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# **Supplementary Information**

## A Practical Approach for Oligopeptide Synthesis via Synergistic Photoredox, Cobaloxime, and Organophosphorus Triple Catalysis

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#### 1. General Information

All reactions were performed in dry solvents under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and anhydrous conditions. Acetonitrile (MeCN) was freshly distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use. All other reagents were used as received from commercial sources. Pd/C was 10% palladium on carbon (wetted with ca. 55% water). Reactions were monitored through thin layer chromatography (TLC) on 0.25-mm silica gel plates and visualized with UV light (254 nm) and w.t.10% phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol solution. Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed using silica gel. NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker Magnet System 400 Ascend instruments, calibrated to CD(H)Cl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO $d_6$ , CD<sub>3</sub>OD as the internal reference (7.26, 2.50, 3.31 and 77.0, 39.5, 49.0 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm). The following abbreviations indicate the multiplicities: s, singlet. d, doublet. t, triplet. q, quartet. m, multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using Thermo Fisher Scientific Q Exactive Plus mass spectrometer with electrospray ionization (ESI) probe operating in positive ion mode or Thermo Fisher Scientific Exactive GC high-resolution orbitrap GC mass using electron impact. Gas chromatography (GC) was performed on a Techcomp GC 7900 instrument. High Performance Liquid Chromatography were obtained SHIMADZU LC-2030 Plus. The photocatalysts from  $[Ir(dF(CF_3)ppy)_2(dtbbpy)]PF_6^1$  and the cobaloximes Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to previous reports.

The abbreviations and structures for all amino acids in the manuscript were shown below:

entry	abbreviation	amino acid	structure
1	Gly	glycine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
2	Ala	<i>L</i> -alanine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
3	Val	<i>L</i> -valine	H <sub>2</sub> N, OH
4	Leu	<i>L</i> -leucine	H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N
5	lle	L-isoleucine	О H <sub>2</sub> N,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
6	Phe	L-phenylalanine	H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N
7	Pro	<i>L</i> -proline	OH NH
8	Cys	L-cysteine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
9	Met	L-methionine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
10	Ser	<i>L</i> -serine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
11	Thr	<i>L</i> -threonine	H <sub>2</sub> N,,,,OH
12	Tyr	L-tyrosine	
13	Lys	<i>L</i> -lysine	

14	Arg	L-arginine	
15	His	<i>L</i> -histidine	
16	Trp	<i>L</i> -tryptophan	HN NH <sub>2</sub> OH
17	Asp	L-aspartic acid	
18	Glu	L-glutamic acid	но ОН
19	Asn	L-asparagine	
20	Gln	<i>L</i> -glutamine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH NH <sub>2</sub> OH
21	Phg	L-phenylglycine	H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> N H <sub>2</sub> OH
22	Orn	<i>L</i> -ornithine	
23	β-Ala	β-alanine	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
24	Aib	2-aminoisobutyric acid	H <sub>2</sub> N OH
25	A <sub>c5c</sub>	1-aminocyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid	H <sub>2</sub> N OH

## 2. Reaction Optimization

## 2.1 Reaction setup

All the reactions were performed with an RLH-18 octet photocatalytic parallel reaction system (Figure S1), which was purchased from Beijing Roger tech Ltd. The reaction system was equipped with eight 456 nm 10 W blue light LEDs (Figure S2) and placed on a magnetic hotplate stirrer (DLAB MS-H-Pro<sup>A</sup>) to keep the reaction temperature at 65 °C.



Figure S1. Integrated photoreactor and associated equipment

## **RLH-18 10WLED Test report**

#### Product Mark

Model: 1-455nm(456.7)@10W

Temperature: 20° C Tester: Wu Manufacture: Beijing Rogertech Ltd Humidity: 65% Test Date: 2022-06-21,15:34:31

Parameter							
Name	Value	Name	Value	Name	Value	Name	Value
ESuv(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.0000	CIE u,v	0.1839,0.0693	CIE1931 Y	130873.648		
Euvc(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.0000	CIE u',v'	0.1839,0.1039	CIE1931 Z	2949318.500		
Euvb(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.0000	SDCM	100.00	TLCI-2012	1		
Euva(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.0000	Ra	-63.7	Integral Time(ms)	0.1		
Euv(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.00	Ee(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	194.23262	Peak Signal	53258		
Eb(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	190.91	S/P	20.108	Dark Signal	2045		
Eg(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.67	Dominant(nm)	461.30	Compensate level	2878		
Er(mW/cm°)	0.00	Purity(%)	98.5				
Eir(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.00	HalfWidth(nm)	25.2				
E(lx)	89386.70	Peak(nm)	456.7				
Candle E(fc)	8304.23	Center(nm)	457.4				
CCT(K)	100000	Centroid(nm)	458.5				
Duv	-0.05186	Color Ratio(RGB)	0.0,12.1,87.9				
CIE x,y	0.1446,0.0363	CIE1931 X	520893.188				





Figure S2. RLH-18 10W LED Test Report

#### 2.2 General procedure



To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-*L*-Val-OH (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *L*-Ala-OMe·HCI (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.06 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (2 mL), TMDS (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 12 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford the desired peptide product.

#### 2.3 Optimization details



1 mol% **PC** ·  $PF_6$ , 30 mol%  $PPh_3$ Cbz-Val-OH OBn 5 mol% cobaloxime catalyst Cbz + PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv) H-Ala-OBn · HCl 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) Cbz-Val-Ala-OBn MeCN (0.03 M), blue LEDs, 65 °C ΣN- $OH_2$ **Co<sup>III</sup>-A**;  $R_1 = R_2 = CI$ ; Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>  $Co^{II}$ -I; Co(dmgBF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> **Co<sup>III</sup>-B**;  $R_1 = CI$ ;  $R_2 = Py$ ; Co(dmgH)<sub>2</sub>PyCI **Co<sup>III</sup>-C**; R<sub>1</sub> = CI; R<sub>2</sub> = 4-OMePy; Co(dmgH)<sub>2</sub>(4-OMePy)CI **Co<sup>III</sup>-D**; R<sub>1</sub> = CI; R<sub>2</sub> = 4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py; Co(dmgH)<sub>2</sub>(4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py)CI **Co<sup>III</sup>-E**; R<sub>1</sub> = CI; R<sub>2</sub> = 4-CNPy; Co(dmgH)<sub>2</sub>(4-CNPy)CI **Co<sup>III</sup>-F**;  $R_1 = CI$ ;  $R_2 = 4$ -COMePy; Co(dmgH)<sub>2</sub>(4-COMePy)CI Co<sup>III</sup>-G; R<sub>1</sub> = CI; R<sub>2</sub> = 4-COOMePy; Co(dmgH)<sub>2</sub>(4-COOMePy)CI **Co<sup>III</sup>-H**;  $R_1 = R_2 = Py$ ; Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Py<sub>2</sub>

entry	cobaloxime catalyst	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>
1	Α	49
2	В	43
3	С	42
4	D	42
5	E	40
6	F	45
7	G	38
8	н	46
9	I	trace

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products.





entry	[Si-H]	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>
1	PhSiH₃	49
2 <sup>b</sup>	PhSiH₃	55
3 <sup>c</sup>	PhSiH₃	39
4	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	35
5	Ph₃SiH	30
6 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	(EtO)₂MeSiH	22
7 <sup>b</sup>	(EtO)₃SiH	44
8 <sup>b</sup>	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	60
9 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	PMHS	25
10	TMDS	46
11 <sup><i>b</i></sup>	TMDS	77
12 <sup>c</sup>	TMDS	37

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products. <sup>b</sup>InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) was added. <sup>c</sup>Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> (10 mol%) was added. <sup>d</sup>bis-(4-nitrophenyl)phosphate (15 mol%) was added.

Cbz-Val-OH	1 mol% <b>PC ·</b> PF <sub>6</sub> 5 mol% <b>A</b> , 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub>	
+ H-Ala-OBn • HCl	TMDS (3.0 equiv), <b>[In.]</b> (2 mol%) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) MeCN (0.03 M), blue LEDs, 65 ℃	Cbz-Val-Ala-OBn
entry	[ln.]	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>
1	InCl₃	38
2	Inl <sub>3</sub>	63
3	$In_2(SO_4)_3$	37
4	In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	36
5	In(acac)₃	35
6	InAc <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	37
7	In(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·xH <sub>2</sub> O	32
8	InBr <sub>3</sub>	77
9	InBr <sub>3</sub>	66
10	InBr <sub>3</sub>	71
11	InBr <sub>3</sub>	65

## Table S3. Screening of additives

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products. <sup>b</sup>InBr<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%) was added. <sup>c</sup>InBr<sub>3</sub> (5 mol%) was added. <sup>d</sup>InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) was added.

