

Supporting Information

Structure–property relationships of photoresponsive inhibitors of the kinesin motor

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1. Mass spectra of azo-peptides

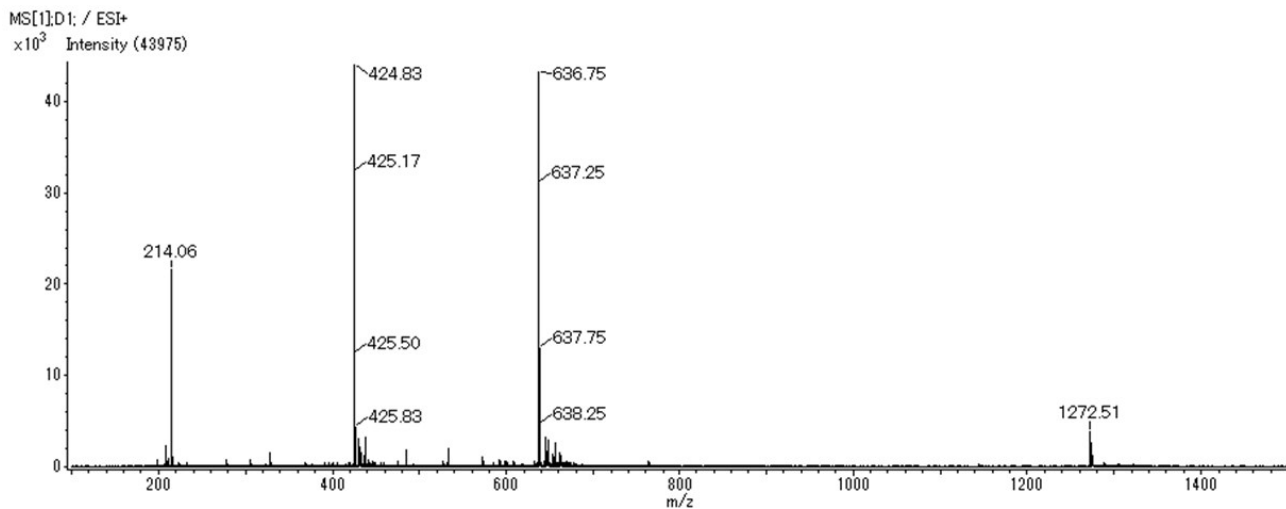


Figure S1. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **2**: $m/z = 1272.51$ [M+H]⁺ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 1272.65)

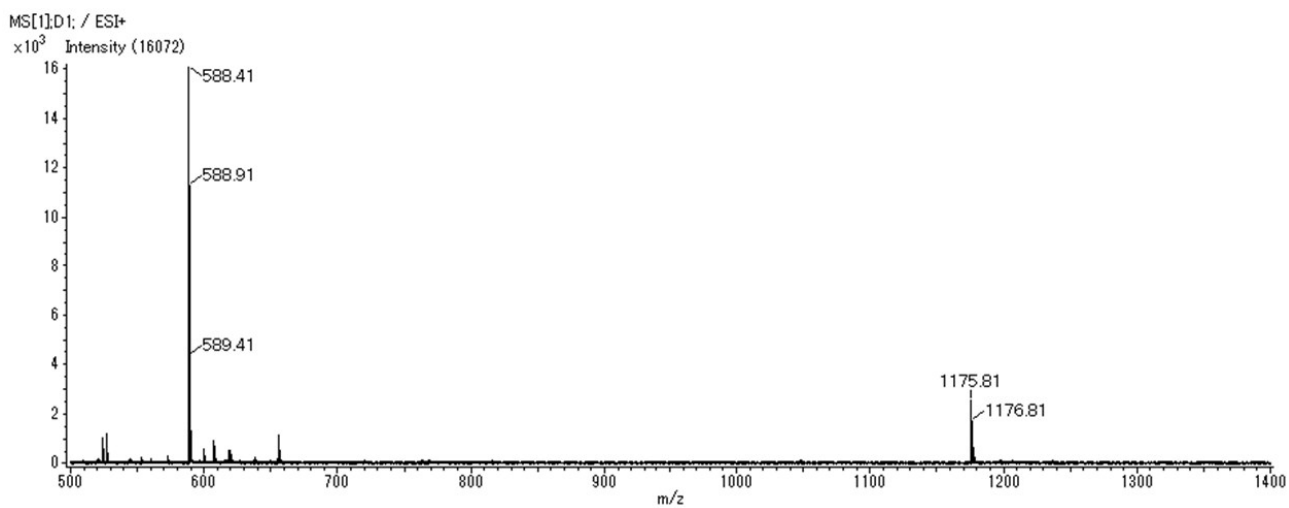


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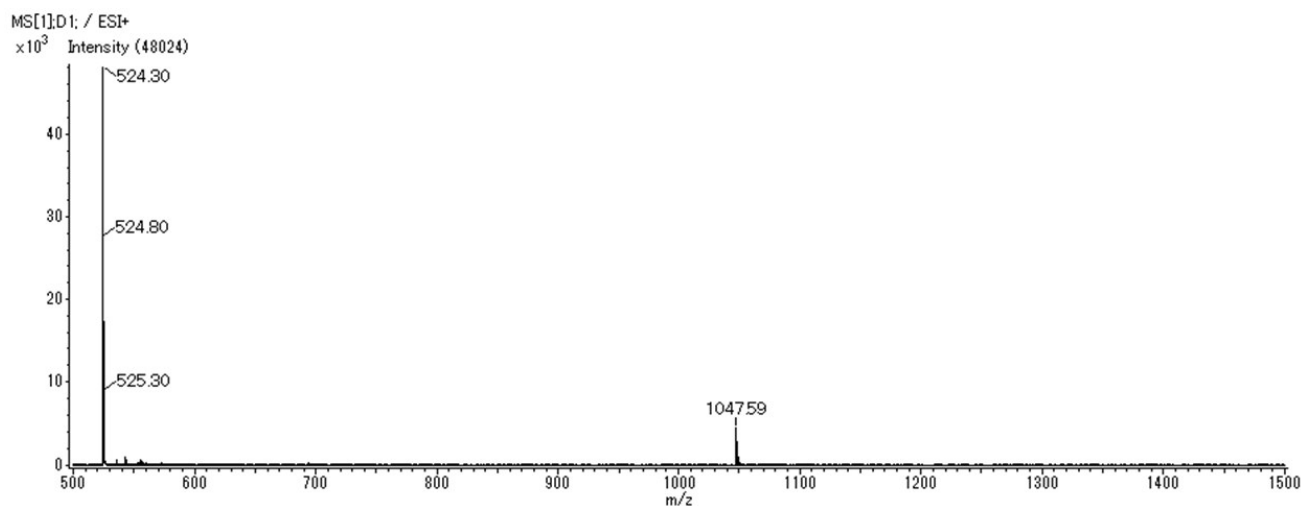


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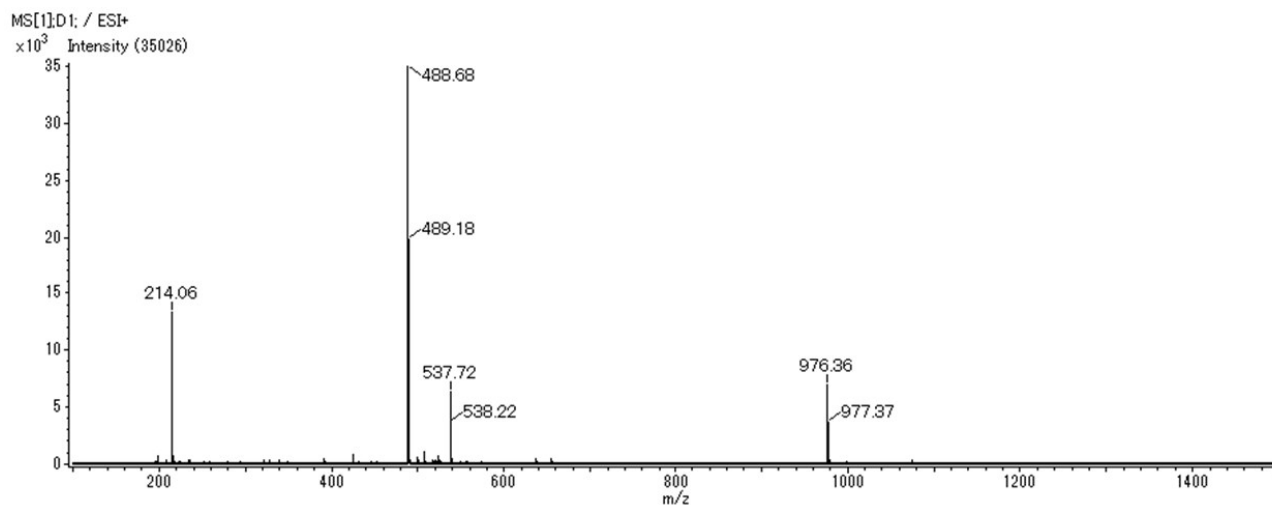


