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Ribosome-mediated incorporation of fluorescent amino acids into peptides *in vitro*

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1. General Methods

1.1 Materials

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received unless otherwise stated. Dry dichloromethane (DCM) and dimethylformamide (DMF) were obtained from a Solvent Delivery System (SDS) equipped with activated neutral alumina columns under argon. Column chromatography were performed on Biotage Isolera System using Silicycle Siliasep HP flash cartridges.

1.2 Characterisation

NMR. ¹H and (500 MHz) were recorded at room temperature (298 K). Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) referenced on residual solvent peaks. Coupling constants (J) are expressed in Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are designated as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet or quintet), m (multiplet).

1.3 General Synthetic Procedures

A. Formation of cyanomethyl ester

Carboxylic acid (1 equiv.), triethylamine (1.5 equiv.), chloroacetonitrile (excess), and CH_2Cl_2 were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar. After stirring overnight at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with 1N HCl, saturated NaHCO₃ solution, water and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to provide the crude product. The product was purified by flash column chromatography.

B. Formation of dinitrobenzyl ester

Carboxylic acid (1 equiv.), 3,5-dinitrobenzyl alcohol (1 equiv.), EDCI (1 equiv.), DMAP (0.2 equiv.), triethylamine (2 equiv.), and CH_2Cl_2 were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar was added. After stirring overnight at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with 1N HCl, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to provide the crude product. The product was purified by flash column chromatography.

C. Formation of ABT ester

According to standard procedure¹, tert-butyl (2-(4-(mercaptomethyl)benzamido)ethyl) carbamate (ABT) (1 equiv.), carboxylic acid (1.4 equiv.), CH_2CI_2 (0.3 M), DMAP (2.8 equiv.), and EDC•HCl (2.8 equiv.) were combined in a flask with a stir bar. After stirring for 3 h at 25 °C, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure, diluted with EtOAc, and washed with 1M HCl, saturated

NaHCO₃ and brine. The organic phase was dried and concentrated to provide the crude product. The product was purified by flash column chromatography.

D. Boc deprotection

Purified product was dissolved in 4M HCI-dioxane (dinitrobenzyl ester and ABT ester) or 10% TFA in DCM (dinitrobenzyl ester) and stirred for 1 h or overnight, respectively. Concentration under reduced pressure provided the product in sufficient purity.

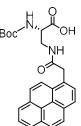
E. Fmoc deprotection

Fmoc-protected ester (1 equiv.) and CH₂Cl₂ were combined in a flask with a stir bar. Then, DBU (0.1 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 min. The resulting mixture was concentrated to provide the crude product. The product was purified by flash column chromatography.

2. Synthesis of FAAs

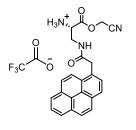
2.1 Dap-based FAAs

General reaction scheme shown in Supplemental Figures below.



(S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-(pyren-1-yl)acetamido)propanoic acid (Boc-Dap-1). 1-pyreneacetic acid (260 mg, 1.0 mmol) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) under N₂ were combined in a flask with a stir bar. Then, oxalyl chloride (0.093 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added followed by a single drop of DMF. The resulting solution was stirred until the gas formation ceased. Then, the reaction mixture was condensed to remove residual oxalyl chloride and redissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂. In a separate vial, Boc-Dap-OH

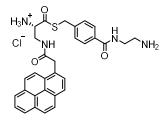
(204 mg, 1.0 mmol) and pyridine (0.161 mL, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂. The solution of acid chloride was then added dropwise to the solution of Boc-Dap-OH and pyridine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water, saturated CuSO₄ solution and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated.



Cyanomethyl (S)-2-amino-3-(2-(pyren-1-yl)acetamido)propanoate (Dap-

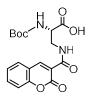
1-CME). Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of cyanomethyl ester using Boc-Dap-1 (89 mg, 0.20 mmol), triethylamine (0.042 mL, 0.30 mmol), and chloroacetonitrile (5 mL) and deprotected using general procedure D. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.49 (br, 4H), 8.29-7.97 (m,

9H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 4.10 (br, 3H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 172.1, 167.9, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 130.3, 129.5, 129.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 125.6, 125.4, 125.2, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3, 115.8, 52.2, 51.0, 50.9, 28.8. Exact mass for C₂₃H₁₉N₃O₃: [M+H]⁺ = 386.21 (obs) 386.14 (calc)



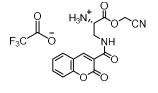
S-(4-((2-aminoethyl)carbamoyl)benzyl) (S)-2-amino-3-(2-(pyren-1yl)acetamido)propanethioate (Dap-1-ABT). Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of ABT ester using **Boc-Dap-1** (89 mg, 0.20 mmol), tert-butyl (2-(4-(mercaptomethyl)benzamido)ethyl) carbamate (ABT) (68 mg, 0.20 mmol), EDCI (76 mg, 0.40 mmol), DMAP

(49 mg, 0.40 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The final product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected using general procedure D. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.19 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.99 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.62 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 3.07 (dd, J = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOD) δ 169.53, 142.52, 132.75, 130.83, 127.41, 127.33, 127.24, 127.22, 127.06, 126.76, 125.74, 124.92, 124.87, 124.77, 124.73, 124.50, 122.98, 71.41, 42.96, 39.61, 37.77, 37.38, 36.83, 34.74, 29.35, 25.91, 25.38. Exact mass for C₃₁H₃₀N₄O₃S: [M+H]⁺ theoretical mass not observed, 539.20 (calc)



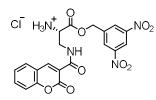
(*S*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3carboxamido)propanoic acid (Boc-Dap-2). Coumarin-3-carboxylic acid (930 mg, 4.9 mmol), CDI (795 mg, 4.9 mmol), and DMF (10 mL) were combined in a flask with a stir bar. After stirring 2 h at 25 °C, Boc-Dap-OH (1.0 g, 4.9 mmol) was added.

The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as white solid.



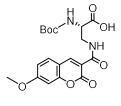
Cyanomethyl (S)-2-amino-3-(2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carboxamido)propanoate (Dap-2-CME) Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of cyanomethyl ester using **Boc-Dap-2** (800 mg, 2.1 mmol), chloroacetonitrile (0.14 mL, 2.2 mmol), triethylamine (0.44

mL, 3.2 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.84 – 4.76 (m, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 4.05 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.11, 164.02, 160.83, 154.62, 148.58, 134.43, 130.00, 125.18, 118.46, 117.74, 116.12, 68.29, 63.14, 53.74, 52.89, 39.14. Exact mass calcd for C15H14N3O5 [M+H]⁺ 316.09, found 316.09.



3,5-dinitrobenzyl (S)-2-amino-3-(2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxamido)propanoate (Dap-2-DNB). Prepared according to the procedure for formation of dinitrobenzyl ester using Boc-Dap-2 (800 mg, 2.1 mmol), 3,5-dinitrobenzyl alcohol (420 mg, 2.1 mmol), DDC (440 mg,

2.1 mmol), DMAP (52 mg, 0.42 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected using general procedure D. The final product was obtained as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 8.90 (d, *J* = 1.65, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 2H), 7.83 (td, *J* = 20.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 10.0, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (q, *J* = 32.5, 12.9, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 168.3, 162.6, 160.2, 154.2 (2C), 148.3, 139.9, 134.9, 130.7, 129.0 (2C), 125.7, 118.5, 116.6, 72.6, 70.9, 65.7, 60.6, 51.6, 44.0 Exact mass for C₂₀H₁₆N₄O₉: [M+H]⁺ = 457.16 (obs) 457.09 (calc)

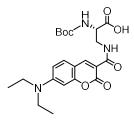


(*S*)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(7-methoxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carboxamido)propanoic acid (Boc-Dap-3). 7-methoxycoumarin-3carboxylic acid (540 mg, 2.45 mmol), CDI (437 mg, 2.69 mmol), and DMF (40 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar. After stirring 2 h at

25 °C, Boc-DAP-OH (500 mg, 2.45 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with EtOAc and washed with water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as white solid.

