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by (automated) flash chromatography.

### GP2: Stille cross coupling (Method B)

An oven dried Schlenk tube was charged with LiCl (2.0 eq) and heated with a heat gun under vacuum (< 0.1 mbar). After cooling to r.t. Cul (2.0 eq), (substituted) *o*-iodoaniline (1.0 eq) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (5 mol-%) were added and the flask was evacuated and refilled with Ar three times. DMF (10 mL/mmol), which was previously degassed by bubbling with Ar, and the organotin compound (1.2 eq) was added and the mixture was heated to 80 °C for 18 h. After reaching full conversion (TLC) the mixture was diluted with EtOAc and 5 mL of 1 M KF-solution were added. Upon vigorous shaking (in the Schlenk tube) a colorless precipitate formed and the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite® with EtOAc. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by (automated) flash chromatography.

### GP3: Diazotation/azidation of anilines

The aniline derivative was dissolved in a mixture of MeCN and 0.5 M HCl (1:1, 0.05 M). Subsequently,  $NaNO_2$  (1.6 equiv) was added at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 min  $NaN_3$  (1.6 equiv) was added. After stirring for another 5 min, saturated  $NaHCO_3$  solution was added and the aqueous phase was extracted three times with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by (automated) flash chromatography.

#### **GP4:** Photocyclisation of azides

The corresponding azide was dissolved in MeCN (10 mL/mmol was then wrapped with aluminium foil and irradiated with an UV

<sup>2</sup>) of the maximum irradiance for the specified time at room temperature under laboratory atmosphere. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by (automated) flash chromatography.



*Figure 1.* Setup for the photocyclisation of azides.

**1.3.** Synthesis of tryptophan derivates

### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-methylphenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (3b)

According to **GP3** 143 mg (0.383 mmol) of **4b** were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (42.3 mg, 0.614 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (39.9 mg, 0.614 mmol). Flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 95:5) afforded 141 mg (0.354 mmol, 92%) of azide **3b** as a colorless oil.  $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.46$  (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.39 (s, 9 H, 6-H), 2.31 (s, 3 H, 16-H), 2.93 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.22 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 5.3, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.47 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1 H, 9-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.24 (m, 1 H, 9-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.81 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1 H, TFAN-H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, 12-H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, 13-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.7 (C-16), 27.8 (C-6), 38.1 (C-7), 52.3 (C-3), 83.1 (C-5), 118.3 (C-12), 120.3 (C-9), 129.9 (C-13), 131.0 (C-12), 132.7 (C-10), 134.2 (C-11), 134.8 (C-14), 141.9 (C-8), 169.0 (C-4). Signals of the TFA group could not be observed.

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{18}H_{21}F_3NO_3 [M-N_3-H_2]^+$	355.1390	355.1392

tert-Butyl 4-(1-azidonaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (3g)

According to **GP3** 50 mg of **4g** (0.122 mmol) were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (14 mg, 0.196 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (13 mg, 0.196 mmol). Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 90:10) afforded 48 mg (0.110 mmol, 91%) of azide **3g** as a brown resin.  $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.79$ 



(hexanes/EtOAc 90:10).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.30 (s, 9 H, 6-H), 3.10 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 6.1, 0.8 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.33 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 5.1, 0.9 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.55 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, 9-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.50 (m, 1 H, 9-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, TFAN-H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, 19-H), 7.50–7.59 (m, 2 H, 14-H, 15-H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.82 (m, 1 H, 16-H), 8.20 (m, 1 H, 13-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.7 (C-6), 37.9 (C-7), 52.3 (C-3), 83.5 (C-5), 121.7 (C-9), 122.9, 126.2 (C-18), 126.8, 127.0 (C-14, C-15), 127.5 (C-19), 127.9 (C-16), 128.0 (C-12), 131.7 (C-17), 131.9 (C-10), 133.8 (C-11), 141.1 (C-8), 156.4 (q,  ${}^{2}J_{C2-F}$  = 38.7 Hz, 168.8 (C-4). The signal of C-1 could not be observed.