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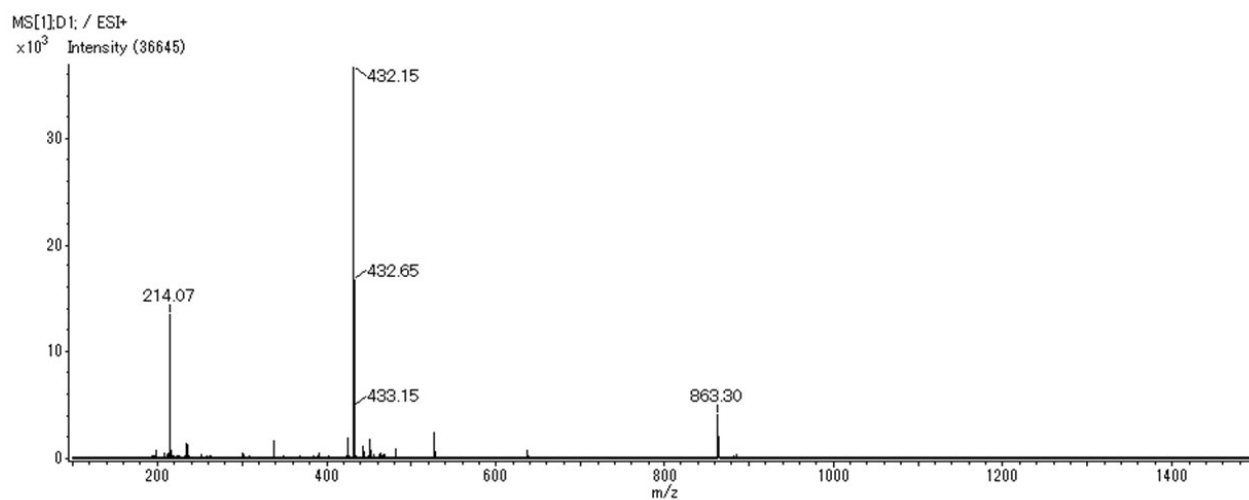


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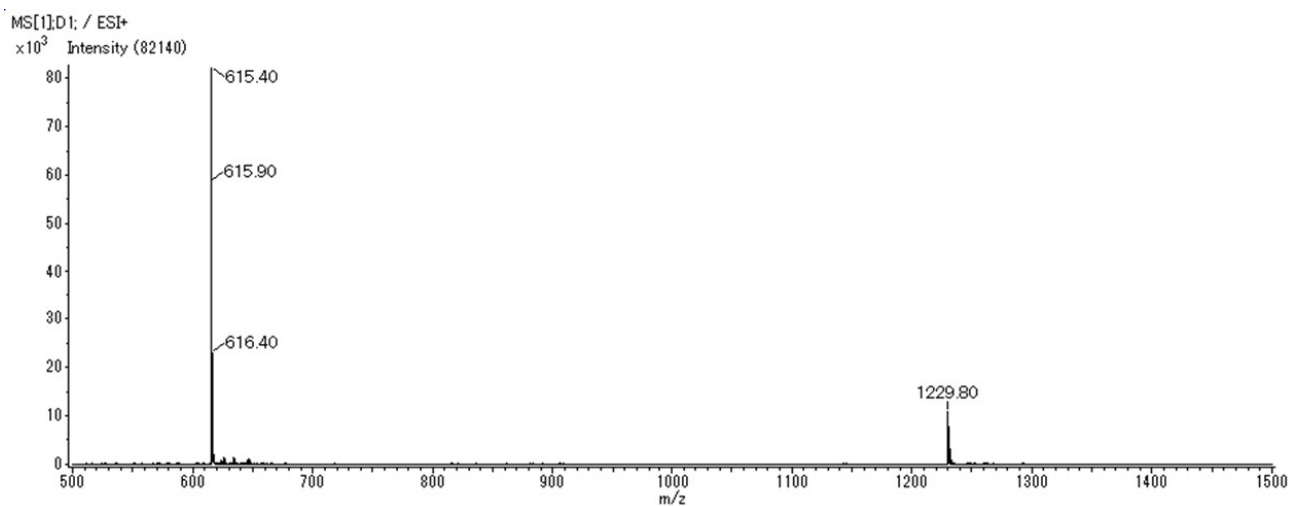


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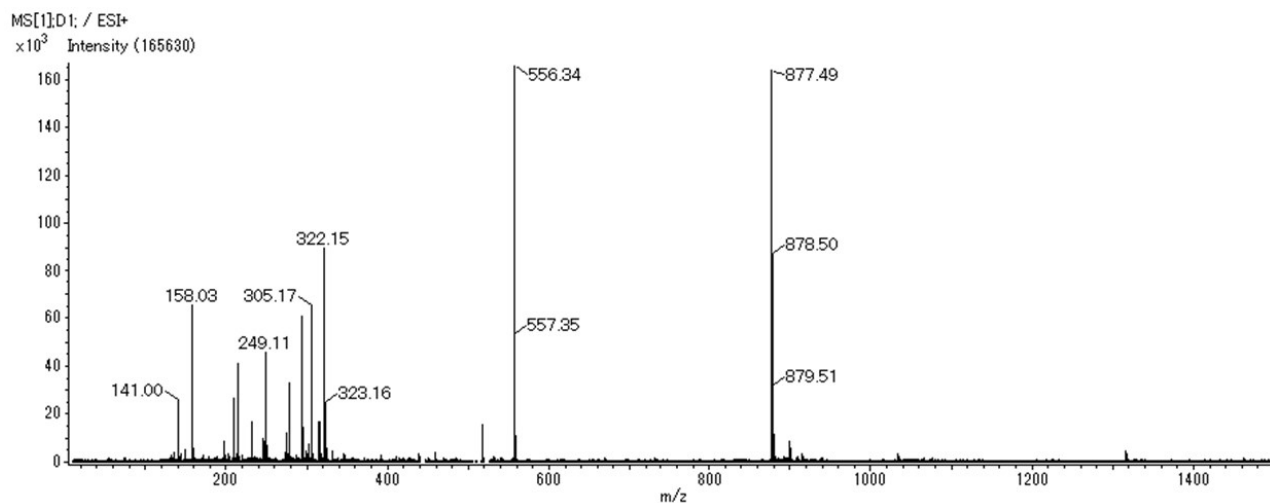


Figure S7. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **8**: m/z = 877.49 [M+H]⁺ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 877.49), m/z = 556.34 [Pro-Lys-Ala-Ile-Gln+H]⁺ and 322.15 [Azo-Ile]⁺ (calculated mass for the fragments of the parent azo-peptide **8** cleaved at the amide linkage between the Ile and Pro : 556.34 and 322.15 respectively)

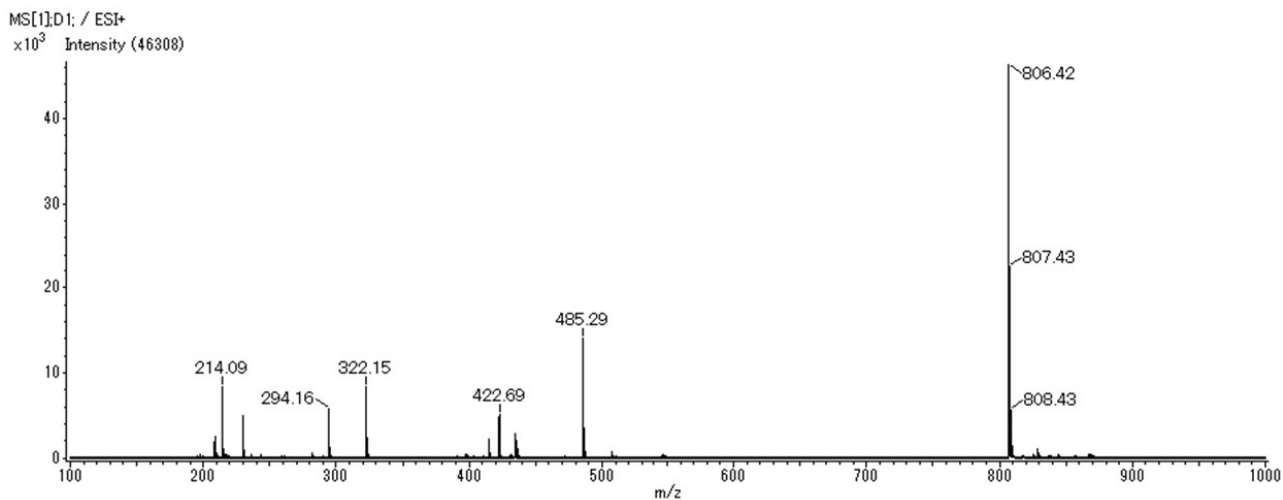


Figure S8. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **9**: m/z = 806.42 [M+H]⁺ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 806.45), m/z = 485.29 [Pro-Lys-Ala-Ile-Gly+H]⁺ and 322.15 [Azo-Ile]⁺ (calculated mass for the fragments of the parent azo-peptide **9** cleaved at the amide linkage between the Ile and Pro : 485.30 and 322.15 respectively), m/z = 422.69 [M+H+K]²⁺ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 422.77).

