

Supporting Information for

**Non-Covalent Complexes of the Peptide Fragment Gly-Asn-Asn-Gln-Gln-Asn-Tyr in the Gas-Phase. Photodissociative Cross-Linking, Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics, and Ab Initio Computational Binding Study**

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| Fragment Ion ( <i>m/z</i> ) | Assignment <sup>b</sup>  | Rel. Intensity <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1722                        | (1739-NH <sub>3</sub> )  | 0.4                         |
| 1160                        | <b>y</b> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>5</sub>   | 0.1                         |
| 1032                        | <b>y</b> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>4</sub> / <b>y</b> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>5</sub>  | 0.8                         |
| 1018                        | <b>y</b> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>2</sub> / <b>y</b> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>3</sub> / <b>y</b> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | 0.3                         |
| 961                         | <b>m</b> B <sub>1</sub> / <b>b</b> <sub>1</sub> M  | 0.7                         |
| 904                         | [M+H] <sup>+</sup>   | 75.9                        |
| 887                         | [M-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>  | 7.9                         |
| 870                         | [M-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>   | 2.2                         |
| 836                         | [ <b>m</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>  | 2.0                         |
| 819                         | [ <b>m</b> -NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>   | 0.3                         |
| 790                         | <b>y</b> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>5</sub> / <b>y</b> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>2</sub> / <b>y</b> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | 0.1                         |
| 724                         | B <sub>6</sub>   | 1.7                         |
| 707                         | B <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.9                         |
| 662                         | <b>y</b> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>4</sub> / <b>y</b> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>2</sub>  | 0.1                         |
| 648                         | <b>y</b> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>3</sub>   | 0.2                         |
| 610                         | B <sub>5</sub>   | 0.9                         |
| 593                         | B <sub>5</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.3                         |

<sup>a</sup>Relative to the sum of fragment ion intensities.

<sup>b</sup>Fragment ions indicative of crosslinking in GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> are highlighted.

**Table S2.** UVPD-CID-MS<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the (\*GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> – N<sub>2</sub> + GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup> complex **II** (*m/z* 1741)

| Fragment Ion ( <i>m/z</i> ) | Assignment <sup>b</sup>  | Relative Intensity <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1724                        | (1741-NH <sub>3</sub> )  | 3.1                             |
| 1707                        | (1741-2NH <sub>3</sub> )   | 0.8                             |
| 1570                        | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> M  | 0.2                             |
| 1560                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>6</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>6</sub>M</b>   | 0.5                             |
| 1553                        | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.1                             |
| 1543                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>6</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>6</sub>M-NH<sub>3</sub></b>  | 0.2                             |
| 1456                        | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> M  | 0.1                             |
| 1446                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>5</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>5</sub>M</b>   | 0.3                             |
| 1439                        | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.1                             |
| 1429                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>5</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>5</sub>M-NH<sub>3</sub></b>  | 0.1                             |
| 1328                        | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> M  | 0.1                             |
| 1318                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>4</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>4</sub>M</b>   | 0.2                             |
| 1311                        | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.2                             |
| 1301                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>4</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>4</sub>M-NH<sub>3</sub></b>  | 0.1                             |
| 1200                        | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> M  | 0.3                             |
| 1190                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>3</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>3</sub>M</b>   | 0.1                             |
| 1183                        | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.2                             |
| 1173                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>3</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>3</sub>M-NH<sub>3</sub></b>  | 0.1                             |
| 1086                        | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> M  | 0.2                             |
| 1076                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>2</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>2</sub>M</b>   | 0.2                             |
| 1069                        | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.1                             |
| 1059                        | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>2</sub>/<i>b</i><sub>2</sub>M -NH<sub>3</sub></b>   | 0.1                             |
| 1019                        | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>2</sub> / <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>3</sub> / <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | 0.1                             |
| 962                         | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>1</sub> / <i>b</i><sub>1</sub>M</b>   | 0.5                             |
| 905                         | [M+H] <sup>+</sup>   | 81.1                            |
| 888                         | [M-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>  | 3.2                             |
| 871                         | [M-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>   | 0.6                             |
| 837                         | [ <i>m</i> +H] <sup>+</sup>  | 1.7                             |
| 820                         | [ <i>m</i> -NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>   | 0.1                             |
| 791                         | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>1</sub> / <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>2</sub> / <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | 0.1                             |
| 777                         | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub> / <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>4</sub>  | 0.1                             |
| 724                         | B <sub>6</sub>   | 1.5                             |
| 707                         | B <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.7                             |
| 690                         | B <sub>6</sub> -2NH <sub>3</sub>   | 0.3                             |
| 649                         | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>3</sub>   | 0.1                             |
| 639                         | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b>   | 0.1                             |
| 610                         | B <sub>5</sub>   | 1.2                             |
| 593                         | B <sub>5</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>  | 0.4                             |

<sup>a</sup>Relative to the sum of fragment ion intensities.

<sup>b</sup>Fragment ions indicative of crosslinking in GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> are highlighted.

**Table S3.** UVPD-CID-MS<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the (\*GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> – N<sub>2</sub> + GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup> complex **III** (*m/z* 1740)

| Fragment Ion ( <i>m/z</i> ) | Assignment                           | Rel. Intensity <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1723                        | (1740-NH <sub>3</sub> )              | 0.4                         |
| 961                         | <b><i>m</i>B<sub>1</sub></b>         | 0.8                         |
| 905                         | [M+H] <sup>+</sup>                   | 87.2                        |
| 888                         | [M-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>  | 3.2                         |
| 871                         | [M-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup> | 0.6                         |
| 836                         | [m+H] <sup>+</sup>                   | 2.5                         |
| 819                         | [m-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>  | 0.3                         |
| 802                         | [m-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup> | 0.6                         |
| 724                         | B <sub>6</sub>                       | 1.6                         |
| 707                         | B <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>      | 0.7                         |
| 690                         | B <sub>6</sub> -2NH <sub>3</sub>     | 0.3                         |
| 610                         | B <sub>5</sub>                       | 1.2                         |
| 593                         | B <sub>5</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>      | 0.4                         |

<sup>a</sup>Relative to the sum of fragment ion intensities.

