

Metal free, visible-light driven C-H ketoalkylation of glycine derivatives and peptides

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General Information

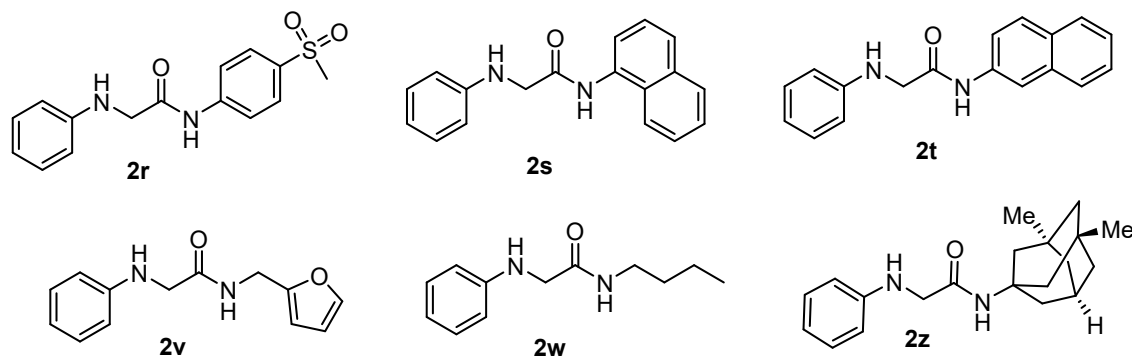
The reactions were conducted in oven-dried Schlenk-tube. And the photoinduced reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk-tube with Wattex blue LEDs Irradiation Parallel Reactor. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz (100 MHz for ^{13}C NMR) spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shift are reported in ppm from TMS with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl_3 : ^1H NMR: $\delta = 7.26$; ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 77.0$). Coupling constants are reported in Hz with multiplicities denoted as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublets), td (triplet of doublets) and m (multiplet). Active hydrogen of products didn't show due to hydrogen deuterium exchange in CDCl_3 . FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker V 70 spectrometer and only major peaks are reported in cm^{-1} . HRMS were obtained on a WATERS I-Class VION IMS Q-ToF. Melting points were measured using open glass capillaries in a SGW® X-4A apparatus. Analytical TLC: aluminum backed plates pre-coated (0.25 mm) with Merck Silica Gel 60F-254. Compounds were visualized by exposure to UV-light or by dipping the plates in 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine stain followed by heating.

Starting Materials

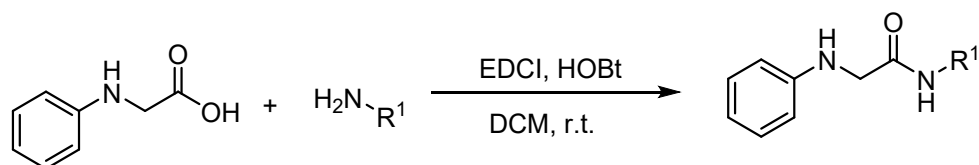
The cycloalkyl hydroperoxides **1** and glycine derivatives **2** were prepared according to the literature.¹⁻

² The NMR spectra of the know compounds were in full accordance with the data in the literatures.

Glycine derivatives

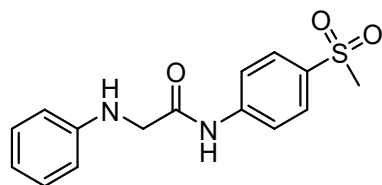


Synthesis of **2r**, **2s**, **2t**, **2v**, **2w**, **2z**



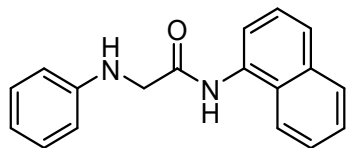
A 50 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with *N*-phenyl glycine (5.0 mmol), EDCI (8.0 mmol), HOBT (7.3 mmol), and corresponding amine (5.0 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL DCM under N_2 , then Et_3N (10 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture stirred overnight. Subsequently, water was added to the Schlenk-tube. The resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (three times), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 2:1 to 1:1). The pure product was obtained.

Characterization of Starting Materials

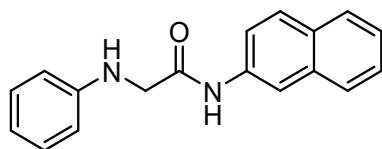


***N*-(4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetamide (**2r**):** White solid (66%, 1003.2 mg); m.p.: 183-184 °C; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.88 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 169.5, 146.7, 142.1, 135.6, 129.7,

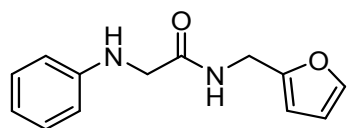
128.7, 120.2, 119.7, 113.7, 50.1, 44.7 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3328, 3040, 1697, 1595, 1511, 756 cm^{-1} ;
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 305.0954, found 305.0961.



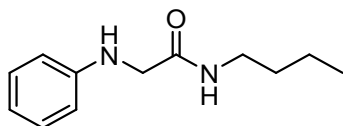
***N*-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetamide (2s):** Light yellow solid (62%, 855.6 mg); m.p.: 149-150 °C; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 9.17 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 169.2, 146.8, 134.0, 131.7, 129.7, 128.7, 126.7, 126.3, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 120.2, 120.0, 113.7, 49.9 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3334, 3054, 1675, 1602, 1501, 1431, 753 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 277.1335, found 277.1335.



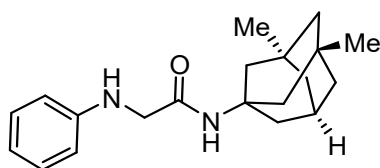
***N*-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetamide (2t):** White solid (55%, 759 mg); m.p.: 185-186 °C; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.75-6.73 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 169.0, 147.0, 134.7, 133.8, 130.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.5, 126.5, 125.1, 119.9, 119.8, 116.6, 113.7, 50.1 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3331, 3045, 1666, 1601, 1497, 1438, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 277.1335, found 277.1336.



***N*-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetamide (2v):** White solid (72%, 828 mg); m.p.: 84-85 °C; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.31-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.62-6.60 (m, 2H), 6.29-6.28 (m, 1H), 6.17-6.16 (m, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 170.4, 151.0, 147.0, 142.2, 129.4, 119.2, 113.3, 110.3, 107.3, 48.9, 36.1 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3380, 3040, 1657, 1604, 1509, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 231.1128, found 231.1137.



***N*-Butyl-2-(phenylamino)acetamide (2w):** Light yellow oil (52%, 535.6 mg); $R_f = 0.2$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.23\text{--}7.20$ (m, 2H), 6.84–6.80 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.64–6.62 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.23 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 170.3, 147.0, 129.4, 119.3, 113.4, 49.0, 38.9, 31.6, 20.0, 13.7$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3315, 3056, 2931, 1654, 1605, 1514, 751 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 207.1492, found 207.1501.



***N*-((3*R*,5*S*,7*r*)-3,5-dimethyladamantan-1-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetamide (2z):** White solid (75%, 1170 mg); m.p.: 139–140 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $R_f = 0.2$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.25\text{--}7.21$ (m, 2H), 6.88–6.84 (m, 1H), 6.69–6.68 (m, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.13–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.81 (s, 2H), 1.62–1.10 (m, 10H), 0.83 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 169.2, 147.1, 129.4, 119.3, 113.5, 53.2, 50.5, 49.9, 47.4, 42.6, 39.9, 32.4, 30.1, 30.0$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3349, 3054, 2903, 1659, 1605, 1516, 752 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 313.2274, found 313.2277.

Detailed Optimization of Reaction Conditions

A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate **2a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), photocatalyst, base (See Table S1). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in solvent (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for a specified time. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 10:1 to 8:1) furnishes the desired product **3a** as light yellow oil.

Table S1. Optimization of the Reaction of Ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate and Cyclopentyl Hydroperoxide **1a ^a**

Solvent

C1CCC(CC1)C(=O)O (**1a**) + CCOC(=O)CNc1ccccc1 (**2a**) $\xrightarrow[\text{Blue LEDs (10 W)}]{\text{Eosin Y (2 mol\%)}, \text{Solvent (2 mL), N}_2}$ CCOC(=O)C(Nc1ccccc1)CCCC(=O)c2ccccc2 (**3a**)

Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	CH ₃ CN	18
2	1,4-dioxane	trace
3	toluene	< 10
4	DMSO	35
5	DMAc	41
6	DCM	23
7	acetone	34
8	NMP	37
9	DMF	42
10	MeOH	trace

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Eosin Y, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Solvent (2.0 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^b Yield of isolated product.