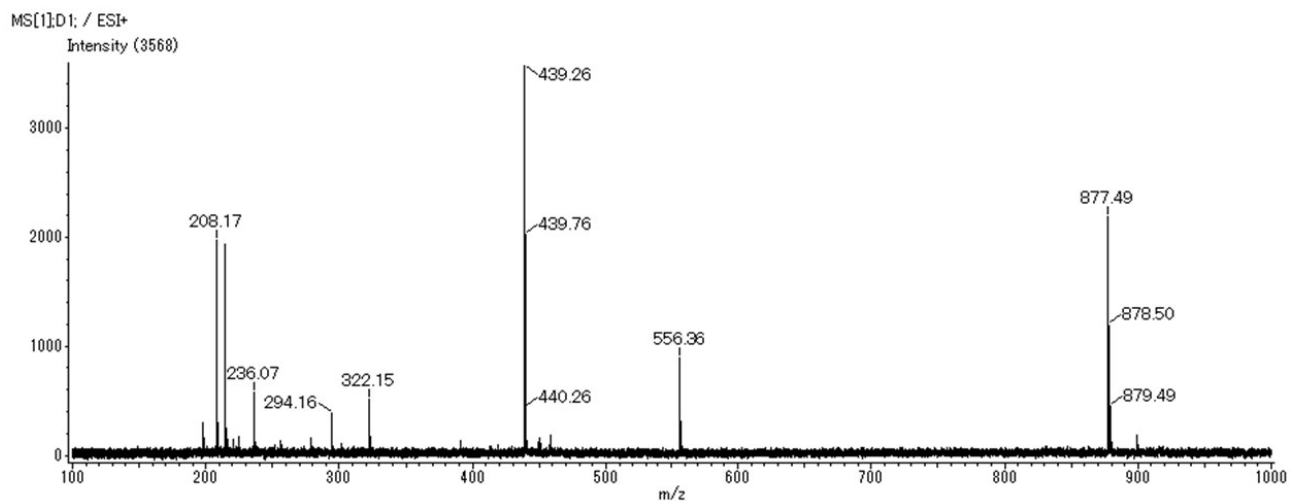


Figure S9. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **10**: $m/z = 877.49$ $[M+H]^+$ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 877.52)

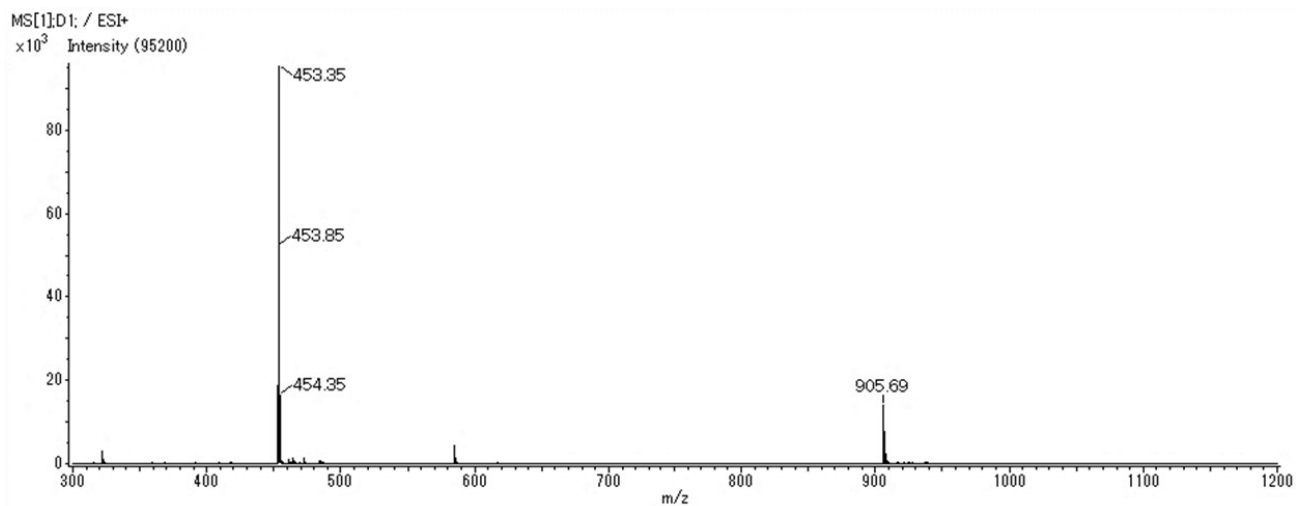


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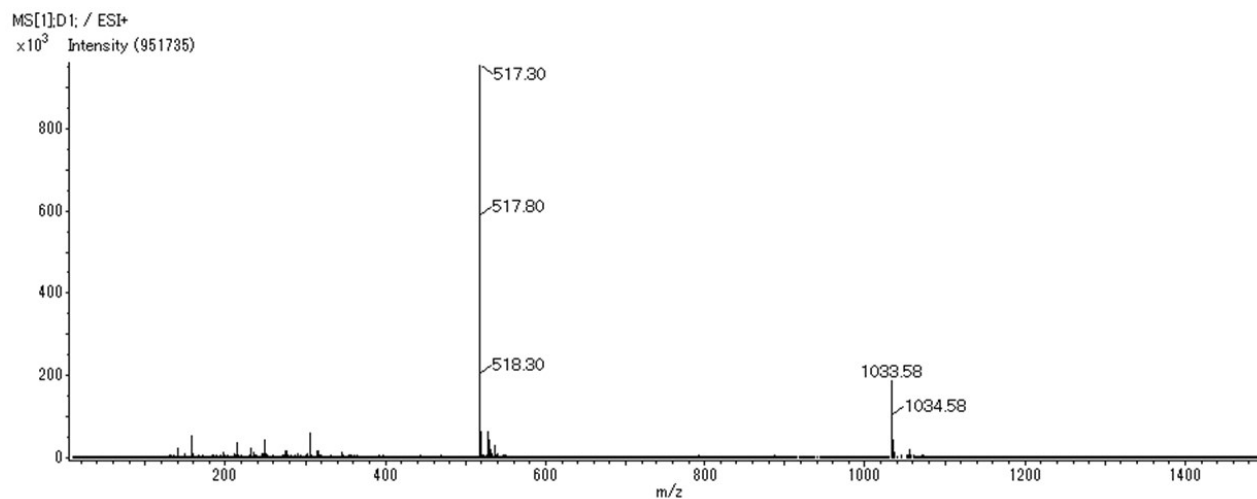


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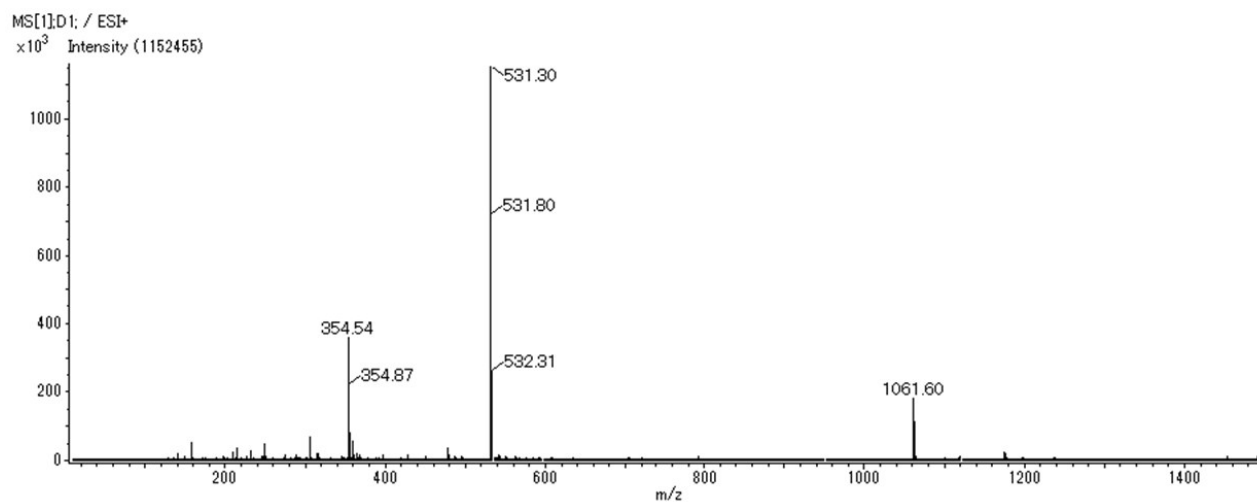