**Table S4.** UVPD-CID-MS<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the (\*GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub>–N<sub>2</sub> + GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup> complex **IV** (*m/z* 1740)

| Fragment Ion ( <i>m/z</i> ) | Assignment <sup>b</sup>                      | Rel. Intensity <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1723                        | (1740-NH <sub>3</sub> )                      | 5.0                         |
| 1706                        | (1740-2NH <sub>3</sub> )                     | 0.1                         |
| 1689                        | (1740-3NH <sub>3</sub> )                     | 0.4                         |
| 1569                        | <b>y</b> <sub>5</sub> M                      | 0.2                         |
| 1560                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>6</sub>                      | 0.4                         |
| 1552                        | <b>y</b> <sub>5</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>      | 0.1                         |
| 1543                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>     | 0.2                         |
| 1455                        | <b>y</b> <sub>4</sub> M                      | 0.1                         |
| 1446                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>5</sub>                      | 0.4                         |
| 1438                        | <b>y</b> <sub>4</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>      | 0.1                         |
| 1429                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>5</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>     | 0.1                         |
| 1412                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>5</sub> -2NH <sub>3</sub>    | 0.1                         |
| 1327                        | <b>y</b> <sub>3</sub> M                      | 0.1                         |
| 1318                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>4</sub>                      | 0.3                         |
| 1310                        | <b>y</b> <sub>3</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>      | 0.2                         |
| 1301                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>4</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>     | 0.1                         |
| 1293                        | <b>y</b> <sub>3</sub> M-2NH <sub>3</sub>     | 0.1                         |
| 1284                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>4</sub> -2NH <sub>3</sub>    | 0.1                         |
| 1199                        | <b>y</b> <sub>2</sub> M                      | 0.3                         |
| 1190                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>3</sub>                      | 0.2                         |
| 1182                        | <b>y</b> <sub>2</sub> M-NH <sub>3</sub>      | 0.3                         |
| 1173                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>3</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>     | 0.1                         |
| 1085                        | <b>y</b> <sub>1</sub> M                      | 0.2                         |
| 1076                        | <b>m</b> B <sub>2</sub>                      | 0.3                         |
| 1067                        | <b>y</b> <sub>1</sub> M-H <sub>2</sub> O     | 0.3                         |
| 962                         | <b>m</b> B <sub>1</sub>                      | 0.3                         |
| 904                         | [M+H] <sup>+</sup>                           | 72.3                        |
| 887                         | [M-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>          | 7.2                         |
| 870                         | [M-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>         | 2.4                         |
| 853                         | [M-3NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>         | 0.9                         |
| 837                         | [ <b>m</b> +H] <sup>+</sup>                  | 1.2                         |
| 820                         | [ <b>m</b> -NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup> | 0.1                         |
| 724                         | B <sub>6</sub>                               | 1.7                         |
| 707                         | B <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>              | 0.9                         |
| 690                         | B <sub>6</sub> -2NH <sub>3</sub>             | 0.3                         |
| 610                         | B <sub>5</sub>                               | 0.9                         |
| 593                         | B <sub>5</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>              | 0.4                         |

<sup>a</sup>Relative to the sum of fragment ion intensities.

<sup>b</sup>Fragment ions indicative of crosslinking in GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> are highlighted.

**Table S5.** Table of logical combinations of B-ions from the photo-labeled monomer \*GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> and the *b*- and *y*-ions from the PAGGYYQNY<sub>NH2</sub> target monomer.

|                | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub><br>98.1        | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub><br>169.1       | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub><br>226.1       | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub><br>283.1       | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub><br>446.2       | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub><br>609.3       | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub><br>737.3       | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub><br>851.4       |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>1</sub> |
| 126.1          | 223.1                                | 294.2                                | 351.2                                | 408.2                                | 571.3                                | 734.4                                | 862.4                                | 976.5                                |
| B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>2</sub> |
| 240.1          | 337.2                                | 408.2                                | 465.2                                | 522.3                                | 685.3                                | 848.4                                | 976.4                                | 1090.5                               |
| B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>3</sub> |
| 354.2          | 451.2                                | 522.3                                | 579.3                                | 636.3                                | 799.4                                | 962.4                                | 1090.5                               | 1204.5                               |
| B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>4</sub> |
| 482.2          | 579.3                                | 650.3                                | 707.3                                | 764.4                                | 927.4                                | 1090.5                               | 1218.6                               | 1332.6                               |
| B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>5</sub> |
| 610.3          | 707.3                                | 778.4                                | 835.4                                | 892.4                                | 1055.5                               | 1218.6                               | 1346.6                               | 1460.7                               |
| B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>6</sub> |
| 724.3          | 821.4                                | 892.4                                | 949.4                                | 1006.5                               | 1169.5                               | 1332.6                               | 1460.7                               | 1574.7                               |
| M              | <i>b</i> <sub>1</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>2</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>3</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>4</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>5</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub> M              | <i>b</i> <sub>8</sub> M              |
| 904.4          | 1001.5                               | 1072.5                               | 1129.5                               | 1186.6                               | 1349.6                               | 1512.7                               | 1640.7                               | 1754.8                               |
|                | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub><br>181.1       | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub><br>295.1       | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub><br>423.2       | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub><br>586.3       | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub><br>749.3       | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub><br>806.3       | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub><br>863.4       | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub><br>934.4       |
| B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>1</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>1</sub> |
| 126.1          | 306.2                                | 420.2                                | 548.3                                | 711.3                                | 874.4                                | 931.4                                | 988.5                                | 1059.5                               |
| B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>2</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>2</sub> |
| 240.1          | 420.2                                | 534.3                                | 662.3                                | 825.4                                | 988.5                                | 1045.5                               | 1102.5                               | 1173.5                               |
| B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>3</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>3</sub> |
| 354.2          | 534.3                                | 648.3                                | 776.4                                | 939.4                                | 1102.5                               | 1159.5                               | 1216.5                               | 1287.6                               |
| B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>4</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>4</sub> |
| 482.2          | 662.3                                | 776.4                                | 904.4                                | 1067.4                               | 1230.6                               | 1287.6                               | 1344.6                               | 1415.6                               |
| B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>5</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>5</sub> |
| 610.3          | 790.4                                | 904.4                                | 1032.5                               | 1195.5                               | 1358.6                               | 1415.6                               | 1472.7                               | 1543.7                               |
| B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> B <sub>6</sub> | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> B <sub>6</sub> |
| 724.3          | 904.4                                | 1018.5                               | 1146.5                               | 1309.6                               | 1472.7                               | 1529.7                               | 1586.7                               | 1657.7                               |
| M              | <i>y</i> <sub>1</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>2</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>3</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>4</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>5</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>6</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub> M              | <i>y</i> <sub>8</sub> M              |
| 904.4          | 1084.5                               | 1198.6                               | 1326.6                               | 1489.7                               | 1652.7                               | 1709.8                               | 1766.8                               | 1837.8                               |

**Table S6.** UVPD-CID-MS<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the (\*GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub>–N<sub>2</sub> + PAGGYYQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup> complex (*m/z* 1934).

| Fragment Ion ( <i>m/z</i> ) | Assignment <sup>b</sup>                      | Rel. Intensity <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1918                        | (1934-NH <sub>3</sub> )                      | 0.9                         |
| 1901                        | (1934-2NH <sub>3</sub> )                     | 0.4                         |
| 1514                        | --   | 0.3                         |
| 1480                        | --   | 0.3                         |
| 1098                        | --   | 2.1                         |
| 1053                        | --   | 1.9                         |
| 1031                        | [ <i>n</i> +H] <sup>+</sup>                  | 53.9                        |
| 1014                        | [ <i>n</i> -NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup> | 2.0                         |
| 972                         | --   | 5.8                         |
| 904                         | [M+H] <sup>+</sup>                           | 25.3                        |
| 887                         | [M-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>          | 2.8                         |
| 870                         | [M-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>         | 0.7                         |
| 851                         | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub></b>                  | 0.5                         |
| 834                         | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub></b>   | 0.8                         |
| 737                         | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub></b>                  | 0.7                         |
| 724                         | B <sub>6</sub>                               | 0.6                         |
| 707                         | B <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>              | 0.3                         |
| 610                         | B <sub>5</sub>                               | 0.3                         |
| 609                         | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub></b>                  | 0.2                         |

<sup>a</sup>Relative to the sum of fragment ion intensities.