Cbz-Val-OH	1 mol% <b>PC</b> ⋅ PF <sub>6</sub> 5 mol% <b>A</b> , 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub>	
+ H-Ala-OBn • HCl	TMDS (3.0 equiv), InBr <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) base (1.5 equiv) MeCN (0.03 M), blue LEDs, 65 ℃	Cbz-Val-Ala-OBn
entry	base	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>
1	2,4,6-collidine	77
2	2,6-lutidine	66
3	DBU	67
4	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	63
5	Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	60
6	NaHCO₃	67

## Table S4. Screening of bases

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products.

## Table S5. Screening of temperature

Cbz-Val-OH	1 mol% <b>PC ·</b> PF <sub>6</sub> 5 mol% <b>A</b> , 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub>	
+ H-Ala-OBn • HCl	TMDS (3.0 equiv), InBr <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) MeCN (0.03 M), blue LEDs, <b>x</b> ℃	Cbz-Val-Ala-OBn
entry	S∘ x	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>
1	25	41
2	50	40
3	65	77
4	80	68

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products.

## Table S6. Screening of solvent

Cbz-Val-OH + H-Ala-OBn • HCl	1 mol% <b>PC</b> • PF <sub>6</sub> 5 mol% <b>A</b> , 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub> TMDS (3.0 equiv), InBr <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) <b>solvent</b> (0.03M), blue LEDs, 65 ℃	Cbz-Val-Ala-OBn
entry	solvent	yield(%)ª
1	DCE	62
2	THF	trace
3	1,4-dioxane	N.D.
4	DMF	N.D.

5	DMSO	N.P.
6	MeCN	77
7 <sup>b</sup>	MeCN	65
8 <sup>c</sup>	MeCN	81
9 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	MeCN	71

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products. <sup>b</sup>MeCN (0.05M). <sup>c</sup>MeCN (0.1M). <sup>d</sup>MeCN (0.2M).

Cbz-Val-OH + H-Ala-OR • HCl	1 mol% <b>PC</b> ⋅ PF <sub>6</sub> 5 mol% <b>A</b> , 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub>		
	TMDS (3.0 equiv), InBr <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) MeCN (0.1 M), blue LEDs, 65 ℃	Cbz-Val-Ala-OR	
entry	R	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>	
1	Bzl	81	
2	<sup>t</sup> Bu	83	
3	Et	77	
4	Ме	86	

#### Table S7. Screening of protecting groups

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products.

Meanwhile, a series of unprotected amino acids were investigated. As shown in Figure S3, the reaction with unprotected tyrosine (Tyr) and arginine (Arg) led to a complicated mixture, and the yields of the target dipeptides were significantly reduced.





Figure S3. The reactions with unprotected amino acids





<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products.

Cbz-Val-OH	x mol% photocatalyst 5 mol% A, 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub> ➤	H C	
H-Ala-OMe HCl	TMDS (3.0 equiv), InBr <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) MeCN (0.1 M), blue LEDs, 65 ℃	Cbz- <b>Val-Ala</b> -OMe	
entry	photocatalyst	x	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	[Ir(dF(CF <sub>3</sub> )ppy) <sub>2</sub> (dtbbpy)]PF <sub>6</sub>	1	86
2	lr(ppy)₃	1	trace
3	[Ir(dF(Me)ppy)2(dtbbpy)]PF6	1	55
4	Ru(bpy)₃·6H₂O	1	trace
5	Ru(bpz) <sub>3</sub> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1	trace
6	4-CzIPN	5	23
7	Mes-Acr⁺BF₄⁻	5	20
8 <sup>b</sup>	EosinY-2Na	5	16

## Table S9. Screening of photocatalysts

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products. <sup>b</sup>Irradiated by green LED lamps.

## Table S10. Studying of nucleophiles

		1 mol% <b>PC</b> ⋅ PF <sub>6</sub> 5 mol% <b>A</b> , 30 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub>	H L
Cbz-vai	-OH + NU-H -	TMDS (3.0 equiv), InBr <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) MeCN (0.1 M), blue LEDs, 65 ℃	Cbz <sup>r</sup> Nu
entry	Nu-H	product	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1		H Cbz	89
2	SF		15

Cbz

38

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products.

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## 2.4 Comparative experiments

In our previous work, we reported a photocatalytic strategy for the formation of acyloxyphosphonium ions that enabled direct amidation. Hence, comparative experiments were conducted in Figure S4. The yield of the reaction between sterically

hindered Cbz-Val-OH and H-Ala-OMe•HCl improved from 41% to 86% with the triple catalytic system, indicating that the current process was more efficient.



Figure S4. Comparative experiments

#### 2.5 Characterization data

#### Cbz-Val-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 154 - 157 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 - 7.09 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 - 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.74 - 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.20 - 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.21 - 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 - 0.79 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.1, 171.0, 156.4, 136.2, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 67.0, 60.1, 52.4, 48.0, 31.3, 19.0, 18.0, 17.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 337.17580, found 337.17426.

#### Cbz-Val-Ala-OEt



White solid, m.p.: 162 - 163 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **OEt**  $\delta$  7.50 - 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 - 4.92 (m, 2H), 4.64 - 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.33 - 3.96 (m, 3H), 2.16 - 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* =

= 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.7, 171.2, 156.5, 136.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 66.8, 61.3, 60.1, 48.0, 31.4, 19.1, 18.0, 17.9, 14.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 351.19145, found 351.19000.

#### Cbz-Val-Ala-OBzl



White solid, m.p.: 153 - 155 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 - 7.13 (m, 10H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.30 - 4.89 (m, 4H), 4.62 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 - 3.94 (m, 1H), 2.15 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.6, 171.2, 156.5, 136.3, 135.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 67.1, 66.9, 60.1, 48.0, 31.4, 19.1, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 413.20710, found 413.20516.

#### Cbz-Val-Ala-O<sup>t</sup>Bu



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 – 4.87 (m, 2H), 4.46 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.9, 171.0, 156.5, 136.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 81.7, 66.8, 60.1, 48.6, 31.4, 27.9, 19.2, 18.2, 17.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5<sup>+</sup></sub> ([M + H] <sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 379.22275, found 379.22106.

#### benzyl ((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-L-valinate



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.04 (m, 10H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 – 4.97 (m, 4H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.9, 156.3,

136.3, 135.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 77.4, 77.3, 77.1, 76.8, 67.0, 59.0, 31.3, 19.0, 17.4. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{22}NO_4^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 342.16998, found 342.16962.

#### S-(p-tolyl) (S)-2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutanethioate



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.59 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.18 (m, 4H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.1, 156.2, 139.9, 136.1, 134.5, 130.1, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 123.4, 67.3, 65.6, 31.2, 21.3, 19.4, 16.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 380.12909, found 380.12903.

# benzyl (S)-(3-methyl-1-(1-methyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexyl)-1-oxobutan-2-yl) carbamate



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.45 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.15 (m, 5H), 2.12 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.0, 169.0, 163.8, 156.2, 136.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 125.1, 67.3, 59.2, 36.9, 30.9, 28.4, 20.8, 19.2, 17.4, 8.4. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{20}H_{25}NO_5Na^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 382.16249, found 382.16196.

#### 3. Dipeptide Synthesis

#### 3.1 General procedure



To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added protected amino acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), amino acid ester hydrochloride (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.15 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (5 mL), TMDS (1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 12 to 20 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford the desired dipeptide product.

#### 3.2 Characterization data

#### Cbz-Val-Gly-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $154 - 158 \degree$ C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 - 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.28 - 4.09 (m, 1H), 4.10 - 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.27 - 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.07 - 0.77 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.9, 170.1, 156.5, 136.2,

128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 67.0, 60.2, 52.2, 41.0, 31.1, 19.1, 17.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{16}H_{23}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 323.16015, found 323.15857.

#### Cbz-Val-Val-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $104 - 106 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 - 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 - 4.96 (m, 2H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 - 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.29 - 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.18 - 0.55 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.3,

171.6, 156.5, 136.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 66.9, 60.2, 57.1, 52.0, 31.2, 31.0, 19.1, 18.9, 18.0, 17.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{29}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 365.20710, found 365.20552.

#### Cbz-Val-Phe-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 144 - 146 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.27 - 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 - 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.89 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 - 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.27 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.22 - 1.93

(m, 1H), 1.14 – 0.61 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.7, 171.1, 156.3, 136.3, 135.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 67.0, 60.2, 53.2, 52.3, 37.9, 31.2, 19.1, 17.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 413.20710, found 413.20530.

