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#### **Supporting information**

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#### Photochemical formation of quinone methides from peptides containing modified tyrosine

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#### **1.** Synthetic procedures for the preparation of known compounds

#### BOC-(L)-Tyr(OH)-OH

In a flask,  $K_2CO_3$  (9.12 g, 66.6 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of  $H_2O$  and dioxane (1:1, 100 mL). The solution was cooled to 0°C and then L-tyrosine (4.00 g, 22.0 mmol) and a solution of BOC<sub>2</sub>O (4.80 g, 22.0 mmol) in dioxane (30 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt over night. The next day,  $H_2O$  (100 mL) was added, followed by saturated solution of KHSO<sub>4</sub> until pH = 4. The product was extracted by ethyl acetate (3×100 mL), the organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The product was isolated in a form of yellow oil (5.83 g, 94 %) which was used in the next step without further purification. Characterization is in accord with the precedent literature.<sup>1</sup>

Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) δ/ppm: 7.03 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J*= 13.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J*= 13.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H).

#### BOC-(L)-Tyr(OH)-OBn

A round bottom flask was charged with L-BOC-Tyr(OH)-OH (5.83 g, 20.7 mmol) and a mixture of dioxane and DMF (1:1, 150 mL). To the suspension, benzyl bromide (2.46 mL, 20.7 mmol) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.74 g, 20.7 mmol) were added with continuous stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 90 °C. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The crude product was dissolved in ethyl acetate (100 mL) and the solution was washed with brine (100 mL) and water (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over the S2

anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The product was isolated in a form of yellow oil (6.87 g, 89%). Characterization is in accord with the precedent literature.<sup>2</sup>

Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.37-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.96 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J*= 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J*= 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.23 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J*= 13.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J*= 13.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 173.8 (s, 1C), 157.8 (s, 1C), 157.3 (s, 1C), 137.1 (s, 1C), 131.3 (d, 2C), 129.5 (d, 2C), 129.3 (d, 1C), 129.2 (d, 2C), 128.8 (s, 1C), 116.2 (d, 2C), 80.7 (s, 1C), 67.8 (t, 1C), 57.0 (d, 1C), 37.9 (t, 1C), 28.7 (q, 3C).

#### General procedure for the preparation of succinimide activated amino acids

flask filled with BOC-protected amino acid (10 mmol), 1-ethyl-3-(3-А was dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (EDC, 11 mmol), N-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS, 11 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at -5 °C for 2 h, and left in refrigerator overnight. The next day, the solution was washed with 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), 0.5 M HCl (30 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The crude succinimido-activated amino acid was used in the coupling step without additional purification.

#### BOC-(L)-Phe-OSu

Prepared according to the general procedure from BOC-(L)-Phe-OH (3.00 g, 11.3 mmol), NHS (1.43 g, 12.4 mmol) and EDC (1.93 g, 12.4 mmol). The product was isolated in a form of colorless solid (2.38 g, 58 %). Characterization is in accord with the precedent literature.<sup>3</sup> Colorless solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.34-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.74 (dd, *J*= 4.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J*= 9,8, 14 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (s, 4H), 1.36 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 171.3 (s, 2C), 169.9 (s, 1C), 157.5 (s, 1C), 137.6 (s, 1C), 130.5 (d, 2C), 129.5 (d, 2C), 128.0 (d, 1C), 80.9 (s, 1C), 54.8 (d, 1C), 38.6 (t, 1C), 28.6 (q, 3C), 26.5 (t, 2C).

#### General procedure for the peptide coupling from succinimide esters

A flask was charged with amino acid (2.5 mmol), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mmol, or 10 mmol in case of using TFA salt of amino acid) and THF-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, 20 mL). To the mixture, a solution of succinimideactivated amino acid (2.75 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred at rt for 2 days. THF was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was acidified with 0.5 M HCl to pH 2, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3\times30$  mL). The organic layers were washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

#### BOC-(L)-Phe-(L)-Tyr(OH)-OBn

Prepared according to the general procedure from TFA×H-Tyr-OBn (0.57 g, 2.1 mmol) and **BOC-(L)-Phe-OSu** (0.84 g, 2.3 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography on

silica gel with using  $2\rightarrow 5\%$  CH<sub>3</sub>OH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent to afford the pure product (0.55 g, 50%) in a form of colorless solid. Characterization is in accord with the precedent literature.<sup>4</sup>