<sup>b</sup>Ions that were not able to be logically assigned are denoted “--”

**Table S7.** Table of logical combinations of B-ions from the photo-labeled monomer \*GNNQQNY-NH<sub>2</sub> and the ***b***- and ***y***-ions from the PQGGYQQYN<sub>NH2</sub> target monomer.

|                | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub></b><br>98.1      | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub></b><br>226.1     | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub></b><br>283.1     | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub></b><br>340.2     | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub></b><br>503.2     | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub></b><br>631.3     | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub></b><br>759.3     | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub></b><br>922.4     |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| B <sub>1</sub> | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> |
| 126.1          | 223.1                                    | 351.2                                    | 408.2                                    | 465.2                                    | 628.3                                    | 756.4                                    | 884.4                                    | 1047.5                                   |
| B <sub>2</sub> | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> |
| 240.1          | 337.2                                    | 465.2                                    | 522.3                                    | 579.3                                    | 742.4                                    | 870.4                                    | 998.5                                    | 1161.5                                   |
| B <sub>3</sub> | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> |
| 354.2          | 451.2                                    | 579.3                                    | 636.3                                    | 693.3                                    | 856.4                                    | 984.5                                    | 1112.5                                   | 1275.6                                   |
| B <sub>4</sub> | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> |
| 482.2          | 579.3                                    | 707.3                                    | 764.4                                    | 821.4                                    | 984.5                                    | 1112.5                                   | 1240.6                                   | 1403.6                                   |
| B <sub>5</sub> | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> |
| 610.3          | 707.3                                    | 835.4                                    | 892.4                                    | 949.4                                    | 1112.5                                   | 1240.6                                   | 1368.6                                   | 1531.7                                   |
| B <sub>6</sub> | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> |
| 724.3          | 821.4                                    | 949.4                                    | 1006.5                                   | 1063.5                                   | 1226.6                                   | 1354.6                                   | 1482.7                                   | 1645.7                                   |
| M              | <b><i>b</i><sub>1</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>2</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>3</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>4</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>5</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>6</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>7</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>b</i><sub>8</sub>M</b>             |
| 904.4          | 1001.5                                   | 1129.5                                   | 1186.6                                   | 1243.6                                   | 1406.6                                   | 1534.7                                   | 1662.8                                   | 1825.8                                   |

|                | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub></b><br>132.1     | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub></b><br>295.1     | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub></b><br>423.2     | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub></b><br>551.3     | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub></b><br>714.3     | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub></b><br>771.3     | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub></b><br>828.4     | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub></b><br>956.4     |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| B <sub>1</sub> | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>1</sub></b> |
| 126.1          | 257.2                                    | 420.2                                    | 548.3                                    | 676.3                                    | 839.4                                    | 896.4                                    | 953.4                                    | 1081.5                                   |
| B <sub>2</sub> | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>2</sub></b> |
| 240.1          | 371.2                                    | 534.3                                    | 662.3                                    | 790.4                                    | 953.4                                    | 1010.5                                   | 1067.5                                   | 1195.5                                   |
| B <sub>3</sub> | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>3</sub></b> |
| 354.2          | 485.2                                    | 648.3                                    | 776.4                                    | 904.4                                    | 1067.5                                   | 1124.5                                   | 1181.5                                   | 1309.6                                   |
| B <sub>4</sub> | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>4</sub></b> |
| 482.2          | 613.3                                    | 776.4                                    | 904.4                                    | 1032.4                                   | 1195.5                                   | 1252.6                                   | 1309.6                                   | 1437.7                                   |
| B <sub>5</sub> | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>5</sub></b> |
| 610.3          | 741.4                                    | 904.4                                    | 1032.5                                   | 1160.5                                   | 1323.6                                   | 1380.6                                   | 1437.7                                   | 1565.7                                   |
| B <sub>6</sub> | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>B<sub>6</sub></b> |
| 724.3          | 855.4                                    | 1018.5                                   | 1146.5                                   | 1274.6                                   | 1437.7                                   | 1494.7                                   | 1551.7                                   | 1679.8                                   |
| M              | <b><i>y</i><sub>1</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>2</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>3</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>4</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>5</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>6</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>7</sub>M</b>             | <b><i>y</i><sub>8</sub>M</b>             |
| 904.4          | 1035.5                                   | 1198.6                                   | 1326.6                                   | 1454.7                                   | 1617.7                                   | 1674.8                                   | 1731.8                                   | 1859.8                                   |

**Table S8.** UVPD-CID-MS<sup>3</sup> spectrum of the (\*GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub>–N<sub>2</sub> + PQGGYQQYN<sub>NH2</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup> complex (*m/z* 1956).

| Fragment Ion ( <i>m/z</i> ) | Assignment <sup>b</sup>                      | Rel. Intensity <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1939                        | (1956-NH <sub>3</sub> )                      | 1.0                         |
| 1922                        | (1956-2NH <sub>3</sub> )                     | 0.2                         |
| 1899                        | --   | 0.7                         |
| 1503                        | --   | 0.2                         |
| 1439                        | --   | 0.4                         |
| 1053                        | [ <i>p</i> +H] <sup>+</sup>                  | 72.1                        |
| 1036                        | [ <i>p</i> -NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup> | 2.0                         |
| 994                         | --   | 3.2                         |
| 926                         | [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>                          | 7.9                         |
| 904                         | [M+H] <sup>+</sup>                           | 8.5                         |
| 887                         | [M-NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>          | 1.0                         |
| 870                         | [M-2NH <sub>3</sub> +H] <sup>+</sup>         | 0.3                         |
| 828                         | <i>y</i> <sub>7</sub>                        | 0.4                         |
| 759                         | <i>b</i> <sub>7</sub>                        | 0.4                         |
| 742                         | B <sub>6</sub>                               | 0.2                         |
| 631                         | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub>                        | 0.3                         |
| 614                         | <i>b</i> <sub>6</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub>       | 0.1                         |
| 610                         | B <sub>5</sub>                               | 0.1                         |

<sup>a</sup>Relative to the sum of fragment ion intensities.