Cbz-Val-Leu-OMe



Light yellow solid, m.p.:  $101 - 104 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 - 7.12 (m, 5H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 - 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.72 - 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.22 - 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.23 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.77 - 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.58 - 1.44 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 - 0.74 (m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 173.2, 171.2, 156.4, 136.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 66.9, 60.1, 52.2, 50.7, 41.2, 31.4, 24.8, 22.7, 21.8, 19.0, 17.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{20}H_{31}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 379.22275, found 379.22109.

#### Cbz-Val-Ile-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $120 - 122 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 - 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 - 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.19 - 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.96 - 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.51 - 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.24 - 1.09 (m, m)

1H), 1.05 – 0.69 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.2, 171.4, 156.4, 136.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 66.9, 60.1, 56.4, 52.0, 37.6, 31.3, 25.1, 19.1, 17.9, 15.4, 11.5. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 379.22275, found 379.22107.

#### Cbz-Gly-Ala-OMe



Light yellow solid, m.p.: 89 – 92 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.56 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 169.0, 156.7, 136.2, 128.5,

128.1, 128.0, 67.0, 52.4, 48.0, 44.3, 17.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H] <sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 295.12885, found 295.12753.

#### Cbz-Ala-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 90 – 93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ .OMe 7.45 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.55 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 172.2, 156.0, 136.2,

128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 66.9, 52.4, 50.3, 48.0, 18.8, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{15}H_{21}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 309.14450, found 309.14284.

#### Cbz-Phe-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $128 - 131 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) OMe  $\delta$  7.54 - 7.03 (m, 10H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 - 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.65 - 4.37 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.15 - 2.93 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 170.8, 156.0, 136.3,

136.2, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.0, 67.0, 56.0, 52.4, 48.1, 38.6, 18.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{21}H_{25}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 385.17580, found 385.17407.

#### Cbz-Leu-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 93 - 95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.45 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 - 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.56 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 - 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.83 - 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.58 - 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.07 - 0.75 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 172.0, 156.2,

136.2, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 66.9, 53.3, 52.4, 48.0, 41.6, 24.6, 22.9, 21.9, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{18}H_{27}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 351.19145, found 351.18976.

#### **Cbz-lle-Ala-OMe**



White solid, m.p.: 119 - 122 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 - 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 - 4.91 (m, 2H), 4.68 - 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.95 - 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.64 - 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.21 - 1.08 (m,

1H), 1.02 – 0.67 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.1, 171.3, 156.4, 136.3,

128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 66.9, 59.4, 52.3, 47.9, 37.6, 24.7, 17.8, 15.2, 11.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{18}H_{27}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 351.19145, found 351.19052.

#### Cbz-Val-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 116 - 118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 - 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 - 4.93 (m, 2H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 - 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.17 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.02 - 0.69 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.9, 171.2,

156.4, 154.4, 136.4, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 124.1, 78.2, 66.9, 60.2, 53.4, 52.1, 37.4, 31.2, 28.8, 19.0, 17.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{27}H_{37}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 485.26461, found 485.26261.

#### Cbz-Val-Ser(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 4.96 (m, 2H), 4.81 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.24 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.02 – 0.75 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 170.6, 156.3,

136.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 73.4, 66.9, 61.7, 60.0, 52.8, 52.3, 31.6, 27.2, 19.0, 17.6. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{21}H_{33}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 409.23331, found 409.23149.

#### Cbz-Val-Thr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe



Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (s, 9H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 171.4, 170.9, 156.2, 136.3, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 74.0, 67.2, 66.9, 60.2, 57.8, 52.1, 31.1, 28.2, 28.2, 21.0, 19.2, 17.4. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{22}H_{35}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 423.24896, found 423.24698.

#### Cbz-Val-Asp(OMe)-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 135 - 137 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 - 6.94 (m, 6H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 -4.98 (m, 2H), 4.98 - 4.73 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 - 3.42 (m, 6H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 - 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.19 -0.66 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.4, 171.3, 171.0, 156.4, 136.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 66.8, 60.0, 52.7, 52.0, 48.3, 35.9, 31.5, 19.0, 17.7. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{27}N_2O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 395.18128, found 395.17965.

#### Cbz-Val-Glu(OMe)-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 124 - 128 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 - 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.70 - 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 - 3.45 (m, 6H), 2.54 - 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.27 - 2.14 (m Hz, 1H), 2.14 - 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.04 - 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.08 - 0.76 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 172.0, 171.5, 156.4, 136.3, 128.4, 128.1,

127.9, 66.9, 60.1, 52.4, 51.8, 51.6, 31.3, 30.0, 26.9, 19.0, 17.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{20}H_{29}N_2O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 409.19693, found 409.19496.

#### Cbz-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 115 - 118 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.16 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.96 - 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 - 4.94 (m, 2H), 4.61 - 4.32 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.45 - 1.18 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.8, 170.6, 156.0, 154.3, 136.2, 131.1, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1,

128.0, 124.2, 78.3, 67.0, 56.0, 52.4, 48.1, 37.9, 28.8, 18.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{25}H_{33}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 457.23331, found 457.23108.

#### Cbz-Ser(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-OMe



White oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.57 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 172.9, 169.9, 156.0, 136.2, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 74.1, 66.9, 61.7, 54.3, 52.3, 48.1, 27.2, 18.3. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{29}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 381.20201, found 381.20036.

#### Cbz-Thr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-Ala-OMe



White oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.52 (p, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.36 – 0.87 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 169.0, 156.0, 136.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 75.3, 66.7, 58.5, 52.2, 48.2, 28.1, 18.2,

16.7. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{20}H_{31}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 395.21766, found 395.21660.

#### Cbz-Asp(OBzI)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 127 - 129 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.14 (m, 10H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34 - 4.87 (m, 4H), 4.75 - 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.57 - 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 171.6, 170.0,

156.0, 136.0, 135.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 67.3, 66.9, 52.4, 50.9, 48.3, 36.4, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{23}H_{27}N_2O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 443.18128, found 443.17947.

Cbz-Glu(OBzl)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $127 - 128 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 - 7.17 (m, 10H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.0 \ Hz$ , 1H), 5.92 (d,  $J = 8.0 \ Hz$ , 1H), 5.25 - 4.90 (m, 4H), 4.63 - 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.69 - 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.28 - 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d,  $J = 8.0 \ Hz$ , 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.1, 173.0,

171.0, 156.2, 136.2, 135.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 67.0, 66.5, 53.8, 52.4, 48.1, 30.2, 28.2, 17.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{24}H_{29}N_2O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 457.19693, found 457.19484.

#### Fmoc-Asn(Trt)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 207 - 209 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.01 (m, 18H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 - 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.45 - 4.20 (m, 3H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.0, 171.1, 170.6, 156.3, 144.3, 143.9, 143.7, 141.3, 141.3, 128.8,

128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 127.1, 125.3, 120.0, 70.9, 67.3, 52.5, 51.3, 48.5, 47.1, 38.5, 17.6. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{42}H_{40}N_3O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 682.29116, found 682.29069.

#### Fmoc-GIn(Trt)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 141 - 144 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 - 6.92 (m, 18H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 - 4.35 (m, 1H), 4.35 - 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.23 - 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.62 - 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.15 - 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.1, 172.1, 171.3, 156.2, 144.6, 143.9, 143.8, 141.3, 141.3, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1,

127.1, 125.2, 120.0, 70.6, 67.0, 53.6, 52.4, 48.2, 47.1, 33.2, 29.6, 17.4. HRMS-ESI:

calcd for  $C_{43}H_{42}N_3O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 696.30681, found 696.30354.

#### Cbz-Lys(Cbz)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $145 - 148 \,^{\circ}$ C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 - 7.18 (m, 10H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.46 - 5.23 (m, 1H), 5.22 - 4.91 (m, 4H), 4.52 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 - 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 - 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.55 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.41 - 1.19 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 171.7, 156.7, 156.3, 136.6, 136.2, 128.5, 128.4,

128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 66.9, 66.5, 54.4, 52.4, 48.0, 40.3, 32.2, 29.2, 22.0, 17.7. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{26}H_{34}N_3O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 500.23913, found 500.23712.

#### Boc-His(Trt)-Ala-OMe



Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 9H), 7.19 – 7.02 (m, 6H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.18 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.0, 171.3, 155.7, 142.3, 138.5, 136.7, 129.7, 128.0, 128.0, 119.5, 79.6, 75.2, 54.4,

52.2, 48.0, 30.2, 28.3, 18.3. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{34}H_{39}N_4O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 583.29150, found 583.28876.

#### Cbz-Trp-Ala-OMe



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.56 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 – 4.88 (m, 2H), 4.67 – 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.42 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.0, 171.3, 156.2, 136.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 123.6, 122.0, 119.5, 118.7, 111.4, 109.9, 67.0, 55.5, 52.4, 48.2, 28.6, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{23}H_{26}N_3O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 424.18670, found 424.18558.

