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## Supplementary Information


(a)

(b)

Scheme S1. Synthesis of (a) hydrazide 10; and (b) achylhydrazones 2-9.


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Figure S1. Schematic representation of the predicted binding modes of acylhydrazonebased inhibitors $\mathbf{1 - 9}$ in the active site of the endothiapepsin. These binding modes are the result of a docking run using the FlexX docking module with 30 poses and represent the top-scoring pose after HYDE scoring and careful visual inspection to exclude poses with significant inter- or intra-molecular clash terms or unfavorable conformations. The figure was generated with PoseView [21] as implemented in the LeadIT suite.

## 1. Experimental Procedures

## 1.1. (S,E)-2-Amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-N'-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)propanehydrazide (2)

The acylhydrazone 2 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) ( $408 \mathrm{mg}, 1.87 \mathrm{mM}$ ) and 4-trifluoromethyl-benzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 1}(306 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.24 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone $\mathbf{2}$ was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers $(E: Z=64: 36)$ as a white solid ( $365 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%$ ). m.p. $187-190{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+53.7(c=0.114$ in MeOH$) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=8.03(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.67-7.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.62(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.15-7.06$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.05-6.97(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.74(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 3.73(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 3.29-3.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.17-3.07 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, CD $\left.{ }_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) ~ \delta=178.5,174.5,148.2,144.1,139.3,138.2,136.3$, $129.2,128.8,124.7(\mathrm{~d}, J=25.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 124.86,124.61,122.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 119.8(\mathrm{~d}, J=17.7 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $119.5(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 112.4,111.3,111.0,56.4,52.7,32.5(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; \mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3283$ (br), 3058, 2920, 1671, 1455, 743; ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta=-64.31,-64.39$; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 375.1427$, found: 375.1431; Elemental analysis, calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ (\%): C 60.96, H 4.58, N 14.97. found: C 60.45, H 4.54, N 14.64 .


Scheme S2. Structure of ( $S, E$ )-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)- $N^{\prime \prime}$-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene) propanehydrazide (2).

## 1.2. (S,E)-2-Amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-N'-(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)propanehydrazide (3)

The acylhydrazone 3 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) (403 mg, 1.85 mM ) and 3-trifluoromethyl-benzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 2}(297 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.22 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone 3 was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers $(E: Z=60: 40)$ as a white solid ( $332 \mathrm{mg}, 48 \%$ ). m.p. $67-71^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+39.1\left(c=0.097\right.$ in MeOH); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right): \delta=8.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 8.00(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.91(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.88(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $Z), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.68-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z)$, $7.12(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.05(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.1,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.01-6.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, E), 3.38-3.22 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.06 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ): $\delta=176.0,173.8,148.4$, $144.9,138.2(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 136.5(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 133.8,132.3,130.7,130.7(\mathrm{~d}, J=210.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 130.7$, $128.7,128.6,127.7(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.5,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 127.5(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.8,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 125.1(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.8,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 124.4$, 122.6, 122.5, 120.0, 119.9, 119.4, 119.1, 112.4, 112.3, 110.7, 110.2, 56.2, 52.5, 32.1, 31.1, 25.3; ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-62.82$; IR ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3332 (br), 2497 (br), 1668, 1326, 1120; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 375.1427$, found: 375.1429.


Scheme S3. Structure of (S,E)-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)- $N^{\prime \prime}$-(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene) propanehydrazide (3).

## 1.3. (S,E)-2-Amino-N'-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (4)

The acylhydrazone 4 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) ( $363 \mathrm{mg}, 1.66 \mathrm{mM}$ ) and 2-fluorobenzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 3}(210 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.99 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone 4 was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers ( $E: Z=58: 42$ ) as a white solid ( $237 \mathrm{mg}, 44 \%$ ). m.p. $175-176{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+75.5\left(c=0.200\right.$ in MeOH) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=8.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 8.17-8.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.67-7.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-6.94(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 4.73(\mathrm{t}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 3.72(\mathrm{t}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 3.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.17-3.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta=178.1,174.2,164.2,161.7,142.7,139.1,139.0,138.2,133.4(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 132.8(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $128.8(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 128.7,128.1,125.7,124.7(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 123.0,122.5,119.8$ (d, $J=15.3 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $119.5,116.7$ (dd, $J=21.2,8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 112.4, 111.2, 110.9, 56.3, 52.6, 32.3; ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( 376 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=-123.17(\mathrm{~m}),-123.34(\mathrm{~m})$; IR $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3286(\mathrm{br}), 3056,2921,1673,1615,1455,1357$, 1238, 743; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{FN}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 325.1459$, found: 325.1465.


Scheme S4. Structure of (S,E)-2-amino- $N^{\prime \prime}$-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (4).