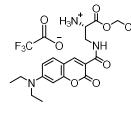
Cyanomethyl (S)-2-amino-3-(2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carboxamido)propanoate (Dap-3-CME). Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of cyanomethyl ester using **Boc-Dap-3** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol), triethylamine (0.15 mL, 0.38 mmol), and chloroacetonitrile

(5 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected using general procedure D. The final product was obtained as yellow powder. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 9.19 (dt, J = 17.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 5.05 – 4.93 (m, 2H), 4.62 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.87 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.17, 166.91, 166.25, 165.73, 165.67, 164.62, 164.56, 164.53, 161.38, 161.21, 156.98, 156.96, 148.80, 148.58, 131.29, 131.24, 114.00, 113.85, 113.80, 113.77, 113.75, 113.50, 112.12, 112.11, 99.96, 63.56, 55.42, 53.75, 52.94, 52.59, 51.09, 51.05, 50.04, 42.56, 39.29, 39.18, 39.06, 27.42, 27.21. δ Exact mass for C₁₆H₁₆N₃O₆: [M+H]⁺ = 346.10 (obs), 346.10 (calc)



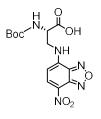
(*S*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*chromene-3-carboxamido)propanoic acid (Boc-Dap-4). 7-(diethylamino)coumarin-3-carboxylic acid (1.0 g, 3.83 mmol), CDI (651 mg, 4.02 mmol), and DMF (10 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar. After stirring 2 h at 25 °C, Boc-DAP-OH (782 mg, 4.9 mmol) was

added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as yellow solid.



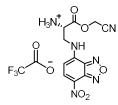
Cyanomethyl (*S*)-2-amino-3-(7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carboxamido)propanoate (Dap-4-CME). Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of cyanomethyl ester using **Boc-Dap-4** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol), triethylamine (0.1 mL, 0.33 mmol), and chloroacetonitrile (3 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected

using general procedure D. The final product was obtained as yellow powder. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.94 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.48 (q, *J* = 7.0 and 7.1 Hz, 4H), (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 168.0, 164.1, 161.8, 157.8, 153.1, 148.5, 132.2, 115.8, 110.7, 109.1, 108.0, 96.3, 65.3, 51.9, 51.0, 44.8 (2C), 12.7 (2C). Exact mass for C₁₉H₂₂N₄O₅: [M+H]⁺ = 387.24 (obs), 387.41 (calc)

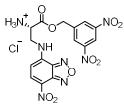


(S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-((7-nitrobenzo[c][1,2,5]oxadiazol-4yl)amino)propanoic acid (Boc-Dap-5). Boc-Dap-OH (1.0 g, 4.89 mmol), NaHCO₃ (1.56 g, 14.7 mmol), and H₂O (1.25 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar and heated to 55 °C. In a separate vial, 4-chloro-7nitrobenzofurazan (1.0 g, 5.13 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (8 mL) and then

added to the reaction mixture dropwise over 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h. Then, MeOH was removed rotatory evaporation. The remaining mixture was acidified to pH 3-4 and rinsed with CH_2Cl_2 three times. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated.

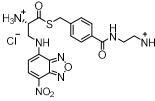


Cyanomethyl (S)-2-amino-3-((7-nitrobenzo[c][1,2,5]oxadiazol-4yl)amino)propanoate (Dap-5-CME). Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of cyanomethyl ester using **Boc-Dap-5** (273 mg, 0.74 mmol), triethylamine (0.16 mL, 1.11 mmol), and chloroacetonitrile (3 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected using general procedure D. The final product was obtained as orange powder. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.64 (s, 3H), 8.52 (d, J = 8.75 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 13.85 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.565 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (br, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 167.7, 148.2, 139.6, 129.1, 126.7, 118.7, 117.2, 67.7, 65.9, 65.3, 61.6. Exact mass for C₁₁H₁₀N₆O₅: [M+DMSO-*d*₆ (84)]⁺ = 390.35 (obs), 390.07 (calc)



3,5-dinitrobenzyl (*S*) **2-amino-3-((7-nitrobenzo[c][1,2,5]oxadiazol-4-yl)amino)propanoate (Dap-5-DNB).** Prepared according to the procedure for the formation of dinitrobenzyl ester using **Boc-Dap-5** (273 mg, 0.74 mmol), 3,5-dinitrobenzyl alcohol (147 mg, 0.74 mmol), EDCI (143 mg, 0.744

mmol), DMAP (18 mg, 0.15 mmol), triethylamine (0.21 mL, 1.49 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂. The product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected using general procedure D. The final product was obtained as orange powder. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 3H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (m, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.21-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.8-3.67 (br, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 168.3, 167.4 (2C), 145.0, 144.4, 138.1, 122.6, 115.6, 70.8, 68.2, 64.7, 64.0, 62.5, 51.6, 51.1, 43.9. Exact mass for C₁₆H₁₃N₇O₉: [M+H]⁺ = 447.27 (obs), 447.32 (calc)



S-(4-((2-aminoethyl)carbamoyl)benzyl)(S)-2-amino-3-((7-nitrobenzo[c][1,2,5]oxadiazol-4-yl)amino)propanethioate(Dap-5-ABT). Prepared according to the procedure for formation of ABT ester

0.43 mmol), tert-butyl (2-(4-

(mercaptomethyl)benzamido)ethyl) carbamate (ABT) (145 mg, 0.43 mmol), EDCI (165 mg, 0.86 mmol), DMAP (105 mg, 0.86 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography and deprotected using general procedure D. The final product was obtained as orange powder. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.89 (s, 3H), 8.71 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 3H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz) 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.15-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.51 (q, J = 5.65, 5.60Hz, 2H), 2.98 (q, J = 5.35, 5.30 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 194.5, 166.5, 140.6, 133.2 (2C), 129.0 (4C), 127.9 (4C), 57.3, 39.0, 37.5, 34.6, 32.7, 31.7. Exact mass for C₁₉H₂₁N₇O₅S: [M+H]⁺ = 460.22 (obs), 460.48 (calc)

using **Boc-Dap-5** (158 mg,

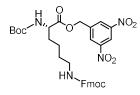
2.2 Lys-based FAAs

General reaction scheme shown in Supplemental Figures below.

Boc Cyanomethyl N6-(((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)-N2-(tertbutoxycarbonyl)-L-lysinate (Boc-Lys(Fmoc)-CME). Boc-Lys(Fmoc)-OH (937 mg, 2.0 mmol), chloroacetonitrile (1.26 mL, 20.0 mmol), K₂CO₃ (414 mg, 3.0 mmol), and DMF (20 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir

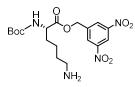
bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 72 h. Then, the reaction was quenched by NaHSO₄ and rinsed with EtOAc three times. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated.

Boc H_{NH_2} **Cyanomethyl** (*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*L*-lysinate (Boc-Lys-CME). Boc-Lys(Fmoc)-CME (690 mg, 1.21 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar. Then, DBU (0.15 mL. 0.121 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 min. Then, the solvent was removed by rotatory evaporation. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as white powder.

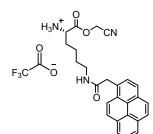


3,5-dinitrobenzyl *N*⁶-(((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)-*N*²-(*tert*butoxycarbonyl)-*L*-lysinate (Boc-Lys-(Fmoc)-DNB). Boc-Lys(Fmoc)-OH (937 mg, 2.0 mmol), 3,5-dinitrobenzyl chloride (866 mg, 4.0 mmol), K₂CO₃ (828 mg, 6.0 mmol), and DMF (10 mL) were combined in a round

bottom flask with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 72 h. Then, the reaction was quenched by NaHSO₄ and rinsed with EtOAc three times. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as white solid.



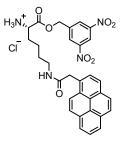
3,5-dinitrobenzyl (tert-butoxycarbonyl)-L-lysinate (Boc-Lys-DNB). Prepared according to general procedure E for Fmoc deprotection using **Boc-Lys-(Fmoc)-DNB**. The product was purified by flash chromatography.



Cyanomethyl N6-(2-(pyren-1-yl)acetyl)-*L*-lysinate (Lys-1-CME). Need a preparation method. **Boc-Lys-CME** (29 mg, 0.10 mmol), 1-pyreneacetic acid (26 mg, 0.10 mmol), BOP (54 mg, 0.12 mmol), DMAP (15 mg, 0.12 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar under N₂. After stirring 4 h at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was

diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and neutralized with saturated NaHSO₄ solution. The resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as yellow solid. ¹H

NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.54 (s, 4H), 8.23-7.97 (m, 8H), 5.23 (td, *J* = 61.0, 13.2 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.10 (br, 1H), 3.07 (br, 2H), 1.84 (br, 2H), 1.43 (br, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ C₂₆H₂₇N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ = 430.21 (obs), 430.52 (calc)



3,5-dinitrobenzyl N6-(2-(pyren-1-yl)acetyl)- *L*-lysinate (Lys-1-DNB). Boc-Lys-DNB (28 mg, 0.067 mmol), 1-pyreneacetic acid (21 mg, 0.086 mmol), BOP (59 mg, 0.134 mmol), DMAP (16 mg, 0.134 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar under N₂. After stirring 4 h at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and neutralized with saturated NaHSO₄ solution. The resulting mixture was washed with