#### Cbz-Val-Lys(Cbz)-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $122 - 126 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 - 7.20 (m, 10H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 - 5.51 (m, 2H), 5.22 - 4.88 (m, 4H), 4.64 - 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.33 - 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.33 - 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.16 - 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.81 - 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.51 - 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.33 - 1.24 (m, 2H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.5, 172.0, 156.8, 156.7, 136.5, 136.2, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 67.1, 66.7, 59.9, 52.3, 40.3, 31.5, 31.4, 29.3, 22.5, 19.1, 17.5, 14.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 528.27043, found 528.26819.

#### Cbz-Val-His(Trt)-OMe



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 9H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.19 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.89 – 4.74 (m, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.2, 171.2, 156.3, 143.2,

141.7, 138.0, 136.4, 135.3, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.2, 124.2, 120.0, 119.1, 110.1, 75.9, 66.7, 59.9, 52.6, 52.2, 31.4, 29.3, 19.1, 17.5. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{39}H_{41}N_4O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 645.30715, found 645.30408.

#### Cbz-Val-Trp-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 152 - 154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 5.59 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3. 39 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.16 –

1.97 (m, 1H), 1.07 – 0.60 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.1, 171.7, 156.6, 136.2, 136.1, 128.5, 128.1, 128.1, 127.3, 123.4, 122.1, 119.5, 118.3, 111.4, 109.1, 67.0, 59.8, 52.8, 52.4, 31.6, 27.6, 19.1, 17.5. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 452.21800, found 452.21585.

#### Boc-Arg(Cbz)<sub>2</sub>-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $105 - 108 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.63 - 9.07 (m, 2H), 7.52 - 7.16 (m, 10H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 - 5.21 (m, 2H), 5.21 - 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.45 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 - 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.86

- 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.9, 171.7, 163.6, 160.8, 155.8, 155.6, 136.6, 134.6, 128.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 79.7, 68.9, 66.9, 53.6, 52.3, 48.0, 44.0, 28.8, 28.3, 24.6, 17.6. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 628.29770, found 628.29673.

#### **Boc-Pro-Ala-OMe**



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.52 (s, 1H), 4.38 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.0, 172.1, 155.6, 80.3, 60.8, 59.7, 52.3, 47.9, 47.0, 30.9, 28.2, 24.4, 23.6, 18.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for

 $C_{14}H_{25}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 301.17580, found 301.17441.

#### Cbz-Pro-Ala-OMe



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.20 (s, 0.5H), 6.54 (s, 0.5H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.68 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.41 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.63 (m, 3H), 3.62 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.06 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 171.3, 155.9, 136.4, 128.4, 128.0,

127.8, 67.2, 60.3, 52.3, 48.1, 47.5, 46.9, 31.0, 28.4, 24.5, 23.6, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{17}H_{23}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 335.16015, found 335.15856.

#### **Fmoc-Pro-Ala-OMe**



White oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 0.6H), 6.53 (s, 0.4H), 4.68 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.47 – 4.04 (m, 4H), 3.85 – 3.28 (m, 5H), 2.44 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.17 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

173.2, 171.3, 156.0, 143.8, 141.3, 127.7, 127.0, 125.1, 125.0, 120.0, 67.7, 60.8, 60.3, 52.3, 48.2, 47.5, 47.2, 47.0, 31.2, 28.5, 24.6, 23.5, 18.5, 18.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{24}H_{27}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 423.19145, found 423.19193.

#### Cbz-Val-Cys(Bzl)-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 174 - 177 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 - 6.92 (m, 10H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 - 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.89 - 4.66 (m, 1H), 4.19 - 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.89 - 3.41 (m, 5H), 2.87 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 - 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.10 - 0.71 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1, 170.9, 156.3, 137.6, 136.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 67.1, 60.1, 52.6, 51.6, 36.6, 33.1, 31.2, 19.1, 17.6. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 459.19482, found 459.19269.

#### **Cbz-Val-Met-OMe**



Light yellow solid, m.p.: 122 - 124 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 - 7.18 (m, 6H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 - 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 - 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.59 - 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.22 - 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.07 - 2.01 (m, 3H), 2.01 - 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.06 -

0.84 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.2, 171.7, 156.5, 136.2, 128.5, 128.1,

127.9, 67.0, 60.3, 52.4, 51.5, 31.3, 29.9, 19.1, 18.0, 15.3. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{29}N_2O_5S^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 397.17917, found 397.17749.

#### Cbz-Cys(Bzl)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 138 – 140 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 – 7.13 (m, 10H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.54 (p, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.50 (m, 5H), 2.87 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.8, 169.9, 155.9, 137.9,

136.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.2, 67.2, 54.1, 52.5, 48.3, 36.6, 33.9, 18.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{22}H_{27}N_2O_5S^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 431.16352, found 431.16162.

#### **Cbz-Met-Ala-OMe**



Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 - 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.62 - 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.51 - 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.69 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.99 - 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.0, 171.1, 156.1, 136.2, 128.5, 128.1,

128.0, 66.9, 53.6, 52.4, 48.0, 32.0, 29.8, 17.8, 15.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{17}H_{25}N_2O_5S^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 369.14787, found 369.14649.

#### Cbz-Aib-Ala-OMe



Light yellow solid, m.p.: 67 – 70 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\begin{array}{c|c} H \\ Cbz \end{array} \stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow} \begin{array}{c} OMe \\ H \\ H \end{array} \stackrel{OMe}{\longrightarrow} \begin{array}{c} CDCl_3 \end{array} \delta 7.54 - 7.08 \ (m, 5H), \ 6.90 \ (d, \ J = 4.0 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 5.64 \\ (s, 1H), \ 5.08 \ (s, 2H), \ 4.74 - 4.29 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 3.70 \ (s, \ 3H), \ 1.84 \end{array}$ - 1.43 (m, 6H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.0, 173.4, 155.1, 136.3, 128.5, 128.1,

128.0, 66.6, 56.8, 52.3, 48.2, 25.6, 25.1, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5<sup>+</sup></sub> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 323.16015, found 323.15987.

#### Cbz-Ac<sub>5</sub>c-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 103 – 104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) . ΟΜε δ 7.59 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.43 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.49 – 1.09 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.6, 173.5, 155.5, 136.3,

128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 67.2, 66.9, 52.3, 48.3, 37.2, 36.6, 24.1, 18.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{18}H_{25}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 349.17580, found 349.17597.

#### Cbz-Phg-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $179 - 181 \degree$ C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 - 6.98 (m, 10H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 - 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.63 - 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.8, 169.4, 155.7, 137.6, 136.2, 129.0, 128.5,

128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 67.0, 58.6, 52.4, 48.4, 18.1. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{20}H_{23}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 371.16015, found 371.15925.

#### Fmoc-Orn(Cbz)-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 148 - 150 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.13 (m, 9H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.55 - 5.18 (m, 1H), 5.17 - 4.86 (m, 2H), 4.70 - 4.02 (m, 5H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.42 - 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.95 - 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 173.2, 171.9, 157.1, 156.4, 143.9, 143.7, 141.3, 136.5, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 125.1, 120.0, 67.1, 66.7, 53.4, 52.3, 48.0, 47.1, 39.7, 30.3, 25.9, 17.7. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{32}H_{36}N_3O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 574.25478, found 574.25383.

#### Cbz-β-Ala-His(Trt)-OMe



Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 – 7.17 (m, 16H), 7.16 – 6.97 (m, 6H), 6.73 – 6.38 (m, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.87 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.74 – 3.28 (m, 5H), 3.16 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.29 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.6, 171.4, 156.5, 142.2, 138.9, 136.9, 136.3, 129.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8,

127.7, 119.6, 75.3, 66.2, 52.8, 52.1, 37.6, 36.6, 29.4. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{37}H_{37}N_4O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 617.27585, found 617.27503.

## 4. Gram-scale Synthesis in Continuous-flow

### 4.1 Flow reactor setup.

The outline diagram of the assembled flow photoreactor was shown in Figure S5. The flow photoreactor was mainly consisted of a peristaltic pump (RBT100-15L), an RLH-18 octet photocatalytic parallel reaction system with eight 10W blue LEDs, and a cylindrical coil continuous-flow reaction system (RLR-18CF, Figure S6), which were purchased from Beijing Roger tech Ltd. FEP tubing (1 mm inner diameter) was selected, and the calculated residence volume of the tubing was about 12 mL. The continuous-flow reaction system was placed on a magnetic hotplate stirrer (DLAB MS-H-Pro<sup>A</sup>) to keep the reaction temperature at 60  $^{\circ}$ C.



