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SUMMARY

PART-I: *p*-Methoxybenzyl (PMB) ethers are useful hydroxyl protecting groups in the synthesis of complex organic molecules, especially in oligosaccharide synthesis, peptide coupling and nucleoside chemistry. Our main aim was to develop a highly chemoselective reagent system for the *p*-methoxybenzylation of alcohols. Towards this end, 5-(p-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (PMB-ST) was developed, which was prepared quantitatively in one-pot by using 1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole-5-thiol, diphosgene and *p*-methoxybenzyl alcohol. For high chemoselectivity, a complementary reagent system to activate both the electrophile and the nucleophile was proposed. This was achieved by combining compatible Lewis acids (AgOTf) with non-nucleophilic Brønsted bases (DTBMP). This allowed the PMB protection of alcohols under mild conditions. Optimization studies were performed using cyclohexanol. When optimized protection protocol was applied to substrates bearing acid and base sensitive functionalities, PMB ethers were obtained in moderate to good yields without undesired side reactions. The ease of preparation of PMB-ST and the mild conditions employed make the reported protocol promising for the PMB protection of multifunctional substrates. Expansion into other protecting group modalities is also conceivable.

PART-II: Malaria, caused by the infection of the blood-borne apicomplexan parasite *Plasmodium*, continues to be a threat to human populations by killing 1 to 3 million people and infecting 300-500 million people annually. One of the major problems in treating malaria is the emergence of resistance to available antimalarial drugs. The search for new drugs active against new targets of the parasite is still highly desirable. As a new lead, the antimalarial peptide N1266 was isolated at MerLion

Pharma from a *Myxobacterium* species during a screening campaign for inhibitors against the Plasmodium falciparum (Pf) cysteine proteases. It was found to show an IC_{50} of 6 μ M against falcipain-2. The antimalarial peptide is composed of amino acids proline, valine, isoleucine, histidine and an isovaleric acid unit. As the stereochemistry was unknown, we first synthesized the peptide using all L-amino acids. After developing a poor yielding coupling sequence, a convergent synthesis starting from Boc-proline was achieved in an efficient manner. The absolute stereochemistry of 0.2 mg of remaining natural material was best determined by microwave (MW) hydrolysis followed by Marfey's derivatization. Marfey's analysis led to the identification of Dhistidine in the natural peptide N1266. This determination led to the total synthesis of N1266, and subsequently a number of analogues of N1266 were synthesized and screened for antimalarial activity. While most analogues involved structural modification of the isovaleric unit of N1266, we also synthesized histidine surrogates via click chemistry and tagged a more potent lead compound with coumarin for future target validation studies. A CF₃-analogue displayed an IC₅₀ (*Pf*) value of 136 nM.

Lastly, in collaboration with the group of Dr. Kevin Tan at the NUS Department of Microbiology, we designed and synthesized fluorescent-tagged probes of chloroquine. One probe clearly showed concentration-dependent differences in drug localization and hallmark features of programmed cell death (PCD) in *Plasmodium falciparum*. We further showed the use of fluorescent-tagged chloroquine in distinguishing chloroquine sensitive versus resistant strains of *Plasmodium falciparum*. We envisage such probes to find a wide utility in malaria research.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

2D	Two Dimensional
¹ H-NMR	Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
¹³ C-NMR	Carbon Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
Å	Angstrom(s)
δ	Chemical shift (in NMR spectroscopy)
Φ	Fluorescence quantum yield
λ	Wavelength
Alloc	allyloxycarbonyl
Boc	tert-butoxycarbonyl
Brs	Broad singlet
CAN	Cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate
CDI	Carbonyl diimidazole
CHCl ₃	Chloroform
co-IP	co-immunopreciptation
CSP	Chiral stationary phase
CQ	Chloroquine
CV	Cyclic voltammetry
d	Doublet
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
Dd	Double doublet
DCM	Dichloromethane