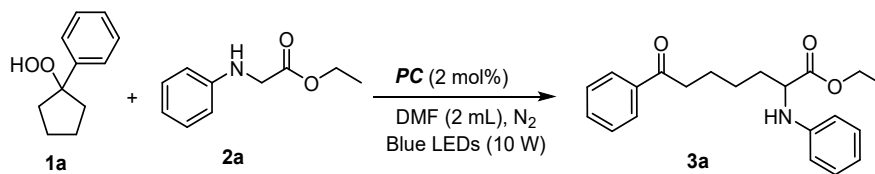
Ratio of Solvent

C1CCC(CC1)C(=O)O (**1a**) + CCOC(=O)CNc1ccccc1 (**2a**) $\xrightarrow[\text{Blue LEDs (10 W)}]{\text{Rhodamine B (2 mol\%)}, \text{DMF (x mL), N}_2}$ CCOC(=O)C(Nc1ccccc1)CCCC(=O)c2ccccc2 (**3a**)

Entry	DMF (x mL)	Yield (%) ^b
1	1	52
2	2	57
3	3	42
4	4	44

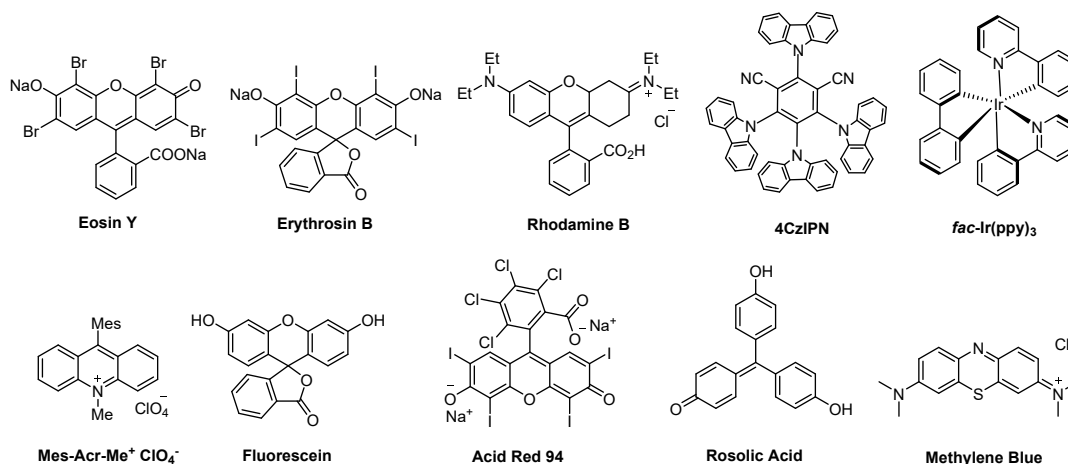
^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (x mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^b Yield of isolated product.

Photocatalyst (PC)

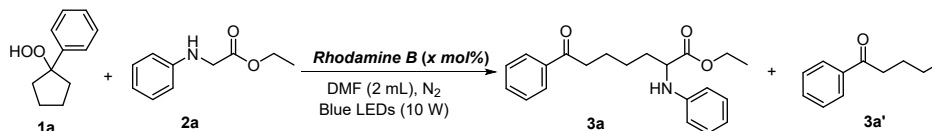


Entry	Photocatalyst	Yield (%) ^b
1	4CzIPN	trace
2	Erythrosine B	33
3	Mes-Acr-Me ⁺ ClO ₄ ⁻	22
4	Fluorescein	14
5	Rhodamine B	57
6	Methylene Blue	42
7	Acid Red 94	< 10
8	Rosolic Acid	24
9	Eosin Y	42
10	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	< 10

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of photocatalyst, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^b Yield of isolated product.



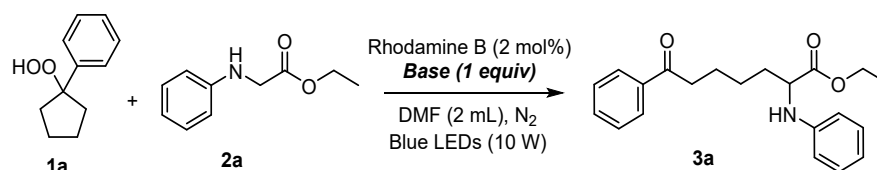
Ratio of Photocatalyst



Entry	Rhodamine B (x mol%)	Yield (%) ^b
1	1	53
2	2	57 (40) ^c
3	4	48
4	6	47

^a Reaction conditions: x mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^bYields of isolated product. ^cYield of isolated 1-phenylpentan-1-one **3a'**.

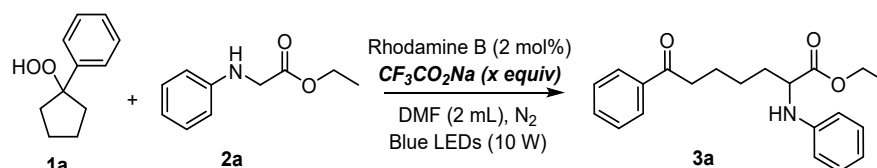
Base



Entry	Base	Yield (%) ^b
1	DABCO	trace
2	Et ₃ N	< 10
3	2,4,6-Collidine	35
4	K ₂ CO ₃	< 10
5	Cs ₂ CO ₃	trace
6	CF ₃ CO ₂ Na	64
7	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
8	CF ₃ SO ₂ Na	33
9	NaOAc	trace

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), base (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), DMF (2 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^b Yield of isolated product.

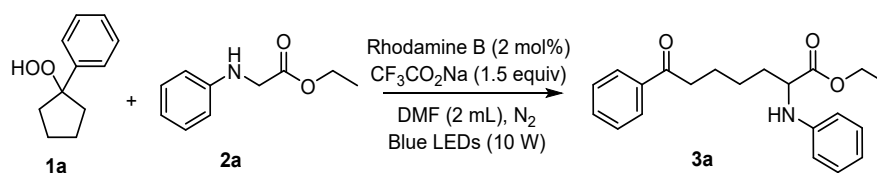
Ratio of Base



Entry	CF ₃ CO ₂ Na (<i>x</i> equiv)	Yield (%) ^b
1	1	64
2	1.5	87
3	2	59
4	2.5	47

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), CF₃CO₂Na (*x* equiv.), DMF (2 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^b Yield of isolated product.

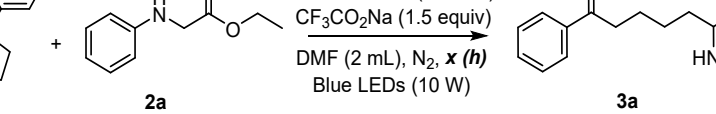
Ratio of 1a:2a



Entry	1a:2a	Yield (%) ^b
1	1:2	78
2	1:1.5	87
3	1:1	82
4	1.5:1	75
5	2:1	42

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** : **2a** = x, $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Na}$ (1.5 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N_2 . ^b Yield of isolated product.

Time



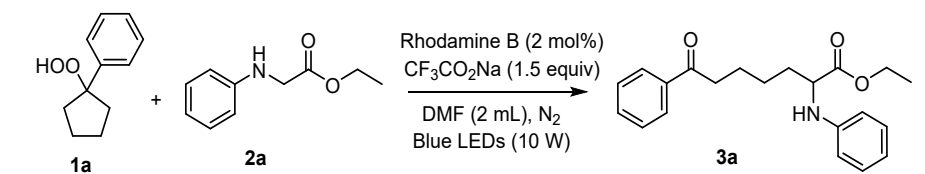
Reaction scheme showing the conversion of **1a** and **2a** to **3a** under the following conditions:

- Rhodamine B (2 mol%)
- $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Na}$ (1.5 equiv)
- DMF (2 mL), N_2 , **x (h)**
- Blue LEDs (10 W)

Entry	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b	
1	1	8	
2	1.5	74	
3	2	77	
4	3	84	
5	4	88	
6	12	91(87) ^c	
7	Irradiation 1 h, then no light 12 h		55

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), CF₃CO₂Na (1.5 equiv.), DMF (2 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for x h, under N₂. ^b Yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^c Yield of isolated product.