## 1.4. (S,Z)-2-Amino-N'-(2-hydroxy-3-methylbenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (5)

The acylhydrazone 5 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-( 1 H -indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) ( $410 \mathrm{mg}, 1.88 \mathrm{mM}$ ) and 2-hydroxy-3-methylbenzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 4}(273 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.25 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone 5 was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers ( $E: Z=93: 7$ ) as a yellow solid ( $246 \mathrm{mg}, 39 \%$ ). m.p. $86-90{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+103.0\left(c=0.146\right.$ in MeOH); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=8.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 8.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.97(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11-7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.04-6.98(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.81$ (dd, $J=10.0,5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.72(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 3.27(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.2,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.12$ (dd, $J=14.2,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta=173.3,157.6,152.6,149.6$, 138.1, 134.0, 130.0, 128.7, 126.9, 124.8, 122.5, 120.1, 119.9, 119.4, 118.2, 112.3, 111.0, 56.3, 32.4, 15.7; IR ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3351 (br), 2475 (br), 2216, 2071, 1120, 972; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 337.1659$, found: 337.1664.


Scheme S5. Structure of (S,Z)-2-amino- $N^{\prime \prime}$-(2-hydroxy-3-methylbenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (5)

## 1.5. (S,E)-2-Amino- $N^{\prime}$-(2-bromobenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (6)

The acylhydrazone 6 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) ( $345 \mathrm{mg}, 1.58 \mathrm{mM}$ ) and 2-bromobenzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 5}(220 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.89 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone 6 was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers ( $E: Z=55: 45$ ) as a white solid ( $315 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%$ ). m.p. $80-86^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+54.8(c=0.091$ in MeOH$) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=7.98(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.83(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E)$, $7.66-7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.9,2.8,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.37-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.31-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10-7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.77(\mathrm{t}$, $J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 3.73(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 3.31-3.24(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.17-3.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=177.4,174.1,148.3,144.6,138.2,138.1,137.7,134.2,134.0,133.4,131.6,131.5$, 131.1, 130.3, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 124.8, 123.8, 123.5, 122.5, 122.5, 120.1, 119.9, 119.4, 119.3, 112.4, $112.3,110.9,110.8,56.3,52.5,32.3,32.0$; IR ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3287 (br), 3056, 2920, 1673, 1561, 744; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{BrN}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 387.0638$, found: 387.0639 .


Scheme S6. Structure of ( $S, E$ )-2-amino- $N^{\prime \prime}$-(2-bromobenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (6).

## 1.6. (S,E)-2-Amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-N'-(2-methylbenzylidene)propanehydrazide (7)

The acylhydrazone 7 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-( 1 H -indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) ( $200 \mathrm{mg}, 0.92 \mathrm{mM}$ ) and $o$-tolualdehyde $\mathbf{1 6}(160 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.38 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone 7 was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers $(E: Z=60: 40)$ as a white solid (130 mg, 44\%). m.p. $96-98{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+38.4(c=0.208$ in MeOH$) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta=8.29(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 8.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.68-7.59$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11-7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.05-6.94(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.73(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.7,5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 3.71(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 3.31-3.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.16-3.01 (m, 1H), $2.44(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=171.0,147.0,137.3$, $136.5,136.4,131.8,131.1,130.8,130.3,130.1,127.6,127.1,126.4,123.7,123.5,122.1,122.1,119.7$, $119.4,119.1,118.9,111.5,55.3,52.1,30.7,25.4,19.9,19.5$; IR (cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3300 (br), 3057, 2923, 2461 (br), 1667, 1455, 744; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 321.1710$, found: 321.1714.


Scheme S7. Structure of ( $S, E$ )-2-amino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)- $N^{\prime}$-(2-methylbenzylidene)propanehydrazide (7).

## 1.7. (S,E)-2-Amino- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-(2,6-dimethylbenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (8)

The acylhydrazone $\mathbf{8}$ was synthesized according to GP by using ( S )-2-amino-3-( 1 H -indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide (10) ( $136 \mathrm{mg}, 0.62 \mathrm{mM}$ ) and 2,6-dimethylbenzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 7}(114 \mathrm{mg}, 0.85 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone $\mathbf{8}$ was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers $(E: Z=42: 50)$ as a white solid ( $76 \mathrm{mg}, 37 \%$ ). m.p. $90-97{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+28.6(c=0.084$ in MeOH$) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=8.35(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 8.30(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E)$, 7.35 (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E)$, 7.23-6.99 (m, 6H), 6.89-6.82 (m, 1H, $E$ ), $4.65(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 3.72(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 3.30-3.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.18-3.04(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta=177.1,173.6,150.2,146.6,138.9,138.8$, $138.2,132.4,132.2,130.2,130.1,129.8,129.5,128.8,128.8,124.9,124.7,122.5,122.4,119.9,119.7$, $119.5,112.3,110.9,110.8,56.3,52.9,32.5,31.5,21.5,21.1$; IR (cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3283 (br), 3058, 2971, 2922, 1672, 1334, 1237, 742; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 335.1866$, found: 335.1870.