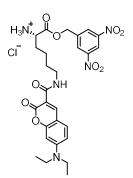
saturated NaHCO₃ solution, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 8.60 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (br, 2H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 8.30-8.26 (m, 2H), 8.18-8.04 (m, 6H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (q, *J* = 38.7, 13.3 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 5.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07-2.97 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.29-1.10 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 170.4, 169.5, 148.2 (2C), 131.6, 131.2, 130.7, 130.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 127.8 (4C), 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 125.4, 125.3, 125.1, 124.6, 124.4, 124.2, 118.5, 65.2, 52.2, 38.4, 29.9, 29.0, 21.9 Exact mass for C₃₁H₂₈N₄O₇ : [M+H]⁺ = 569.20 (obs), 569.28 (calc)

F₃C O NH

Cyanomethyl N6-(7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonyl)-*L*-lysinate (Lys-4-CME)

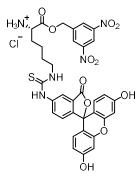
Lys-CME (29 mg, 0.102 mmol), 7-(diethylamino)coumarin-3-carboxylic acid (22 mg, 0.102 mmol), BOP (54 mg, 0.123 mmol), DMAP (10 mg, 0.082 mmol), triethylamine (0.050 mL, 0.356 mmol) and CH_2CI_2 (5 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar under N₂. After stirring overnight at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2CI_2 and neutralized with saturated

NaHSO₄ solution. The resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as bright yellow powder. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.28 (t, *J* = 51 Hz), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 9.05, 2.3 Hz), 6.62 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.31-4.29 (m, 1H), 3.79-3.71 (m, 2H) 3.55 (q, *J* = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 4H) 1.20 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.3, 163.0, 158.6, 157.7, 153.5, 150.4, 132.3, 110.4, 107.5, 106.8, 96.3, 72.6, 70.9, 68.4, 64.5, 62.7, 52.4, 49.6, 44.8 (2C), 12.8 (2C). Exact mass for C₂₂H₂₈N₄O₅ : [M+H]⁺ = 429.38 (obs), 429.50 (calc).



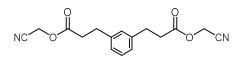
3,5-dinitrobenzyl N6-(7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carbonyl)-*L*-lysinate (Lys-4-DNB) Boc-Lys-DNB (28 mg, 0.067 mmol), 7-(diethylamino)coumarin-3-carboxylic acid (21 mg, 0.080 mmol), BOP (59 mg, 0.134 mmol), DMAP (16 mg, 0.134 mmol) and CH_2CI_2 (1 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar under N₂. After stirring 4 h at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2CI_2 and neutralized with saturated NaHSO₄ solution. The resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃

solution, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. carbonyl)lysinate (Lys-4-DNB). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.70 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.3 Hz, 3H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (td, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.37 – 5.25 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 5H), 1.20 – 1.12 (m, 15H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOD) δ 147.67, 131.18, 127.16, 125.90, 117.61, 110.32, 107.92, 95.77, 64.12, 53.46, 44.58, 38.56, 29.38, 28.62, 22.35, 11.27. Exact mass for C₂₇H₃₁N₅O₉: theoretical mass not observed, 570.57 (calc)



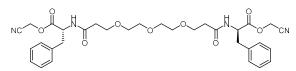
3,5-dinitrobenzyl N6-((3',6'-dihydroxy-3-oxo-3H-spiro[isobenzofuran-1,9'-xanthen]-5-yl)carbamothioyl)-*L*-lysinate (Lys-6-DNB) Boc-Lys-DNB (28 mg, 0.067 mmol), fluorescein isothiocyanate (29 mg, 0.073 mmol), and DMF (1 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar under N₂. After stirring overnight at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the

product as yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 10.20 (br, 2H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.75 (s, 2H), 8.57 (br, 3H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.15 Hz, 1H), 6.61-6.56 (m, 6H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 1.89 (br, 2H), 1.58-1.42 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.6, 167.7, 160.3, 152.4, 152.3, 148.5 (2C), 140.0, 136.1, 133.8, 132.5, 129.6, 128.9 (3C), 128.3, 126.2, 122.2, 118.8, 113.2 (2C), 110.3, 109.3, 102.7 (2C), 66.8 (3C), 65.5, 52.3, 43.4, 30.1, 28.1, 22.2 Exact mass for C₃₄H₂₉N₅O₁₁S : [M+H]⁺ = 716.17 (obs), 716.16 (calc)



Bis(cyanomethyl) 3,3'-(1,3-phenylene)dipropionate (7) 3,3'-(1,3-phenylene)dipropionic acid (111 mg, 0.05 mmol), triethylamine (104 μ L, 1.5 eq), chloroacetonitrile (38 μ L, 1.2

eq), and CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar under N₂. After stirring overnight at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with 4 % NaHCO₃, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz,1H), 7.10-7.06 m, 3H), 4.96 (s, 4H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.5, 4H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.5, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 171.8 (2C), 140.5 (2C), 128.8, 128.7, 126.6 (2C), 116.4 (2C), 49.3 (2C), 34.7 (2C), 30.3 (2C). Exact mass for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₄ : [M+H]⁺ = 301.34 (obs) 301.31 (calc)



Bis(cyanomethyl) (2R,18R)-2,18-dibenzyl-4,16dioxo-7,10,13-trioxa-3,17-

diazanonadecanedioate (8). 1-(cyanomethoxy)-1-

oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-aminium² (150)mg, 0.62 mmol), 3,3'-((oxybis(ethane-2,1diyl))bis(oxy))dipropionic acid (0.31 mmol), HBTU (0.62 mmol), DIPEA (1.55 mmol), and 8 mL of acetonitrile were combined in a round bottom flask with a stir bar. After stirring overnight at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with 4 % NaHCO₃, and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography yielded the product as oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 4.97 (s, 4H), 4.51 (q, J = 6.3, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 3.44-3.42 (m, 8H), 3.06-2.92 (m, 4H), 2.33 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSOd6) δ 171.1 (2C), 170.8 (2C), 137.2 (2C), 129.5 (4C), 128.7 (4C), 127.7 (2C), 116.1 (2C), 70.1 (2C), 66.9 (2C), 53.7 (2C), 49.8 (2C), 38.7 (2C), 36.7 (2C), 36.1 (2C). Exact mass for C₃₂H₃₈N₄O₉: $[M+H]^+ = 623.68$ (obs) 623.68 (calc)

3. Extended Methods

3.1 Preparation of DNA templates

The DNA templates for flexizyme (Fx) and tRNA preparations were synthesised by using the following DNA sequences as previously described²⁻⁴.

	GGCG <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GGATCGAAAGATTTCCGCGGCCCCGAAAGGGGATTAGC
eFx	GTTAGGT
	GGCG <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GGATCGAAAGATTTCCGCATCCCCGAAAGGGTACATGGC
dFx	GTTAGGT

	GGCG <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GGATCGAAAGATTTCCGCACCCCCGAAAGGGGTAAGTG
aFx	GCGTTAGGT
fMet	G <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GGCGGGGGGGGGGGGGCAGCCTGGTAGCTCGTCGGGCTCATAACC
(CAU)	CGAAGATCGTCGGTTCAAATCCGGCCCCCGCAACCA
Pro1E2(G <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GGGTGATTGGCGCAGCCTGGTAGCGCACTTCGTTGGTAACGA
GGU)	AGGGGTCAGGGGTTCGAATCCCCTATCACCCGCCA
GluE2(G	G <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GTCCCCTTCGTCTAGAGGCCCAGGACACCGCCCTGATAAGGC
AU)	GGTAACAGGGGTTCGAATCCCCTAGGGGACGCCA
GluE2(G	G <u>TAATACGACTCACTATA</u> GTCCCCTTCGTCTAGAGGCCCAGGACACCGCCCTGGCAGGG
GC)	CGGTAACAGGGGTTCGAATCCCCTAGGGGACGCCA

*Note that the underlined sequences are the T7 promoter sequence.

3.2 Preparation of Fx and tRNAs

Flexizymes and tRNAs were prepared using the HiScribe[™] T7 High yield RNA synthesis kit (NEB, E2040S) and purified by previously reported methods².

3.3 General Fx-mediated acylation reaction

A. Microhelix

1 μ L of 0.5 M HEPES (pH 7.5) or bicine (pH 8.8), 1 μ L of 10 μ M microhelix, and 3 μ L of nucleasefree water were mixed in a PCR tube with 1 μ L of 10 μ M eFx, dFx, and aFx, respectively. The mixture was heated for 2 min at 95 °C and cooled down to room temperature over 5 min. 2 μ L of 300 mM MgCl₂ was added to the cooled mixture and incubated for 5 min at room temperature. Followed by the incubation of the reaction mixture on ice for 2 min, 2 μ L of 25 mM activated ester substrate in DMSO was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was further incubated for 12 h on ice in cold room. Microhelix was purchased from IDT. (Sequence: 5'-GGCUCUGUUCGCAGAGCCGCCA-5'

B. tRNA

2 μ L of 0.5 M HEPES (pH 7.5) or 0.5 M bicine (pH 8.8), 2 μ L of 250 μ M tRNA, 2 μ L of 250 μ M of a Fx selected on the microhelix experiment and 6 μ L of nuclease-free water were mixed in a PCR tube. The mixture was heated for 2 min at 95 °C and cooled down to room temperature over 5 min. 4 μ L of 300 mM MgCl₂ was added to the cooled mixture and incubated for 5 min at room temperature. Followed by the incubation of the reaction mixture on ice for 2 min, 4 μ L of 25 mM activated ester substrate in DMSO was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was further incubated for the optimal time determined on the microhelix experiment on ice in cold room. The tRNAs were ethanol-precipitated before further usage.