DDQ	2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone
DEAD	Diethyl azodicarboxylate
DIPEA	Diisopropylethylamine
DMAP	N,N-4-dimethylaminopyridine
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide
DMP	Dess-Martin periodinane
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DPAP	Dipeptidylaminopeptidase
DPPA	Diphenylphosphonic azide
DTBMP	2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylpyridine
EA	Ethyl acetate
EDC	1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (ethyldimethylaminopropylcarbodiimide
EDC1	1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride
ee	Enantiomeric excess
EI-MS	Electron impact mass spectrum
ESI-MS	Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry
FDAA	1-fluoro-2-4-dinitrophenyl-5-l-alanine amide
Fmoc	9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl
HATU HBTU	2-(7-Aza-1 <i>H</i> -benzotriazole-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetrameth yluronium hexafluorophosphate 2-(1 <i>H</i> -benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyl uronium hexafluorophosphate

His	Histidine
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HOAt	1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole
HOBt	1-hydroxybenzotriazole
HONB	N-hydroxy-5-norbornene-2,3-dicarboximide
HOSu	N-hydroxysuccinimide
HPLC	High-pressure liquid chromatography
Hz	Hertz
FT-IR	Infrared Fourier Transform
i	iso
IAF	immunoaffinity-fluorescent
IBCF	isobutylchloroformate
i.e.	That is (Latin <i>id est</i>)
Ile	Isoleucine
Imid (Im)	Imidazole
J	Coupling constant
KBr	Potassium Bromide
K ₂ CO ₃	Potassium Carbonate
LA	Lewis acid
LEC	Ligand exchange chromatography
m	Multiplet
m/z	Mass/Charge

МеОН	Methanol
mg	Milligram(s)
mL	Milliliter(s)
mmol	Millimol
МОМ	Methoxymethyl
MOMP	Mitochondria outer membrane permeabilization
MW	Microwave
NaH	Sodium hydride
NAP	Naphthyl
NBS	N-bromosuccinimide
NMM	<i>N</i> -methylmorpholine
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
nM	Nanomolar
OBn	O-Benzyl
PCD	Programmed cell death
Pd/C	Palladium on charcoal
PMB (MPM)	<i>p</i> -methoxybenzyl
PMP	1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine
PNP	<i>p</i> -nitrophenol
Pro	Proline
PTSA (TsOH)	<i>p</i> -toluenesulfonic acid
PMB-ST	5-(p-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole

RBC	Red blood cells
R _f	Retention factor
q	Quartet
r.t.	Room Temperature
S	Singlet
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
t	Triplet
TEA	Triethylamine
TES	Triethylsilyl
TFA	Trifluoroacetic acid
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
Trt (Tr)	Trityl (triphenylmethyl)
TMS	Tetramethylsilane
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
TOPCAT	2-thiopyridylcarbonates
UV-Vis	Ultra-Violet Visible spectroscopy
Val	Valine

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PART-I

MILD PROTECTION OF ALCOHOLS USING

THIOTETRAZOLE REAGENTS

Chapter-1: Mild Protection of Alcohols using Thiotetrazole Reagents

1.1 Introduction-protecting groups

Protecting groups play an important role in the synthesis of organic molecules. Although one can appreciate making multifunctional molecules without the need for any protecting group,¹ and reduce the number of steps involved in the multistep synthesis, organic synthesis has not yet matured to a point where protecting groups are unnecessary. Most complex molecules being made today are only accessible in a practical fashion with the assistance of protecting groups. Typically, a protection–deprotection strategy will influence the length, efficiency² and even the success³ of a synthesis. As a consequence, a plethora of protecting group reagents and deprotection methods has been deployed for a wide range of functionalities.⁴

For a protecting group to be widely employed in organic synthesis, it should meet the following minimum criteria.² First, it must be introduced into the molecule under mild conditions in a selective manner without disturbing the other functionalities present in the molecule. Second, it should be stable to the reaction conditions being employed during the synthesis. Third, the protecting group should be removed under mild conditions in a highly chemoselective manner in high yields. Orthogonal stability and modulated lability are two fundamental concepts that should be kept in mind while designing a protecting group strategy for a synthesis. Orthogonal stability refers to the removal of different protecting groups under different reaction conditions without affecting other groups present in the molecule and modulated lability refers to the cleavage of protecting groups differentially sensitive to one set of conditions. Thus, protecting group chemistry is continually being expanded to meet the challenges that are presented by modern-day synthesis programmes. Although the vast majority of orthogonal methods for the deprotection of protecting groups are well established and understood, the ready attachment of a simple protecting group often presents a problem in a multifunctionalised, hindered substrate. In a chemoselective context, new methods to introduce protecting groups are just as important as methods to remove protecting groups. This is particularly true when modulating the reactivity and stability of advanced intermediates during the developmental stages of a synthesis. Indeed, subtle changes in the chosen protecting group, stemming from steric, electronic and anchimeric effects, can often control the efficiency or even the success of a key step. New methods should therefore be compatible with a multitude of sensitive functionality. Ideally, these methods should also meet the challenging demands (steric or electronic) presented by advanced intermediates, particularly in complex total syntheses.^{1–3, 5}