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{21}H_{21}F_3N_2O_3[M-N_2]^+$	406.1499	406.1482

### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-methylphenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (4b)

According to **GP2** 136 mg (0.584 mmol) of 2-iodo-4-methylaniline were reacted with **1** (390 mg, 0.701 mmol), LiCl (42 mg, 1.00 mmol), Cul (190 mg, 1.00 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (28.9 mg, 25  $\mu$ mol). Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20) afforded 161 mg (0.432 mmol, 74%) of **4b** as a brown oil. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.42 (s, 9 H, 6-H), 2.21 (s, 3 H, 16-H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.05 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 5.3, 0.7 H, 7-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.70 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.59 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, 9-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.33 (m, 1 H, 9-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, 12-H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 15-H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, 13-H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, TFAN-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.4 (C-16), 27.9 (C-6), 38.8 (C-7), 52.6 (C-3), 83.1 (C-5), 116.7 (C-12), 119.5 (C-9), 127.6 (C-10), 128.4 (C-14), 128.9 (C-15), 129.3 (C-13), 139.8 (C-11), 142.4 (C-8), 168.9 (C-4). Signals of the TFA group could not be observed.

HRMS (CI)

found

 $C_{18}H_{23}F_3N_2O_3[M]^+$ 

#### tert-Butyl 4-(1-aminonaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (4g)

According to **GP2** 51 mg (0.190 mmol) of 2-amino-3-iodonaphthalene were reacted with **1** (127 mg, 0.228 mmol), LiCl (16 mg, 0.380 mmol), Cul (72 mg, 0.380 mol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (11 mg, 9.5  $\mu$ mol). Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20, 70:30) yielded 51 mg (0.125 mmol, 66%) of **4g** as a purple resin. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.31 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.38 (s, 9 H, 6-H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 5.3, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.19 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 5.3, 1.0 Hz, 1 H, 7-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.45 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, 9-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.48 (m, 1 H, 9-H<sub>b</sub>), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, 19-H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, TFAN-H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.43–7.50 (m, 2 H, 14-H, 15-H), 7.75–7.82 (m, 2 H, 13-H, 16-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.9 (C-6), 39.0 (C-7), 52.7 (C-3), 83.4 (C-5), 118.9 (C-18), 120.2 (C-9), 121.0, 121.1 (C-10, C-13), 123.7 (C-12), 125.4, 126.0, 126.1 (C-14, C-15, C-19), 128.5 (C-16), 133.7 (C-17), 137.9 (C-11), 142.5 (C-8),169.0 (C-4). Signals of the TFA group could not be observed.

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{21}H_{23}F_{3}N_{2}O_{3}[M]^{+}$	408.1655	408.1661

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-methylphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (5b)

According to **GP1** 2-iodo-4-methylaniline (128 mg, 0.550 mmol) were reacted with **2** (282 mg, 0.500 mmol), CsF (152 mg, 1.00 mmol), Cul (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (12 mg, 10  $\mu$ mol). The reaction was worked up after 18 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 134 mg (0.352 mmol, 70%) of **5b** as a brown resin. **R**<sub>f</sub>



= 0.26 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.46 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.15 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.2, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.14 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.75 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.84 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 5.1, 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.36 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.57

(dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.1 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 6.80–6.84 (m, 3 H, BzN-H, 15-H, 18-H), 7.31 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.41–7.48 (m, 3 H, 1-H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.3 (C-19), 28.1 (C-9), 39.5 (C-10), 53.0 (C-6), 82.2 (C-8), 116.3 (C-16), 119.1 (C-12), 126.9 (C-3), 127.9 (C-13, C-18), 128.2 (C-2), 128.9, 129.1 (C-15, C-17), 131.3 (C-1), 133.9 (C-4), 140.4 (C-14), 142.8 (C-11), 166.5 (C-5), 170.8 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> [M] <sup>+</sup>	380.2094	380.2092

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-chlorophenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (5c)

According to **GP1** 4-chloro-2-iodoaniline (120 mg, 0.473 mmol) was reacted with **2** (282 mg, 0.500 mmol), CsF (152 mg, 1.00 mmol), Cul (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (12 mg, 10  $\mu$ mol). The reaction was worked up after 18 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 137 mg (0.341 mmol, 72%) of **5c** as a brown resin. **R**<sub>f</sub>