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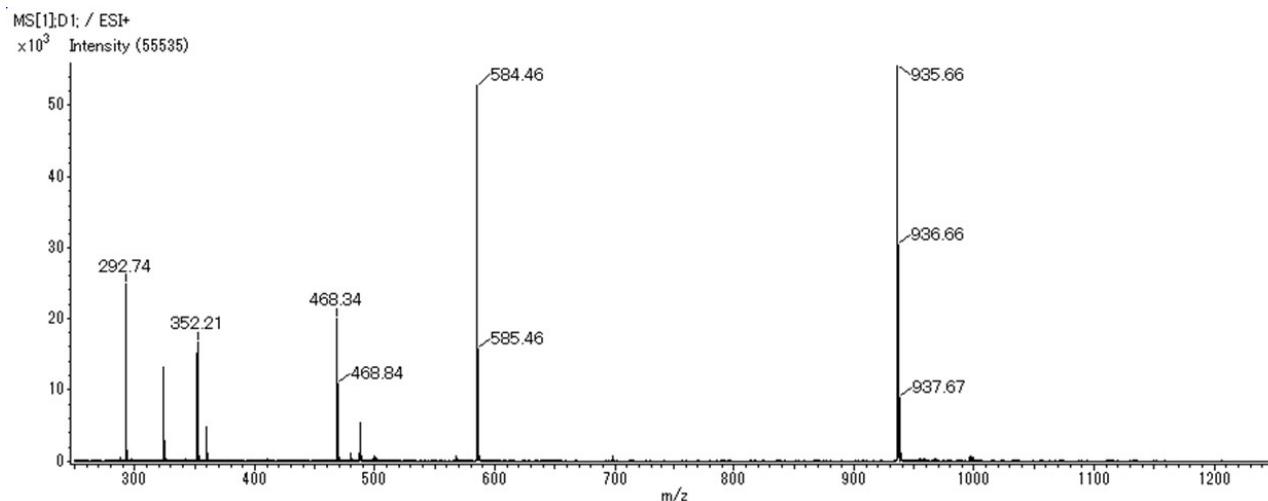


Figure S13. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **14**: $m/z = 935.66$ $[M+H]^+$ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 935.54), $m/z = 584.46$ $[\text{Pro-Lys-Ala-Ile-Arg}+H]^+$ and 352.21 $[\text{MeO-Azo-Ile}]^+$ (calculated mass for the fragments of the parent azo-peptide **14** cleaved at the amide linkage between the Ile and Pro : 584.38 and 352.16 respectively), $m/z = 468.34$ $[M+2H]^{2+}$ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 468.27).

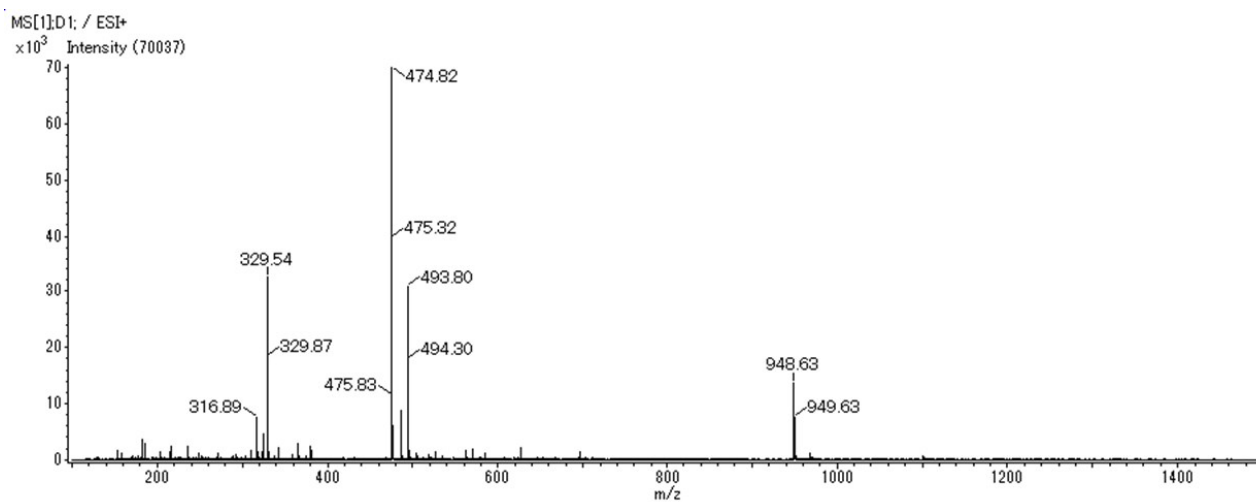


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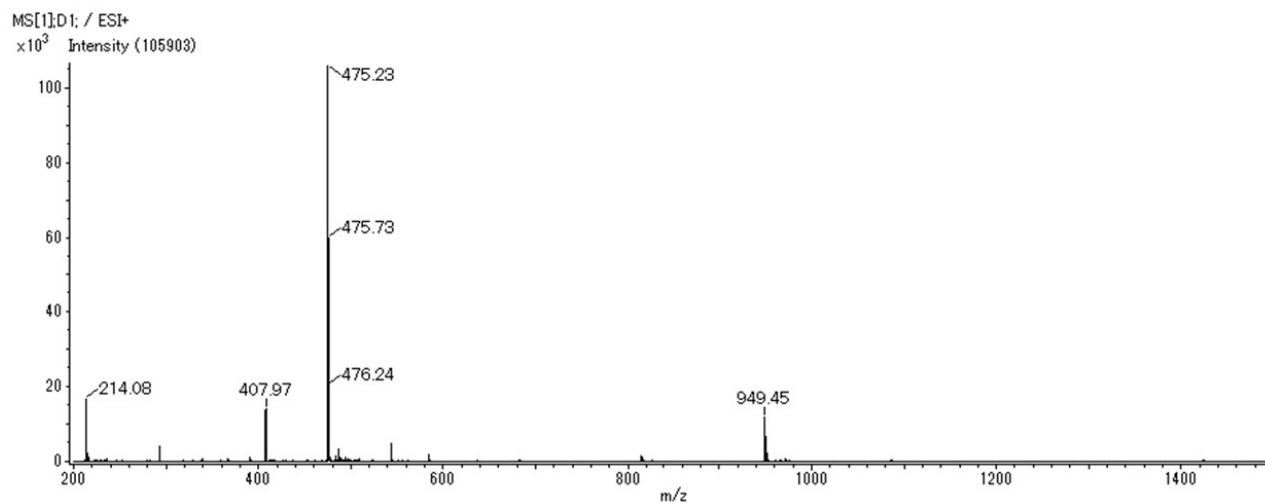


Figure S15. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **16**: $m/z = 949.45$ [M+H]⁺ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 949.52)

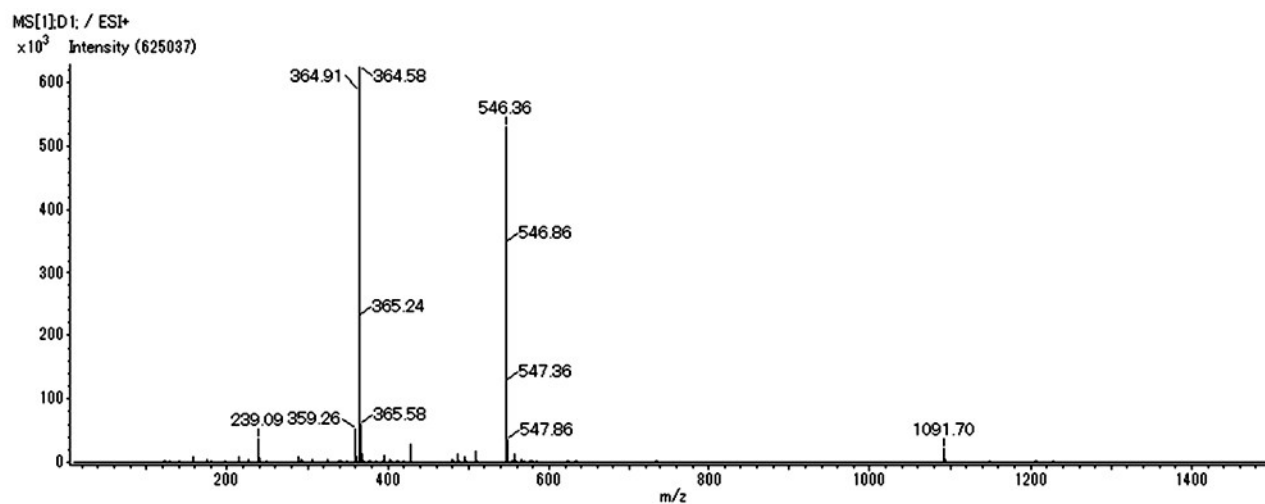
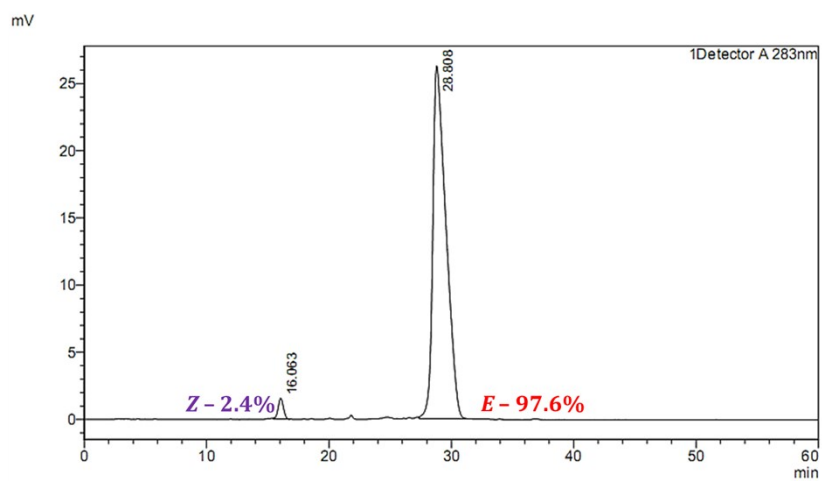