Colorless amorphous solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) δ/ppm: 7.36-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70-4.60 (m, 1H), 4.34-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.06-2.65 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz) δ/ppm: 174.2 (s, 1C), 172.5 (s, 1C), 157.5 (s, 1C), 157.4 (s, 1C), 138.5 (s, 1C), 137.0 (s, 1C), 131.4 (d, 2C), 130.3 (d, 2C), 129.5 (d, 2C), 129.4 (d, 2C), 129.3 (d, 2C), 128.3 (s, 1C), 127.7 (d, 1C), 127.6 (d, 1C), 116.3 (d, 2C), 80.7 (s, 1C), 68.0 (t, 1C), 57.1 (d, 1C), 55.5 (d, 1C), 39.2 (t, 1C), 37.7 (t, 1C), 28.6 (q, 3C).

#### **BOC-Phe-Tyr(OH)-OH**

Prepared according to the general procedure from L-tyrosine (0.45 g, 2.5 mmol) and **BOC-(L)-Phe-OSu** (1.0 g, 2.7 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using  $2\rightarrow 5\%$  CH<sub>3</sub>OH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent to yield the pure product (0.81 g, 81%) in the form of colorless solid. Characterization is in accord with the precedent literature.<sup>4</sup>

Colorless amorphous solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) δ/ppm: 7.28-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.64-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.19 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.92 (dd, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.68 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 75 MHz) δ/ppm: 172.9 (s, 1C), 171.7 (s, 1C), 156.1 (s, 1C), 155.2 (s, 1C), 138.2 (s, 1C), 130.2 (d, 2C), 129.2 (d, 2C), 128.1 (d, 2C), 127.4 (s, 1C), 126.2 (d, 1C), 115.1 (d, 2C), 78.2 (s, 1C), 55.8 (d, 1C), 53.7 (d, 1C), 37.6 (t, 1C), 36.2 (t, 1C), 28.2 (q, 3C).

#### General procedure for the BOC deprotection

A three neck round bottom flask was filled with BOC protected amino acid or peptide (10 mmol) and dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  (60 mL). Under inert N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere the reaction mixture was stirred, cooled by ice-bath at 0 °C, and TFA (100 mL) was added dropwise during 1 h. The stirring was continued over 1 h at 0 °C, and 2 h at rt. After the reaction was completed, the solvent and TFA were removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. To the residue, cold ether or hexane was added whereupon the product precipitated. The product was filtered off by a sinter funnel and dried in a dessicator over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and KOH for two days.

#### BOC-Asp(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-OH



To a solution of BOC-Asp(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OH (100.0 mg, 345.6  $\mu$ mol.) in DMF (2 mL), NHS (47.7 mg, 414.7  $\mu$ mol) and EDC×HCl (79.5 mg, 414.7  $\mu$ mol, 1.2 eq.) were added under stirring. The stirring was continued at rt for 21 h before H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield the activated ester (124 mg, 93 %). The product was used without any further purification for the next step.

ESI-MS:  $m/z = 387.17630 [M+H]^+$ ; calcd for  $[C_{17}H_{26}N_2O_8 + H]^+$ : 387.17619

To a solution of the activated ester BOC-Asp( ${}^{t}Bu$ )-OSu (124 mg, 320.9  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL), a solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (80.9 mg, 962.7  $\mu$ mol) and H-Ala-OH (38.6 mg, 320.9 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (2

mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 22 h at rt before it was diluted with  $H_2O$  (2 mL). The pH was adjusted to 4.0 with 1 M HCl and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with 1 M HCl (2 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield the desired product (109 mg, 93%). The product was used without any further purification for the next step. Characterization is in accord with the precedent literature.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 6.99-7.01 (m, 1NH), 5.68-5.70 (m, 1NH), 4.20-4.30 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dd, *J*= 16.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.47 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 18H), 1.25 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 126 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 175.0 (s, 1C), 172.3 (s, 1C), 171.5 (s, 1C), 156.9 (s, 1C), 82.2 (s, 1C), 80.9 (s, 1C), 52.5 (s, 1C), 49.6 (s, 1C), 38.7 (s, 1C), 28.9 (s, 3C), 28.6 (s, 3C), 18.3 (s, 1C); ESI-MS *m*/*z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> + H<sup>+</sup>: 361.19693 found: 361.19772.