Figure S5. Picture of the Flow Photoreactor



Figure S6. Pictures of the cylindrical coil

#### 4.2 General procedure



A 200 mL reaction bottle equipped with a PTFE valve was charged with protected amino acid (4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), amino acid ester hydrochloride (4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The bottle was evacuated and purged with nitrogen three times. The valve was closed after MeCN (32 mL), DMF (8 mL), TMDS (12.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added under nitrogen. The mixture solution was sonicated for 15 min, then pumped *via* peristatic pump to pass through the flow photoredox system with a flow rate of 0.25 mL/min at 60 °C. The outlet solution was collected, concentrated, and purified through column chromatography to afford the desired dipeptide product.

#### 4.3 General procedure for the deprotection of the Cbz-group

The Cbz-group protected peptide in absolute methanol (0.1M) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (w.t. 15%) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and the organic solvent was evaporated to afford desired product without further purification. And the crude product was used directly for the next step.

#### 4.4 General procedure for the deprotection of the Boc-group

The Boc-group protected peptide was dissolved in a minimal amount of EtOAc at 0 °C. The HCI/EA solution (0.5M) was added to the flask slowly and the reaction was stirred at 0 °C. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and the crude was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was then adjusted to pH  $\approx$  8 with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc. The organic solvent was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford the desired product without further purification. And the crude product was used directly for the next step.

#### 4.5 General procedure for hydrolysis of methyl esters

To a solution of the peptide methyl ester in THF (0.25M) was added 0.25N NaOH (1.05 equiv.). Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was then adjusted to pH  $\approx$  2 with 1N HCl and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford the desired product without further purification. And the crude product was used directly for the next step.

#### 4.6 General procedure for multigram synthesis



A 200 mL reaction bottle equipped with a PTFE valve was charged with Cbz-*L*-Lys(Cbz)-OH (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *L*-Glu(OBzl)-OBzl·HCI (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (3.0 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The bottle was evacuated and purged with nitrogen three times. The valve was closed after MeCN (80 mL), DMF (20 mL), TMDS (30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added under nitrogen. The mixture solution was sonicated for 15 min, then pumped *via* peristatic pump to pass through the flow photoredox system with a flow rate of 0.25 mL/min at 60 °C. The outlet solution was collected and concentrated. The crude solid was dissolved in a minimal amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, followed by precipitation with petroleum ether, then filtered and washed with petroleum ether to afford crude product. The filtrate was collected

and concentrated, then recrystallized with  $CH_2Cl_2$  and petroleum ether for another time. The crude product was combined and washed with MeOH and petroleum ether, then dried with vacuum-oven to afford Cbz-Lys(Cbz)-Glu(OBzI)-OBzI as a white solid (5.17 g, 71% yield).

#### 4.7 Characterization data

#### Cbz-Pro-Gly-OMe



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 – 6.77 (m, 6H), 5.54 – 4.76 (m, 2H), 4.56 – 4.22 (m, 1H), 4.21 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.79 – 2.97 (m, 5H), 2.47 – 1.56 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 172.4, 170.1, 155.7, 154.8, 136.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 67.0, 60.4, 52.0, 47.3, 46.9, 41.0, 31.1, 29.0,

24.3, 23.4. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{16}H_{21}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 321.14450, found 321.14406.

#### Cbz-Leu-Ala-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 93 - 95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.45 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 - 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.56 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 - 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.83 - 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.58 - 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.07 - 0.75 (m, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 172.0, 156.2, 136.2, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 66.9, 53.3, 52.4, 48.0, 41.6, 24.6, 22.9, 21.9, 18.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 351.19145, found 351.18976.

#### Cbz-Tyr(Bzl)-Gly-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $127 - 129 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 - 7.22 (m, 10H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 - 6.60 (m, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 - 4.83 (m, 4H), 4.68 - 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.13 - 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H),

3.25 – 2.80 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.5, 170.0, 157.8, 156.1, 136.9, 136.1, 130.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 115.0, 69.9, 67.0, 56.1, 52.3, 41.1, 37.6. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 477.20201, found 477.19985.

#### Cbz-Ala-Gly-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 98 – 101 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 – 7.01 (m, 6H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 – 4.87 (m, 2H), 4.53 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 4.08 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 170.3, 156.1, 136.2, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 66.8,

52.2, 50.4, 41.0, 18.5. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 295.12885,

found 295.12819.

Cbz-Gly-Val-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 143 - 146 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.22 - 5.89 (m, 1H), 5.44 - 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.31 - 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.25 - 0.47 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.4,

169.4, 156.7, 136.3, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 67.0, 57.2, 52.2, 44.3, 31.1, 18.9, 17.7. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{16}H_{23}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 323.16015, found 323.15988.

Cbz-Phe-Leu-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 108 - 112 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 - 6.94 (m, 10H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 - 4.85 (m, 2H), 4.70 - 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.21 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.70 - 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.04 - 0.59 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 170.9, 156.0, 136.4, 136.2, 129.4, 128.5, 128.5,

128.1, 127.9, 126.9, 67.0, 56.0, 52.2, 50.8, 41.3, 38.5, 24.7, 22.7, 21.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{24}H_{31}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 427.22275, found 427.22095.

#### Cbz-lle-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 110 - 111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 6.63 (m, 5H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 – 4.93 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.15 – 1.05 (m, 1H), 0.97 – 0.68 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.8,

171.2, 156.3, 154.4, 136.4, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 124.1, 66.9, 59.5, 53.4, 52.1, 37.5, 37.3, 28.8, 24.7, 15.2, 11.3. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{28}H_{39}N_2O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 499.28026, found 499.28068.

#### Boc-Cys(Bzl)-Gly-OBzl



White solid, m.p.: 75 - 77 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 - 6.96 (m, 11H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.15 - 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.79 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.3, 169.5, 155.6, 138.0, 135.2, 129.1, 128.6,

128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 80.3, 67.2, 53.6, 41.4, 36.4, 33.8, 28.3. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{24}H_{31}N_2O_5S^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 459.19482, found 459.19263.

Noopept



White solid, m.p.: 90 - 93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 4.72 – 4.30 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 4.02 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.78 – 3.37 (m, 4H), 2.43 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.41 – 1.04 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.5,

171.7, 171.2, 171.0, 169.6, 169.6, 134.3, 134.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 126.8, 61.3, 61.2, 61.1, 59.7, 47.6, 47.0, 41.8, 41.6, 41.2, 41.0, 32.0, 27.6, 24.8, 22.5, 14.1, 14.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{17}H_{23}N_2O_4^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 319.16523, found 319.16382.

Methyl (S)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-((S)-1-pentanoylpyrrolidine-2carboxamido)propanoate



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.8H), 7.47 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.2H), 5.14 – 4.91 (m, 2H), 4.91 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.63 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.54 (m, 3H), 3.51 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.17 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 1.49 (m, 8H), 1.43 – 1.13 (m, 4H), 1.03 – 0.66 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3,

173.2, 171.9, 171.8, 171.5, 171.0, 157.9, 157.6, 137.0, 136.8, 130.2, 129.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 115.0, 114.5, 69.8, 69.8, 61.2, 59.3, 53.3, 52.9, 52.4, 52.2, 47.2, 46.6, 37.0, 36.5, 34.5, 34.3, 31.8, 31.6, 31.5, 27.0, 24.8, 24.4, 24.3, 22.5, 22.2, 14.0, 14.0. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{28}H_{37}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 481.26970, found 481.26864.

Dilept



White solid, m.p.: 115 - 117 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.24 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 8.72 - 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 - 6.43 (m, 2H), 4.64 - 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.89 - 3.48 (m, 3H), 3.48 - 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.12 - 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 - 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.56 - 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.02 (m, 4H), 0.97 - 0.68 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  172.4,

172.4, 172.3, 171.5, 171.5, 156.5, 156.4, 130.4, 130.3, 127.7, 127.4, 115.4, 115.3, 59.9, 59.2, 54.3, 53.8, 52.3, 52.1, 47.1, 46.7, 36.3, 35.8, 34.0, 33.6, 32.0, 31.4, 31.4, 29.2, 24.5, 24.3, 22.5, 14.3. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{21}H_{31}N_2O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 391.22275, found 391.22096.





White solid, m.p.: 124 - 127 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 6.93 (m, 20H), 6.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59 - 5.29 (m, 1H), 5.22 - 4.87 (m, 8H), 4.69 - 4.53 (m, 1H), 4.41 - 4.10 (m,

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1H), 3.07 (s, 2H), 2.45 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.18 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.6, 172.3, 171.6, 156.7, 156.4, 136.7, 136.3, 135.7, 135.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 67.3, 66.9, 66.5, 54.6, 51.8, 40.3, 32.2, 30.2, 29.2, 26.8, 22.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{41}H_{46}N_3O_9^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 724.32286, found 724.32260.