<sup>b</sup>Ions that were not able to be logically assigned are denoted “--”

**Table S9.** Relative Energies of  $(\text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{NH}_2} + * \text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{NH}_2} + \text{H})^+$  Ion Complexes.

| Complex                          | Relative Energy <sup>a</sup> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |   |                        |                        |
|----------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                  | B3LYP/<br>6-31G(d,p)                                 | $\omega\text{B97XD}/6-31+\text{G(d,p)}$ |                        |                        |
| <b>1</b>                         | 0 (0.0) <sup>b</sup>                                 | 0 (0.0)                                 | 0 <sup>c</sup>         | 0 <sup>c</sup>         |
| <b>2</b>                         | 15 (2.3)   | 40 (27)                                 | 28 <sup>c</sup> (15)   | 27 <sup>d</sup> (14)   |
| <b>3</b>                         | 53 (29)  | 76 (52)                                 | 50 <sup>e</sup> (26)   | 49 <sup>f</sup> (25)   |
| <b>4</b>                         | 103 (78)   | 95 (70)                                 | 58 <sup>e</sup> (33)   | 58 <sup>f</sup> (33)   |
| <b>5</b>                         | 98 (84)  | 104 (90)                                | 97 <sup>e</sup> (83)   | 96 <sup>f</sup> (82)   |
| <b>6</b>                         | 49 (17)  | 124 (92)                                | 92 <sup>e</sup> (59)   | 91 <sup>f</sup> (59)   |
| <b>7</b>                         | 108 (77)   | 121 (93)                                | 101 <sup>e</sup> (72)  | 100 <sup>f</sup> (71)  |
| <b>8</b>                         | 51 (16)  | 147 (113)                               | 81 <sup>e</sup> (47)   | 83 <sup>f</sup> (49)   |
| <b>9</b>                         | 84 (66)  | 138 (120)                               | 129 <sup>e</sup> (111) | 128 <sup>f</sup> (110) |
| <b>1-N<sub>2</sub> → 10 + 11</b> | 90   | 262 (170)                               | 103 <sup>g</sup> (12)  |                        |
|                                  |  |   | 218 <sup>g</sup> (126) |                        |

<sup>a</sup>Including zero-point vibrational energies and referring to 0 K.

<sup>b</sup>Values in parentheses are the relative free energies at 310 K.

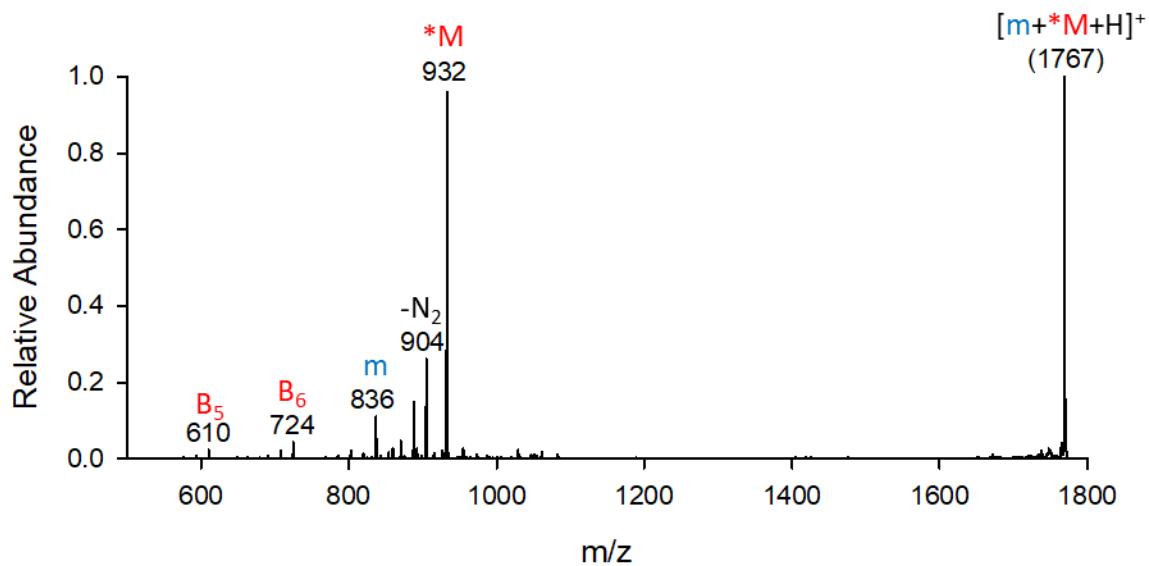
<sup>c</sup>Including solvation energies for fully optimized structures in the water polarizable dielectric .

<sup>d</sup>Including solvation energies for fully optimized structures in the methanol polarizable dielectric.

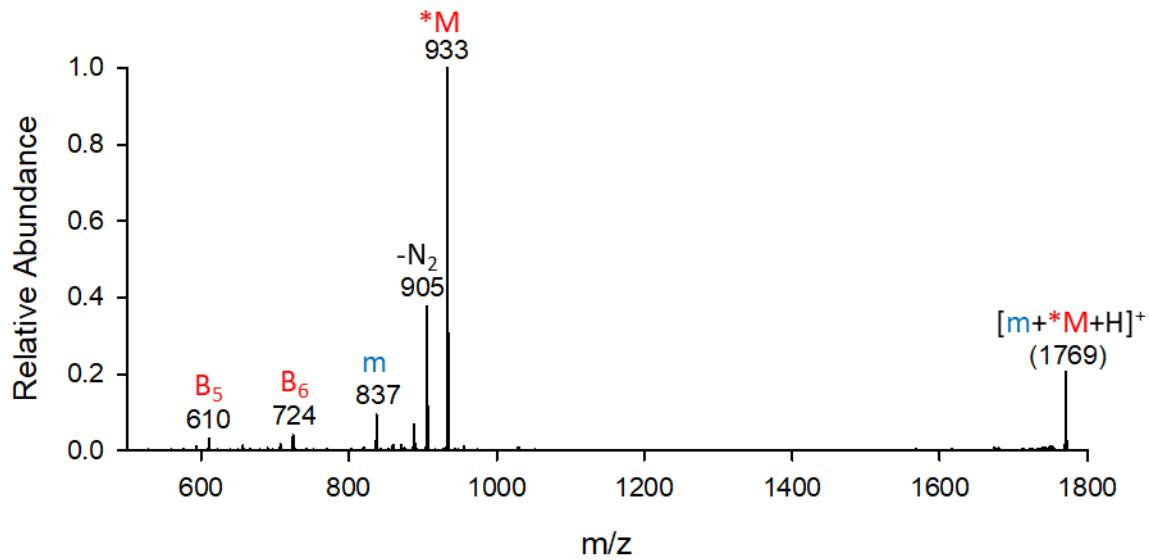
<sup>e</sup>Including solvation energies in the water polarizable dielectric for gas-phase structures.

<sup>f</sup>Including solvation energies in the methanol polarizable dielectric for gas-phase structures.