3.4 In vitro synthesis of peptides with FAAs

A. N-terminal incorporation

As reporter peptide, a T7 promoter-controlled DNA template (pJL1_StrepII_1, see plasmid map) was designed to encode a streptavidin (Strep) tag and additional Ser and Thr codons (\underline{X} WHSPQFEKST (strep-tag), where \underline{X} indicates the position of the long-carbon chain substrate). The translation initiation codon AUG was used for N-terminal incorporation of the long-carbon chain substrates, \underline{X} . Peptide synthesis was performed using only the 9 amino acids that decode the initiation codon AUG and the purification tag in the absence of the other 11 amino acids to prevent corresponding endogenous tRNAs from being aminoacylated and used in translation. The PURExpress® Δ (aa, tRNA) kit (NEB, E6840S) was used for polyamide synthesis reaction and the reaction mixtures were incubated at 37 °C for 3 h. The synthesised peptides were then purified using Strep-Tactin®-coated magnetic beads (IBA), denatured with 0.1 % SDS, and characterised by MALDI-TOF mass spectroscopy.

B. C-terminal incorporation

Three plasmids (pJL1-StrepII_1, pJL1-StrepII_2, pJL1-StrepII_3, see plasmid map) encoding (MWHSPQFEKSX, MWHSPQFEKSXY, MWHSPQFEKSXYZ, where X, Y, and Z indicate the position of the FAA substrate) was used for C-terminal incorporation. The FAAs were incorporated at Thr (ACC), Ile (AUC), and Ala (GCC) codons using three tRNAs (Pro1E2 (GGU), GluE2(GAU), GluE2 (GGC)).

3.5 Protein expression in the presence of EF-P

EF-P was prepared as described in the previous study.⁴ Dap-2, Dap-4, and Dap-5 were charged to Pro1E2 (GGU) for C-terminal incorporation. The tRNA charging reaction was carried out under the same reaction condition optimized in the microhelix experiment shown in **Fig. S3**. The FAA-charged tRNAs were treated as described in 3.3.B and added into the PURExpress reaction in the presence of 10 μ M (in final) EF-P. The reaction was carried out as described in section 3.4.B.

3.6 Purification of peptides with FAAs

The polypeptides containing FAAs were purified using affinity tag purification as described previously².

3.7 Characterisation of peptides

A. Mass spectrometry

1.5 μ L of the peptides purified by the strep affinity tag was mixed on a MALDI plate with 1 μ L of saturated α -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA) in THF containing 0.1 % TFA. The samples were dried at room temperature for 30 min. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of the peptides were obtained on a Bruker rapifleX using the positive reflectron mode.

B. Fluorescence

The fluorescent characteristics of peptides containing a single or multiple FAAs were visualized on a Bio-Rad Gel-doc[™] by exposure of UV light filtered at 560/50 nm for 13 s. The obtained images were not further processed by other image software.

C. UV-Vis

The FAA substrates (Dap-**3** and Dap-**5**) were diluted in several different concentration 0.1% SDS solution in water to keep the condition consistent with the peptides eluted from the purification procedure using Strep-Tactin®-coated magnetic beads. The UV-Vis absoprion spectra for substrates and peptides containing FAA were obtained using the light at 200-850 nm on a Nanodrop 2000C (ThremoScience).

4. Supplemental Figures

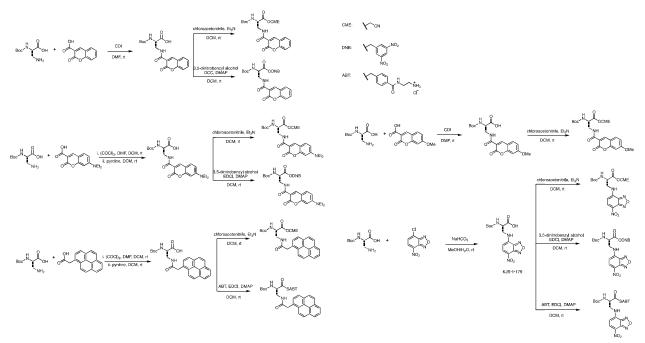


Figure S1: Synthetic scheme of Dap-based derivatives with activating groups.

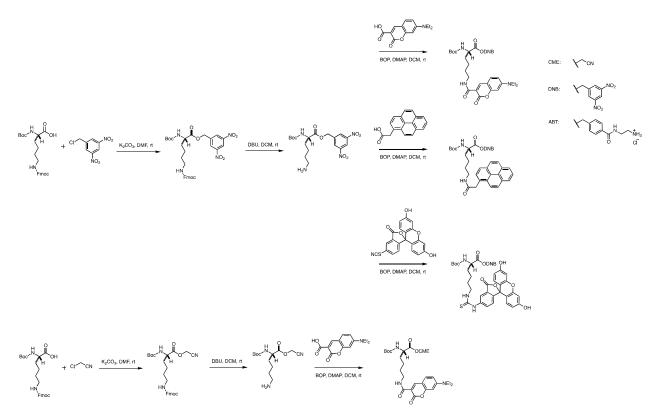


Figure S2: Synthesis of Lys-based FAA derivatives with activating group.

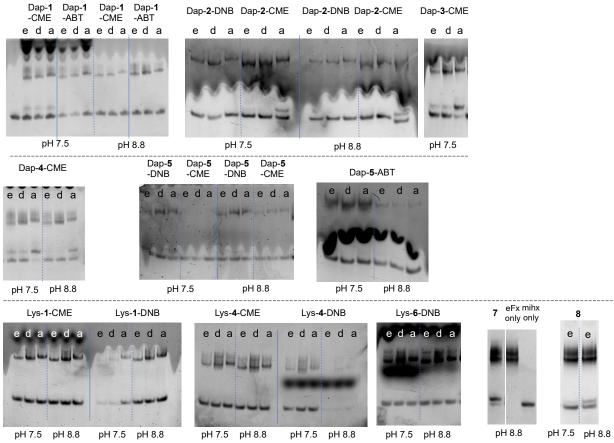


Figure S3. Fx-charging of FAAs. The Fx-catalyzed acylation reaction of FAAs (Dap-1-CME;ABT, Dap-2-CME;DNB, Dap-3-CME, Dap-4-CME, Dap-5-CME;DNB;ABT, and Lys-1-CME:DNB, Lys-4-CME:DNB, Lys-6-DNB) were carried out using microhelix or tRNA and monitored at two different pHs (7.5 and 8.8). Gels are representative of three independent experiments. The acylation yields were analyzed by electrophoresis on 15 % polyacrylamide gel containing 50 mM NaOAc (pH 5.2). The crude products containing the chemical substrates were loaded on the gel and separated by the electrophoretic mobility at 135 mV in cold room over 1.5 h. The acylation reactions were monitored over 16 h and the yields were quantified using densitometric analysis using the ImageJ software. The gel was stained using GelRed (Biotium); abs. 300 nm, em. 600 nm., while the FAAs absorb and emit the light in the range of abs. 310-460 nm, em. 350-515 nm.

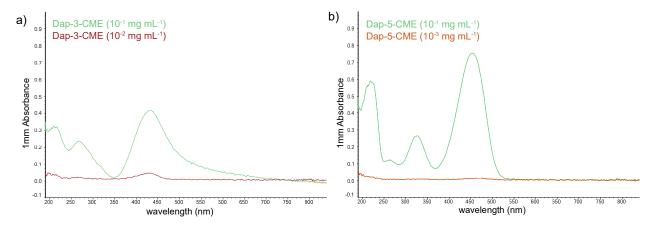


Figure S4. UV-Vis characterization of activated FAAs. The signature absorption of Dap-**3**-CME and Dap-**5**-CME was observed at 300-550 nm. At lower concentrations, the signature trends are not observed (0.1 % SDS in water).