The masking of hydroxyl functionalities early in a synthetic strategy is often necessary to successfully perform subsequent multistep synthetic manipulations. Hydroxyl functionalities are usually protected as ethers or esters.⁴ *p*-Methoxybenzyl (PMB) ethers are useful hydroxyl protecting groups in the synthesis of complex organic molecules, especially in oligosaccharide synthesis, peptide coupling and nucleoside chemistry. Like benzyl (Bn) ethers, PMB ethers withstand a wide range of reaction conditions and are not subjected to unwanted migration between neighbouring functional groups that is observed with ester, acetal and silyl ether protecting groups.

PMB ethers offer modulated lability^{3,6} over benzyl (Bn) and 2-naphthyl (NAP) ethers, for example, by using DDQ, CAN or TFA.⁷ The introduction of PMB ethers can, however, be problematic. Two common methods of introducing the PMB group involves the Williamson ether synthesis using NaH, DMF, PMB-halide⁸ (Scheme 1-1) or the coupling of an alcohol with PMB-trichloroacetimidate⁹ 1-2 (Scheme 1-2).



Scheme 1-1: Williamson's ether synthesis



Scheme 1-2: PMB formation using PMB-trichloroacetimidate

The synthesis of PMB ethers via Williamson ether conditions requires the use of a strong base such as NaH to generate the alkoxide, which is then allowed to react with PMB chloride (a lachrymator). The coupling of the alcohol with PMB trichloroacetimidate (unstable to storage) requires acidic media to protonate and thereby activates the trichloroacetimidate for subsequent attack by the alcohol. These methods are thus limited to substrates that can tolerate strongly acidic or basic conditions and may not be compatible with complex systems.¹⁰ β -Hydroxy esters, for example, are susceptible to several acid and base-catalyzed reactions, including retro-aldol, elimination and epimerization of stereogenic centers α - to the carbonyl group.¹¹ β - hydroxy silanes are known to undergo Peterson elimination giving rise to alkenes under acid or basic conditions.¹² Such substrates are good tests for new reagent systems.

1.2 Mild reagents related to alcohol protection

In order to accommodate such sensitive functionalities on molecules, several reagent systems allowing mild PMB protection have been developed. Selected and related systems will be covered in the following sections.

1.2.1 Dudley's 2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-4-methylquinoline reagent

In 2007, Dudley *et al.* developed the 2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-4methylquinoline reagent system.¹³ The protection protocol is carried out by *in situ* generation of an lepidine salt which transfers the PMB group onto alcohols with magnesium oxide as the acid scavenger (**Scheme 1-3**).



Scheme 1-3: PMB protection using the 2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-4-methylquinoline reagent

The reagent system was shown to tolerate molecules with sensitive functionalities through the protection of a β -hydroxysilane, which undergoes Peterson olefination under strongly acidic or basic conditions to form alkenes (Scheme 1-4). No elimination product was isolated after *p*-methoxybenzylation.



Scheme 1-4: Peterson elimination of β-hydroxysilanes

One limitation of this reagent system is that hydroxyl groups on aromatic systems are not easily protected. The reason for this is that the reaction is postulated to proceed via a S_N1 mechanism in which the *p*-methoxybenzyl cation is generated in the reaction mixture. The highly electrophilic carbocation easily undergoes aromatic ring substitution with aromatic groups. The ring substitution was predominant when toluene was used as the solvent instead of CF₃C₆H₅.