= 0.20 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.46 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.91 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.3, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.13 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.3, 1.1 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.88 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.82 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 5.3, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.39 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.36 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.46 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.56 (m, 2 H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 28.0 (C-9), 39.3 (C-10), 52.8 (C-6), 82.6 (C-8), 117.1 (C-15), 119.9 (C-12), 123.2 (C-17), 126.9 (C-3), 128.0 (C-16), 128.3 (C-2), 128.4 (C-18), 129.1 (C-13), 131.5 (C-1), 133.8 (C-4), 141.7, 141.8 (C-11, C-14), 166.6 (C-5), 170.7 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Cl [M] <sup>+</sup>	400.1548	400.1554

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (5d)

According to **GP1** 2-iodo-4-methoxyaniline (137 mg, 0.550 mmol) was reacted with **2** (201 mg, 0.356 mmol), CsF (108 mg, 0.712 mmol), CuI (6.8 mg, 35.6  $\mu$ mol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (8.2 mg, 7.1  $\mu$ mol). The reaction was worked up after 6 h. Automated flash chromatography



(hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 108 mg (0.272 mmol, 77%) of **5d** as a brown resin.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  = 0.19 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.45 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.14 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.2, 1.0 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.67 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 3.88 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.84 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 5.2, 5.2 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.37 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.57–6.62 (m, 3 H, 15-H, 16-H, 18-H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 7.33 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.44 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.51 (m, 2 H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 28.1 (C-9), 39.4 (C-10), 52.8 (C-6), 55.6 (C-19), 82.3 (C-8), 114.1–114.2 (C-16, C-18), 117.3 (C-15) 119.4 (C-12), 126.9 (C-3), 128.2 (C-2), 129.0 (C-13), 131.4 (C-1), 133.9 (C-4), 136.4 (C-14), 142.8 (C-11), 152.7 (C-17), 166.6 (C-5), 170.7 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{23}H_{30}N_2O_4$ [M] <sup>+</sup>	396.2044	396.2084

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (5e)

According to **GP1** 2-iodo-5-methoxyaniline (149 mg, 0.600 mmol) was reacted with **2** (339 mg, 0.600 mmol), CsF (182 mg, 1.20 mmol), Cul (11 mg, 0.06 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (14 mg, 12  $\mu$ mol). The reaction was worked up after 22 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 170 mg (0.429 mmol, 71%) of **5e** as a brown resin. **R**<sub>f</sub>



= 0.18 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.47 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.91 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.1, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.14 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.1, 1.0 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.70 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 3.90 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.81 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 5.1, 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.34 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.18 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 6.28 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1 H, 17-H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.32 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.42–7.49 (m, 3 H, 1-H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 28.1 (C-9), 39.7 (C-10), 53.0 (C-6), 55.1 (C-19), 82.3 (C-8), 101.4 (C-15), 104.3 (C-17), 118.9 (C-12), 120.5 (C-13), 126.9 (C-3), 128.2 (C-2), 129.7 (C-18), 131.4 (C-1), 133.9 (C-4), 142.3 (C-11), 144.3 (C-14), 159.9 (C16), 166.5 (C-5), 170.8 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{23}H_{29}N_2O_4 [M+H]^+$	397.2122	397.2145

#### Ethyl 4-amino-3-[4-benzamido-5-(tert-butoxy)-5-oxopent-1-en-2-yl]benzoate (5f)

According to **GP1** 3-iodobenzocaine (87 mg, 0.300 mmol) was reacted with **2** (169 mg, 0.300 mmol), CsF (91 mg, 0.600 mmol), Cul (5.7 mg, 0.03 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (7 mg, 6 µmol). The reaction was worked up after 16 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 78 mg (0.178 mmol, 59%) of **5f** as a brown resin. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.20 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, 21-H), 1.46 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.93 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 5.7, 0.8 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.17 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 5.2, 1.0 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.29 (m, 2 H, 20-H), 4.39 (bs, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.81 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.42 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 7.34 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.45 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.53 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 18-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.4 (C-21), 28.0 (C-9), 39.7 (C-10), 52.9 (C-6), 60.3 (C-20), 82.7 (C-8), 114.9 (C-15), 119.7 (C-12), 120.0 (C-17), 126.4 (C-13), 126.8 (C-3), 128.4 (C-2), 130.3 (C-16), 130.6, (C-18), 131.5 (C-1), 133.8 (C-4), 141.8 (C-11), 147.6 (C-14), 166.4 (C-19), 166.6 (C-5), 170.8 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> [M] <sup>+</sup>	438.2149	438.2114