Vilon



White solid, m.p.: 194 - 196 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.24 - 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.10 - 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.35 - 2.09 (m, 2H), 2.09 - 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.73 - 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54 - 1.18 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  182.0, 178.1, 169.4, 55.4, 52.9, 38.9, 33.9, 30.3, 28.0, 26.2, 20.9.

HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{11}H_{22}N_3O_5^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 276.15540, found 276.15411.

#### 5. Peptide fragment condensation

#### 5.1 Synthesis of proglyuprol



To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-Pro-Gly-OH (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), L-Pro-OBzl ·HCl (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 30 [lr(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (10 mL), TMDS (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 16 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Pro-Gly-Pro-OBzl 58 as colorless oil (414.6 mg, 84% yield).



Cbz-Pro-Gly-Pro-OBzl (394.8 mg, 0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in absolute methanol (8 mL) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (107.7 mg) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and the organic solvent was evaporated to afford proglyuprol **58**' as a colorless oil (213.3 mg, 99% yield).

#### 5.2 Synthesis of LAGV in batch



51', H-Gly-Val-OMe

To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-Leu-Ala-OH (0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), H-Gly-Val-OMe (0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.24 mmol, 30 mol%),  $[Ir(dF(CF_3)ppy)_2(dtbbpy)]PF_6$ mol%). InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (8 mL), TMDS (2.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (1.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 12 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OMe 59 as a white solid (324.2 mg, 80% yield).



To a solution of Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OMe (324.2 mg, 0.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2.5 mL) was added 0.25N NaOH (0.67 mmol, 1.05 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was then adjusted to pH  $\approx$  2 with 1N HCl and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OH without further purified (308.9 mg, 98% yield).

Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OH (308.9 mg, 0.63 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in absolute methanol (6 mL) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (84.2 mg) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and washed with water. The aqueous solution was dried with vacuum-oven to afford LAGV **59**' as a white solid (222.5 mg, 99% yield).
### 5.3 Synthesis of LAGV in continuous-flow



51', H-Gly-Val-OMe

A 200 mL reaction bottle equipped with a PTFE valve was charged with protected amino acid (3.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), amino acid ester hydrochloride (3.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.08 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The bottle was evacuated and purged with nitrogen three times. The valve was closed after MeCN (28.8 mL), DMF (7.2 mL), TMDS (10.8 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (5.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added under nitrogen. The mixture was sonicated for 15 min, then pumped *via* a peristatic pump to pass through the flow photoredox system with a flow rate of 0.25 mL/min at 60 °C. The outlet solution was collected, concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OMe **59** as a white solid (1.5320 g, 84% yield).



To a solution of Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OMe (1.5320 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (12.0 mL) was added 0.25N NaOH (3.15 mmol, 1.05 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was then adjusted to pH  $\approx$  2 with 1N HCl and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OH without further purified (1.4482 g, 98% yield).

Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OH (1.4482 g, 2.94 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in absolute methanol (30 mL) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (395.0 mg) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and washed with water. The aqueous solution was dried with vacuum-oven to afford LAGV **59**' as a white solid (1.0431 g, 99% yield).

#### 5.4 Synthesis of leu-enkephalin



#### 52' H-Phe-Leu-OMe

To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-Gly-OH (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), H-Phe-Leu-OMe (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (10 mL), TMDS (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 16 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe **60** as a white solid (406.2 mg, 84% yield).



Cbz-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe (406.2 mg, 0.84 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in absolute methanol (8.5 mL) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (110.8 mg) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and the organic solvent was evaporated to afford H-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe **60**' as a white solid without further purified (290.6 mg, 99% yield).



60', H-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe

To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-Tyr(Bzl)-Gly-

OH (0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), H-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe (0.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.24 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (8 mL), TMDS (2.4 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (1.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 20 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Tyr(Bzl)-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe **61** as a white solid (533.5 mg, 84% yield).



To a solution of Cbz-Tyr(Bzl)-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe (476.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (45 mL) was added 2M NaOH (9 mL) at 0 °C for 30 min. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was neutralized with 2N HCl to pH  $\approx$  7.0 and evaporated to remove methanol. The residue was acidified with 2N HCl to pH  $\approx$  1.0. The precipitates were collected by filtration to afford Cbz-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OH as a white solid without further purified (406.3 mg, 98% yield).

Cbz-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (406.3 mg, 0.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in absolute methanol (6.0 mL) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (110.8 mg) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and the organic solvent was evaporated to afford leu-enkephalin **61'** as a white solid (324.5 mg, 99% yield).

#### 5.5 Synthesis of (<sup>t</sup>Bu)-fanlizhicyclopeptide B



H-Pro-OMe HCI

 $[Ir(dF(CF_3)ppy)_2(dtbbpy)]PF_6 (1 mol\%) \\ Co(dmgH)(dmgH_2)Cl_2 (5 mol\%) \\ 30 mol\% PPh_3 \\ \\ InBr_3 (2 mol\%), TMDS (3.0 equiv) \\ 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv) \\ MeCN (0.1 M), blue LEDs, 65 °C \\ \end{tabular}$ 



62, Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-OMe 86% yield, >19:1 d.r.

To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-Ala-Gly-OH (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *L*-Pro-OMe·HCl (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (10 mL), TMDS (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 mmol, 1.5

equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 16 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-OMe **62** as a white oil (336.6 mg, 86% yield).



To a solution of Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-OMe (336.6 mg, 0.86 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (3.5 mL) was added 0.25N NaOH (0.90 mmol, 1.05 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was then adjusted to pH  $\approx$  2 with 1N HCl and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-OH **62**' as a white solid without further purified (295.4 mg, 91% yield).



To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-OH (0.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), H-Ile-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe (1.125 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.225 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (7.5 mL), TMDS (2.25 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (1.125 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 24 h. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe **63** as a white solid (499.5 mg, 92% yield).



ii. Pd/C, H<sub>2</sub>, MeOH



63, Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe

63', H-Ala-Gly-Pro-lle-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OH 91% yield, >19:1 d.r. (2 steps)

To a solution of Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe (499.5 mg, 0.69 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2.8 mL) was added 0.25N NaOH (0.73 mmol, 1.05 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer washed with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was then adjusted to pH ≈ 2 with 1N HCl and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr('Bu)-OH as a white solid without further purified (450.6 mg, 92% yield).

Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr('Bu)-OH (450.6 mg, 0.63 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in absolute methanol (6.3 mL) was performed in the presence of Pd/C (122.9 mg) at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir in an atmosphere of hydrogen (balloon, 1 atm) overnight, then the mixture was filtrated over celite, and the organic solvent was evaporated to afford H-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OH **63**' as a white solid without further purified (359.1 mg, 99% yield).

> Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) 30 mol% PPh<sub>3</sub>

InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), TMDS (3.0 equiv) 2,4,6-collidine (1.5 equiv)

Solvent, blue LEDs, 65 °C

# Table S10. Optimization of cyclic peptide synthesis



63', H-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OH



64, (<sup>t</sup>Bu)-fanlizhicyclopeptide B

entry <sup>a</sup>	solvent	concentration (M)	yield(%) <sup>b</sup>
1	MeCN	0.1	15
2	MeCN	0.05	15
3	MeCN	0.03	19
4	MeCN/DMF (4:1)	0.03	39
5	MeCN/DMA (4:1)	0.03	33
6	MeCN/DMSO (4:1)	0.03	13
7 <sup>c</sup>	MeCN/DMF (4:1)	0.03	25
8 <sup>d</sup>	MeCN/DMF (4:1)	0.03	36

9 <sup>e</sup>	MeCN/DMF (4:1)	0.03	36
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<sup>a</sup>H-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>i</sup>Bu)-OH **63'** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). <sup>b</sup>Yields of isolated products. <sup>c</sup>[Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (2 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%). <sup>d</sup>PPh<sub>3</sub> (50 mol%). <sup>e</sup>HOBt (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added.

To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added H-Ala-Gly-Pro-Ile-Tyr(<sup>i</sup>Bu)-OH (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.06 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (4.8 mL), DMF (1.2 mL), TMDS (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 24 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford (<sup>i</sup>Bu)-fanlizhicyclopeptide B **64** as a white solid (43.1 mg, 39% yield).

### 5.6 Characterization data

### Cbz-Pro-Gly-Pro-OBzl



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 – 6.62 (m, 11H), 5.34 – 4.90 (m, 4H), 4.78 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.63 – 3.25 (m, 4H), 2.33 – 1.63 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.2, 171.4, 166.6, 155.4, 136.4, 135.4, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 66.9, 66.6,

60.6, 58.7, 46.8, 45.7, 41.8, 31.1, 28.7, 24.3, 21.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 494.22856, found 494.22822.

#### Proglyuprol



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  4.55 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 4.23 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.37 (m, 4H), 2.59 – 1.71 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  176.2, 169.3, 167.4, 60.5, 59.7, 46.2, 41.6, 31.4, 29.9, 24.4, 23.8, 22.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 270.14483, found

270.14443.