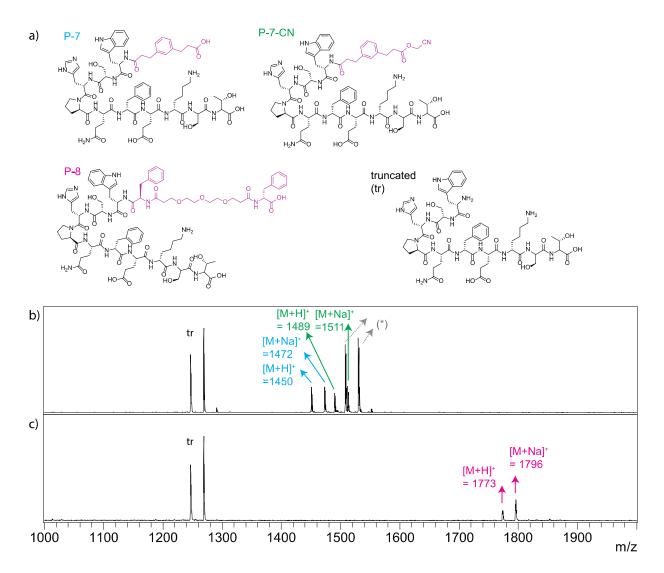
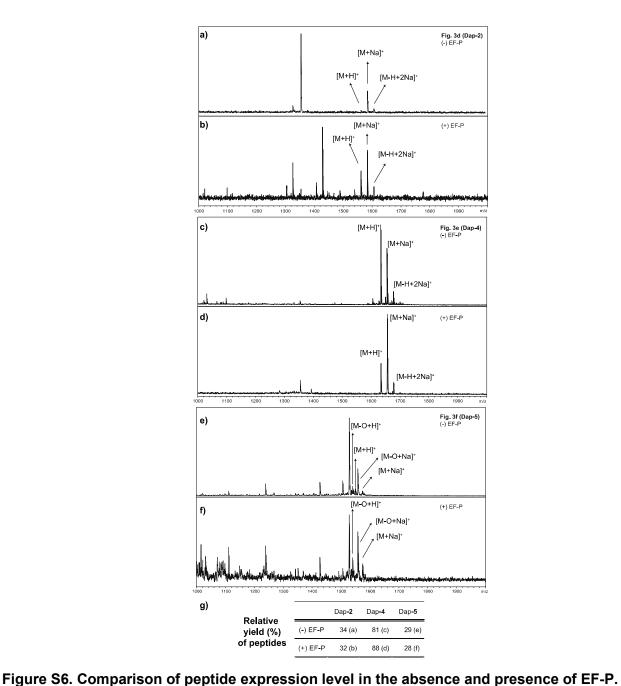


Figure S5. Characterization of the N-terminus functionalized peptides with 7 and 8. (a) Structure and molecular weight of full-length and truncated byproduct peptides produced in the PURE reaction. (b) MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry data for incorporation of 7 into the N-terminus of a peptide. Partial hydrolysis of the cyanomethyl group of 7 is observed. The theoretical masses of produced peptides are $[M+H]^+ = 1450$, $[M+Na]^+ = 1472$ for partially hydrolyzed peptides (P-7, blue arrows) and $[M+H]^+ = 1489$, $[M+Na]^+ = 1511$ for unhydrolyzed peptides (P-7-CN, green arrows). (c) Produced peptides containing 8 at the N-terminus. Theoretical mass of the target peptide: $[M+H]^+ = 1772$, $[M+Na]^+ = 1794$, pink arrows. Theoretical mass of the truncated peptides (tr) is $[M+H]^+ = 1246$, $[M+Na]^+ = 1268$. The marked peaks by an asterisk ($[M+H]^+ = 1507$; $[M+Na]^+ = 1529$, gray arrows) were unidentified. Data are representative of three independent experiments.



The incorporation of FAAs was carried out in the presence of 10 μ M of EF-P to address the low incorporation efficiency of FAAs (e.g., Dap-2 and Dap-5) in the PURExpress reaction. However, a significant increase was not observed. The arrows indicated the peaks corresponding to the theoretical masses of the peptides: (a) fMWSHPQFEKS-(Dap-2) (-) EF-P, (b) fMWSHPQFEKS-(Dap-2) (+) EF-P, (c) fMWSHPQFEKS-(Dap-4) (-) EF-P, (d) fMWSHPQFEKS-(Dap-4) (+) EF-P (e) fMWSHPQFEKS-(Dap-5) (-) EF-P, (f) fMWSHPQFEKS-(Dap-5) (+) EF-P ([M+H]⁺ = 1562;

 $[M+Na]^{+} = 1584$, $[M-H+2Na]^{+} = 1606$ for a and b, $[M+H]^{+} = 1633$; $[M+Na]^{+} = 1655$; $[M-H+2Na]^{+} = 1677$ for c and d, $[M+H]^{+} = 1553$; $[M+Na]^{+} = 1575$; $[M-O+H]^{+} = 1537$, $[M-O+Na]^{+} = 1559$ for e and f, respectively). (g) Relative yield of produced peptides containing an FAA at the C-terminus. Data are representative of n=3 independent experiments.

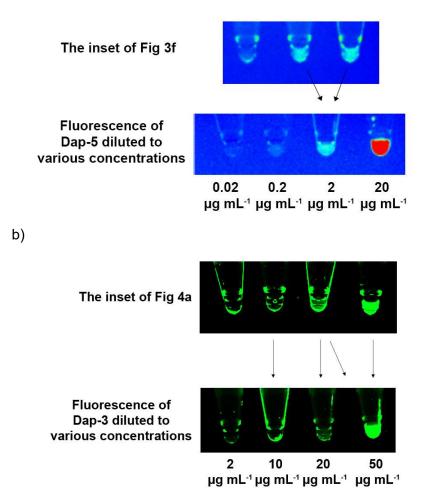
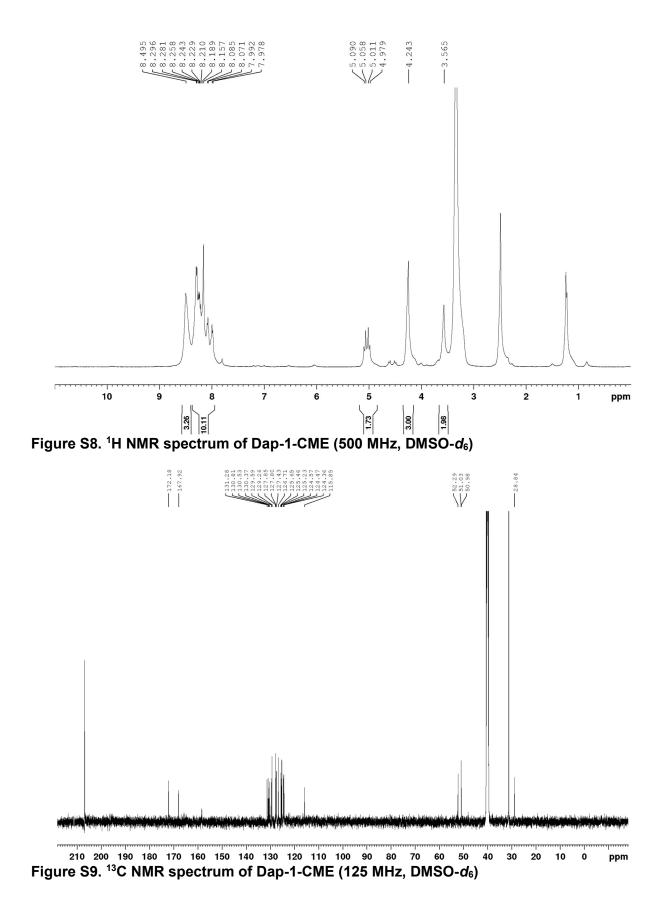


Figure S7. Determination of the yield of peptides based on the fluorescence. (a) Based on the similar intensity observed of the pure FAA from the same exposure, the intensity of the produced peptide containing Dap-5 either at the N- and C-terminus is comparable to the intensity of 2 μ g mL⁻¹ of Dap-5-CME in 10 μ L of water (0.1% SDS), which gives ~116 ng (75 nmol) of peptide with Dap-5 when calculated using the molar mass of the produced peptide. (b) Compared to the intensity obtained from several known concentration of Dap-3-CME, the yield of peptides containing one, two, or three Dap-3 is determined approximately as ~520 ng (330 nmol), ~670-1200 ng (340-570 nmol), or ~1200 ng (570 nmol), respectively.