Controlled Experiments

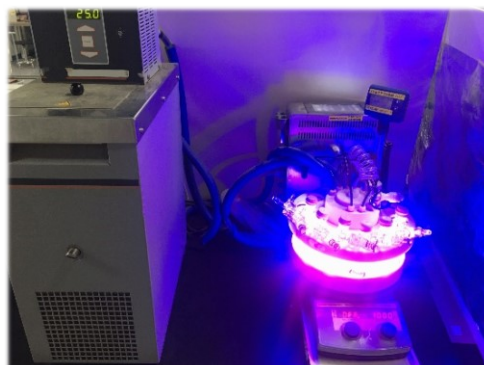
		
Entry	Deviation from standard conditions	Yield (%) ^b
1	standard	87
2	without Rhodamine B	27
3	without light	n.r.
4	without light	13 ^c
5	without CF ₃ CO ₂ Na	57
6	under O ₂	0

^a Reaction conditions: 2 mol % of Rhodamine B, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL), Blue LEDs (10 W), r.t., for 12 h, under N₂. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c 80 °C.

Representative Procedure for the Reaction of Cycloalkyl Hydroperoxides and Glycine Derivatives

A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with glycine derivatives **2** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Rhodamine B (1.9 mg, 2 mol %), CF₃CO₂Na (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of cycloalkyl hydroperoxides **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W blue LED (λ = 460–470 nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for a specified time. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 10:1 to 8:1) furnishes the corresponding products **3**, **4** and **5** in yields listed in Table 2 and Table 3.

**The Visible-Light Photoredox Catalysis Experimental Setup (photographed by author
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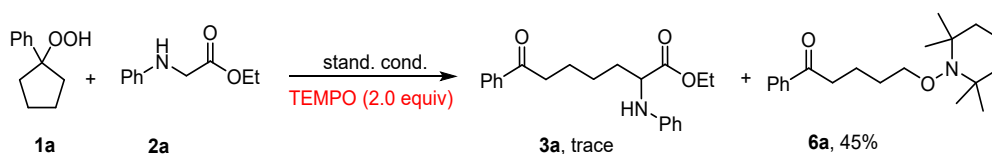
Scale-up Reaction

A 50 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate **2a** (3.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Rhodamine B (19 mg, 2 mol %), CF₃CO₂Na (3.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (20 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W blue LED (λ = 460–470 nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 10:1 to 8:1) furnishes the desired product **3a** (78%, 529.2 mg).

Mechanistic Investigation

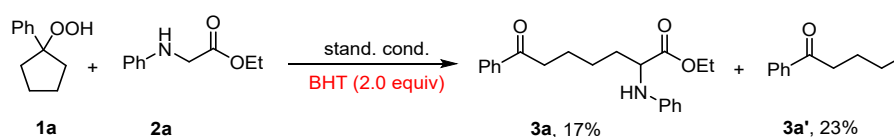
(1) Radical Inhibiting Experiment

Cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate **2a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Rhodamine B (1.9 mg, 2 mol %), CF₃CO₂Na (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL) under N₂ for 12 h, with the irradiation of 10 W Blue LEDs.



When 2.0 equiv of TEMPO was subjected into the reaction of **1a** with **2a** under the standard conditions, only a trace amount of **3a** was observed, along with the TEMPO adduct **6a** isolated in 45% yield. This result indicates that a radical intermediate might be involved in this transformation.

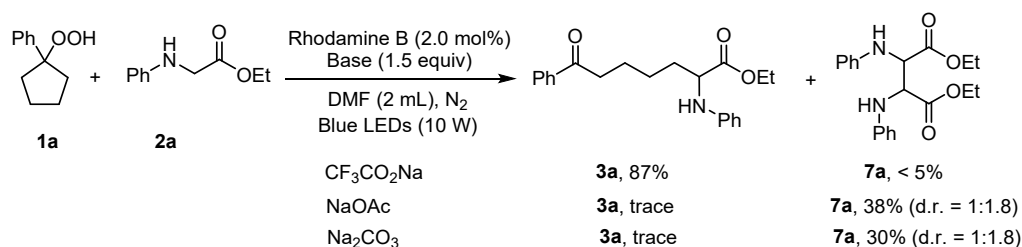
Cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate **2a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Rhodamine B (1.9 mg, 2 mol %), CF₃CO₂Na (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), BHT (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL) under N₂ for 12 h, with the irradiation of 10 W Blue LEDs.



When 2.0 equiv of BHT was added to the reaction of **1a** with **2a** under the standard conditions, the yield of product **3a** was dramatically decreased (17%). This result indicates that a radical pathway might be involved in this transformation.

(2) Control Experiments

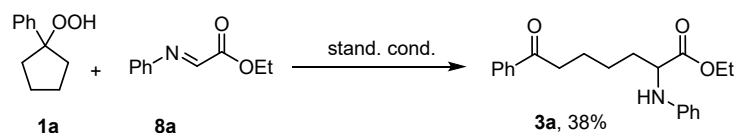
a) Cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate **2a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Rhodamine B (1.9 mg, 2 mol %), base (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL) under N₂ for 12 h, with the irradiation of 10 W Blue LEDs.



When CF₃CO₂Na was used as the base, the product **3a** was isolated in 87% yield, along with the homo-coupling product **7a** isolated less than 5% yield. However, using NaOAc or Na₂CO₃ instead of

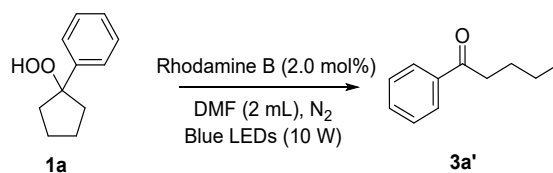
CF₃CO₂Na led to the formation of **7a** in 38% and 30% yield, respectively. This result indicates that glycine radical was generated in the reaction, and strong base increased the concentration of α -carbon radical leading to homo-coupling **7a** formation.

b) Cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), (*E*)-ethyl-2-(phenylimino)acetate **8a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), Rhodamine B (1.9 mg, 2 mol %), CF₃CO₂Na (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL) under N₂ for 12 h, with the irradiation of 10 W Blue LEDs.



When ethyl-2-(phenylimino)acetate **8a** was used instead of **2a** under the standard conditions, the product **3a** was isolated in 38% yield. This result indicates that ethyl-2-(phenylimino)acetate might be as intermediate in this transformation

c) Cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Rhodamine B (1.9 mg, 2 mol %), DMF (2.0 mL) under N₂ for 12 h, with the irradiation of 10 W Blue LEDs.



Entry	PC	Yield of 3a' (%)	1a left (%)
1	No Rhodamine B	14	74
2	Rhodamine B	83	trace

Irradiation of cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** in DMF with a 10 W blue LED led to the ring-opening by product **3a'** in 14% yield, along with 74% of **1a** recovered. When 2.0 mol% of Rhodamine B was added to the reaction mixture, the **3a'** was isolated in 83 % yield. These results indicate that the existence of Rhodamine B could accelerate the decomposition of cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a**.

(3) Stern-Volmer Fluorescence Quenching Experiments

To a solution of Rhodamine B in anhydrous, N₂-saturated DMF (5×10^{-4} mol/L) in a quartz cuvette, different amounts of cyclopentyl hydroperoxide (**1a**) and ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate (**2a**) were added, respectively, and the resulting changes in fluorescence intensity (concentration of **1a** and **2a**: 2.5×10^{-2} mol/L, 5×10^{-2} mol/L, 7.5×10^{-2} mol/L, 10×10^{-2} mol/L, 12.5×10^{-2} mol/L) were collected. The

emission intensity at 606 nm was collected with excited wavelength of 450 nm. The results are shown in Figure S1 and S2.³

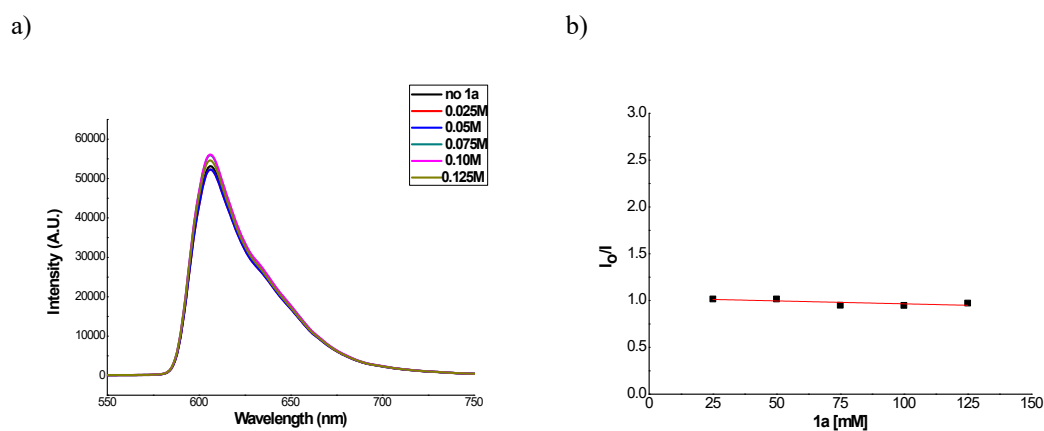


Figure S1. (a) The fluorescence emission spectra of Rhodamine B with different concentration of **1a** added. (b) The Stern–Volmer emission quenching studies of **1a**. I_0 is the inherent fluorescence intensity of Rhodamine B. I is the fluorescence intensity of Rhodamine B in the presence of **1a**.