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-methylphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6b)

According to **GP3** 113 mg (0.270 mmol) of **5b** were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (33 mg, 0.475 mmol) for 15 min and NaN<sub>3</sub> (31 mg, 0.475 mmol) for 15 min. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20) afforded 107 mg (0.256 mmol, 95%) of **6b** as a yellow resin.  $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.56$  (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.41 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.25 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 2.97 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 6.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.26 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.71 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 6.2, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.27 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 6.99 (m, 1 H, 18-H), 7.05 (m, 1 H, 16-H), 7.36 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.46 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.58 (m, 2 H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.6 (C-19), 27.9 (C-9), 38.7 (C-10), 52.4 (C-6), 82.1 (C-8), 118.3 (C-15), 119.7 (C-12), 126.8 (C-3), 128.3 (C-2), 129.4 (C-16), 131.0 (C-18), 131.4 (C-1), 133.5 (C-13), 134.0, 134.1 (C-4, C-14), 134.6 (C-17), 142.8 (C-11), 166.4 (C-5), 170.7 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{23}H_{27}N_4O_3[M+H]^+$	407.2078	407.2091

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-chlorophenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6c)

According to **GP3** 71 mg (0.177 mmol) of **5c** were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (20 mg, 0.283 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (18 mg, 0.283 mmol). Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0,

80:20) afforded 67 mg (0.157 mmol, 89%) of **6c** as a yellow resin.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  = 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.42 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 5.9, 0.8 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.26 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 5.7, 0.9 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.71 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 5.8, 5.8 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.30 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.95 (m, 1 H, 15-H), 7.18–7.20 (m, 2 H, 16-H, 18-H), 7.38 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.47 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.62 (m, 2 H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.9 (C-9), 38.5 (C-10), 52.3 (C-6), 82.4 (C-8), 119.6 (C-15), 120.6 (C-12), 126.7 (C-3), 128.4 (C-2), 128.6 (C-16), 130.0 (C-17), 130.3 (C-18), 131.5 (C-1), 133.8 (C-4), 135.2 (C-13), 135.7 (C-14), 141.8 (C-11), 166.3 (C-5), 170.7 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Cl [M+2H- <i>t</i> Bu] <sup>+</sup>	371.0905	371.0940

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6d)

According to **GP3** 51 mg (0.129 mmol) of **5d** were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (14 mg, 0.206 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (13 mg, 0.206 mmol). Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20) afforded 46 mg (0.157 mmol, 89%) of **6d** as a yellow resin.  $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.49$  (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.42 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.95 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 6.3, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.27 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 5.3, 0.9 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 4.72 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 6.3, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.29 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 7.37 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.47 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.60 (m, 2 H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.9 (C-9), 38.8 (C-10), 52.3 (C-6), 55.5 (C-19), 82.2 (C-8), 114.2 (C-16), 115.9 (C-18), 119.4 (C-15), 119.9 (C-12), 126.8 (C-3), 128.4 (C-2), 129.3 (C-14), 131.5 (C-1), 134.0 (C-4), 134.7 (C-13), 142.7 (C-11), 156.7 (C-17), 166.4 (C-5), 170.7 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{23}H_{28}N_2O_4 [M-N_2+2H]^+$	396.2044	396.2072

#### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6e)

According to **GP3** 59 mg (0.150 mmol) of **5e** were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (17 mg, 0.240 mmol) for 15 seconds (!) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (16 mg, 0.240 mmol) for 30 min. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20) afforded 45 mg (0.107 mmol, 71%) of azide **6e** as a colorless solid, mp: 67–68 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.27 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.43 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.2 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 5.2 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 4.69 (m, 1 H, 6-H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.24 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 17-H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.36 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.46 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.58 (m, 2 H, 3-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 28.0 (C-9), 39.0 (C-10), 52.3 (C-6), 55.4 (C-19), 82.1 (C-8), 104.3 (C-15), 110.4 (C-17), 119.5 (C-12), 126.2 (C-13), 126.8 (C-3), 128.3 (C-2), 131.4 (C-1, C-18), 134.0 (C-4), 138.0 (C-14), 142.5 (C-11), 160.1 (C-16), 166.3 (C-5), 170.8 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	423.2027	423.2034