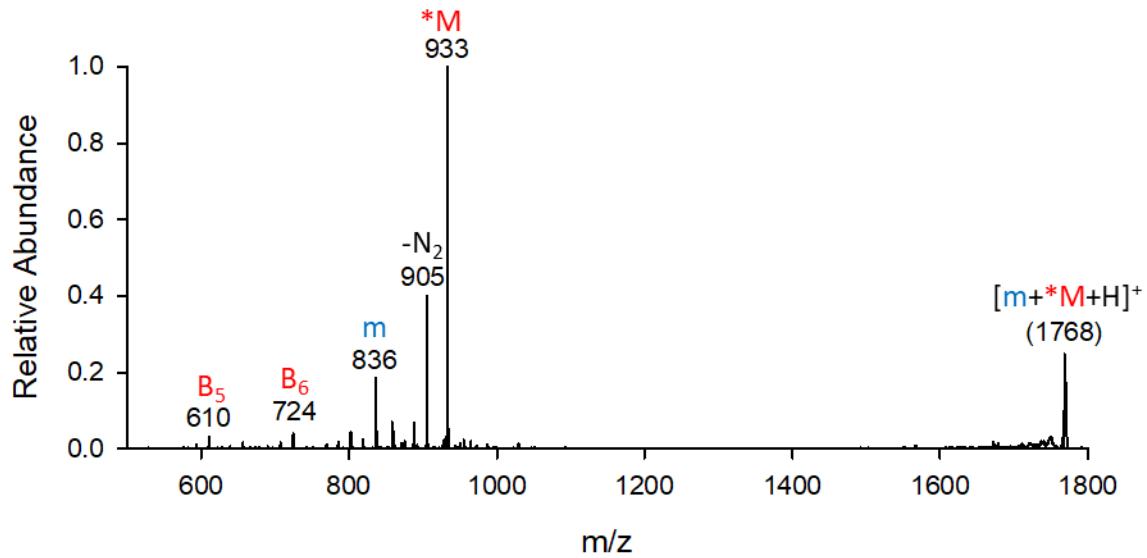
<sup>g</sup>Including counterpoise energy corrections of the basis set superposition error.



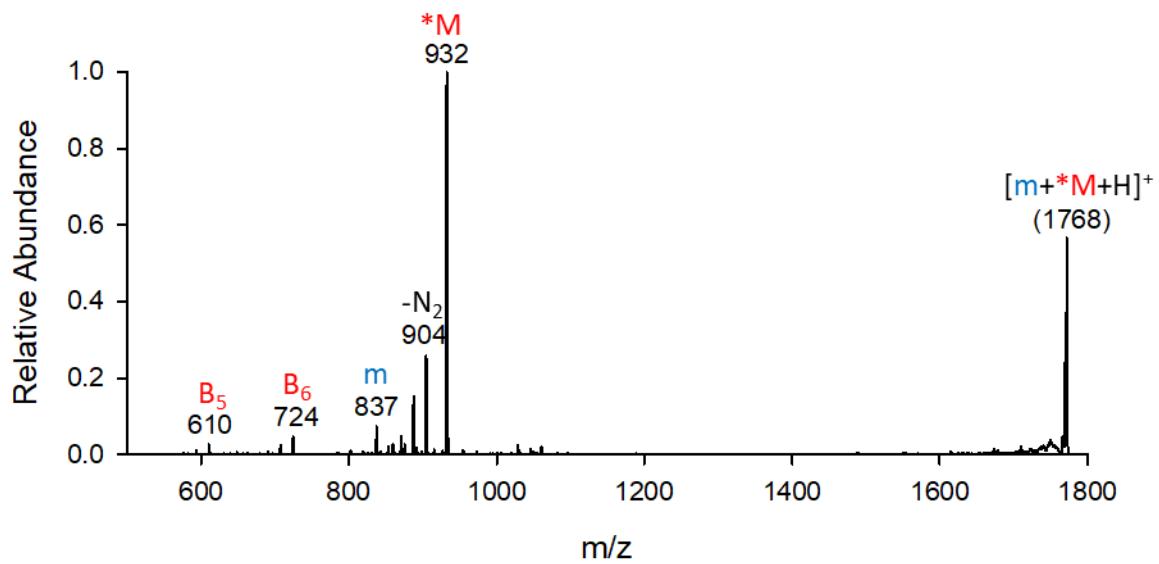
**Figure S1.** CID-MS<sup>2</sup> of  $({}^*\text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{NH}2} + \text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{NH}2} + \text{H})^+$  ion dimer complex.



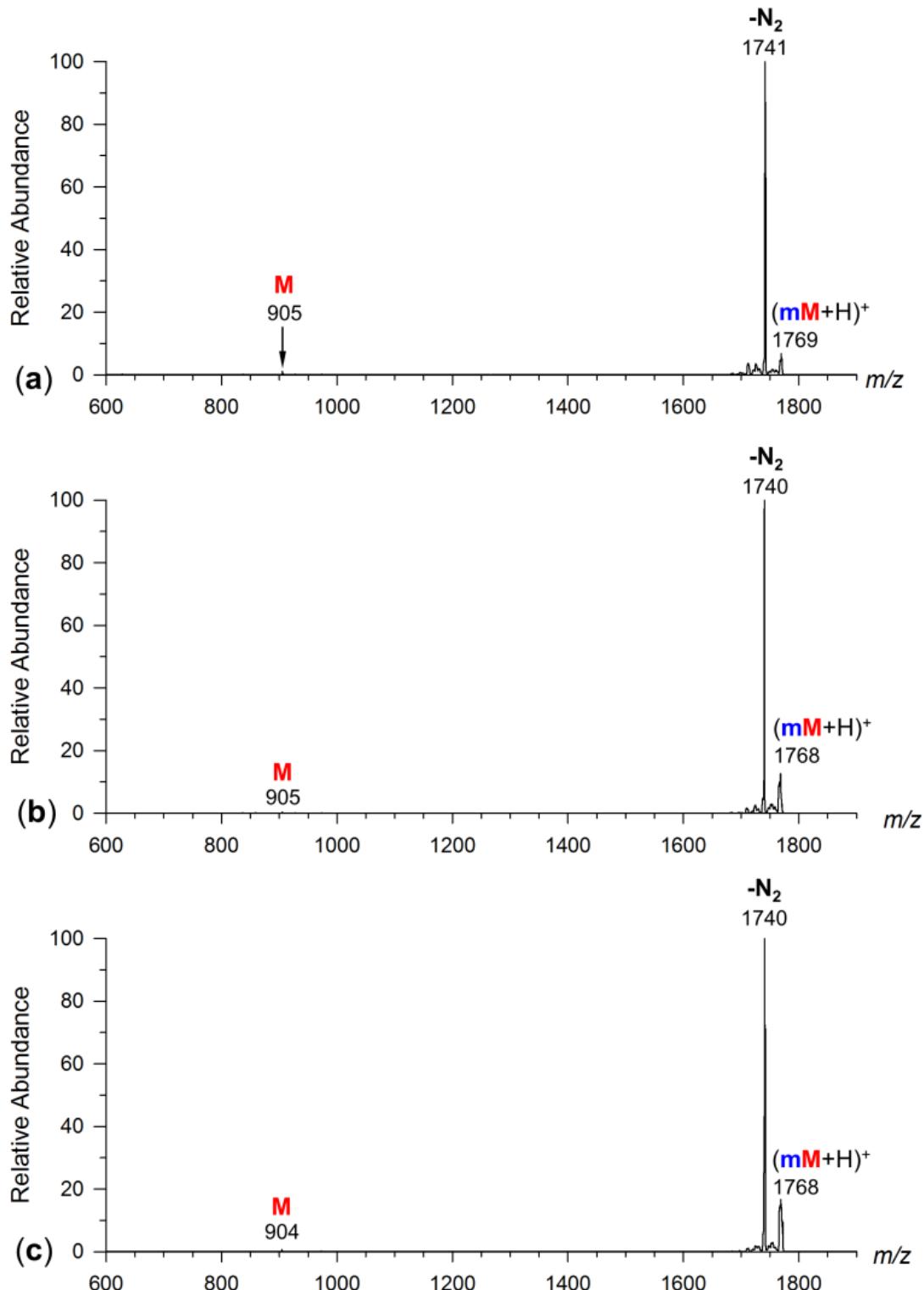
**Figure S2.** CID-MS<sup>2</sup> of  $[{}^*\text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{OH}} + \text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{OH}} + \text{H}]^+$  ion dimer complex.