Scheme S8. Structure of (S,E)-2-amino- $N^{\prime \prime}$-(2,6-dimethylbenzylidene)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (8).

## 1.8. (S,E)-2-Amino-N'-benzylidene-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (9)

The acylhydrazone 9 was synthesized according to GP by using (S)-2-amino-3-( $1 H$-indol-3-yl) propanehydrazide $\mathbf{1 0}(213 \mathrm{mg}, 0.98 \mathrm{mM})$ and benzaldehyde $\mathbf{1 8}(120 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.18 \mathrm{mM})$. After purification, the acylhydrazone 9 was obtained as a mixture of $E$ and $Z$ isomers $(E: Z=52: 48)$ as a white solid ( $117 \mathrm{mg}, 39 \%$ ). m.p. $146-149{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]_{D}^{20}=+62.3\left(c=0.132\right.$ in MeOH); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta=7.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 7.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, Z), 7.69-7.55(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.11-6.95(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 4.76-4.69 (m, 1H, Z), $3.71(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, E), 3.29-3.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.11-2.98(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta=177.3,173.8,150.3,146.5,138.0,135.3,135.2,131.5,131.1,129.7,128.7$, $128.2,124.8,122.5,119.9,119.8,119.4,56.1,52.5,32.2,31.8$; IR ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3280 (br), 3058, 2922, 1670, 1455, 743, 692; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 307.1553$, found: 307.1557.


Scheme S9. Structure of ( $S, E$ )-2-amino- $N^{\prime}$-benzylidene-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanehydrazide (9).

## 2. NMR Spectra



Figure S2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2}$.


Figure S3. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 2.


Figure S4. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of compound 2.


Figure S5. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{3}$.


Figure S6. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 3 .


Figure S7. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of compound 3.


Figure S8. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 4.


Figure S9. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 4.


Figure S10. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectrum of compound 4.


Figure S11. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 5 .


Figure S12. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 5 .


Figure S13. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 6 .


Figure S14. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 6 .


Figure S15. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 7.


Figure S16. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 7 .


Figure S17. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 8 .


Figure S18. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 8 .


Figure S19. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 9 .


Figure S20. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 9 .

## 3. HPLC Chromatograms

<Chromatogram>
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<Peak Table>
PDACh1 254nm

| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

Figure S21. Chromatogram of compound 2.
<Chromatogram>
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<Peak Table>

| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 14,202 | 892868 | 140530 | 99,766 |  | S |  |
| 2 | 14,439 | 2094 | 655 | 0,234 |  | T |  |
| Total |  | 894963 | 141185 |  |  |  |  |

Figure S22. Chromatogram of compound 3.
<Chromatogram>
mAU

<Peak Table>

| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 12,840 | 1335566 | 165876 | 100,000 |  |  |  |
| Total |  | 1335566 | 165876 |  |  |  |  |

Figure S23. Chromatogram of compound 4.
<Chromatogram>
mAU

<Peak Table>

| PDA Ch1 254nm |
| :--- |
| Peak\# Ret. Time Area Height Conc. Unit Mark |
| Total | 13,886

Figure S24. Chromatogram of compound 5.
<Chromatogram>
mAU

<Peak Table>

| $\frac{\text { PDA Ch }}{\text { Peak\# }}$ | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 13,397 | 562783 | 110582 | 92,635 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 15,041 | 44742 | 7185 | 7,365 |  |  |  |
| Total |  | 607525 | 117767 |  |  |  |  |

Figure S25. Chromatogram of compound 6.
<Chromatogram>
mAU

<Peak Table>
PDA Ch1 254nm

| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 13,229 | 696429 | 76568 | 92,347 |  |  |
| 2 | 13,873 | 57712 | 5992 | 7,653 |  |  |
| Total |  | 754141 | 82560 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure S26. Chromatogram of compound 7.

<Peak Table>

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { PDA Ch } \\ & \hline \text { Peak\# } \end{aligned}$ | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 13,913 | 861093 | 122365 | 95,113 |  | S |  |
| 2 | 15,578 | 44246 | 6156 | 4,887 |  |  |  |
| Total |  | 905338 | 128520 |  |  |  |  |

Figure S27. Chromatogram of compound 8.
<Chromatogram>
mAU

<Peak Table>
PDA Ch1 254nm

| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Conc. | Unit | Mark |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 11,446 | 45236 | 2157 | 5,281 |  |  |
| 2 | 12,684 | 811378 | 79707 | 94,719 |  |  |
| Total |  | 856614 | 81864 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure S28. Chromatogram of compound 9.


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