### Ethyl 4-azido-3-[4-benzamido-5-(tert-butoxy)-5-oxopent-1-en-2-yl]benzoate (6f)

According to **GP3** 38.0 mg (86.7  $\mu$ mol) of **5f** were reacted with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (11 mg, 0.160 mmol) for 15 min and with NaN<sub>3</sub> (10 mg, 0.160 mmol) for 15 min. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20) yielded 35 mg (75.3  $\mu$ mol, 87%) of azide **6f** as a yellow resin.



**R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.23 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, 21-H), 1.42 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.8 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3 H, 9-H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H, 20-H), 4.67 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 12-H<sub>a</sub>), 5.33 (m, 1 H, 12-H<sub>b</sub>), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.37 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.47 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.61 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1 H, 16-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.3 (C-21), 27.9 (C-9), 38.7 (C-10), 52.2 (C-6), 61.0 (C-20), 82.4 (C-8), 118.2 (C-15), 120.5 (C-12), 126.8 (C-3), 126.9 (C-17), 128.4 (C-2), 130.1 (C-16), 131.5 (C-1), 131.8 (C-18), 133.5 (C-13), 133.9 (C-4), 141.7 (C-14), 142.1 (C-11), 165.5 (C-19), 166.4 (C-5), 170.7 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)  $C_{25}H_{29}N_4O_5 [M+H]^+$ 

calculated 465.2132

found 465.2138

#### *tert*-Butyl 2-benzamido-3-(5-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (7b)

According to **GP4** 70 mg (0.172 mmol) of azide **6b** were irradiated for 8.5 h (12.5 W cm<sup>-2</sup>) through the pyrex glass of a flask. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 51 mg (0.135 mmol, 78%) of indole **7b** as a colorless solid, mp: 71–72 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub>



= 0.26 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.43 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 2.31 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 3.36 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 5.0, 0.5 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 5.5, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 5.05 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 5.2, 5.2 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.97–7.00 (m, 2 H, 12-H, 16-H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 3 H, 2-H, 18-H), 7.47 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.70 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 8.07 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.2 (C-19), 27.6 (C-10), 28.0 (C-9), 54.0 (C-6), 82.2 (C-8), 109.9 (C-11), 110.8 (C-15), 118.8 (C-18), 122.9 (C-12), 123.7 (C-16), 127.0 (C-3), 128.1 (C-14), 128.4 (C-2), 128.8 (C-17), 131.5 (C-1), 134.1 (C-4), 134.4 (C-13), 166.8 (C-5), 171.0 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> [M] <sup>+</sup>	378.1938	378.1940

#### tert-Butyl 2-benzamido-3-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (7c)

According to **GP4** 63 mg (0.148 mmol) of azide **6c** were irradiated for 9 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 3 mg (7  $\mu$ mol, 5%) of azide **6c** as well as 39 mg (0.098 mmol, 66%) of indole **7c** as a colorless solid, mp: 146–147 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.21 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.41 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 5.2 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 5.02 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 5.3, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 12-H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.39 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.48 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.72 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 8.45 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.5 (C-10), 27.9 (C-9), 53.8 (C-6), 82.6 (C-8), 110.2 (C-11), 112.2 (C-15), 118.5 (C-18), 122.4 (C-16), 124.3 (C-12), 125.3 (C-17), 127.0 (C-3), 128.6 (C-13), 128.9 (C-2), 131.6 (C-1), 134.0 (C-4), 134.3 (C-14), 167.0 (C-5), 171.0 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Cl [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	399.1470	399.1480