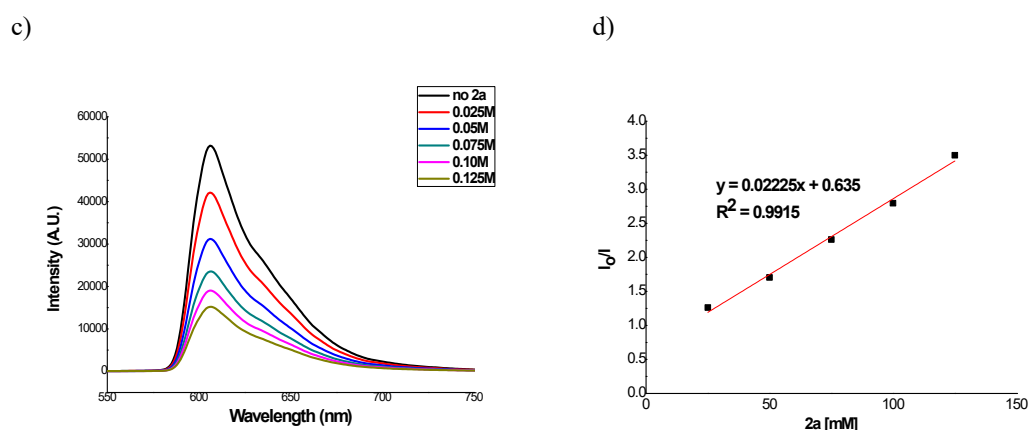
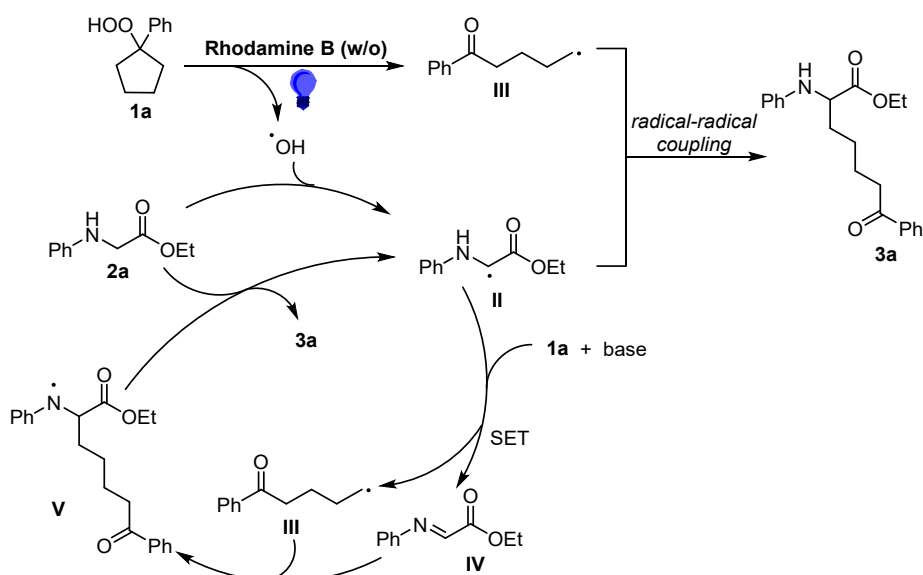


Figure S2. (c) The fluorescence emission spectra of Rhodamine B with different concentration of **2a** added. (d) The Stern–Volmer emission quenching studies of **2a**. I_0 is the inherent fluorescence intensity of Rhodamine B. I is the fluorescence intensity of Rhodamine B in the presence of **2a**.

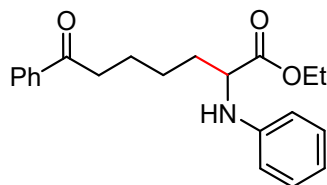
According to the results as well as the corresponding Stern-Volmer plots (Figure S1, Figure S2), the substrate **1a** did not show an obvious quenching effect to the fluorescence intensity of Rhodamine B. While the substrate **2a** showed an obvious quenching effect to the fluorescence intensity of Rhodamine B.

(4) Chain Propagation Mechanism

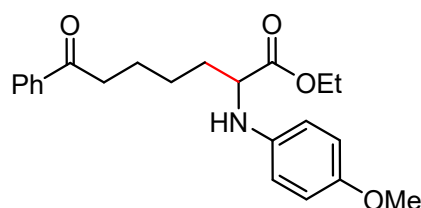


Homolytic cleavage of O-O bond in cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** generates the radical intermediate **III** via a C-C bond cleavage and hydroxide radical in the presence of Rhodamine B (or not) under the blue light irradiation. H-abstraction from ethyl *N*-phenylglycinate **2a** to hydroxide radical affords the radical intermediate **II**. In the presence of cyclopentyl hydroperoxide **1a** and base, intermediate **II** is oxidized further to form the imine intermediate **IV**, which reacts with **III** to generate radical **V**. Finally, radical **V** abstracts hydrogen atom from **2a** to generate product **3a**, along with formation of radical **II**, which participates in the reaction cycle again.

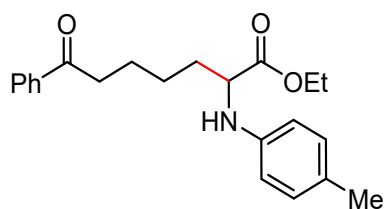
Characterization of Products 3, 4 and 5



Ethyl 7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (3a): White solid (87%, 59.0 mg); m.p.: 60-61 °C; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 174.1, 146.8, 136.9, 133.0, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 118.2, 113.4, 61.0, 56.5, 38.2, 32.9, 25.3, 23.8, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3382, 3055, 2936, 1730, 1682, 1601, 1505, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1907, found 340.1910.

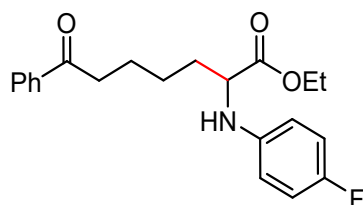


Ethyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3b): Light yellow oil (92%, 67.9 mg); R_f = 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:5); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 174.4, 152.7, 141.0, 136.9, 132.9, 128.5, 128.0, 115.2, 114.8, 60.9, 57.7, 55.7, 38.2, 33.0, 25.4, 23.9, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3362, 3045, 2964, 1730, 1682, 1611, 1511, 820, 731 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.2013, found 370.2012.

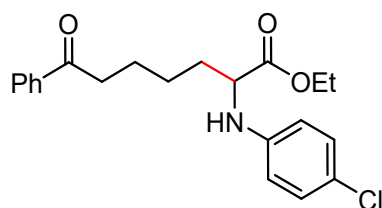


Ethyl 7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(p-tolylamino)heptanoate (3c): Colorless oil (92%, 65.0 mg); R_f = 0.3

(EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 174.2, 144.5, 136.9, 132.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 113.7, 61.0, 56.9, 38.2, 32.9, 25.3, 23.9, 20.4, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3380, 3046, 2936, 1730, 1682, 1601, 1517, 860, 771 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.2064, found 354.2063.

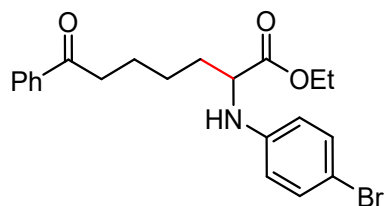


Ethyl 2-((4-fluorophenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3d): Light yellow solid (72%, 51.4 mg); m.p.: 83-84 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.56 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 174.0, 156.3 (d, J = 234.8 Hz), 143.1, 136.9, 133.0, 128.6, 128.0, 115.7 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 61.1, 57.4, 38.2, 32.8, 25.3, 23.8, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3365, 3038, 2942, 1733, 1683, 1599, 1513, 823, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{FNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 358.1813, found 358.1817.