1.2.2 Hanessian's PMB-TOPCAT reagent

In 1999, Hanessian and Huynh reported *p*-methoxybenzyl-2pyridylthiocarbonate **1-7** (PMB-TOPCAT),¹⁴ a reagent that provides PMB ethers upon reacting alcohols in the presence of silver triflate (AgOTf) as shown in **Scheme 1-5**.



Scheme 1-5: PMB protection using PMB-TOPCAT

This reagent system depends on the affinity of thiophilic Ag⁺ towards the 2-pyridylthio group to affect a decarboxylation of PMB-TOPCAT, producing a highly electrophilic PMB species that is readily attacked by the alcohol. The conditions applied in this protocol allow the PMB protection of alcohols to be carried out under near neutral conditions giving yields of between 70 to 92%. In addition, no *N*-alkylation was observed with amides, carbamates and pyrimidine-type nitrogens and no ester migration, β -elimination nor epimerization were observed.

1.2.3 Marcune's MOM-thiopyridyl reagent

In 1999, Marcune *et al.*¹⁵ published the development of a new reagent system for the protection of alcohols with the methoxymethyl (MOM) moiety (Scheme 1-6).

Scheme 1-6: MOM protection using 2-pyridyl thioether 1-8

This system, similar to the PMB-TOPCAT reagent, is reported to execute protection of alcohols and phenols under very mild and neutral conditions. They reported a methoxymethyl (MOM) 2-pyridyl thioether **1-8** for the MOM protection of alcohols in conjunction with AgOTf and NaOAc.



Scheme 1-7: Mechanism of Marcune protocol

The protocol developed by Marcune *et al.* (Scheme 1-7) requires the presence of a suitable Lewis acid (LA) to activate the MOM-2-pyridylsulfide reagent. The underlying principle, similar to that of the PMB-TOPCAT reagent, relies on the affinity of Ag^+ towards the 2-pyridylthio group to produce a stabilized, highly electrophilic methoxymethyl carbon-centre that can react with alcohols to form MOM ethers with good efficiencies.

1.2.4 Proposed modification of PMB-TOPCAT reagent

In 2001, Lear *et al.* published studies on various thiophilic activators with application to a straightforward, direct and stereoselective glycosylation of the kedarcidin chromophore using 2-deoxythioglycosides.¹⁶ Numerous thiophilic activators, such as PhSOTf and PhSeOTf, used in glycosylation studies gave encouraging yields and α -selectivity in the presence of 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylpyridine (DTBMP). In particular, silver hexafluorophosphate (AgPF₆) gave a rapid reaction, even at -80 °C, and a high α/β ratio in favour of the α anomer. The efficiency and potency of AgPF₆ as a thiophilic activator when used in conjunction with DTBMP was thus demonstrated in the construction of the kedarcidin chromophoric subunit (**Scheme 1-8**).



Scheme 1-8: Selective glycosylation

Inspired by these reports and the success of Ag (I)-activation of 2-deoxy thioglycosides in a complex total synthesis setting,¹⁷⁻¹⁸ we proposed to develop a new thiotetrazole-based system to transfer PMB groups onto alcohols in a mild fashion. We

replaced the pyridyl group of Hanessian PMB-TOPCAT with 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole group, since 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole would be a better suited leaving group compared to PMB-TOPCAT (**Figure 1-1**).



Figure 1-1: Modification to PMB-TOPCAT

Notably, we planned to employ the virtues of the complementary activation of both the electrophile and the nucleophile by combining compatible Lewis acids (AgOTf, AgPF₆) with non-nucleophilic Brønsted bases (DTBMP and Pentamethylpiperidine (PMP). We envisaged the concerted action of a compatible Lewis acid/Brønsted base pairing; the concept being to activate both the thiocarbonate (in **1-12**) and facilitate deprotonation of the alcohol. We further selected 1-phenyl-1*H*tetrazole thiol for two reasons: its leaving group potential and lack of odour.¹⁹

1.3 Results & discussion

First, we reproduced the literature using the PMB-TOPCAT reagent developed by Hanessian.¹⁴ PMB-TOPCAT was synthesized in a one-pot procedure from readily available starting materials 2-mercaptopyridine, triphosgene and *p*-methoxybenzyl alcohol (PMB-OH) (**Scheme 1-9**). To develop the two-step reaction into a one-pot procedure, modifications were made to the reported procedures.^{14, 20}