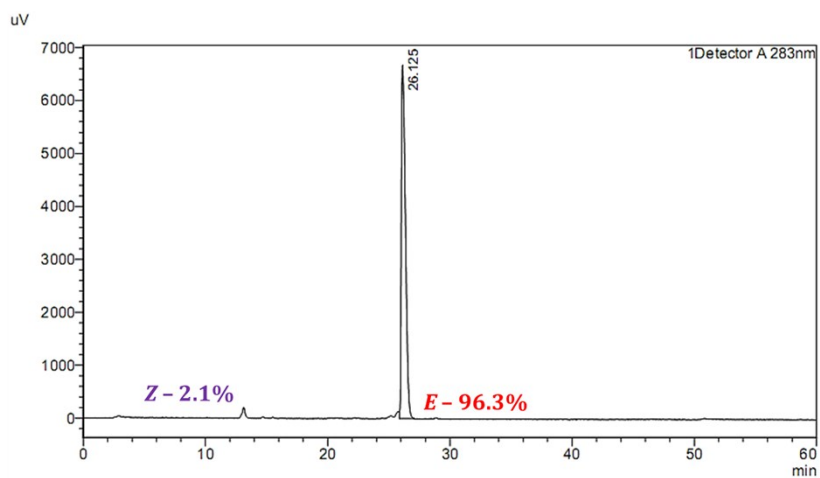
Figure S16. ESI⁺ mass spectrum of azo-peptide **17**: $m/z = 1091.70$ [M+H]⁺ (calculated mass for the most abundant isotope: 1091.64)