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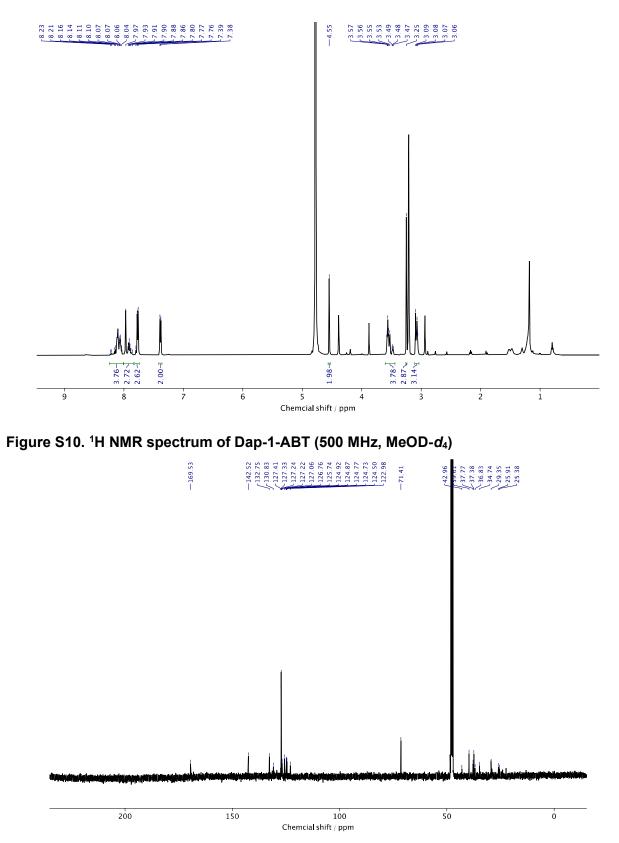


Figure S11. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Dap-1-ABT (125 MHz, MeOD-d₄)

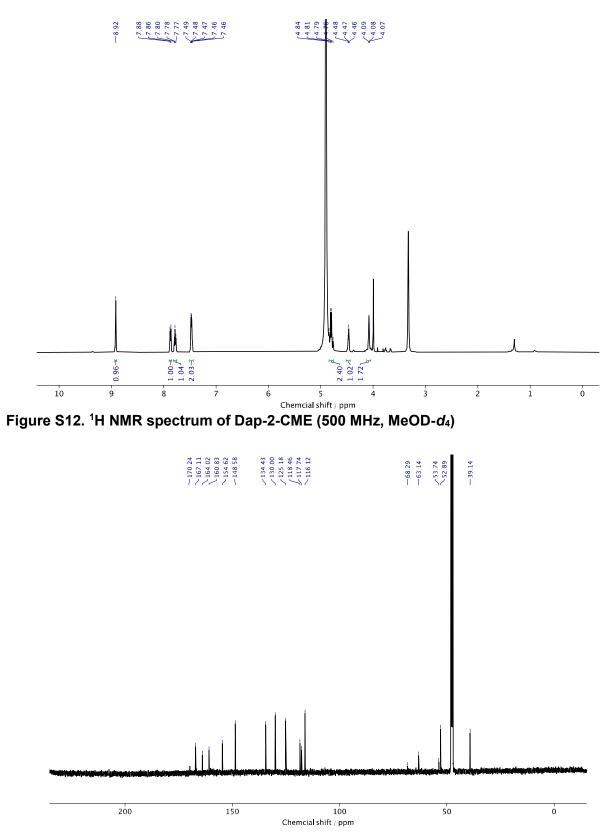
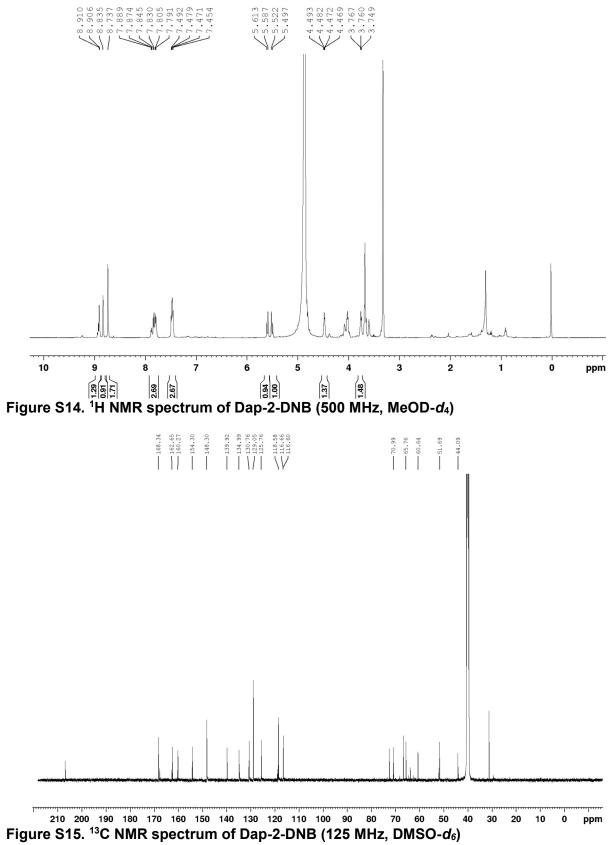


Figure S13. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Dap-2-CME (125 MHz, MeOD-d₄)