Scheme 1-9: Synthesis of PMB-TOPCAT

In an attempt to reproduce the literature results, the *p*-methoxybenzylation of alcohols was first carried out on phenol and other alcohol substrates, using PMB-TOPCAT according to the reported procedure. Although, the literature procedure was followed, we could not observe any trace of the protected alcohols. Instead 1-7 decomposed in the reaction mixture to give a significant amount of side-product, which was identified as the 2-pyridyl-*p*-methoxybenzylthioether 1-17 according to ¹H NMR. The reported procedure was not reproducible in our hands.





Table 1-1: PMB-protection using PMB-TOPCAT

1.3.1 Synthesis of PMB-ST reagent system

We next targeted the PMB-thiocarbonyl tetrazole **1-12** akin to Hanessian's PMB-TOPCAT reagent (**Scheme 1-10**). Although, the thiocarbonate **1-12** was too unstable to be investigated systematically, it conveniently underwent decarboxylation to a new PMB-transfer reagent, 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (PMB-ST, **1-23**).



Scheme 1-10: Synthesis of PMB-ST 1-23

We presume that the PMB-thiocarbonate formed was very unstable and entropy would favour formation of the PMB thioether (1-23) with spontaneous evolution of CO_2

similar to the mechanism proposed by Ogura *et al.*¹⁹ for the synthesis of allylic sulfides from *S*,*S*'-bis (1-phenyl-1-*H*-tetrazol-5yl) dithiocarbonate (1-22). By modification of reported procedures,²⁰ the PMB-ST reagent 1-23 could be prepared quantitatively in one-pot. Diphosgene was first reacted with 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thiol 1-21 to give the S,S'-bis(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)dithiocarbonate 1-22. Upon addition of *p*methoxybenzyl alcohol 1-16, the mono-thiocarbonate 1-12 that formed decarboxylated spontaneously to give PMB-ST 1-23..



Scheme 1-11: In situ formation PMB-ST with elimination of CO2

To reduce the reaction time, we have also developed alternative methods for the synthesis of PMB-ST. A Mitsunobu synthesis²¹ of PMB-tetrazole involved the one pot reaction of 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thiol, *p*-methoxybenzylalcohol, triphenylphosphine with diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD). This gave the desired product in 95% yield in 1 hour. (Scheme 1-12)



Scheme 1-12: Mitsunobu method for PMB-ST 1-23 synthesis

An alternative method of synthesizing PMB-tetrazole was to synthesis the thioether via Williamson ether synthesis (**Scheme 1-13**). The overnight reaction gave a yield of 92%.



Scheme 1-13: Williamson ether synthesis of PMB-ST 1-23

Importantly, the PMB transfer reagent (PMB-ST, **1-23**) was stable for use in air, at room temperature, and can be stored in a refrigerator for several months without decomposition. In order to design functional group tolerance into our reagent system, we envisaged the concerted action of a compatible Lewis acid/Brønsted base pairing; the concept being to activate both the thioether (in **1-23**) and facilitate deprotonation of the alcohol.²² We further selected 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole thiol **1-21** for two reasons: its leaving group potential and lack of odour.^{19,23} The mechanism of PMB protection using PMB-ST (**Scheme 1-14**) depends on the affinity of thiophilic Ag(I) cations towards the thiogroup of the reagent to produce an electrophilic *p*-methoxy benzyl carbocation that is reactive towards the nucleophilic hydroxyl group of alcohols.



Scheme 1-14: Conceptual mechanism for PMB protection of alcohol

1.3.2 PMB protection protocol of alcohols using PMB-ST

The first issue to address was the choice of thiophilic activator and solvent. For this, various thiophilic activators were tested. We found silver triflate gave good yields compared to other silver salts. Screening with different solvents led to the selection of dichloromethane as the most suitable solvent for the desired transformation. The use of more polar solvents such as acetonitrile (Table 1-2, entry 9) and dimethylformamide (Table 1-2, entry 10) gave negligible yields, possibly due to the strong coordination of the solvent molecules to the Ag(I) cation, reducing its thiophilic ability. α, α, α -Trifluorotoluene, frequently used as an industrial substitute for dichloromethane, did not give yields comparable to that of dichloromethane (Table 1-2, entry 11).