#### BOC-Asp(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-OSu



To a solution of BOC-Asp(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-OH (109 mg, 302.4  $\mu$ mol) in DMF (2 mL) NHS (41.8 mg, 362.9  $\mu$ mol, 1.2 eq.) and EDC×HCl (69.6 mg, 362.9  $\mu$ mol, 1.2 eq.) were added under stirring. The stirring was continued at rt for 22 h before H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic phases were

washed with  $H_2O$  (2×15 mL) and brine (2×10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield the activated ester (130.8 mg, 95%). The product was used without any further purification for the next step.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.13-7.15 (m, 1H), 5.65-5.67 (m, 1H), 4.81-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.43 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J*= 17.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 4H), 2.53 (dd, *J*= 17.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.37-1.38 (m, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$ /ppm: 170.7 (s, 1 C), 168.4 (s, 1 C), 168.3 (s, 2 C), 155.5 (s, 1 C), 81.9 (s, 1 C), 80.4 (s, 1C), 46.5 (s, 2 C), 37.2 (s, 1 C) 28.3 (s, 3 C) 28.0 (s, 3 C) 25.5 (s, 2 C) 18.2 (s, 1 C). ESI-MS: *m*/*z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> 458.21331, found 458.21222.

#### Synthesis of the intermediate 5 via SPPS



Fmoc-HN-AQWLKDGGPSSGRPPPS

Scheme S1: Synthesis of the intermediate 5;

Coupling conditions: (a) 20 % piperidine/DMF, 20 min. (b) Fmoc-Ser(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (c) Fmoc-Pro-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (d) Fmoc-Arg(Pbf)-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (e) Fmoc-Gly-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (f) Fmoc-Asp(O<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (g) Fmoc-Lys(BOC)-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (h) Fmoc-Leu-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (i) Fmoc-Trp(BOC)-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (j) Fmoc-Gln(Trt)-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h. (k) Fmoc-Ala-OH, TBTU, DIPEA, DMF 1 h.

General SPPS Procedure is given in the paper.

#### Irradiation of BOC-Asp(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-1-OH (4) in the presence of benzyl mercaptan:



A solution of BOC-Asp(tBu)-Ala-1-OH (**4**) (2.0 mg, 3.44 µmol, 1.0 eq.) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (334 µL) in a quartz cuvette was purged with Ar for 10 min. To this solution was added an excess of benzyl mercaptan (4.0 µL, 34.44 µmol, 10.0 eq.) and was then irradiated at 254 nm (8 Watt) for 20 min. The solvent was removed afterwards to yield 2.2 mg of a crude product. The analytical HPLC-MS run showed a conversion of 23% to the oxidized product ( $R_t = 13.04$ ). ESI-MS: m/z = 660.29492 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); calculated for ( $C_{33}H_{45}N_3O_9S + H^+$ ): 660.29493; m/z = 676.28943 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); calculated for ( $C_{33}H_{45}N_3O_{10}S + H^+$ ): 676.28984.



Fig S1: HPLC of the photolysis reaction mixture.

HPLC conditions:

Time [min]	System B [%]
0	20
3	20
11	100
13	100
15	20

# Photomethanolysis of TC10b\_3Y1



A solution of **TC10b\_3Y1** in CH<sub>3</sub>OD (1.0 mM, 200  $\mu$ L) was purged with Ar for 10 min in a quartz cuvette and irradiated with one lamp at 254 nm for 1 h. After the irradiation composition of the solution was analyzed by ESI-MS.

 $m/z = 1070.54724 (M + 2 H)^{2+}$ ; calculated for  $(C_{94}H_{132}D_9N_{26}O_{31} + 2 H)^{2+}$ : 1070.54609.

 $m/z = 714.03406 (M + 3 H)^{3+}$ ; calculated for  $(C_{94}H_{131}D_9N_{26}O_{31} + 3 H)^{3+}$ : 714.03315.

#### 2. UV-vis and fluorescence spectra



Fig S2. Absorption spectrum of **2** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.



Fig S3. Normalized excitation and emission spectra of 2 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.



Fig S4. Fluorescence spectra of **2** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN ( $\lambda_{ex} = 270$  nm) at different H<sub>2</sub>O concentration.



Fig S5. Absorption spectrum of **3A** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.



Fig S6. Normalized excitation and emission spectra of **3A** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.



Fig S7. Fluorescence spectra of **3A** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN ( $\lambda_{ex} = 270$  nm) at different H<sub>2</sub>O concentration.