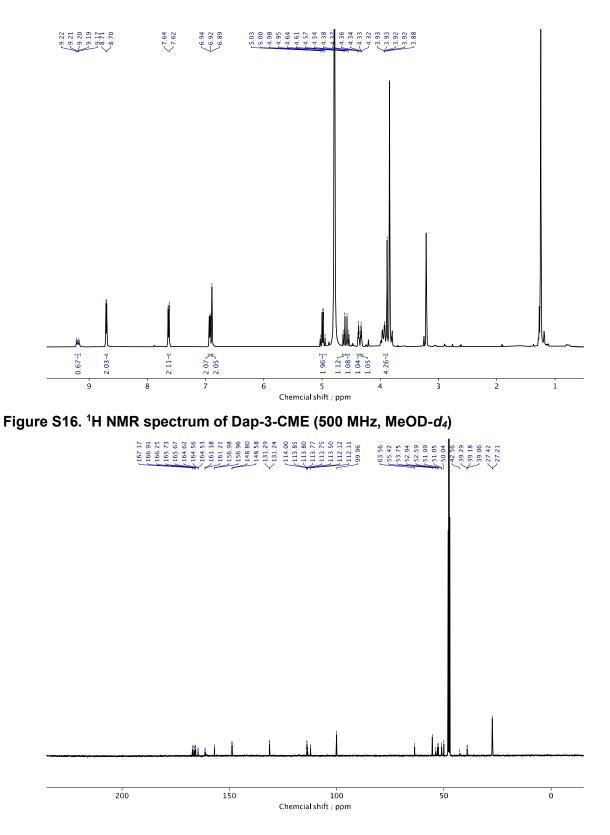


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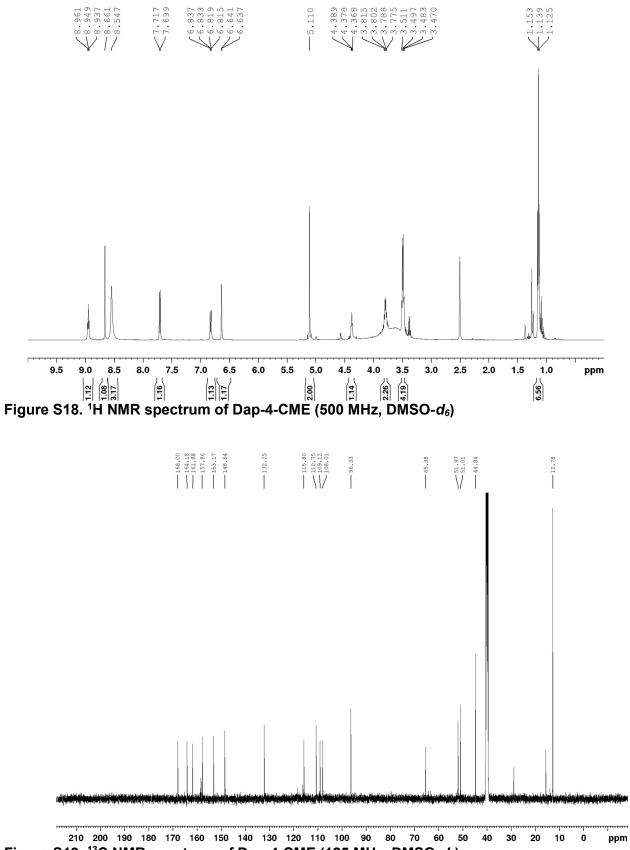
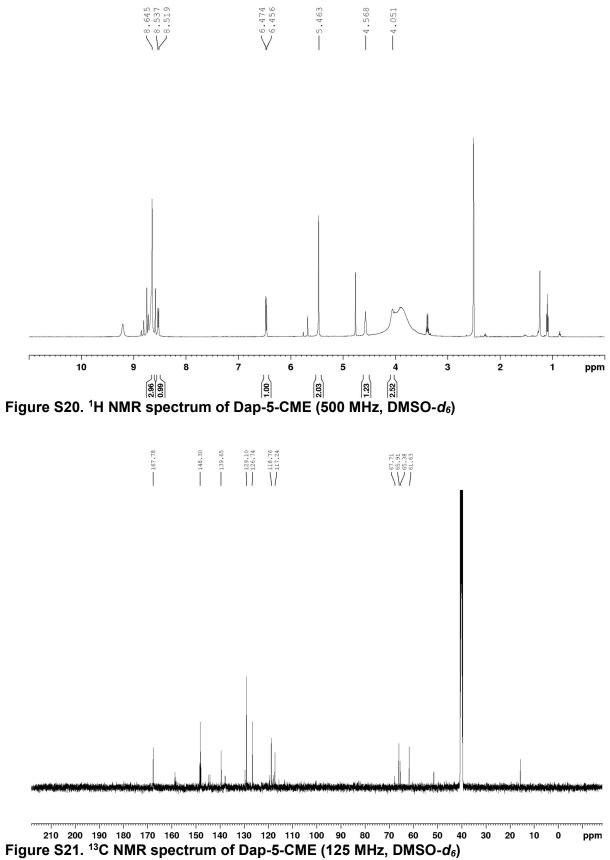
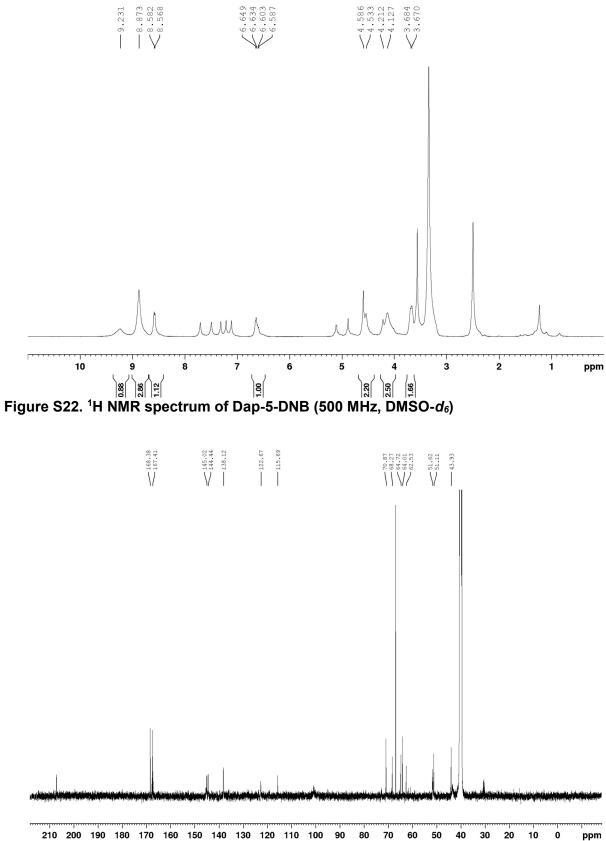


Figure S19. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Dap-4-CME (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 Figure S23. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Dap-5-DNB (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

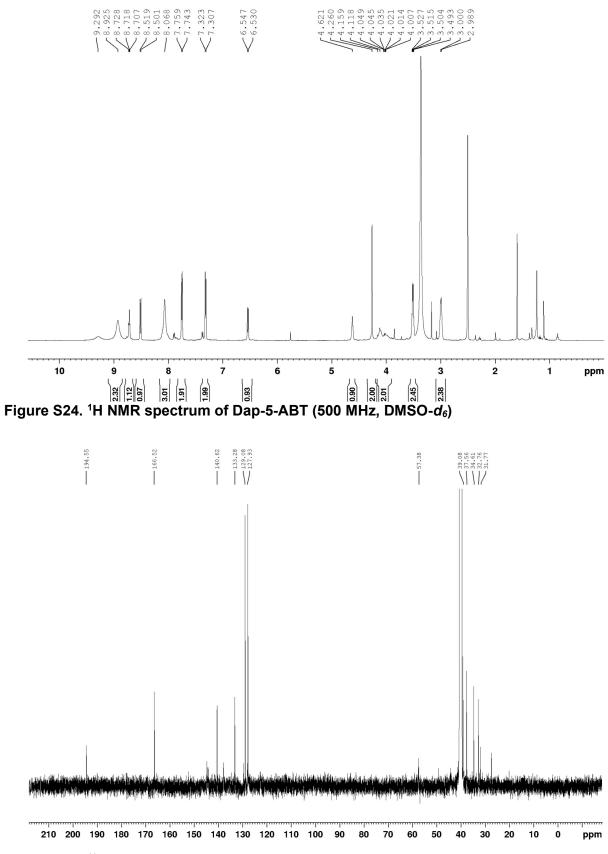
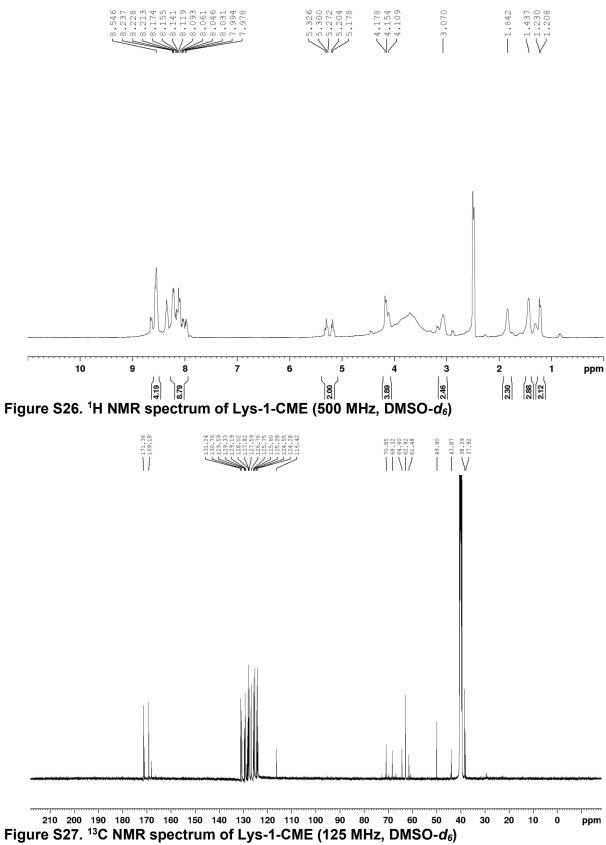


Figure S25. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Dap-5-ABT (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



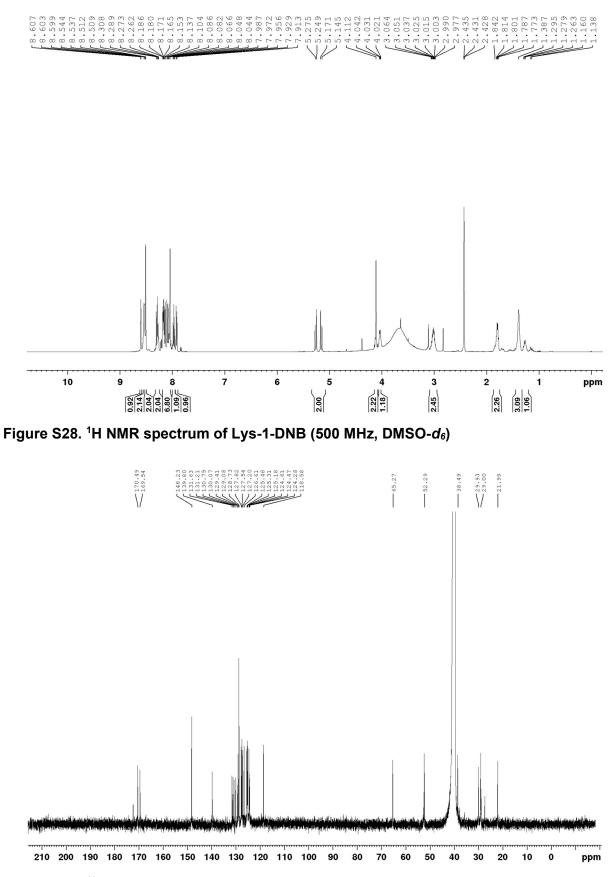
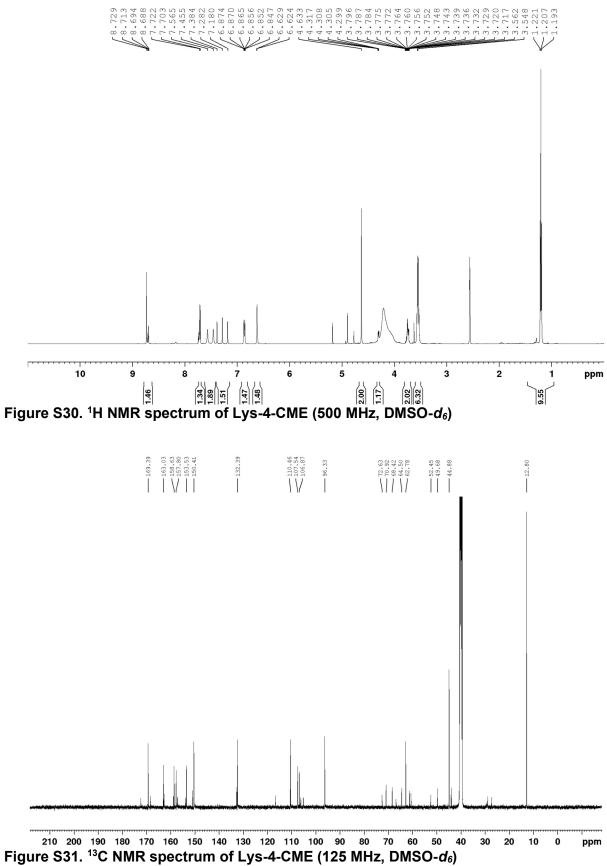