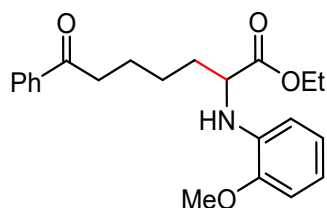


Ethyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3e): White solid (65%, 48.5 mg); m.p.: 90-91 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 173.8, 145.4, 136.9, 133.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 122.9, 114.6, 61.2, 56.6, 38.2, 32.7, 25.2, 23.8, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3375, 3042, 2939, 1731, 1682, 1599, 1510, 814, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 374.1517,

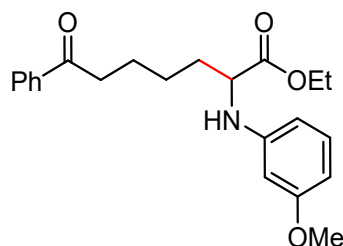
found 374.1520.



Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3f): White solid (63%, 52.5 mg); m.p.: 97-98 °C; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.94-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 173.6, 145.7, 136.9, 133.0, 132.0, 128.6, 128.0, 115.2, 110.2, 61.2, 56.6, 38.2, 32.6, 25.2, 23.8, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3374, 3041, 2939, 1729, 1682, 1596, 1501, 824, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 418.1012, found 418.1016.

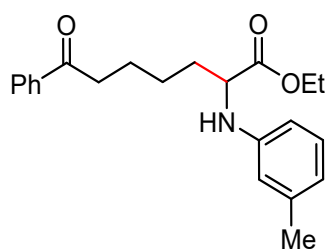


Ethyl 2-((2-methoxyphenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3g): Light yellow oil (76%, 56.1 mg); R_f = 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:5); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.55 (m, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.94-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 174.1, 147.1, 136.9, 136.7, 132.9, 128.5, 128.0, 121.1, 117.5, 110.4, 109.8, 61.0, 56.3, 55.5, 38.3, 32.9, 25.4, 23.9, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3382, 3060, 2939, 1733, 1683, 1600, 1514, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.2013, found 370.2012.

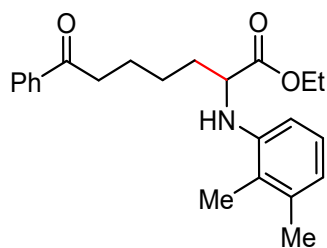


Ethyl 2-((3-methoxyphenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3h): Colorless oil (59%, 43.5 mg);

R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.32-6.21 (m, 3H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.94-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 173.9, 160.8, 148.1, 136.9, 133.0, 130.1, 128.6, 128.0, 106.5, 103.7, 99.6, 61.1, 56.6, 55.1, 38.2, 32.8, 25.2, 23.9, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3373, 3038, 2916, 1732, 1679, 1600, 1516, 750, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.2013, found 370.2014.

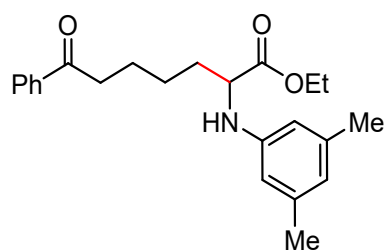


Ethyl 7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(*m*-tolylamino)heptanoate (3i): Colorless oil (62%, 43.8 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.55 (m, 1H), 6.46-6.43 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.94-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 174.1, 146.8, 139.0, 136.9, 132.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 119.2, 114.3, 110.5, 61.0, 56.5, 38.2, 32.9, 25.2, 23.8, 21.5, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3386, 3030, 2926, 1731, 1683, 1602, 1516, 757, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.2064, found 354.2066.

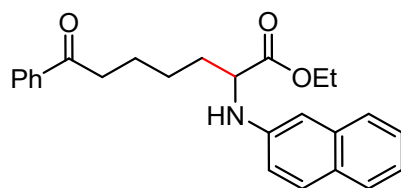


Ethyl 2-((2,3-dimethylphenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3j): Light yellow oil (72%, 52.8 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 1H), 6.47-6.45 (m, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.94-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 174.3, 144.6, 136.9, 136.8, 133.0, 128.6, 128.0, 126.1, 121.2, 120.3, 108.9, 61.1, 56.8, 38.2, 33.0, 25.3, 23.9, 20.7, 14.2, 12.6 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3382, 3060, 2937, 1731, 1683, 1590, 1509, 762, 692 cm^{-1} ;

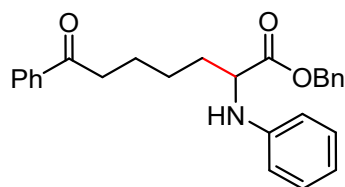
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{30}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 368.2220, found 368.2220.



Ethyl 2-((3,5-dimethylphenyl)amino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3k): Colorless oil (68%, 50.6 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 1.95-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 200.0, 174.1, 146.7, 138.9, 136.9, 132.9, 128.6, 128.0, 120.4, 111.6, 61.0, 56.6, 38.2, 32.9, 25.2, 23.9, 21.4, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3378, 3050, 2969, 1733, 1686, 1603, 1500, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{30}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 368.2220, found 368.2226.

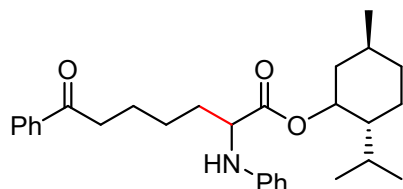


Ethyl 2-(naphthalen-2-ylamino)-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (3l): Light yellow oil (90%, 70.0 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.82 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.17 (m, 3H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 199.9, 174.0, 144.5, 136.9, 134.9, 132.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 122.3, 118.1, 105.5, 61.1, 56.5, 38.2, 32.7, 25.2, 23.8, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3384, 3057, 2940, 1731, 1682, 1601, 1526, 752, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 390.2064, found 390.2067.



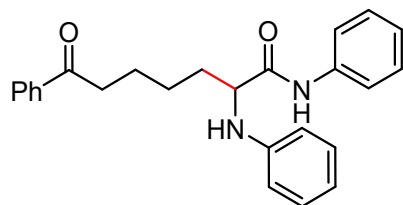
Benzyl 7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (3m): Light yellow oil (57%, 45.7 mg); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.93-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 5.15 (dd, J = 16.8 Hz, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95-1.71 (m,

4H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 173.9, 146.6, 136.9, 135.5, 133.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 118.6, 113.7, 66.8, 56.7, 38.2, 32.8, 25.2, 23.8 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3382, 3057, 2929, 1735, 1682, 1601, 1504, 750, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 402.2064, found 402.2058.



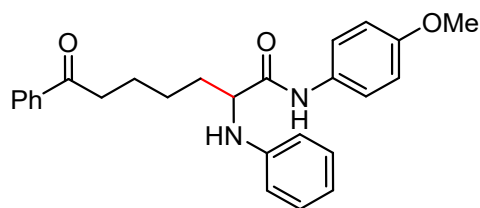
(2R,5S)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (3n):

Colorless oil (52%, 46.7 mg, d.r. = 1 : 1.6); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.08-4.04 (m, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95-1.32 (m, 12H), 1.06-0.73 (m, 9H), 0.68-0.58 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 199.8, 173.6, 173.5, 146.8, 146.6, 136.9, 133.0, 129.2, 128.0, 118.5, 118.4, 113.9, 113.5, 75.2, 75.1, 57.0, 56.9, 46.8, 40.7, 40.6, 38.3, 38.2, 34.1, 32.8, 31.3, 26.1, 25.6, 25.3, 25.2, 23.9, 22.8, 21.9, 20.8, 20.7, 16.0, 15.6 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3372, 3056, 2951, 1727, 1685, 1602, 1506, 751, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 450.3003, found 450.3001.

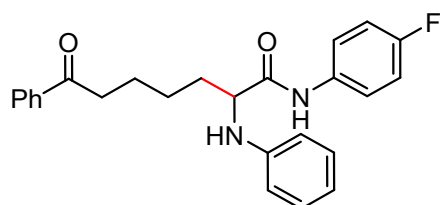


7-Oxo-N,7-diphenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3o): White solid (57%, 44.0 mg); m.p.: 136-137

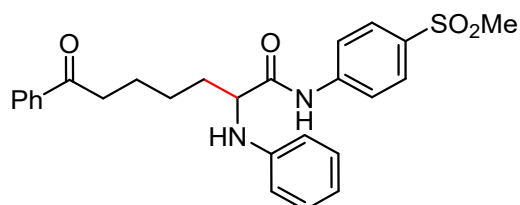
$^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.76 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 1H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 2H), 3.82 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (td, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.58 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 171.6, 146.4, 137.4, 136.8, 133.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 124.4, 119.9, 119.8, 114.3, 60.9, 38.0, 33.3, 25.6, 23.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3385, 3053, 2968, 1727, 1676, 1501, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.2067, found 387.2071.