2. Purity of the azo-peptides by HPLC analysis

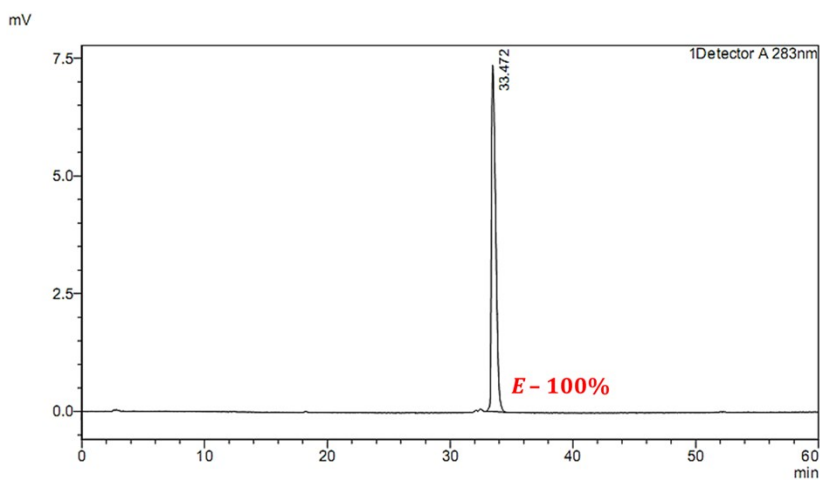
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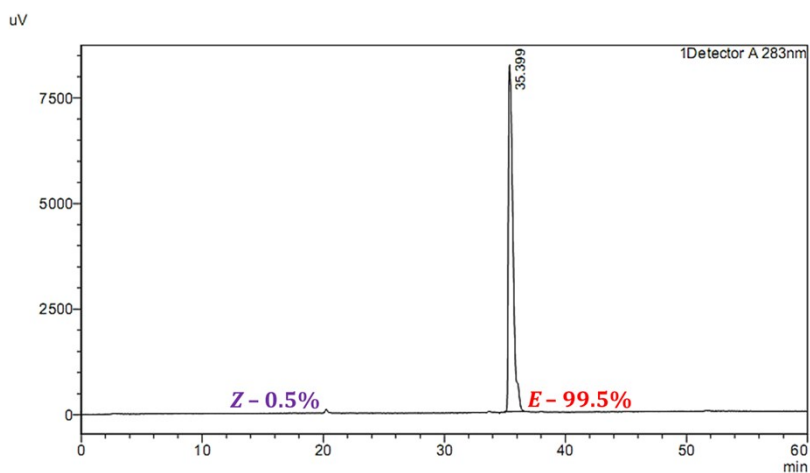
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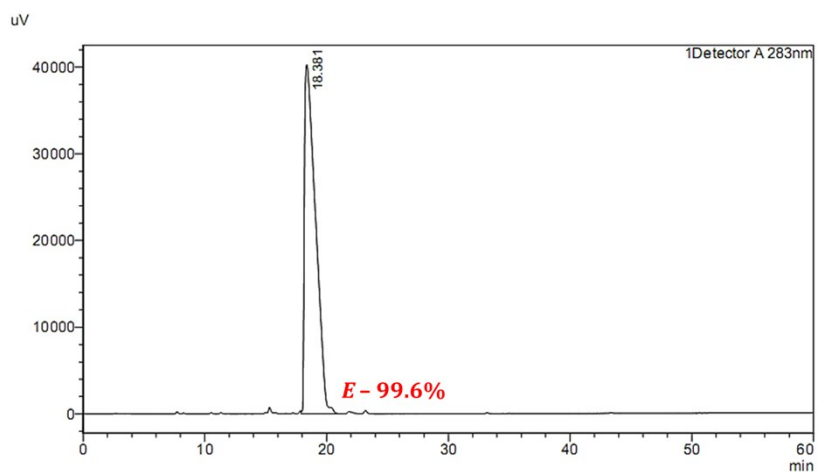
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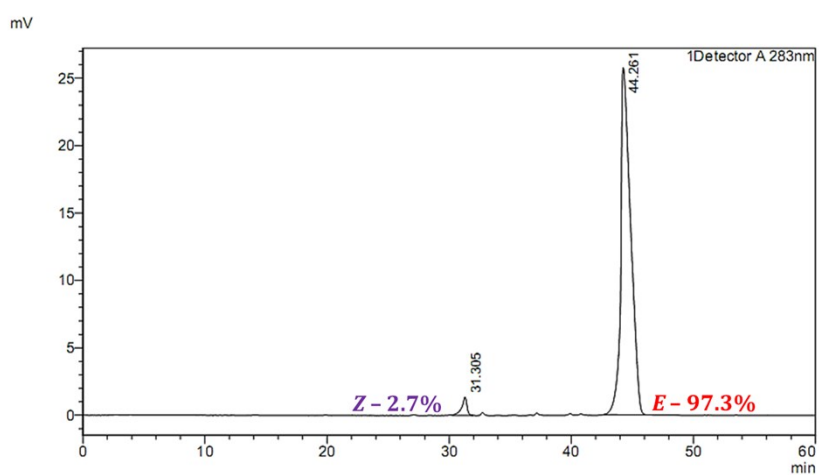
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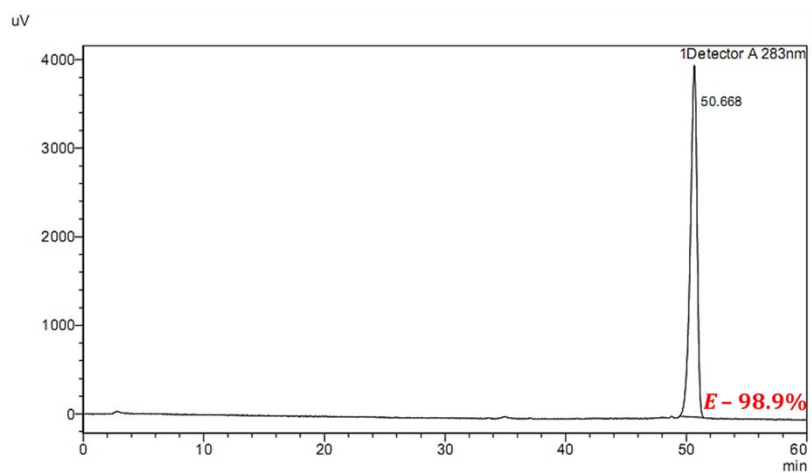
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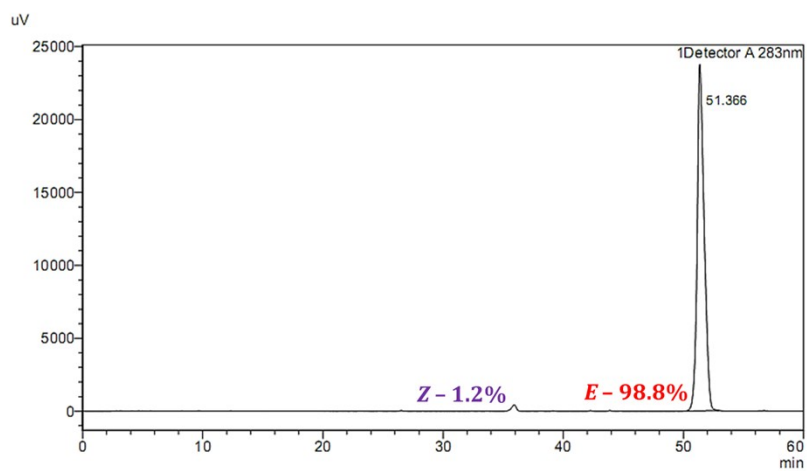
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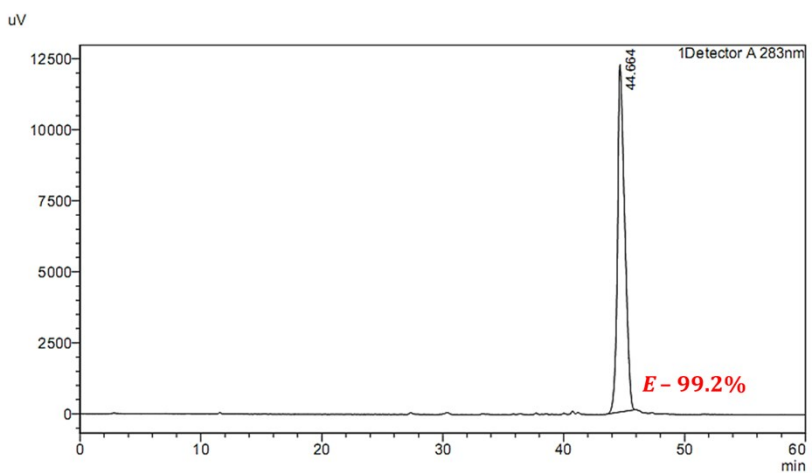
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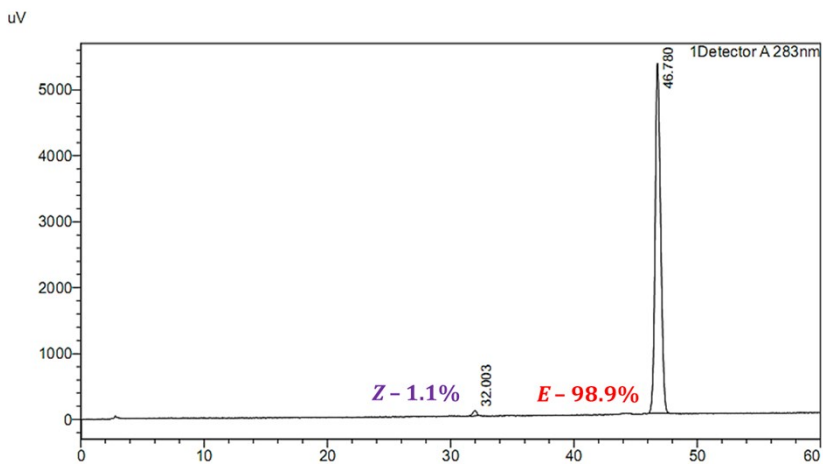
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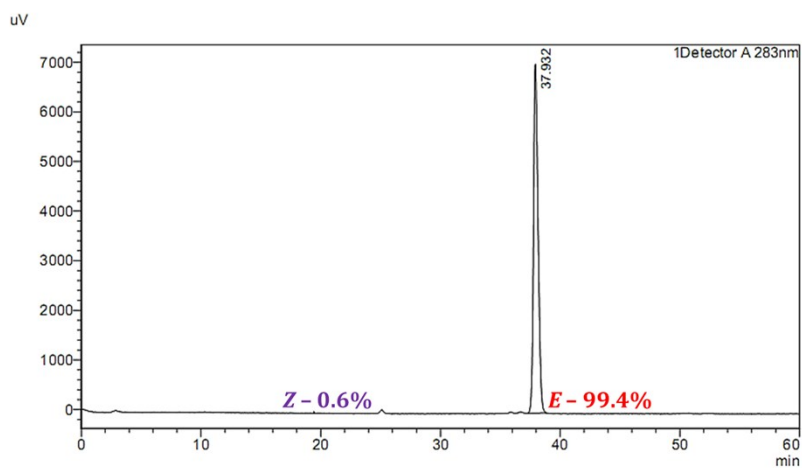
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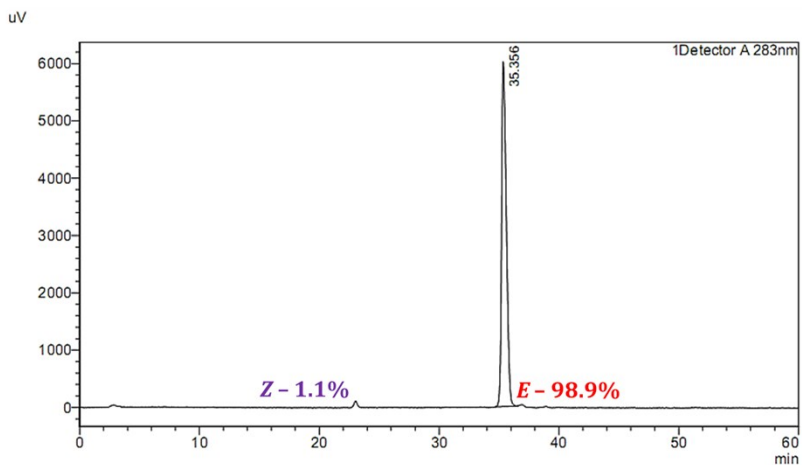
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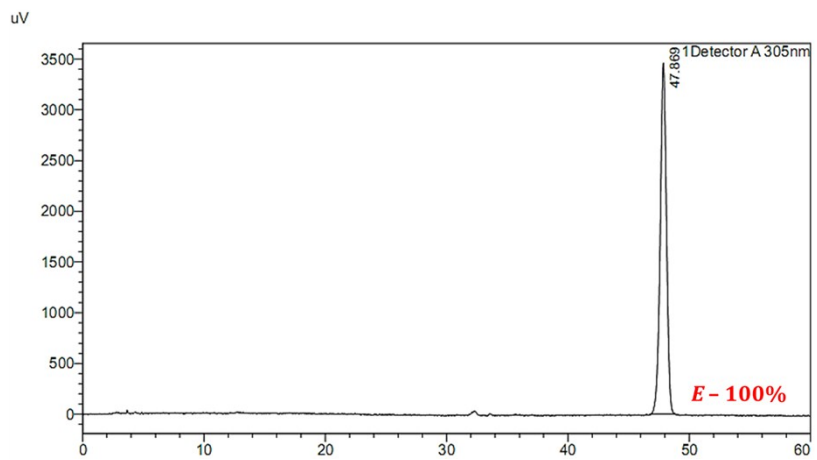
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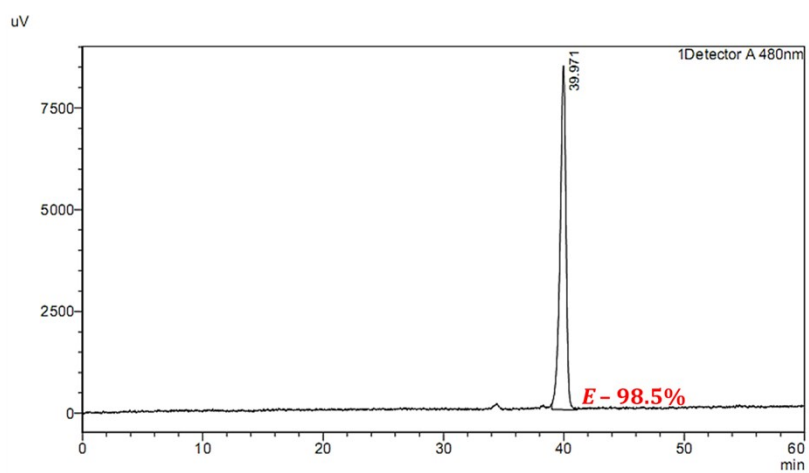
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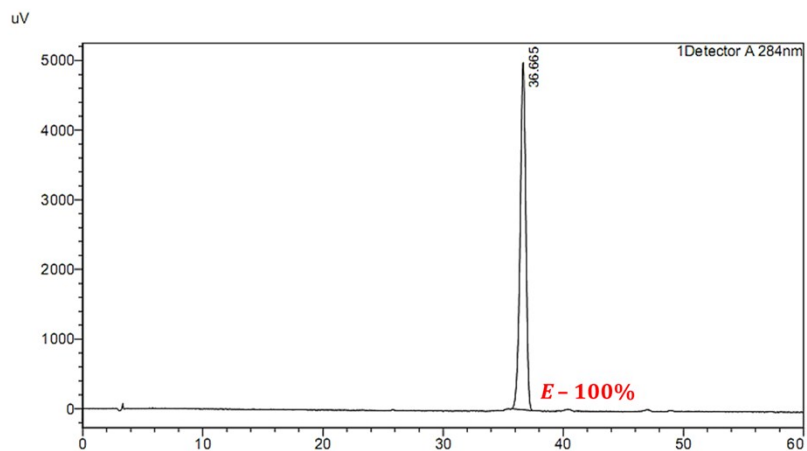
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(o) azo-peptide 16