#### 3. Quantum yields of fluorescence and photomethanolysis quantum efficiency

The following equation was used for the determination of fluorescence quantum yields:

$$\Phi = \Phi_{R} \frac{I}{I_{R}} \frac{A_{R}}{A} \left(\frac{n_{D}}{n_{D}^{B}}\right)^{2}$$
(S1)

wherein

 $\Phi$  - quantum yield of fluorescence

 $\Phi_R$  - quantum yield of fluorescence of reference compound, anisole in cyclohexane

*I* - intensity of fluorescence (integral of the corrected emission spectrum)

 $I_{\rm R}$  - intensity of fluorescence (integral of the corrected emission spectrum) for the reference compound

*A* - absorbance of the solution at the excitation wavelength

 $A_{\rm R}$  - absorbance of the solution of the reference compound at the excitation wavelength

 $n_{\rm D}$  - refractive index of the solvent (acetonitrile)

 $n_{\rm D}^{\rm R}$  - refractive index of the solvent use to dissolve the reference compound (cyclohexane)

The number of the absorbed photons for the KIO<sub>3</sub>/KI was calculated from:

$$n(\text{absorbed photons}) = \frac{\Delta A_{352} \times V_{irr}}{\varepsilon_{352} \times \ell \times \Phi_{iit}}$$

where:

$\Delta A_{352}$	absorbance difference at 352 nm for the irradiated and non-irradiated
•••••	sample
$V_{ m irr}$	volume of the solution which was irradiated
<b>E</b> <sub>352</sub>	molar absorption coefficient for $I_3^-$ in solution which contains iodides and
	iodates, 27600 M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>
l	length of the optical path (1 cm in all experiments)
$arPsi_{ ext{lit.}}$	quantum yield ( $\Phi_{254} = 0.74$ ), the precise value was calculated from:

 $c(\Gamma) = A_{300} / 1.061 \quad [M]$  $\Phi = 0.75 \times [1 + 0.02(T - 20.7)] \times [1 + 0.23(c(\Gamma) - 0.577)]$ 

#### The quantum yield of the photomethanolysis was calculated according to:

 $\Phi = \frac{A_{254} \cdot V_{irr} \cdot x(\text{photoproduct})_{\text{HPLC}}}{\mathcal{E}_{254} \cdot \ell \cdot n(\text{total photons}) \cdot (1 - T_{254})}$ 

For the absorbances in the range 0.4-0.8 the number of absorbed photons was calculated according to:

 $n(absorbed photons) = n(total photons) \times (1-T)$ 

#### 4. LFP data



Fig S8. Transient absorption spectra of **2** in N<sub>2</sub>-purged CH<sub>3</sub>CN (compound not well soluble  $A_{355}$  = 0.08).



Fig S9. Dependance of the  $k_{obs}$  on ethanolamine concentration for CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) solution of **2**. The slope corresponds to the  $k_q$  (2.3 × 10<sup>5</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>).



Fig S10. Stern-Volmer plot for the quenching of the transient absorbtion of **2** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) with sodium azide. (Lifetime  $\tau = 20 \pm 2$  ms).



Fig S11. Stern-Volmer plot for the quenching of the transient absorbtion of **2** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) with ethyl vinyl ether. (Lifetime  $\tau = 20 \pm 2$  ms).



Fig S12. Transient absorption spectra of 3A in N<sub>2</sub>-purged CH<sub>3</sub>CN (left), decay of transient absorbance at 400 nm (right).



Fig S13. Transient absorption spectra in O<sub>2</sub>-purged CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) solution of **3A**.



Fig S14. Stern-Volmer plot for the quenching of the transient in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution of **3A**. (Lifetime  $\tau = 110 \pm 10 \ \mu$ s).



Fig S15. Stern-Volmer plot for the quenching of the transient in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O solution of **3A**. (Lifetime  $\tau = 13 \pm 3$  ms).



Fig S16. Stern-Volmer plot for the quenching of the in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O solution of **3A**. (Lifetime  $\tau = 13 \pm 3$  ms).