### Cbz-Leu-Ala-Gly-Val-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 129 - 131 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 - 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 - 4.94 (m, 2H), 4.85 - 4.64 (m, 1H), 4.61 - 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.50 - 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.24 - 3.98 (m, 2H),

3.69 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 – 0.70 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.8, 172.5, 172.3, 168.9, 156.4, 136.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 66.9, 57.3, 53.5, 52.1, 48.9, 43.1, 42.1, 31.2, 24.6, 22.9, 22.0,

18.9, 17.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{25}H_{39}N_4O_7^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) m/z 507.28133, found 507.28172.

LAGV



White solid, m.p.: 143 - 145 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  4.34 - 4.18 (m, 2H), 4.12 - 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.96 - 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.80 - 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 2.26 - 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.83 - 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.51 - 1.34 (m, 3H), 1.16

- 0.97 (m, 6H), 0.97 - 0.84 (m Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 175.8, 173.5, 173.4, 169.7, 59.3, 51.6, 49.7, 42.3, 40.1, 30.8, 24.0, 21.8, 21.0, 18.7, 17.4, 16.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 359.22890, found 359.22902.

#### Cbz-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 114 - 117 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.25 - 7.00 (m, 6H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.95 - 4.78 (m Hz, 1H), 4.63 - 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.18 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.69 - 1.35 (m, 3H), 1.03 - 0.62 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 171.0, 169.3, 156.7, 136.4, 136.3, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 126.8, 67.0, 54.3, 52.2, 50.9, 44.2, 41.1, 38.6, 24.7, 22.6, 21.9. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 484.24421, found 484.24340.

#### Cbz-Tyr(Bzl)-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OMe



White solid, m.p.: 102 - 105 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.57 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.31 - 7.15 (m, 10H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.10 -

4.93 (m, 4H), 4.71 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.49 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.38 – 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.97 – 3.71 (m, 3H), 3.23 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.02 – 0.72 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  173.5, 172.9, 172.0, 170.7, 169.8, 157.7, 157.1, 137.3, 136.9, 136.7, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.3, 114.5, 69.5, 66.3, 56.9, 54.4, 51.3, 50.8, 42.5, 41.9, 39.9, 37.4, 36.5, 24.4, 21.9, 20.5. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 794.37595, found 794.37262.

Leu-enkephalin



White solid, m.p.: 148 – 151 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.77 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 4.70 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 4.56 – 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.46

-4.31 (m, 1H), 3.88 - 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.20 (dt, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dt, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00 - 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.79 - 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.06 - 0.73 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 175.0, 174.6, 172.4, 172.1, 170.1, 159.0, 155.9, 137.1, 130.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.0, 128.0, 127.6, 126.3, 126.3, 114.8, 54.6, 51.0, 43.3, 42.0, 40.3, 37.1, 36.9, 24.5, 22.0, 20.5. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 556.27658, found 556.27601.

#### Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-OMe



White oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 – 6.86 (m, 6H), 6.17 – 5.88 (m, 1H), 5.24 – 4.91 (m, 2H), 4.62 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.43 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.19 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.19 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.6,

172.2, 166.9, 155.9, 136.4, 128.4, 128.0, 66.7, 58.8, 52.3, 50.5, 45.9, 41.8, 28.9, 24.5, 18.8. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{19}H_{26}N_3O_6^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 392.18161, found 392.18082.

#### Cbz-Ala-Gly-Pro-lle-Tyr(<sup>t</sup>Bu)-OMe



White solid, m.p.:  $189 - 191 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.74 – 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.52 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 1.71 (m, 5H), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 9H), 1.12 – 1.01 (m, 1H), 0.92 – 0.72 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.8, 171.8, 171.3, 170.8, 167.8, 156.0, 154.4, 136.3, 130.6, 129.7, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 124.2, 78.4, 66.9, 60.2, 57.9, 53.4, 52.1, 50.3, 46.6, 42.1, 37.2, 36.7, 28.8, 28.7, 24.8, 24.7, 19.1, 15.3, 11.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 724.39160, found 724.39071.

## (<sup>t</sup>Bu)-fanlizhicyclopeptide B



White solid, m.p.: 224 - 226 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.47 - 4.27 (m, 2H), 4.26 - 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.04 - 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.66 - 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.53 - 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.31 - 3.00 (m, 3H), 2.37 - 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.20 - 2.06 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.91 - 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.49 - 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.39 - 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H),

 $\begin{array}{l} 1.06-0.97\ (m,\ 1H),\ 1.06-0.97\ (m,\ 6H).\ ^{13}C\ NMR\ (100\ MHz,\ CDCI_3)\ \delta\ 173.5,\ 172.3,\\ 172.2,\ 172.1,\ 168.5,\ 154.2,\ 131.6,\ 129.9,\ 124.2,\ 78.3,\ 62.6,\ 58.9,\ 56.9,\ 49.7,\ 47.0,\ 42.2,\\ 36.6,\ 35.9,\ 29.7,\ 28.9,\ 25.2,\ 25.1,\ 15.9,\ 15.4,\ 10.9.\ HRMS-ESI:\ calcd\ for\ C_{29}H_{44}N_5O_6^+\\ ([M\ +\ H]^+)\ m/z\ 558.32861,\ found\ 558.32790.\end{array}$ 

## 6. Solid phase peptide synthesis (SPPS) of PAR2



## Incorporating the First Amino Acid on the Solid Support

2-Chlorotrityl Chloride resin (330 mg) with a loading of 0.8-1.5 mmol/g was placed in an oven-dried reaction tube. The resin was swollen in 5 mL  $CH_2Cl_2$  for 30 min, then filtered, and added to a solution of Fmoc-*L*-Val-OH (169.7 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *N*, *N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA, 129.3 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in DMF/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1, v/v, 5 mL). The loading reaction was stirring for 2 h at room temperature. Then, the resin was filtered and washed with DMF (3 × 5.0 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 5.0 mL).

### **Removing Fmoc-Protection**

A solution of 20% piperidine in DMF (5 mL) was added to the tube with Fmoc-Val-resin and stirred for 30 min. The reaction progress was monitored by ninhydrin ethanolic solution. Then, the resin was filtered and washed with DMF (3 × 5.0 mL) and  $CH_2CI_2$  (3 × 5.0 mL).

## **Peptide Elongation**

To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Fmoc amino acid (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.15 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%), Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) and the resin. The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (5 mL), TMDS (1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 12 h. The reaction progress was monitored by ninhydrin ethanolic solution. Then, the resin was filtered and washed with DMF and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

### **Resin Cleavage**

Cleavage was then performed with 2.0 mL of a freshly prepared TFA/TIS/H<sub>2</sub>O (95:2.5:2.5, v/v/v) solution for 2 h. The resin was then filtered and washed with pure TFA (3 × 1 mL). The collected TFA solution was evaporated, and the residue was washed by petroleum ether (4 × 5.0 mL) to afford crude product as a beige solid. The precipitate then was dissolved in MeOH for HPLC/MS analysis.

### **HPLC Analysis**

HPLC analysis was performed using Shim-pack GIST C18 5 µm analytical column, 4.6

I.D. × 150 mm, 215 nm UV detection. The mobile phase consisted of DDI water with 0.1% (v/v) HPLC grade formic acid (solvent A), and HPLC grade acetonitrile (solvent B). Isocratic elution with 40% solvent B at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min over 15 min gave the target peptide,  $t_R = 7.8$  min. HRMS-ESI: calcd for  $C_{28}H_{54}N_7O_8^+$  ([M + H] <sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 616.40284, found: 616.40217, calcd for ([M + 2H]<sup>2+</sup>) *m/z* 308.70505, found: 308.70486. mV



### **Further purification**

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The crude product was dissolved in MeOH and THF, followed by precipitation with petroleum ether, then filtered and washed with petroleum ether to afford desired peptide as an off-white solid. The product was dissolved in MeOH for HPLC/MS

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## 7. Control experiments

### 7.1 Radical quenching experiment

Radical quenching experiment was performed as indicated in the following. Upon addition of TEMPO (1.0 equiv.) into the reaction mixture, the coupling was completely inhibited. This result indicated the radical nature of this transformation.



**Procedure:** To an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar was added Cbz-*L*-Val-OH (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *L*-Ala-OMe·HCI (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2,2,6,6tetramethylpiperidinooxy (TEMPO, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.06 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%). The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (2 mL), TMDS (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 12 h. No desired dipeptide product was detected.

### 7.2 Light ON/OFF experiments

To examine the impact of light, we conducted experiments under alternating periods of irradiation and darkness. This resulted in an interruption of the reaction progress in the absence of light and recuperation of reactivity on further illumination, which allowed precise temporal control over the entire reaction period. These results demonstrated that light is a necessary component of the reaction.