Figure S29. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Lys-1-DNB (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



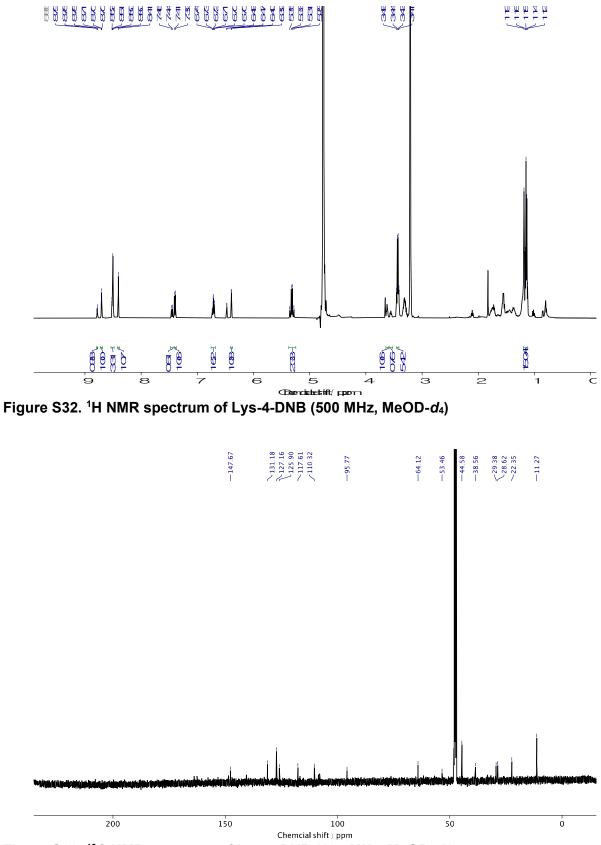
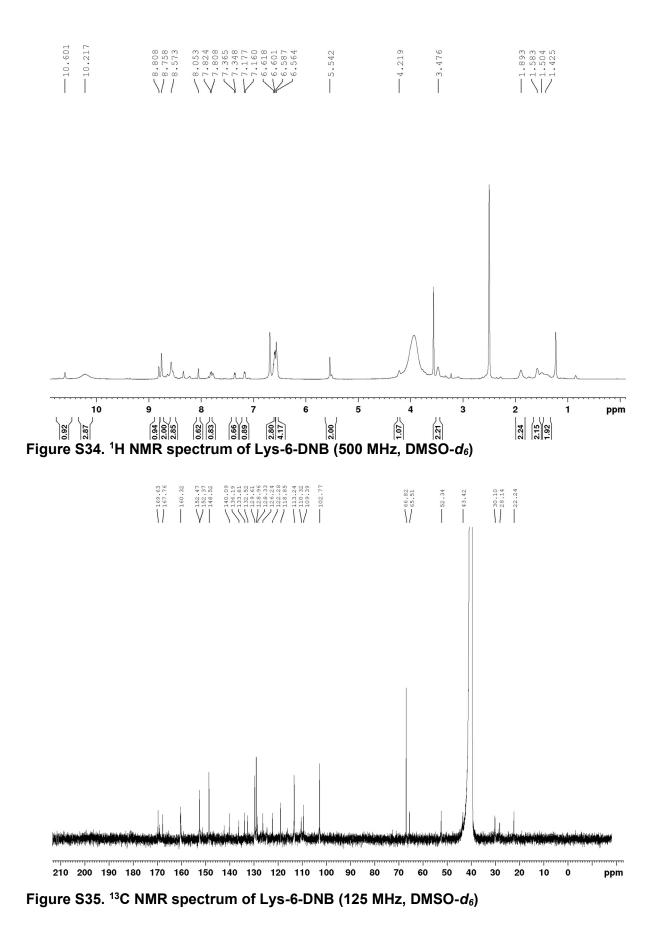
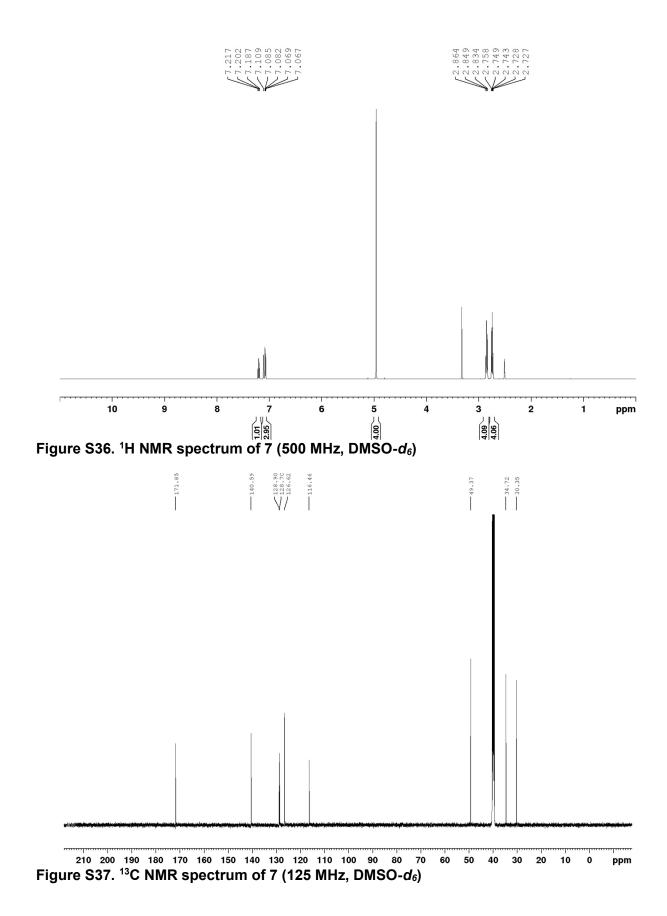
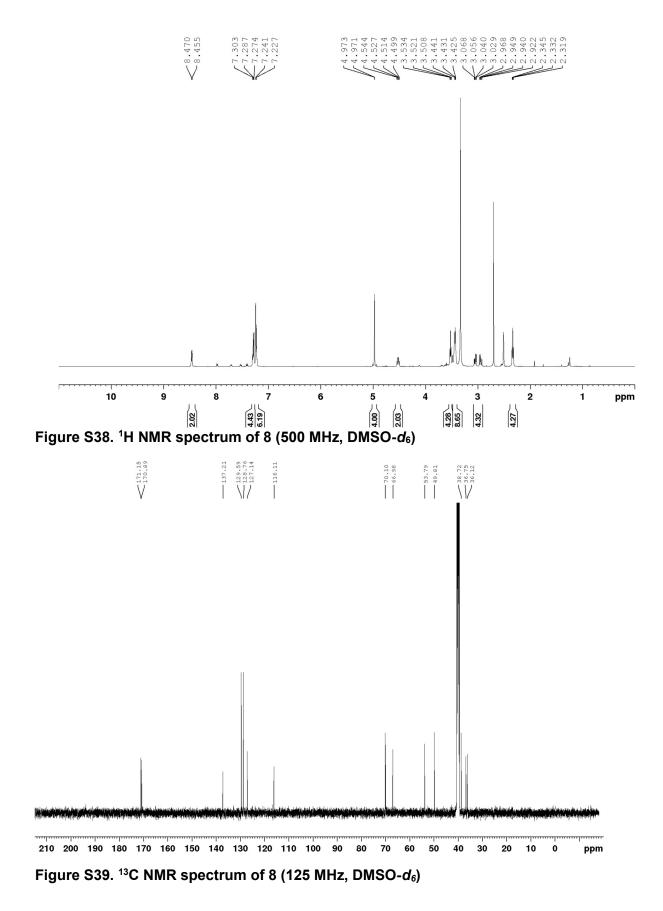


Figure S33. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Lys-4-DNB (125 MHz, MeOD-d₄)



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5. Plasmids map

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