***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3p):** White solid (84%, 69.9 mg); m.p.: 108-109 °C; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 3H), 6.72-6.69 (m, 2H), 3.81-3.76 (m, 4H), 2.99 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.59 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 171.7, 156.4, 146.7, 136.8, 133.0, 130.5, 129.5, 128.6, 128.0, 121.6, 119.5, 114.0, 113.9, 60.5, 55.4, 37.9, 33.3, 25.6, 23.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3376, 3034, 2958, 1727, 1675, 1601, 1511, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 417.2173, found 417.2172.

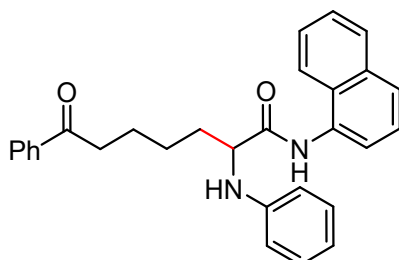


***N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3q):** White solid (65%, 52.5 mg); m.p.: 117-118 °C; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.76 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.84 (m, 3H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 2H), 3.81 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (td, J = 6.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.56 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 171.6, 159.4 (J = 242.0 Hz), 136.8, 133.4 (J = 2.7 Hz), 133.1, 129.6, 128.6, 128.0, 121.6 (J = 7.8 Hz), 120.0, 115.6 (J = 22.3 Hz), 114.2, 60.7, 37.9, 33.2, 25.6, 23.6 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3365, 3043, 2939, 1729, 1677, 1603, 1510, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 405.1973, found 405.1974.

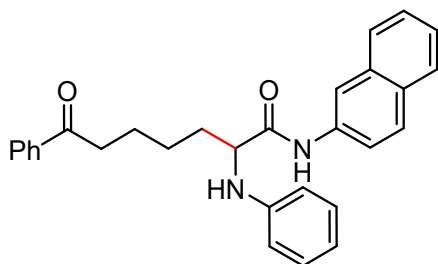


***N*-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3r):** Colorless oil (42%, 39.2 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.94-7.73 (m, 6H), 7.58-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.68 (m, 2H),

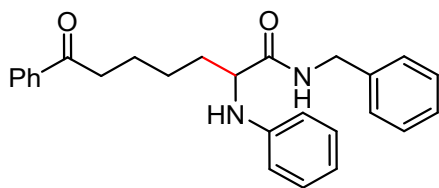
3.84 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 5H), 2.11-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.57 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.1, 172.5, 146.2, 142.3, 136.7, 135.3, 133.2, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 120.1, 119.7, 114.1, 60.7, 44.6, 37.9, 33.1, 25.6, 23.5$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3374, 3048, 2931, 1728, 1680, 1594, 1510, 756 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 465.1843, found 465.1845.



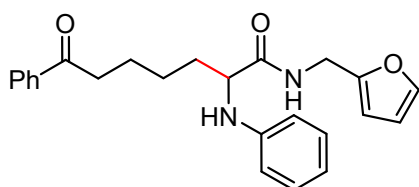
***N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3s):** White solid (50%, 43.6 mg); m.p.: 126-127 °C; $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.32$ (s, 1H), 8.03-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.67-7.41 (m, 7H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.83 (m, 3H), 3.97 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (td, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.26-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.67 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.1, 172.0, 146.6, 136.8, 134.0, 133.1, 131.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.0, 126.8, 126.2, 125.9, 125.7, 125.4, 120.2, 119.9, 114.1, 60.7, 38.0, 33.5, 25.8, 23.8$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3365, 3056, 2968, 1726, 1679, 1601, 1526, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 437.2224, found 437.2223.



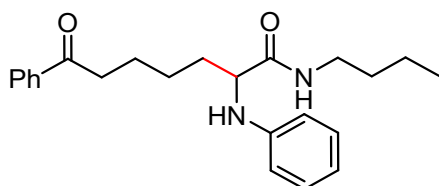
***N*-(naphthalen-2-yl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3t):** White solid (53%, 46.2 mg); m.p.: 161-162 °C; $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.97$ (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.73 (m, 2H), 3.88 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (td, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.1, 171.7, 136.8, 134.8, 133.8, 133.1, 130.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.5, 125.0, 119.8, 116.6, 114.5, 61.1, 37.9, 33.2, 25.6, 23.6$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3349, 3053, 2941, 1732, 1678, 1601, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 437.2224, found 437.2223.



N-benzyl-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3u): White solid (77%, 61.6 mg); m.p.: 99-100 °C; R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 7H), 6.83-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 4.50 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.59-1.50 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 173.3, 146.6, 138.1, 136.8, 133.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 119.2, 113.8, 59.7, 43.1, 38.0, 33.3, 25.7, 23.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3339, 3052, 2936, 1731, 1674, 1601, 753 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 401.2224, found 401.2226.

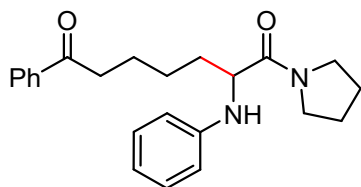


N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3v): Colorless oil (80%, 62.4 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 6.25-6.24 (m, 1H), 6.11-6.10 (m, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 15.6 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 15.6 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.08-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 173.3, 151.2, 146.7, 142.0, 136.8, 133.0, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 119.1, 113.7, 110.3, 107.1, 59.6, 38.0, 36.1, 33.2, 25.5, 23.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3356, 3057, 2935, 1715, 1676, 1601, 747 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 391.2016, found 391.2021.

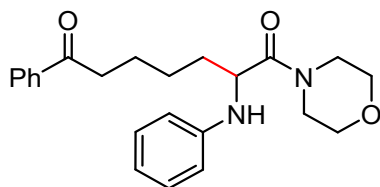


N-butyl-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3w): Colorless oil (49%, 39.1 mg); R_f = 0.1 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 3.70 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz,

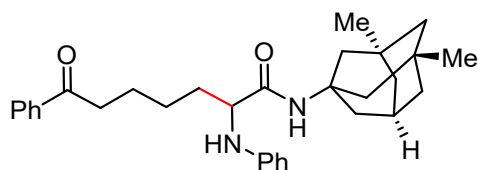
4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (td, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.08-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.19 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.1, 173.0, 146.6, 136.8, 133.1, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 119.3, 113.9, 59.9, 39.0, 38.0, 33.2, 31.6, 25.6, 23.7, 19.9, 13.6$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3343, 3051, 2934, 1710, 1678, 1602, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.2380, found 367.2383.



7-Phenyl-2-(phenylamino)-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)heptane-1,7-dione (3x): Colorless oil (64%, 46.7 mg); $R_f = 0.1$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.94$ -7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.66 (m, 2H), 4.18 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.58-3.41 (m, 4H), 2.97 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.73 (m, 6H), 1.54-1.50 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.1, 171.3, 146.7, 136.9, 133.0, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 118.5, 114.2, 55.7, 46.4, 46.0, 38.3, 32.4, 26.1, 25.2, 24.1, 24.0$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3346, 3054, 2939, 1710, 1681, 1503, 753 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 365.2224, found 365.2222.

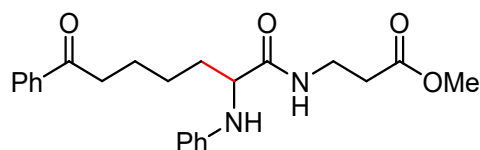


1-Morpholino-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptane-1,7-dione (3y): Colorless oil (58%, 44.1 mg); $R_f = 0.1$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.94$ -7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 2H), 4.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.65-3.56 (m, 8H), 2.97 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.67 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.48 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.0, 171.5, 146.7, 136.9, 133.0, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 118.6, 114.1, 66.9, 66.6, 53.5, 46.0, 42.5, 38.2, 32.7, 25.1, 24.0$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3341, 3021, 2927, 1720, 1680, 1601, 1503, 751 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 381.2173, found 381.2175.