Ľ	I_OP	PMB-ST (1) / DTB		
		Activator, Solvent		
Entry	Activator	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	$AgPF_6$	CH_2Cl_2	4	68
2	AgOTf	CH_2Cl_2	4	89
3	AgBF ₄	CH_2Cl_2	12	43
4	AgSbF ₆	CH_2Cl_2	12	41
5	CuOTf	CH_2Cl_2	12	65
6	$ZnCl_2$	CH_2Cl_2	12	No reaction
7	AgOTf	THF	12	35
8	AgOTf	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	12	30
9	AgOTf	CH ₃ CN	12	No reaction
10	AgOTf	DMF	12	Trace
11	AgOTf	CF ₃ Ph	12	38

 Table 1-2: Screening of thiophilic activators and solvents

We next optimized the PMB protection of cyclohexanol using AgOTf/DTBMP. Equimolar amounts of PMB-ST 1-23 and AgOTf were found best (Table 1-3, entry 3).

—————————————————————————————————————	N-N N S-F Ph 1-23 AgOTf, 4A N	$\frac{\mathbf{MB}}{\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{Bu}}$	N- <i>t-Bu</i> 1-25 0 °C to rt	—ормв 1-26
Entry	PMB-ST (1-23)	AgOTf (eq)	DTBMP (eq)	Yield (%)
1	1.2	1.5	-	No reaction.
2	1.4	1.6	1.25	75
3	1.6	1.6	1.25	89
4	2.0	2.0	1.25	79
5	1.6	1.6	2.0	72
6	1.6	1.6	1.5	74
7	1.6	1.6	1.0	77
8	1.6	1.6	0.5	43

Table 1-3: Optimization of reaction conditions

The presence of at least one equivalent of DTBMP was found to be essential in achieving a good yield (entries 2-8). Trace amounts of water were removed with activated molecular sieves (4 Å MS), which improved the yields and minimized the generation of the bis- PMB ether side product **1-27**.



Under the established protocol, primary, secondary, tertiary, phenolic and propargylic alcohols were found to give the corresponding PMB ethers in moderate to good yields (**Table 1-4**).

	PME	3-ST (1.6 eq) / DTBMP (1.25 eq)		
RO (1.0	eq)	AgOTf (1.6 eq), CH ₂ Cl ₂	► RO-PMB	
	Entry	ROPMB	Yield (%)	
	1	ОРМВ 1-28	89	
	2	ОРМВ 1-26	89	
	3	РМВО ^{СІ} 1-29	78	
	4	ОРМВ 1-30	73	
	5	ОРМВ 1-31	65	

Table 1-4: PMB protection of primary, secondary and tertiary alcohols.

The test for compatibility of the reagent system with alcohols bearing sensitive functionalities has to address the possibility of undesired reactions occurring in the reaction flask. The use of DTBMP as a non-nucleophilic base could cause side reactions in base sensitive groups and the use of silver triflate as thiophilic activator could lead to Lewis acid catalyzed undesired reactions. Although it is postulated that the silver (I) cation associates with the 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thionate anion to form a salt, the presence of the nucleophilic thionate anion could cause undesired reactions. Several substrates bearing labile or sensitive functionalities were synthesized in order to investigate the mildness of the reagent (Scheme 1-15). The substrates were subsequently subjected to the protection protocol (Table 1-5)


Scheme 1-15: Synthesis of acid and base sensitive substrates for PMB protection.

Both acid and base labile functionalities were tolerated (**Table 1-5**, entries 1, 2, 4, 5); for example, the successful PMB protection of the acid/base-sensitive β -hydroxy silane **1-35** demonstrates the mildness of the protection conditions.