#### tert-Butyl 2-benzamido-3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (7d)

According to **GP4** 44 mg (0.104 mmol) of **6d** were irradiated for 11 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20, 70:30) afforded 1 mg (2  $\mu$ mol, 2%) of azide **6d** and 23 mg (58.3  $\mu$ mol, 56%) of **7d** as a colorless solid, mp: 72–73 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.20 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.43 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 3.35 (ddd, *J* = 14.9, 5.0, 0.6 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.43 (ddd, *J* = 14.9, 5.5, 0.7 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.59 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 5.06 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 5.3, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 18-H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 12-H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.37 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.47 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.69 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 8.11 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.7 (C-10), 28.0 (C-9), 54.0 (C-6), 55.5 (C-19) 82.2 (C-8), 100.4 (C-18), 110.2 (C-11), 111.9 (C-15), 112.8 (C-16), 123.5 (C-12), 127.0 (C-3), 128.3 (C-13) 128.5 (C-2), 131.1 (C-14), 131.6 (C-1), 134.0 (C-4), 154.1 (C-17), 167.0 (C-5), 171.0 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	395.1965	395.1970

#### tert-Butyl 2-benzamido-3-(1H-6-methoxyindol-3-yl)-propanoate (7e)

According to **GP4** 41 mg (97.0 µmol) of azide **6e** were irradiated for 12 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) afforded 8 mg (19 µmol, 20%) of azide **6e** as well as 13 mg (33.0 µmol, 34%) of indole **7e** as a colorless solid, mp: 127–128 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.15 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.41 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 5.2 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 5.4 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 3.82 (s, 3 H, 19-H), 5.03 (m, 1 H, 6-H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 17-H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 14.8, 5.4 Hz, 1 Hz, 15-H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 14.8, 5.4 Hz, 1 Hz, 15-Hz, 15-

2.2 Hz, 1 H, 12-H), 7.38 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.45–7.49 (m, 2 H, 1-H, 18-H), 7.70 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 8.00 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.7 (C-10), 28.0 (C-9), 53.8 (C-6), 55.6 (C-19), 82.2 (C-8), 94.5 (C-15) 109.6 (C-17), 110.4 (C-11), 119.7 (C-18), 121.4 (C-12), 122.3 (C-13), 127.0 (C-3), 128.5 (C-2), 131.5 (C-1), 134.1 (C-4), 136.8 (C-14), 156.6 (C-16), 166.8 (C-5), 171.1 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{23}H_{27}N_2O_4 [M+H]^+$	395.1965	395.1940

#### Ethyl 3-[2-benzamido-3-(tert-butoxy)-3-oxopropyl]-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (7f)

According to **GP4** 30 mg (64.6 µmol) of azide **6f** were irradiated for 9.5 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 70:30) yielded 19 mg (43.5 µmol, 67%) of indole **7f** as a colorless solid, mp: 79–80 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.12 (hexanes/EtOAc 70:30).



<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, 21-H), 1.41 (s, 9 H, 9-H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>a</sub>), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 5.4 Hz, 1 H, 10-H<sub>b</sub>), 4.31 (m, 2 H, 20-H), 5.05 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 5.3, 5.3 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, BzN-H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, 12-H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.36 (m, 2 H, 2-H), 7.46 (m, 1 H, 1-H), 7.70 (m, 2 H, 3-H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 8.37 (m, 1 H, 18-H), 8.54 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 14.4 (C-21), 27.4 (C-10), 27.9 (C-9), 53.8 (C-6), 60.5 (C-20) 82.6 (C-8), 110.9 (C-15), 111.9 (C-11), 121.9 (C-18), 122.0 (C-17), 123.6 (C-16), 124.1 (C-12), 127.0 (C-3), 127.5 (C-13), 128.5 (C-2), 131.6 (C-1), 134.0 (C-4), 138.5 (C-14), 166.9 (C-5), 167.5 (C-19), 171.0 (C-7).

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> [M] <sup>+</sup>	436.1993	436.1976

#### tert-Butyl 3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)propanoate (8b)

According to **GP4** 125 mg (0.314 mmol) of azide **3b** were irradiated for 20 h. Flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10) afforded 94 mg (0.254 mmol, 81%) of the indole **8b** as an



off-white solid, mp: 130–131 °C. **R**<sub>f</sub> = 0.34 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.43 (s, 9 H, 6-H), 2.46 (s, 3 H, 16-H), 3.38 (m, 2 H, 7-H), 4.83 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1 H, TFAN-H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, 9-H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, 13-H), 7.28 (s, 1 H, 12-H), 7.35 (m, 1 H, 15-H), 8.01 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCI_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 21.3 (C-16), 27.0 (C-7), 27.9 (C-6), 53.9 (C-3), 82.2 (C-5), 108.8 (C-8), 110.9 (C-12), 118.3 (C-15), 122.9 (C-9), 124.1 (C-13), 127.8 (C-10), 129.2 (C-14), 134.4 (C-11), 169.3 (C-4). Signals of the TFA group could not be observed.