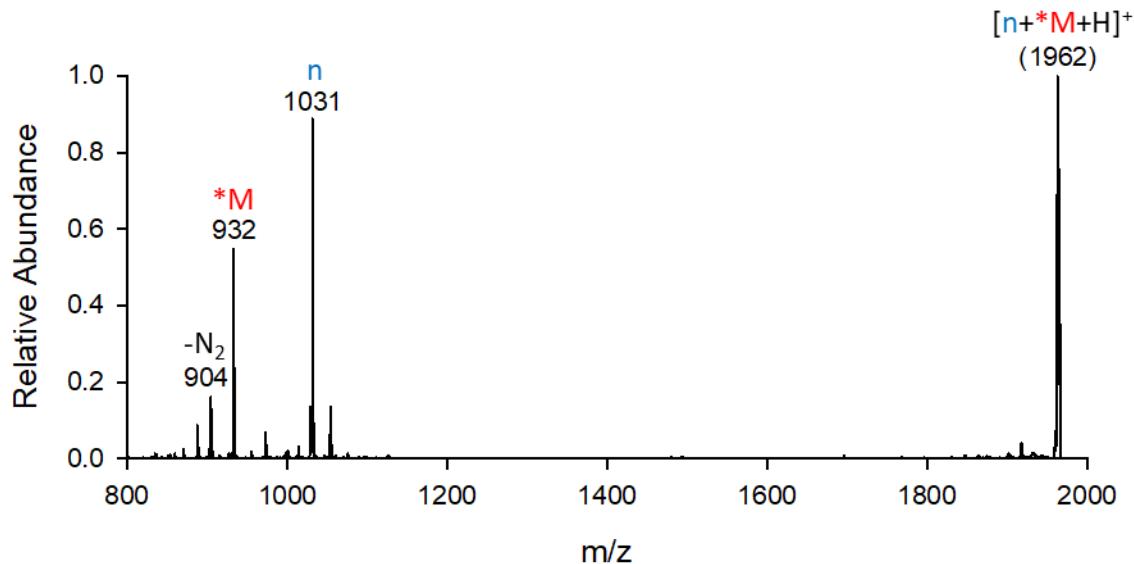
**Figure S3.** CID-MS<sup>2</sup> of [<sup>\*</sup>GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> + GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> ion dimer complex.



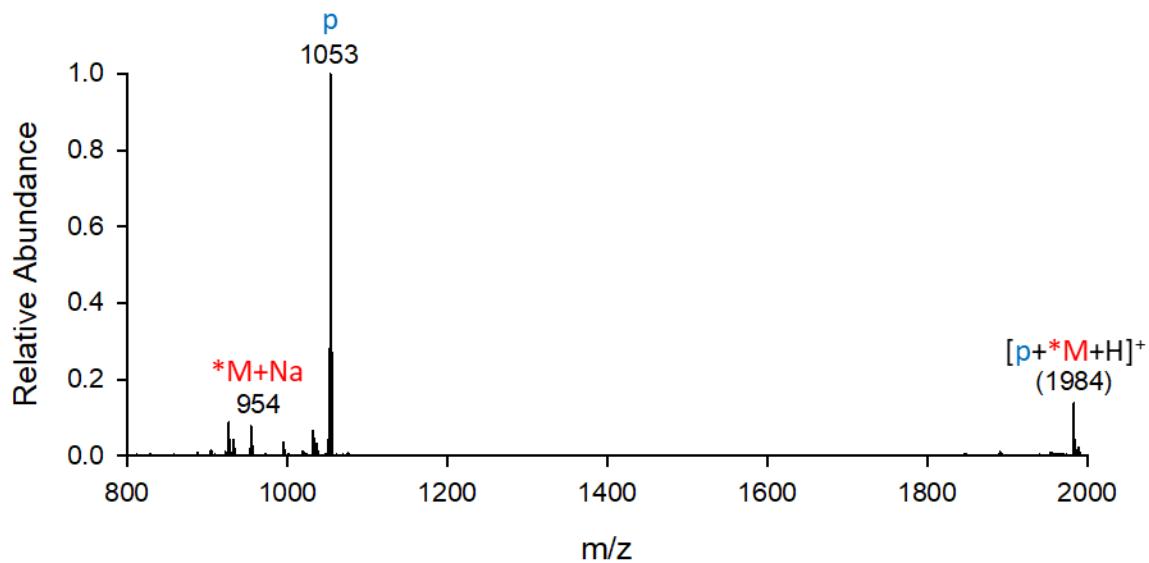
**Figure S4.** CID-MS<sup>2</sup> of [<sup>\*</sup>GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + GNNQQNY<sub>OH</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> ion dimer complex.



