Supplementary Information

## Peptide-catalyzed consecutive 1,6- and 1,4-additions of thiols to α,β,γ,δ-unsaturated aldehydes

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#### General information.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz respectively on a JEOL JNM-LA400 spectrometer, and chemical shifts were referenced to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta = 0.0$  ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H and the central line of CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 77.0$  ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C. High-resolution FAB mass measurements were performed on a JEOL JMS-600H mass spectrometer in positive ionization mode using 3-nitrobenzyl alcohol as a matrix. Polyethylene glycol 400 was added to the matrix as an internal mass calibrant. HPLC traces were recorded on a Shimadzu CLASS-VP system using Chiralcel OD-H column (25 cm) and OD-H guard (1 cm), or Chiralpak AS-H column (25 cm) and AS-H guard (1 cm). The resin-supported peptide was synthesized according to our previous report using TentaGel S-NH<sub>2</sub> (AnaSpec, Inc., product number: 22798, 0.24 mmol/g amine loading) as a resin. To convert the supported peptide to an acid salt, the dried resin was soaked in trifluoroacetic acid, or dichloromethane (DCM) solution of benzoic acid or trichloroacetic acid for a few minutes. Then, the resin was washed successively with DCM, DMF, and DCM, and dried under reduced pressure.

#### Typical procedure for the peptide-catalyzed addition of a thiol to an $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ , $\delta$ -unsaturated aldehyde.

Water (334 µL) was slowly added with stirring to a round-bottom flask that contained an  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ , $\delta$ -unsaturated aldehyde (0.025 mmol), a thiol (0.1 mmol of 2-naphthylthiol, or 0.125 mmol of benzenethiol), an acid salt of resin-supported peptide **4** (28 mg, 0.005 mmol of the terminal prolyl group), and methanol (167 µL) at lowered temperature. After stirring the mixture for 20 or 24 h, the peptide catalyst was filtered off and washed with chloroform. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the residue was measured to determine the product ratio. Product **3** was isolated as the corresponding alcohol form by the following procedure. The crude mixture was dissolved in ethanol (approximately 100 mM), and 3 equiv. of sodium borohydride was added. After the mixture had been stirred for 20 min, an aqueous saturated solution of ammonium chloride was added. The resulting solution was extracted with chloroform, and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by preparative TLC (chloroform/methanol = 98:2 for **3a** and **3b**, hexanes/ethyl acetate = 3:2 for **3c**) to give a diastereomixture of the alcohol form of product **3**.

Spectroscopic data for the corresponding alcohols of products 3.



#### 5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,5-bis(2-naphthylthio)pentan-1-ol [diastereomeric mixture (ca. 6 : 4)]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.82-7.09 (m, 16H), 6.79-6.72 (m, 2H), 4.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.6H), 4.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 0.4H), 3.90-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.54 (m, 0.4H), 3.14 (quin, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.6H), 2.32-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.92 (m, 0.4H), 1.85-1.74 (m, 1.6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.87, 158.71, 133.73, 133.59, 133.55, 133.44, 132.37, 132.27, 132.25, 132.22, 132.17, 131.85, 131.82, 131.38, 131.36, 131.10, 130.85, 130.42, 129.82, 129.73, 129.61, 129.45, 129.14, 128.77, 128.46, 128.40, 128.27, 128.09, 127.65, 127.63, 127.61, 127.57, 127.46, 127.40, 127.32, 127.29, 126.49, 126.38, 126.26, 126.14, 126.05, 114.00, 113.85, 60.48, 60.34, 55.22, 50.57, 49.85, 44.26, 43.95, 42.24, 41.48, 38.37, 37.21. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 510.1721, found 510.1707. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>): for the major diastereomer, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 19.0 min (minor), 23.7 min (major); for the minor diastereomer, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 22.1 min (minor), 30.5 min (major).



#### 3,5-bis(2-Naphthylthio)hexan-1-ol [diastereomeric mixture (ca. 5.5 : 4.5)]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.92-7.86 (m, 1.45H), 7.81-7.61 (m, 6.55H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 6H), 3.95-3.56 (m, 4H), 2.10-2.02 (m, 0.45H), 1.96-1.77 (m, 3.55H), 1.36 (d *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.65H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.35H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 133.65, 133.60, 133.58, 132.28, 132.22, 132.20, 132.03, 131.98, 131.93, 131.51, 131.01, 130.94, 130.79, 130.59, 129.86, 129.72, 129.61, 128.52, 128.48, 128.38, 128.26, 127.67, 127.63, 127.61, 127.39, 127.35, 127.31, 126.56, 126.49, 126.39, 126.18, 126.08, 126.02, 125.99, 60.45, 60.43, 44.49, 43.75, 42.72, 42.63, 41.81, 40.62, 38.44, 37.55, 22.63, 20.92. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 418.1425, found 418.1419. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>): for the major diastereomer, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 31.1 min (minor), 34.7 min (major); for the minor diastereomer, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 24.3 min (minor), 27.8 min (major).



### 3,5-bis(Phenylthio)hexan-1-ol [diastereomeric mixture (ca. 5.5 : 4.5)]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.47-7.20 (m, 10H), 3.90-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.66-3.50 (m, 1.55H), 3.46-3.38 (m, 0.45H), 1.98-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.29 (d *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.65H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.35H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 134.41, 134.26, 134.16, 133.78, 132.73, 132.64, 132.60, 132.28, 128.96, 128.94, 128.86, 128.78, 127.26, 127.20, 127.10, 126.97, 60.38, 60.35, 44.50, 43.75, 42.36, 42.12, 41.77, 40.61, 38.18, 37.36, 22.44, 20.79. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 318.1112, found 318.1104. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>): for the major diastereomer, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 34.3 min (major), 44.4 min (minor); for the minor diastereomer, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 28.2 min (major), 39.4 min (minor).









# HPLC traces.



Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>

1:254 nm,8 nm		
retention tim	e area	area%
18.997	9567522	7.93
22.091	10437395	8.65
23.748	60793371	50.40
30.496	39830560	33.02
Total		
	120628849	100.00

racemic sample





Chiralpak AS-H, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>