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{18}H_{21}F_{3}N_{2}O_{3}[M]^{+}$	370.1499	370.1501

#### tert-Butyl 3-(1H-benzo[g]indol-3-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)propanoate (8g)

According to **GP4** 47 mg (0.108 mmol) of azide **3g** were irradiated for 8:30 h. Automated flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0, 80:20) afforded 31 mg (76.3 µmol, 71%) of indole **8g** 



as an off-white solid, mp: 139–142 °C.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  = 0.28 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.41 (s, 9 H, 6-H), 3.45 (m, 2 H, 7-H), 4.86 (m, 1 H, 3-H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, TFAN-H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, 9-H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H, 15-H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 2 H, 14-H, 18-H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H, 19-H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, 16-H), 7.98 (m, 1 H, 13-H), 8.89 (bs, 1 H, N<sub>indole</sub>-H).

<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 27.0 (C-7), 27.9 (C-6), 53.9 (C-3), 83.4 (C-5), 111.0 (C-8), 118.5 (C-19), 119.3 (C-13), 120.8 (C-9, C-18), 121.6 (C-12), 123.4 (C-10), 124.2 (C-15), 125.6 (C-14), 128.9 (C-16), 130.6, 130.7 (C-11, C-17), 169.3 (C-4). Signals of the TFA group could not be observed.

HRMS (CI)	calculated	found
$C_{21}H_{21}F_3N_2O_3[M]^+$	406.1499	406.1521

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# **3** Copies of NMR spectra and chromatograms



### *tert*-Butyl 2-benzoylamino-4-tributylstannyl-pent-4-enoate (2)

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ppm





### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azidophenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (3a)

A 5.245 5.243 5.132 5.128 -1.393 260 152 132 132 132 132 132 039 039 245 463 16 H<sub>3</sub>C F F i li ì 0.999 0.972 0.985 1.03 0.998 3.04 4.5 9.14 1.5 0.995 1.01 5.5 3.5 2.5 2.0 1.0 ppm 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 134.831 134.219 132.663 130.975 129.859 52.260 77.324 77.006 76.689 

tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-methylphenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (3b)

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130

150

160

tert-Butyl 4-(1-azidonaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (3g)





### tert-Butyl 4-(2-aminophenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (4a)



tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-methylphenyl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (4b)



tert-Butyl 4-(1-aminonaphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)pent-4-enoate (4g)







### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-methylphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (5b)









### tert-Butyl 4-(2-amino-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (5d)



















### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-methylphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6b)

### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-chlorophenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6c)





### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6d)



### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azido-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-benzamidopent-4-enoate (6e)



Ethyl 4-azido-3-[4-benzamido-5-(tert-butoxy)-5-oxopent-1-en-2-yl]benzoate (6f)





## tert-Butyl benzoyltryptophanate (7a)













### tert-Butyl 2-benzamido-3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (7d)







Ethyl 3-[2-benzamido-3-(*tert*-butoxy)-3-oxopropyl]-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate (7f)

### tert-Butyl (2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tryptophanate (8a)





tert-Butyl 3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)propanoate (8b)



tert-Butyl 3-(1H-benzo[g]indol-3-yl)-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)propanoate (8g)





## tert-Butyl 4-(2-aminophenyl)-2-hydroxypent-4-enoate (10a)





### tert-Butyl 4-(2-azidophenyl)-2-hydroxypent-4-enoate (11a)



### *tert*-Butyl 2-hydroxy-3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (12a)



### Diethyl 2-(2-(2-aminophenyl)allyl)malonate (10b)







### Diethyl 2-[(1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl]malonate (12b)





### 2-[2-(2-Aminophenyl)allyl]isoindoline-1,3-dione (10c)



### 2-[2-(2-Azidophenyl)allyl]isoindoline-1,3-dione (11c)



# 2-[(1*H*-Indol-3-yl)methyl]isoindoline-1,3-dione (12c)