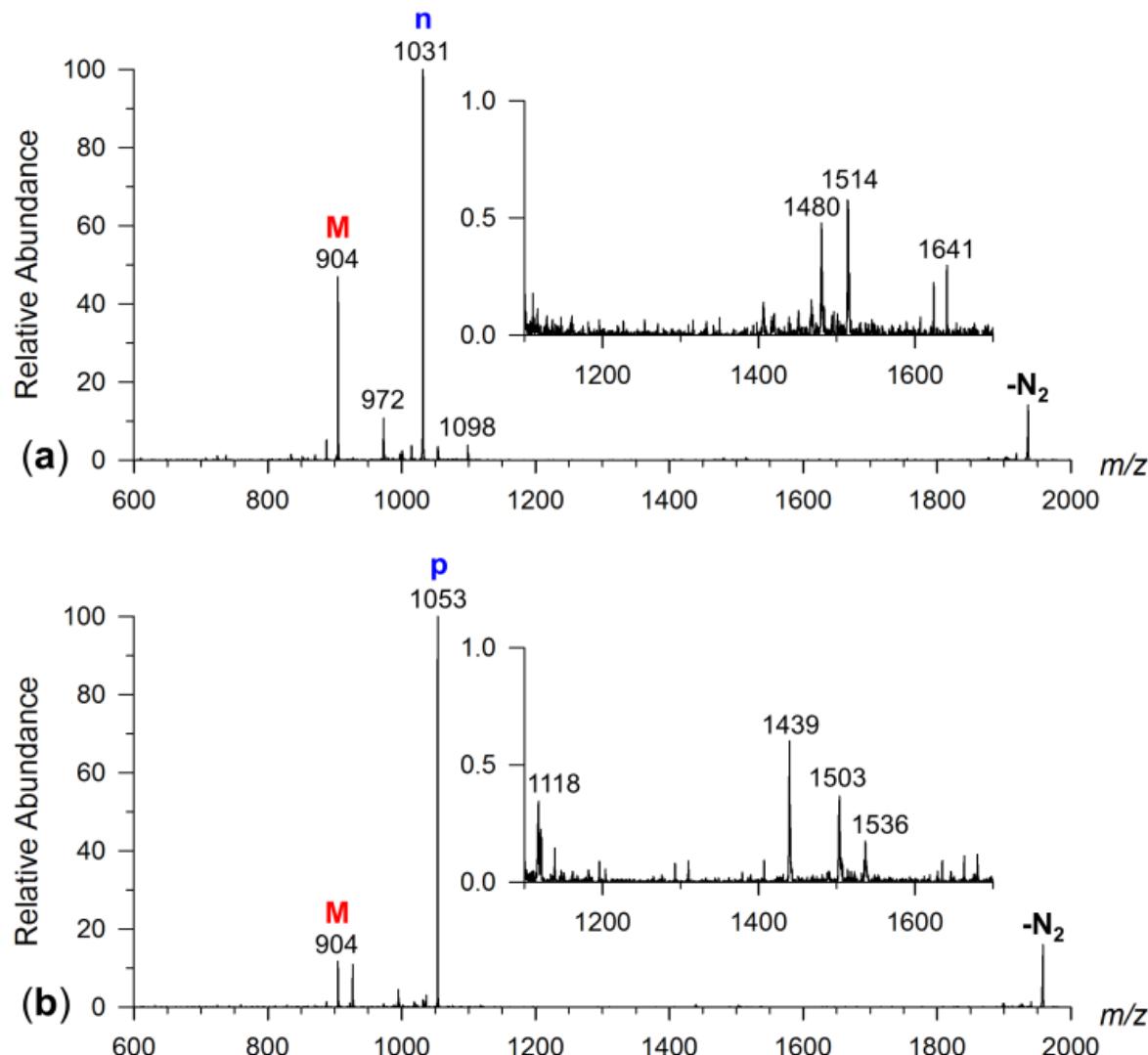
**Figure S5.** UVPD-MS2 of (a) complex **II**, ( $\text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{OH}} + * \text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{OH}} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ ,  $m/z$  1769; (b) complex **III**, ( $\text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{NH}_2} + * \text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{OH}} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ ,  $m/z$  1768; (c) complex **IV**, ( $\text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{OH}} + * \text{GNNQQNY}_{\text{NH}_2} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ ,  $m/z$  1768.



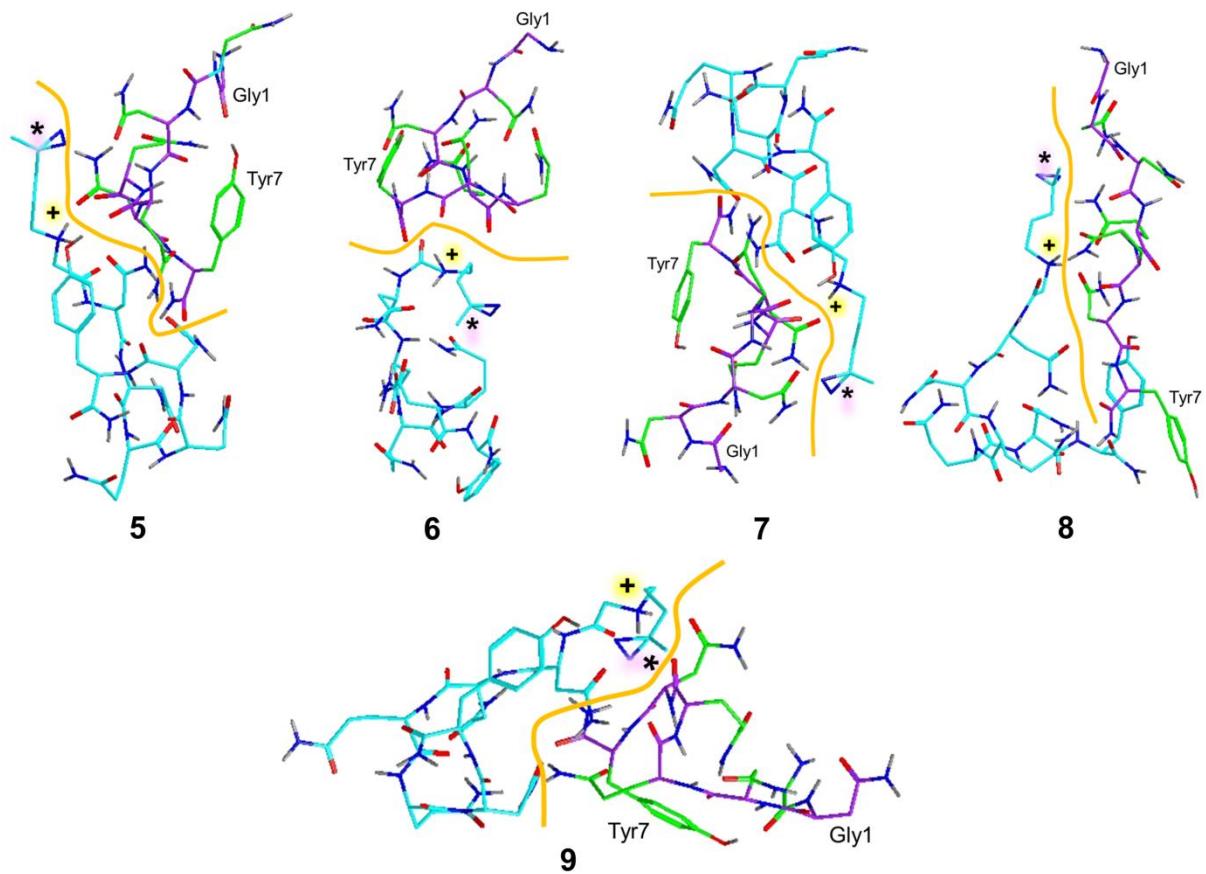
**Figure S6.** CID-MS<sup>2</sup> of [<sup>\*</sup>GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + PAGGYYQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> ion dimer complex.