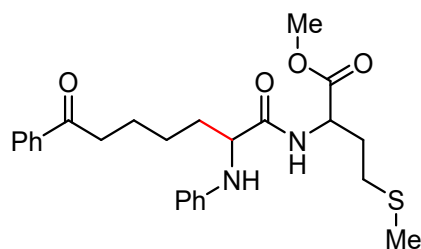


N-((3R,5S,7r)-3,5-dimethyladamantan-1-yl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamide (3z):

White solid (67%, 63.4 mg); m.p.: 122-123 °C; R_f = 0.1 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.55 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.55 (m, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.03-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.45 (m, 11H), 1.28-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.19-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.08-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.74 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 172.2, 146.8, 136.9, 133.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 119.1, 113.9, 60.5, 53.0, 50.5, 47.3, 47.2, 42.6, 39.8, 38.0, 33.3, 32.3, 30.0, 29.9, 25.5, 23.8 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3351, 3038, 2901, 1720, 1678, 1601, 1513, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 473.3163, found 473.3165.

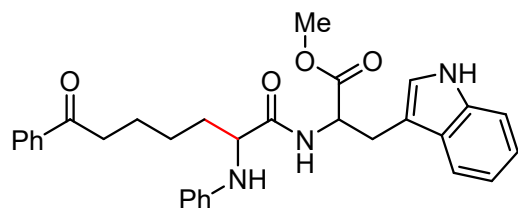


Methyl 3-(7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanamido)propanoate (4a): Light yellow oil (68%, 53.8 mg); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.60 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.42 (m, 5H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.04-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.1, 173.3, 172.3, 146.3, 136.8, 133.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 119.2, 113.7, 59.6, 51.6, 38.0, 34.6, 33.8, 33.1, 25.6, 23.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3358, 3055, 2947, 1733, 1657, 1602, 1508, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 397.2122, found 397.2121.

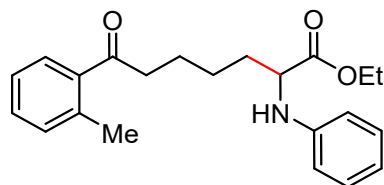


Methyl (7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoyl)methioninate (4b): Light yellow oil (57%, 52.1 mg, d.r. = 1:1.4); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.64 (m, 2H), 4.74-4.64 (m, 1H), 3.80-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.13-1.76 (m, 9H), 1.59-1.54 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 173.6, 173.3, 172.3, 171.7, 146.6, 146.5, 136.8, 133.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 119.3, 119.2, 114.1, 113.5, 59.7, 59.4, 52.4, 52.3, 51.3, 51.0, 38.0, 33.1, 31.2, 30.0, 29.7, 25.5, 23.7, 23.6, 15.4, 15.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max}

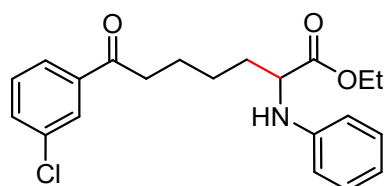
3350, 3055, 2921, 1740, 1673, 1600, 1505, 752 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 457.2156, found 457.2157.



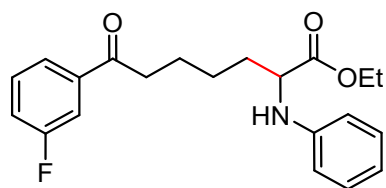
Methyl (7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoyl)tryptophanate (4c): Light yellow oil (55%, 56.4 mg, d.r. = 1:1.6); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 4H), 6.94-6.25 (m, 5H), 4.84-4.83 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.53 (m, 4H), 3.28-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.80 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.41-1.17 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.3, 200.1, 173.1, 173.0, 172.1, 171.9, 136.8, 136.1, 136.0, 133.1, 133.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 123.2, 122.8, 122.1, 122.0, 119.5, 119.4, 118.5, 118.4, 114.3, 113.6, 111.3, 111.1, 110.1, 109.2, 59.8, 59.3, 52.6, 52.3, 52.2, 51.8, 38.0, 33.1, 32.9, 27.6, 27.4, 25.5, 25.3, 23.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3367, 3055, 2926, 1740, 1661, 1601, 1507, 748 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 512.2544, found 512.2540.



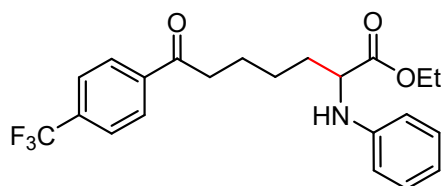
Ethyl 7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)-7-(*o*-tolyl)heptanoate (5a): Light yellow oil (64%, 44.9 mg); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.60-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 204.2, 174.0, 146.8, 138.1, 137.8, 131.9, 131.1, 129.3, 128.2, 125.6, 118.3, 113.5, 61.1, 56.5, 41.2, 32.9, 25.2, 24.0, 21.2, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3382, 3055, 2933, 1731, 1682, 1602, 1505, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.2064, found 354.2063.



Ethyl 7-(3-chlorophenyl)-7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (5b): Light yellow oil (62%, 46.3 mg); $R_f = 0.2$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.90$ (s, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.5, 174.0, 146.8, 138.5, 134.9, 132.9, 129.9, 129.3, 128.1, 126.1, 118.4, 113.6, 61.1, 56.5, 38.3, 32.8, 25.2, 23.7, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3386, 3045, 2939, 1732, 1688, 1603, 1507, 791, 690 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 374.1517, found 374.1524.



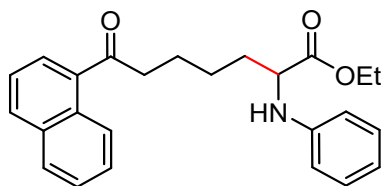
Ethyl 7-(3-fluorophenyl)-7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (5c): Colorless oil (54%, 38.6 mg); $R_f = 0.2$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.72$ -7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.6, 174.0, 162.9$ (d, $J = 246.5$ Hz), 146.8, 139.0 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 129.3, 123.7 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 120.0 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 118.4, 114.7 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 113.6, 61.1, 56.6, 38.4, 32.8, 25.2, 23.7, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3384, 3057, 2940, 1732, 1688, 1599, 1506, 796, 690 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{FNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 358.1813, found 358.1808.



Ethyl 7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)-7-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)heptanoate (5d): Light yellow oil (47%, 38.3 mg); $R_f = 0.2$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.03$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.08 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.97-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.58-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 198.9, 174.0, 146.7, 139.6, 134.3$ (q, $J = 32.2$ Hz), 129.3, 128.3, 125.7 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.6 (d, $J = 270.9$ Hz), 118.4, 113.6, 61.1, 56.5, 38.5,

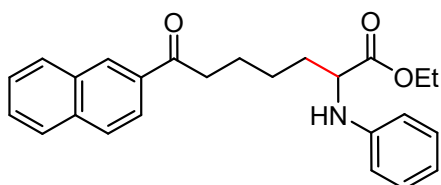
32.8, 25.2, 23.6, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3374, 3051, 2936, 1731, 1690, 1602, 1506, 750 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 408.1781, found 408.1781.



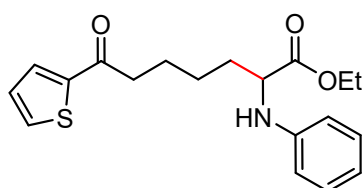
Ethyl 7-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (5e): Light yellow oil (52%, 40.5 mg);

R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.55-8.53 (m, 1H), 7.99-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 204.4, 174.0, 146.8, 136.2, 133.9, 132.4, 130.1, 129.3, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 125.7, 124.3, 118.3, 113.5, 61.1, 56.5, 41.9, 32.8, 25.2, 24.3, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3389, 3053, 2937, 1731, 1681, 1602, 1507, 785 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 390.2064, found 390.2068.



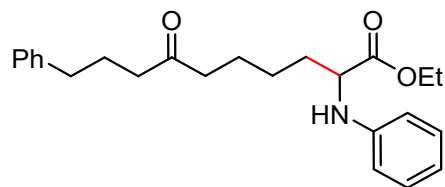
Ethyl 7-(naphthalen-2-yl)-7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (5f): White solid (62%, 48.2 mg); m.p.:

103-104 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.03-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 174.0, 146.8, 135.5, 134.3, 132.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 124.8, 118.4, 113.6, 61.1, 56.6, 38.3, 32.9, 25.3, 24.0, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3376, 3052, 2937, 1732, 1681, 1602, 1507, 787 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 390.2064, found 390.2070.