Entry	ROPMB	Yield (%)
1	TESO 1-41	76
2	FmocHN 1-42	55
3	ВгОРМВ 1-43	61
4	н— <u>—</u> ОРМВ 1-44	60
5	OPMB Si 1-45	23

 Table 1-5: PMB protection of acid and base sensitive substrates.

p-Methoxybenzylation of substrates bearing the realtively labile trimethylsilyl (TMS) or triethylsilyl (TES) group was executed with no cleavage of the silyl group (Table 1-5, entries 1, 5). Protection of 2-(trimethylsilyl)-1-phenylethanol 1-35 gave no elimination product of styrene (Table 1-5, entry 2). In comparison to 1-(trimethylsilyl)-4-phenylbutan-2-ol tested by Dudley, the hydroxyl group in 2-(trimethylsilyl)-1phenylethanol is positioned at a more electrophilic carbon making it more susceptible to Peterson elimination. The absence of the elimination product illustrates the mildness of the reagent system. Deprotection of the Fmoc group occurs via a β -elimination mechanism, as initiated by the action of a base. p-Methoxybenzylation of (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl-1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-ylcarbamate 1-38 did not undergo Fmoc deprotection (Table 1-5, entry 2). In practice, however, separation of the protected alcohol was difficult due to the product eluting with the PMB-tetrazole and side product **1-27** during silica-gel chromatography. 2-Hydroxyethyl 3-(2-methyl-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl) propanoate 1-39 was also tested in response to the observation that deprotection of the 1,2-dithiane group can be executed using silver (I) salts⁴. Interestingly, pmethoxybenzylation of 1-39 caused deprotection of the 1,2-dithiane group with simultaneous protection of the primary hydroxyl to give 2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)ethyl 4-oxopentanoate 1-46 in 72% yield.



Dichloroacetate groups are known to be hydrolyzed 16000 times faster than their corresponding acetates and can be removed simply by stirring the protected alcohol in methanol at room temperature for 24 hours⁴. During substrate preparation, attempts to monoprotect allyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- α -*D*-mannopyranoside **1-48** with a dichloroacetate group was not successful and the diprotected allyl-2,3-O-bis(dichloroacetyl)-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- α -*D*-mannopyranoside **1-49** was obtained instead.



Scheme 1-16: Synthesis of carbohydrate substrates

The protection protocol was still carried out on the diprotected substrate in an attempt to observe possible deprotection of the dichloroacetate group through the action of silver triflate via a similar mechanism to the trityl protection of alcohols with trityl chloride and silver triflate. However, no cleavage of the dichloroacetate groups was observed and the substrate was recovered. The lack of reaction of **1-48** under the reaction conditions encouraged us to attempt to protect a substrate bearing the dichloroacetyl group on a more labile primary hydroxyl position. Allyl-2,3-di-*O*-carbonyl-6-*O*-dichloroacetyl- α -*D*-mannopyranoside **1-51** was subsequently PMB protected using the reagent system with no deprotection of the dichloroacetyl group. Attempts to attach a good-leaving tosyl group to the primary hydroxyl group of allyl-2,3-di-*O*-carbonyl- α -D-

mannopyranoside **1-50** was not successful; instead, the ditosylated allyl-2,3-di-Ocarbonyl-4,6-*O*-di-*O*-tosyl- α -D-mannopyranoside **1-52** was formed. **1-52** was subjected to the protection protocol and was recovered quantitatively after workup. No side reactions involving the deprotection or elimination of both the tosyl groups occurred.

Entry	ROPMB	Yield (%)
1	Ph 0 H0 PMB0 1-53 OAII	57
2		80
3	CI_HCOCO- PMBO- 1-55 OAII	55

Table 1-6: PMB protection of carbohydrate substrates

Next, the (regio)selectivity of the reagent system was investigated using diols. Application of the protection protocol to allyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- α -*D*-mannopyranoside (1-48) gave the 3-*O*-*p*-methoxybenzylated product 1-53 exclusively in 57% yield. This selectivity is similar to that of the dibutyltin oxide reagent system.²⁴ Despite the yield being lower than that with dibutyltin oxide, the PMB-tetrazole system does not involve the use of tin compounds, which is known to be harmful. Our protocol was also applied to allyl-2,3-di-*O*-carbonyl- α -*D*-mannopyranoside 1-50 and the reaction was allowed to stir for 48h due to the low solubility of 1-50 in dichloromethane (starting material remained undissolved after 24 hours). The protocol yielded 80% of the 6-*O*-*p*-methoxybenzylated alcohol 1-54 and 16% of the 4,6-*O*-di-*p*-methoxybenzylate product. Thus, a regioselective protection of carbohydrate diol functionality could be achieved with this protocol.