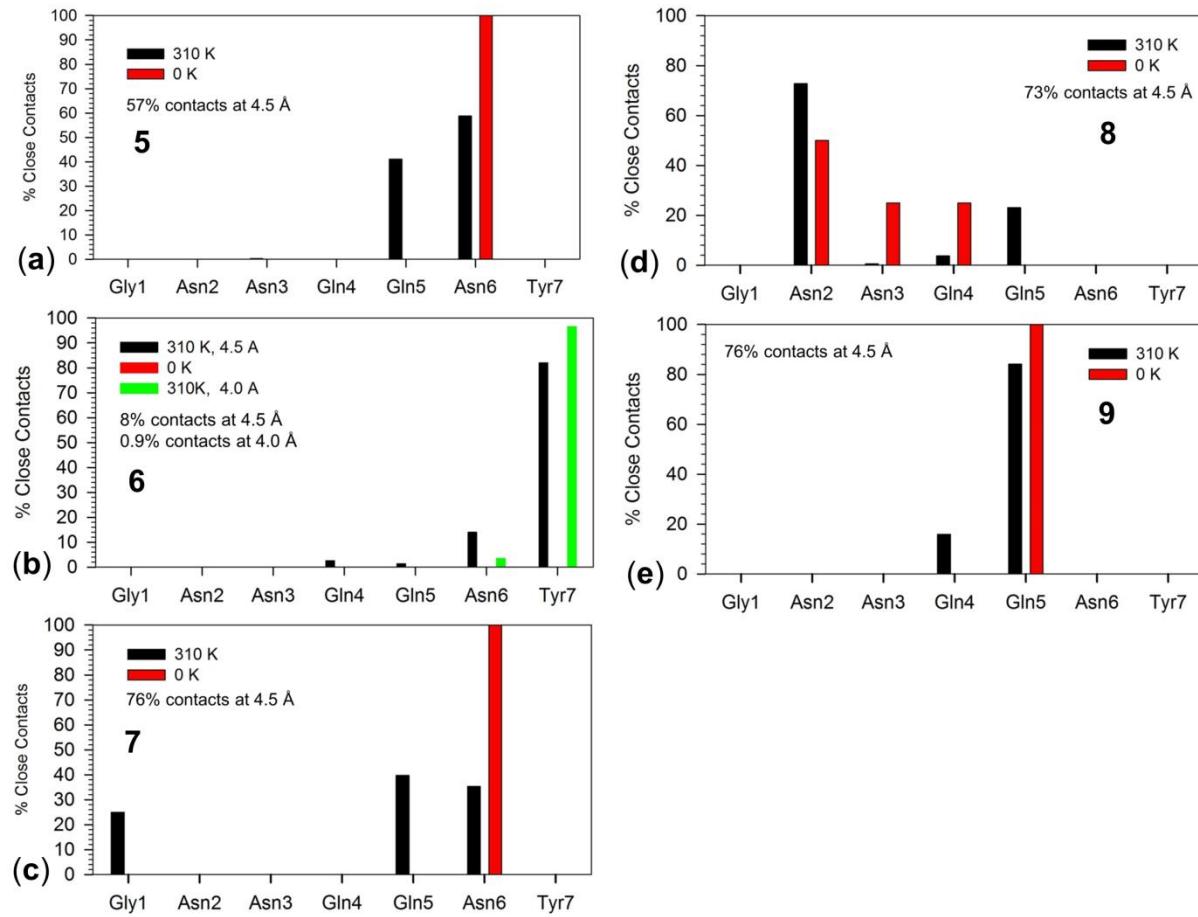
**Figure S7.** CID-MS<sup>2</sup> of [<sup>\*</sup>GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> + PQGGYQQYN<sub>NH2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> ion dimer complex.



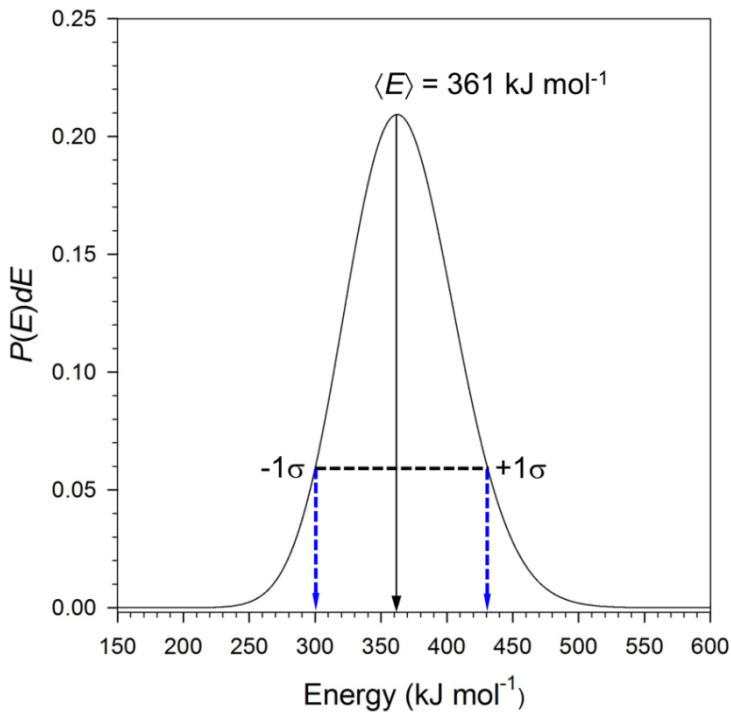
**Figure S8.** CID-MS<sup>3</sup> of photoproduct ions (a) ( $nM - N_2 + H$ )<sup>+</sup>,  $m/z$  1934; (b) ( $pM - N_2 + H$ )<sup>+</sup>,  $m/z$  1956.



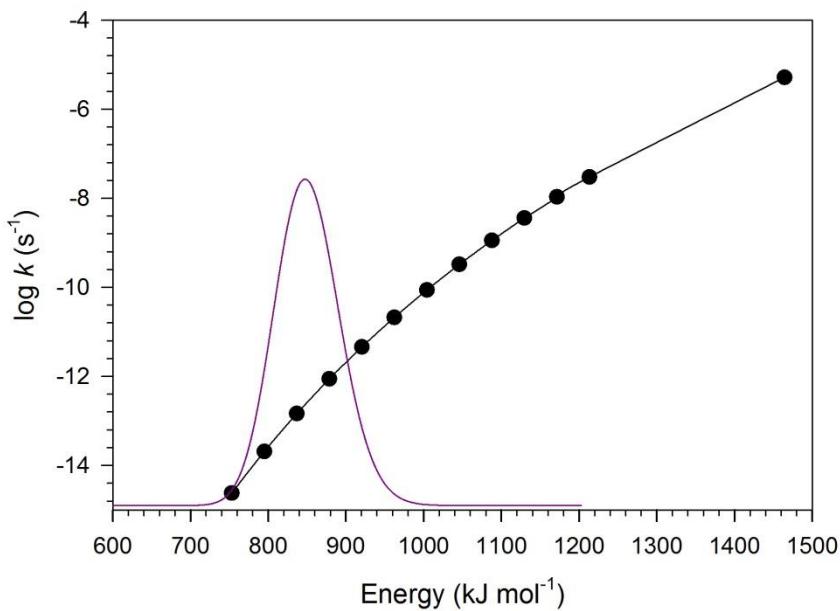
**Figure S9.**  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31+G(d,p) optimized structures of complexes **5-9**. Atom color coding as in Figure 6 of the main text.



**Figure S10.** Close contacts between the diazirine carbon and the X—H (X = C, N, O) bonds of GNNQQNY<sub>NH2</sub> in conformers **5** to **9** in the 100 ps trajectories. Red bars indicate close contacts at 4.5 Å in the optimized structures. Black and green bars indicate close contacts at 4.5 and 4.0 Å, respectively, as a result of 310 K thermal motion.



**Figure S11.** Calculated distribution of vibrational energies in complex **1** at 310 K. The broken-line arrows limit the area under one standard deviation from the  $361 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  mean energy.



**Figure S12.** RRKM rate constants ( $\log k$ , s<sup>-1</sup>) for dissociation of complex **(1-N<sub>2</sub>)** to monomer **10** and **11**. The pink curve shows the distribution,  $P(E)dE$ , 0.00-0.21, of internal energies in **(1-N<sub>2</sub>)** formed by photodissociation and carbene to olefin isomerization.