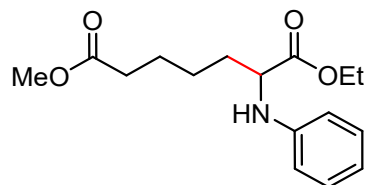


Ethyl 7-oxo-2-(phenylamino)-7-(thiophen-2-yl)heptanoate (5g): Colorless oil (65%, 44.9 mg); R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.69-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m,

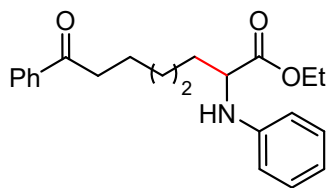
3H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 192.9, 174.0, 146.8, 144.3, 133.4, 131.7, 129.3, 128.0, 118.3, 113.5, 61.1, 56.5, 39.0, 32.8, 25.2, 24.2, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3384, 3054, 2936, 1730, 1658, 1602, 1509, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1471, found 346.1475.



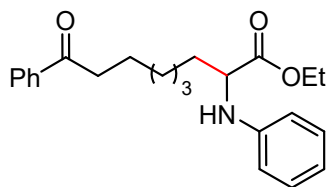
Ethyl 7-oxo-10-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)decanoate (5h): Light yellow oil (75%, 57.2 mg); $R_f = 0.2$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.30$ -7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 5H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.41-2.36 (m, 4H), 1.94-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 210.5, 174.0, 146.8, 141.6, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 118.3, 113.5, 61.1, 56.5, 42.4, 41.9, 35.1, 32.8, 25.2, 25.1, 23.3, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3387, 3057, 2938, 1715, 1603, 1505, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 382.2377, found 382.2375.



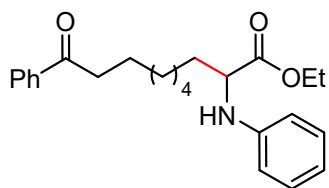
Ethyl 7-oxo-10-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)decanoate (5i): Light yellow oil (60%, 35.2 mg); $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.18$ -7.14 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.63 (m, 4H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 174.0, 173.8, 146.8, 129.3, 118.3, 113.5, 61.0, 56.5, 51.5, 33.7, 32.6, 25.1, 24.6, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3387, 3053, 2948, 1729, 1602, 1505, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 394.1700, found 394.1705.



Ethyl 8-oxo-8-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)octanoate (5j): Light yellow oil (46%, 32.5 mg); $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.96\text{--}7.93$ (m, 2H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.63–6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.91–1.72 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.39 (m, 4H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.2, 174.1, 146.9, 137.0, 132.9, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 118.3, 113.5, 61.0, 56.6, 38.3, 32.9, 29.0, 25.4, 24.0, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3385, 3056, 2935, 1732, 1682, 1506, 743, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.2064, found 354.2064.

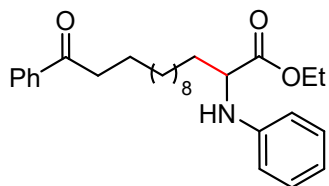


Ethyl 9-oxo-9-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)nonanoate (5k): Light yellow oil (79%, 58.0 mg); $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.96\text{--}7.94$ (m, 2H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.63–6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.87–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.39 (m, 6H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.3, 174.1, 146.9, 137.0, 132.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 118.1, 113.4, 60.9, 56.6, 38.4, 32.9, 29.1, 29.0, 25.3, 24.1, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3383, 3056, 2933, 1731, 1682, 1505, 749, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 368.2220, found 368.2223

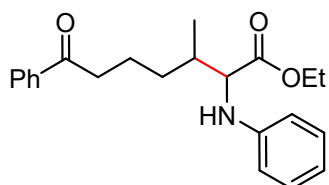


Ethyl 10-oxo-10-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)decanoate (5l): Light yellow oil (57%, 43.4 mg); $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.96\text{--}7.94$ (m, 2H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.74–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.63–6.61 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.86–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.42–1.35 (m, 8H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 200.5, 174.2, 146.9, 137.1, 132.9, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 118.2, 113.4, 61.0, 56.6, 38.5, 33.0, 29.2, 29.1, 29.0, 25.5, 24.2, 14.2$ ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3375, 3055,

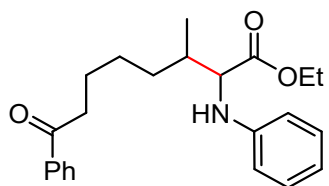
2932, 1733, 1684, 1508, 752, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 382.2377, found 382.2379.



Ethyl 14-oxo-14-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)tetradecanoate (5m): Light yellow oil (76%, 66.4 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.23 (m, 19H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.6, 174.2, 146.9, 137.1, 132.8, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 118.2, 113.5, 60.9, 56.7, 38.6, 33.0, 29.5 (2C), 29.4 (2C), 29.3 (2C), 25.5, 24.2, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3386, 3056, 2925, 1733, 1684, 1507, 750, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 438.3003, found 438.3006.

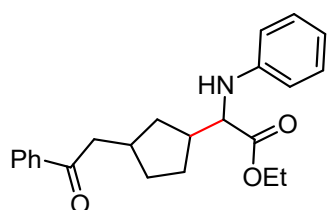


Ethyl 3-methyl-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (5n): Light yellow oil (73%, 51.5 mg, d.r. = 1:1); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 0.5H), 3.94 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 0.5H), 3.01-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.0, 173.6, 173.4, 147.3, 147.1, 137.0, 133.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 118.3, 118.2, 113.7, 113.6, 61.4, 60.9 (2C), 38.5, 36.4, 36.1, 32.9, 32.5, 21.9, 21.7, 16.0, 15.3, 14.3 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3371, 3054, 2935, 1731, 1684, 1507, 786, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.2064, found 354.2066.

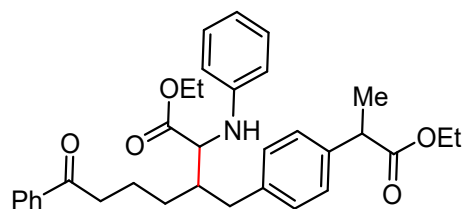


Ethyl 3-methyl-8-oxo-8-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)octanoate (5o): Light yellow oil (70%, 51.4 mg, d.r.

= 1:1); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.97-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 0.5H), 3.93 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 0.5H), 3.00-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.29 (m, 7H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (dd, J = 9.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 200.3, 173.7, 173.4, 147.4, 147.1, 137.0, 132.9, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 118.2, 118.1, 113.7, 113.6, 61.4, 60.9 (2C), 60.8, 38.4, 36.2, 36.0, 33.1, 32.7, 26.9, 26.8, 24.3, 24.2, 15.9, 15.3, 14.3 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3371, 3056, 2934, 1731, 1683, 1507, 752, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 368.2220, found 368.2223.



Ethyl 2-(3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclopentyl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate (5p): Light yellow oil (57 %, 41.6 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.19-1.44 (m, 6H), 1.31-1.20 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9, 199.7, 174.0, 173.9, 173.8, 147.3, 147.28, 147.21, 147.17, 137.1, 133.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 118.3, 113.6, 113.5, 60.9, 60.7, 44.8, 44.7, 44.6, 44.5, 42.8, 42.7, 41.9, 41.8, 36.5, 35.8, 35.4, 35.0, 34.9, 34.7, 33.0, 32.6, 31.5, 29.4, 29.1, 27.8, 27.6, 14.2 ppm; IR (neat): ν_{max} 3379, 3027, 2950, 1729, 1681, 1506, 750, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 366.2064, found 366.2064.



ethyl 3-(4-(1-ethoxy-1-oxopropan-2-yl)benzyl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)heptanoate (5q): Light yellow oil (52%, 55.0 mg); R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.95-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.05 (m, 6H), 6.75-6.66 (m, 1H), 6.55-6.35 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.06 (m, 5H), 3.74-3.66 (m, 1H), 2.97-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.67 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.45 (m, 6H), 1.32-1.19 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 199.9,

199.8, 174.6, 173.7, 173.0, 147.2, 147.28, 138.7, 138.5, 136.9, 133.0, 132.9, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 118.4, 118.1, 113.9, 113.5, 61.2, 61.0, 60.7, 58.3, 57.7, 45.1, 43.4, 42.9, 38.5, 36.7, 36.0, 29.6, 29.5, 22.0, 21.8, 18.5, 14.3, 14.2, 14.1 ppm; IR (neat): $\nu_{\max}$ 3367, 3055, 2977, 1729, 1685, 1509, 752, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 530.2901, found 530.2904.

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