Figure S7. Light on/off expriments

### 7.3 Detection of hydrogen

In order to verify the evolution of  $H_2$  during the reaction, the gas phase in the headspace of the reaction vessel was analyzed by gas chromatography after reaction for 12 h. As shown in figure S8, 0.48 mmol  $H_2$  was detected by GC analysis using pure helium as an internal standard (Table S11 and Eq. S1). The control experiments (Table S12) indicated that a maximum amount of  $H_2$  was detected under standard conditions. Only 0.04 mmol  $H_2$  was detected in the absence of TMDS and InBr<sub>3</sub> (Table S12, entry 6). These results demonstrated that  $H_2$  was generated from both Co<sup>III</sup>-H and TMDS (Table S12).<sup>4</sup>



According to the general procedure (section S2.2), Cbz-L-Val-OH (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), L-Ala-OMe·HCl (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.06 mmol, 30 mol%), InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) and Co(dmgH)(dmgH<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%)

were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The tube was sealed and placed under nitrogen before MeCN (2 mL), TMDS (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. Then the system was stirred under the irradiation of blue LED lamps at 65 °C for 12 h. Then 5 mL helium was injected into the reaction tube and spread evenly for five minutes. 100  $\mu$ L mixture gas from the reaction tube was injected into the gas chromatography, and hydrogen was detected in 0.48 mmol. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified through column chromatography to afford dipeptide **6** in 86% yield.

## 7.3.1 Data analysis



Figure S8. Monitoring of H<sub>2</sub> by GC.

### Table S11. Data of GC

Entry	RetTime (min)	Heigth (µV)	Area
1	0.4760	261163	1889000
2	0.7773	909639	8293107

The conversion between the area and the amount of  $H_2$  was calculated by equation S1.<sup>5</sup>

$$n_{H_2} = rac{rac{A_{H_2}}{A_{He}} \cdot f \cdot V_{He}}{V_m}$$
 (Eq. S1)

 $n_{H_2}$ , The amount of H<sub>2</sub>, mmol  $A_{H_2}$ , The measured peak area of H<sub>2</sub>,  $A_{He}$ , The measured peak area of He,  $V_{He}$ , The volume of injected He, mL f = 0.5392, Response factor, <sup>3</sup>  $V_m = 24.5 \text{ mL} \cdot \text{mmol}^{-1}$ , molar volume (298.15 K, 101.325 kPa).

## 7.3.2 Control experiments

Table S12. Detection of H<sub>2</sub>

Entry	Variation from standard conditions	amount of H <sub>2</sub> (mmol) <sup>a</sup>
1	none	0.48
2	without PPh <sub>3</sub>	0.40
3	without <b>PC</b> ·PF <sub>6</sub>	0.43
4	without cobaloxime <b>A</b>	0.42
5	without light	0.38
6	without TMDS and $InBr_3$	0.04

<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC using pure He as an internal standard.

## 7.4 Amidation promoted by hydrosilanes

In view of the fact that hydrosilanes have been reported as coupling agents for amide bond formation,<sup>6</sup> we also examined the posibility of TMDS-promoted amidation. As shown in Table S13 and Figure S9, both the control experiments and NMR analysis indicated that TMDS was not a suitable coupling reagent for the amidation.

## 7.4.1 Control experiments

In the presence of 3.0 equiv. of PhSiH<sub>3</sub>, Cbz-Gly-OH coupled with glycine methyl ester to afford the desired dipeptide in 43% yield (Table S13, entry 1).<sup>7</sup> However, sterically hindered Cbz-Val-OH and H-Ala-OMe were not compatible with the conditions, only trace amount of the desired dipeptide was formed (Table S13, entry 2). These results were consistent with Charette's study.<sup>8</sup> In contrast, no product was detected when TMDS was utilized instead of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (entry 3–6).

Cbz (0.2 mm)	-AA <sub>1</sub> -OH ol, 1.0 equiv.)	<b>[Si-H]</b> (3.0 e 2,4,6-collidine (1	equiv.) 1.5 equiv.)	
H-AA2 (1.5	- <mark>-OMe</mark> •HCl 5 equiv.)	MeCN (0.1 M N <sub>2</sub> , blue L	), 65 °C EDs	
entry	AA <sub>1</sub>	AA <sub>2</sub>	[Si-H]	Yield <sup>a</sup>
1	Gly	Gly	PhSiH₃	43%
2	Val	Ala	PhSiH₃	trace
3	Gly	Gly	TMDS	N.R.
4	Val	Ala	TMDS	N.R.
5 <sup>b</sup>	Gly	Gly	TMDS	N.R.
6 <sup>b</sup>	Val	Ala	TMDS	N.R.

### Table S13. The coupling of amino acids with [Si-H]

<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products. <sup>b</sup>InBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mol%) was added.

### 7.4.2 NMR analysis

Related studies by Denton<sup>9</sup> and Arora<sup>3b</sup> have demonstrated that phenylsilylester is the key intermediate for the hydrosilane-promoted amidation. To probe the mechanism, several control experiments and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopic were conducted to identify the silylester intermediate.

Firstly, we tried to detect the proposed silylester intermediates through the PhSiH<sub>3</sub> promoted amidation (Figure S9). As shown in Figure S9b, when 4-fluorobenzoic acid **66** (<sup>19</sup>F  $\delta$  –108.3 ppm) and benzylamine **67** were mixed in MeCN at 65 °C, the expected ammonium carboxylate was formed at  $\delta$  –112.7 ppm. After addition of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> to the mixture for 5 h, we detected the formation of the desired amide **68** ( $\delta$  –111.4 ppm). Furthermore, other new multiple signals were appeared at  $\delta$  –106 to –108 ppm, which were assigned to the silylester intermediates. When water (0.1% TFA) was added to the reaction, the multiple signals quickly hydrolyzed back into the ammonium carboxylate and the reaction gave the product **68** in 44% yield within 12 h.



**Figure S9.** Evolution of the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra during the reaction (chemcail shift was calibrated by hexafluorobenzene at  $\delta$  –164.9 ppm). (a) 4-fluorobenzoic acid **66**, (b) a mixture of 4-fluorobenzoic acid **66** and benzylamine **67**, (c) after addition of PhSiH<sub>3</sub> for 5 h, and (d) after quenching with water (0.1% TFA).

Then TMDS and InBr<sub>3</sub> were utilized to repeat above studies. As shown in Figure S10c, when TMDS and InBr<sub>3</sub> were added to the mixture of 4-fluorobenzoic acid and benzylamine, no other signals appeared in the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum, indicating that the silylester intermediates and products were not formed.



**Figure S10.** Evolution of the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra during the reaction (chemcail shift was calibrated by hexafluorobenzene at  $\delta$  -164.9 ppm). (a) 4-fluorobenzoic acid **66**, (b) a mixture of 4-fluorobenzoic acid **66** and benzylamine **67**, (c) after addition of TMDS and InBr<sub>3</sub> for 5 h, and (4) after quenching with water (0.1% TFA).

### N-benzyl-4-fluorobenzamide



White solid, m.p.:  $146 - 149 \degree C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.15 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.2 (d, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 163.6, 138.1, 130.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.0, 127.8,

115.7 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 44.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.2. HRMS-ESI: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NOF<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 230.09757, found 230.09735.

### 7.5 Reduction of Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O to PPh<sub>3</sub>

As shown in Figure S11, several control experiments were conducted to confirm the reduction of Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O. Initially, a mixture of Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O, TMDS, InBr<sub>3</sub> and 2,4,6-collidine was irradiated by blue LEDs at 65 °C. After 12 h, only one signal at  $\delta$  –27.65 ppm was detected by <sup>31</sup>P NMR analysis of the mixture, which corresponds to Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O (Figure S11a). Similar results were obtained, when **PC**·PF<sub>6</sub> or cobaloxime **A** was added to the reaction mixture (Figure S11b and c). However, when **PC**·PF<sub>6</sub> and cobaloxime **A** were added to the reaction at the same time, a new signal appeared at  $\delta$  –5.11 ppm (Figure S11d), which was assigned to PPh<sub>3</sub>. The formation of PPh<sub>3</sub> was also confirmed by GCMS analysis (Figure S12), indicating that Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O could be reducted to PPh<sub>3</sub> in our condition. Further study to confirm the photoredox and cobaloxime promoted P<sup>III</sup>/P<sup>V</sup>=O catalysis is currently underway in our laboratory.



**Figure S11.** The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra for the reduction of Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O to PPh<sub>3</sub> (chemcail shift was calibrated by triphenyl phosphite at  $\delta$  -127.7 ppm).



Figure S12. The GCMS spectra for the detection of PPh<sub>3</sub>.

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