5. NMR spectra <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Tyr(OH)-OH



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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz) of BOC-Tyr(OH)-OBn

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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz, APT) of BOC-Tyr(OH)-OBn



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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Phe-OSn



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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr-OBn

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#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OBn (**1B**)





file: ...\Spektri\Rad\AH040-1-3\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130006 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 75 MHz, APT) of BOC-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OBn (1B)



SpinWorks 4: Husak AH-040-1-3



width: 17985.61 Hz = 238.2980 ppm = 0.548877 Hz/pt number of scans: 3798

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OH (**1A**)



SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-043 I F-10-14



file: ...\AH043\AH043 I F-10-14\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130006 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 75 MHz) of BOC-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OH (**1A**)



SpinWorks 4: Husak AH-043-I-F-10-14 130.897 133.842 134.097 116.102 117.671 178.287 156.357 157.178 80.020 58994999**68**8888838 28 28 8.634 8.765 386 300 51  $\nabla |$  $\{ \mid$ 1 1  $\mathbb{V}$ PPM 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 file: ...ktri\AH043 I F-10-14\2\spectrum.dx expt: <zgpg30> freq. of 0 ppm: 75.467642 MHz

transmitter freq.: 75.475295 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 17985.61 Hz = 238.2980 ppm = 0.548877 Hz/pt number of scans: 0

processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of TFA×H-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>×TFA]-OBn (**1**C)







file: G:\Spektri\Rad\AH013\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130005 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 75 MHz) of TFA×H-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>×TFA]-OBn (**1**C)





file: G:\Spektri\AH013-APT\1\spectrum.dx expt: <zgpg30> transmitter freq.: 75.475295 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 17985.61 Hz = 238.2980 ppm = 0.548877 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 75.467643 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OBn (**2B**)



SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-032-6



file: G:\Spektri\Rad\AH032-6\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0

freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130005 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 75 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OBn (**2B**)



#### SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-019-3-6



transmitter freq.: 75.475295 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 17985.61 Hz = 238.2980 ppm = 0.548877 Hz/pt

width: 17985.61 Hz = 238.2980 ppm = 0number of scans: 0 processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OH (**2A**)





file: G:\Spektri\Rad\AH057\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130006 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-OH (**2A**)





file: ...ektri\husak\_ah057apt\1\spectrum.dx expt: <jmod> transmitter freq.: 150.917899 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 39370.08 Hz = 260.8708 ppm = 1.201479 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 150.902598 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-OH (**3A**)





file: ...pektri\Rad\AH062 I F-8\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130005 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-OH (**3A**)



SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-062I F-8



file: ...ri\husak\_ah062if8apt\1\spectrum.dx expt: <jmod> transmitter freq.: 150.917899 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 39370.08 Hz = 260.8708 ppm = 1.201479 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 150.902600 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 600 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-OBn (**3B**)



SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-088 II F-80-91



file: ...i\husak\_ah088iif8091\1\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.; 600.135401 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 12019.23 Hz = 20.0275 ppm = 0.366798 Hz/pt number of scans: 0

freq. of 0 ppm: 600.130007 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 150 MHz) of BOC-Phe-Tyr[CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-OBn (**3B**)



#### SpinWorks 4: Husak AH-088-I-F-2-5



transmitter freq.: 150.917899 MHz time domain size: 65536 points width: 39370.08 Hz = 260.8708 ppm = 0.600740 Hz/pt number of scans: 5000

processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 1.000 GF: 0.0000















# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)of BOC-Asp(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-**1**-OH (**4**):









### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of **6**



SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-050-B



file: G:\Spektri\AH050-B\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130006 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) of **6**





file: G:\Spektri\AH050-B-COM\spectrum.dx expt: <zgpg30> transmitter freq.: 150.917899 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 35971.22 Hz = 238.3496 ppm = 1.097755 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 150.902806 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) of **7**



SpinWorks 4: A. Husak AH-090-B



file: ...Spektri\husak\_ah090b\1\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 600.135401 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 12019.23 Hz = 20.0275 ppm = 0.366798 Hz/pt number of scans: 0

freq. of 0 ppm: 600.130009 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000



file: ...ktri\husak\_ah090bcom\1\spectrum.dx expt: <zgpg30> transmitter freq.: 150.917899 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 35971.22 Hz = 238.3496 ppm = 1.097755 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 150.902807 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of **9**





file: ...ektri\husak\_ah091if5\3\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0

freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130006 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000



number of scans: 32250



file: ...Spektri\husak\_ah060f\1\spectrum.dx expt: <zg30> transmitter freq.: 300.132701 MHz time domain size: 32768 points width: 6172.84 Hz = 20.5670 ppm = 0.188380 Hz/pt number of scans: 0 freq. of 0 ppm: 300.130005 MHz processed size: 32768 complex points LB: 0.000 GF: 0.0000



width: 39370.08 Hz = 260.8708 ppm = 0.600740 Hz/pt

number of scans: 37974

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