(p) azo-peptide 17

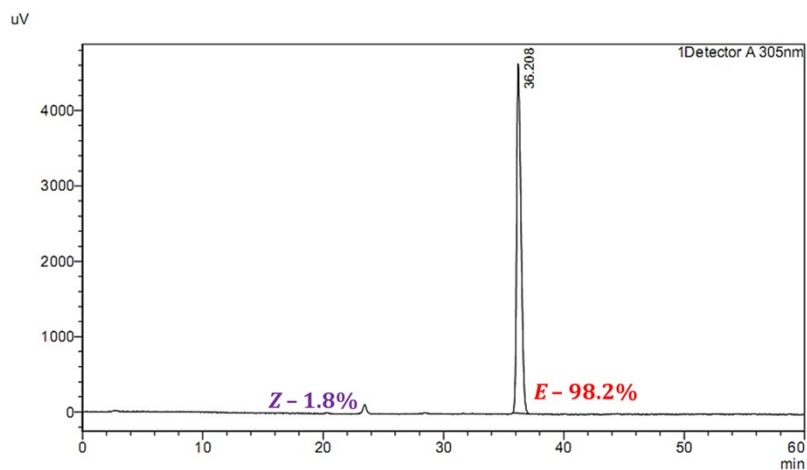


Figure S17. HPLC chromatograms are showing > 95% purity. Conditions of the RP-HPLC analysis; Column - 5C₁₈-MS-II, 4.6×250 mm (Nacalai Tesque, Inc.); Eluent - CH₃CN/H₂O containing 0.1% TFA; Solvent gradient - 20 to 45% of acetonitrile in water for 1 h; Flow rate - 1 mL/min. Injection volume - 20 μL was used to analyze the purity of each azo-peptide.

3. Photoisomerization of the azo-peptides:

Photoisomerization experiments of compounds **11**, **14**, **15**, **16** were performed in BRB-80 buffer at 25 °C.

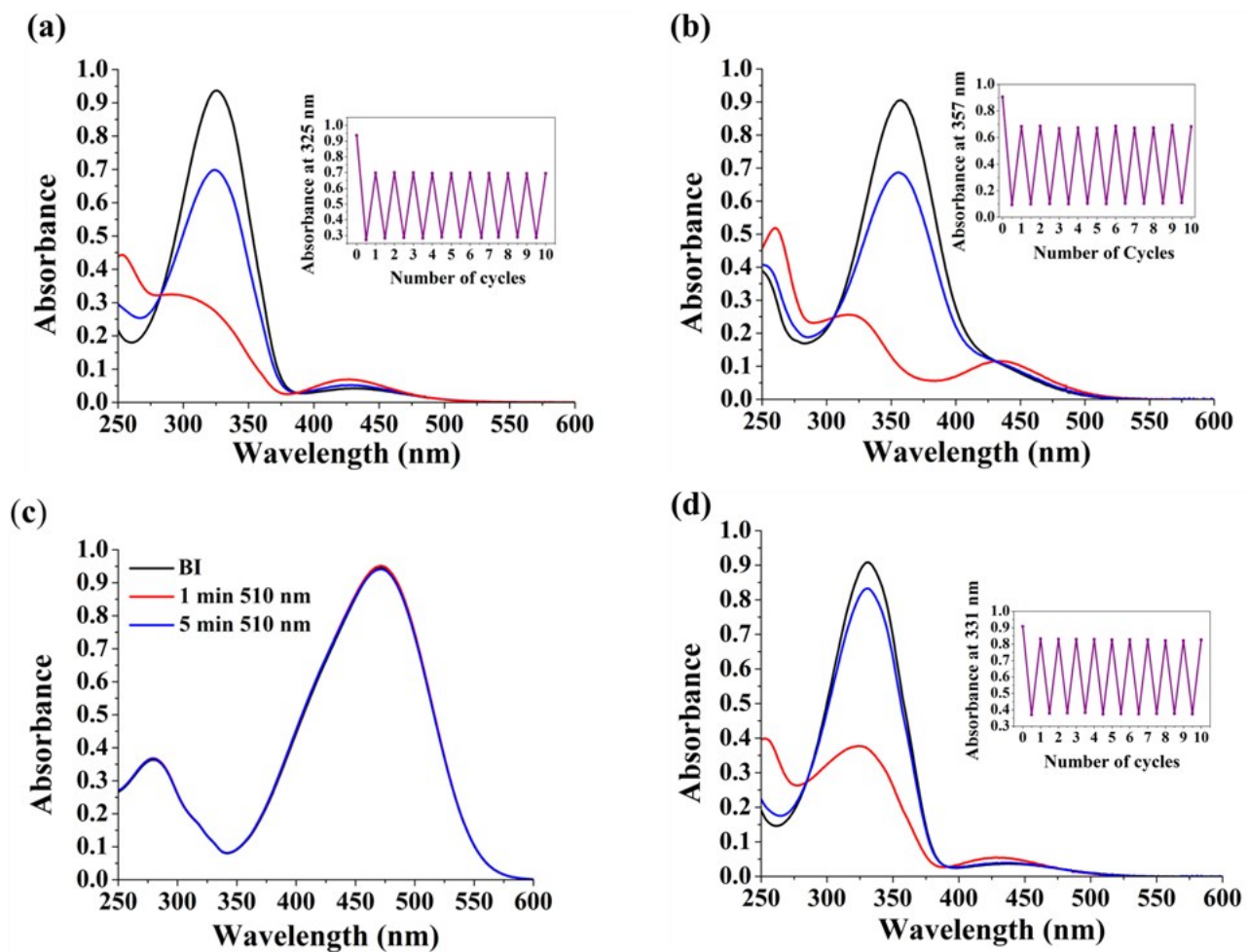


Figure S18. (a), (b), (c) and (d) are the UV-Vis absorption spectra of azo-peptides **11**, **14**, **15** and **16** respectively in BRB-80 buffer solution at 25 °C; before irradiation (black line), UV PSS (red line), Vis PSS (blue line). Inset of (a), (b), and (d): Absorbance changes at 325 nm, 357 nm and 331 nm respectively after the alternate irradiations of 365 and 436 nm for azo-peptides **11** and **16**, 365 and 510 nm for azo-peptide **14** for 10 cycles. Azo-peptide **15** was irradiated with 510 nm light.

4. Thermal stability of the *cis* isomers:

Thermal stability studies of the *cis* isomers of azo-peptides **14** and **16** were performed in BRB-80 buffer at 25 °C.

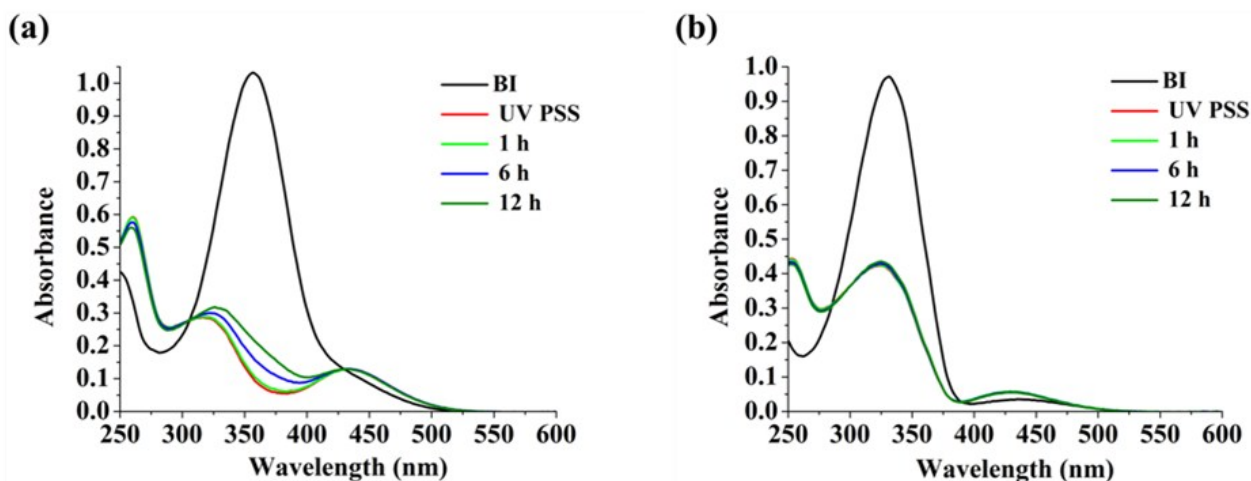
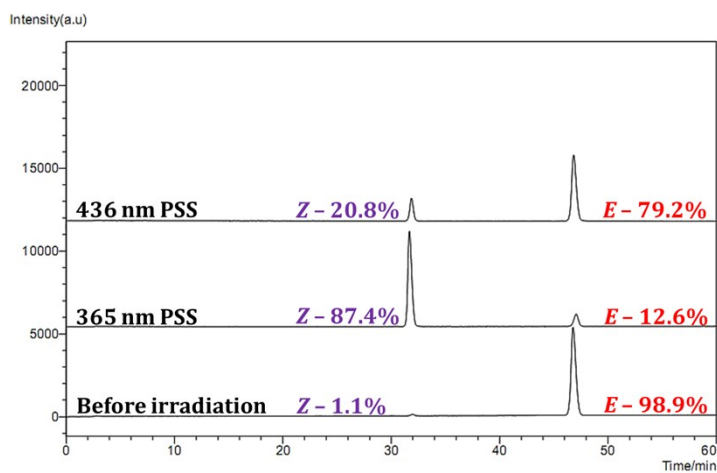


Figure S19. UV-Vis absorption spectra of azo-peptides **14** and **16** showing their thermal stability in BRB-80 buffer solution are represented by (a) and (b) respectively after irradiating with 365 nm light up to their PSSs and then incubation in the dark at 25 °C.

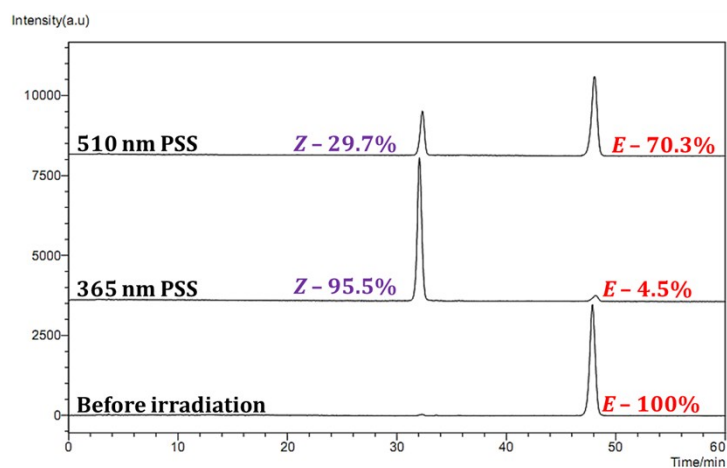
5. HPLC analysis on the conversion ratio from *trans* to *cis* and *cis* to *trans* forms:

The photo conversion ratio from *trans* (*E*) to *cis* (*Z*) and *cis* (*Z*) to *trans* (*E*) of the azo unit in azo-peptides **11**, **14** and **16** upon irradiation with 365 nm light and 436 nm or 510 nm light was measured with HPLC analyses. Conditions of the RP-HPLC analysis; Column - 5C₁₈-MS-II, 4.6×250 mm (Nacalai Tesque, Inc.); Eluent - CH₃CN/H₂O containing 0.1% TFA; Solvent gradient - 20 to 45% of acetonitrile in water for 1 h; Flow rate – 1 mL/min. Injection volume -20 μL was used to analyze the isomer ratio and the isosbestic point in this eluent condition (283 nm for **11**, 305 nm for **14**, 284 nm for **16**) was used as the monitoring wavelength.

(a) azo-peptide 11



(b) azo-peptide 14



(c) azo-peptide 16

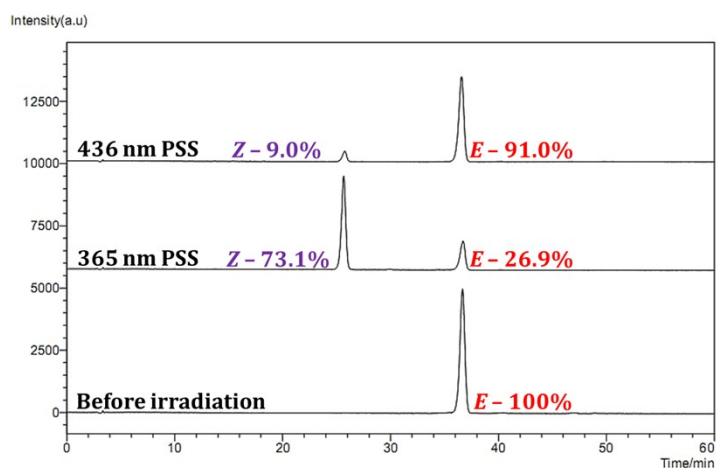
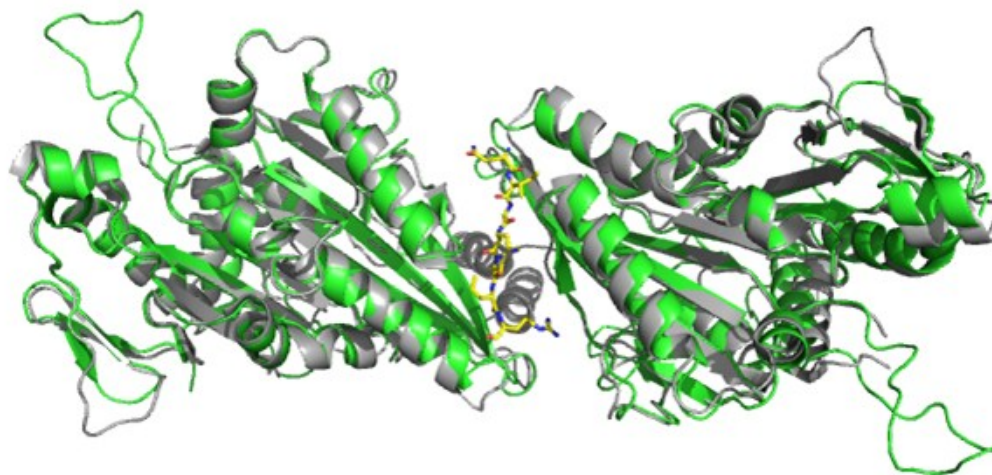


Figure S20. HPLC chromatograms showing the *cis* (*Z*) and *trans* (*E*) isomer ratio at before irradiation, after 365 nm light irradiation at PSS and after 436 nm or 510 nm light irradiation at PSS.

6. Structural comparison between the *Drosophila melanogaster* kinesin-1 and human kinesin-1 motor domains

(a)



(b)

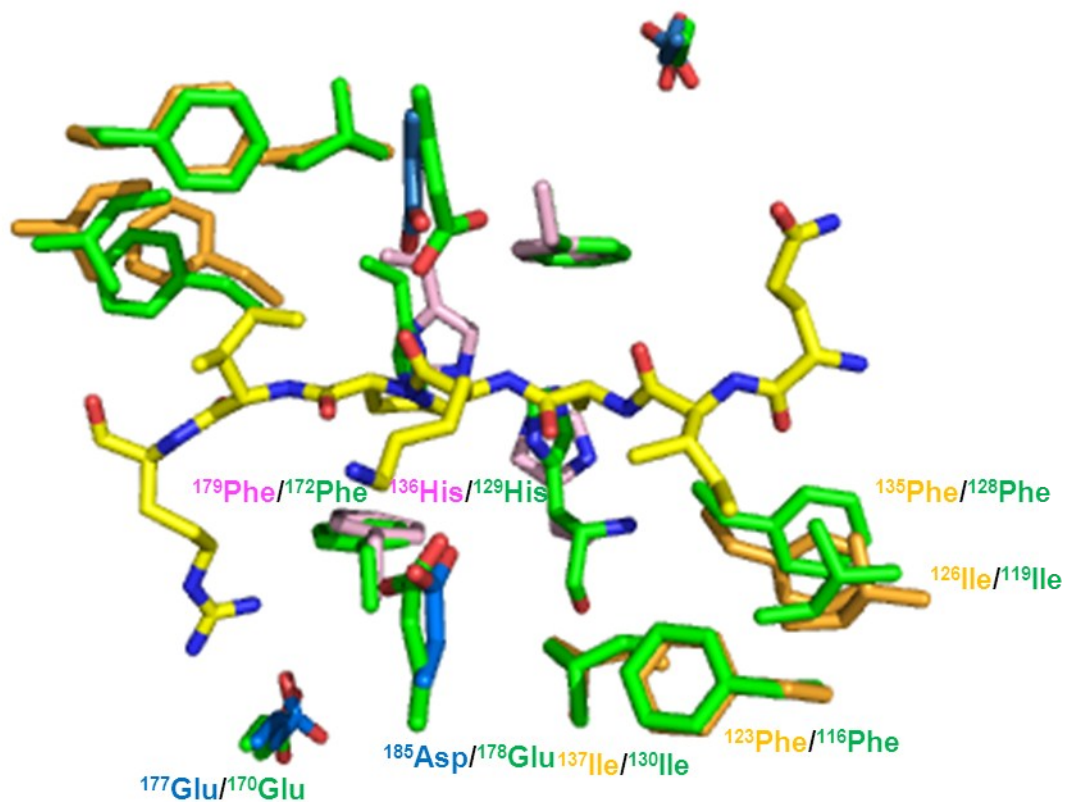


Figure S21. (a) Overlay of *Drosophila melanogaster* kinesin-1 (gray, PDB: 2Y65) and human kinesin motor domains (green, PDB: 1BG2). (b) Detailed similarity in critical amino acids for tail binding.