1.3.3 Epimerization study

An important test for the efficiency of PMB-ST **1-23** was to generate PMB ethers from chiral β -hydroxy esters such as **1-57**. PMB ethers derived from such substrates are difficult to obtain under Williamson ether conditions due to potential formation of β -eliminated products and epimerization of the stereogenic center α to the ester.



Scheme 1-17: Synthesis of racemic Roche ester 1-58.

As HPLC reference material, the racemic β -hydroxy ester **1-57** was first synthesized from **1-56** via the Baylis-Hillman reaction of formaldehyde with methyl acrylate according to the procedure of Yu *et al.*²⁵ (**Scheme 1-17**). Next, the enantiopure β -hydroxy ester **1-59** was efficiently protected as its PMB ether **1-60** using our PMB-ST system. Chiral HPLC analysis clearly provided evidence that no racemization took place (**Scheme 1-18**).

Scheme 1-18: Synthesis of enantiopure Roche ester 1-60.



Figure 1-2: Chiral HPLC analysis of racemic 1-58 and enantiopure 1-60.

1.4 Conclusion

In summary, we have developed and shown the utility of 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (PMB-ST, **1-23**) as a new reagent for PMB etherification. The functional group tolerance of the reagent system was studied over a range of alcohols. Even sensitive substrates and functionality survived the PMB-ST/AgOTf/DTBMP conditions, thereby, in certain cases, allowing a full recovery of precious starting material. While costly for large scale protections, we envisage this reagent system to find utility in the PMB protection of advanced, multifunctional substrates. Applications to other protecting modalities, such as to the NAP, MOM, benzyl and allyl ethers and carbonates are also conceivable using our developed methodology.

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PART-II

TOTAL AND ANALOGUE SYNTHESIS OF ANTIMALARIAL PEPTIDES AND CHLOROQUINE PROBES

Chapter 2: Introduction

Before we discuss the synthesis of new antimalarial peptides and chloroquine probes, it is important to provide background on malaria. In this chapter, we shall discuss the biology of malaria, problems associated with this disease, and the current strategies in antimalarial chemotherapy. Due to resistance being developed to drugs currently being used, it is important to develop new agents that are active against new targets. The next sections shall cover information on selected new targets that can be used for developing better drugs against malaria, for example, falcipain-2 and also give examples of compounds currently active against these targets. We also shall briefly summarize the methods and reagents currently employed in peptide synthesis, as preparation for our total and analogue synthesis of a new antimalarial peptide, N1266, which was isolated at MerLion Pharma during a falcipain-2 screening campaign. Later, we shall discuss the synthesis of chloroquine probes to study drug resistance and to track concentration-dependent differences in drug localization in *Plasmodium falciparum (Pf)*.

2.1 Malaria background

Malaria is one of the three most devastating infectious diseases along with tuberculosis and AIDS. It remains a major health problem in Africa, South America and major parts of Asia. Around 300-500 million of the world population suffer from the disease every year resulting in more than a million deaths.¹ The word "malaria" comes from the Italian word "mal'aria" meaning "bad airs" as it was thought to arise from foul

air in marshy areas and swamps. Alphonse Laveran, a French researcher, was the first to discover the malarial parasite in the human blood.^{2,3} He was awarded the Nobel Prize for his work along with other discoveries into the protozoan diseases. In 1902, Sir Ronald Ross was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his pioneering work on malaria.⁴ He demonstrated that the malarial parasite was injected into the human bloodstream through the bite of an infected female anopheles mosquito.

Malaria in humans is caused by protozoan *Plasmodium* species, namely *P. falciparum*, *P. vivax*, *P. malariae and P. ovale*.⁵ *P. knowlesi*, a malaria parasite that infects monkeys, is the latest addition to the list in humans as reported by Singh and Cox-Singh.⁶ Of these, *P. falciparum* is the most lethal species contributing to the majority of deaths. This parasite produces specific proteins that are transported to and embedded in the cell membrane of the infected erythrocytes. As a result, the erythrocytes stick to the pre-venous capillaries causing obstruction of blood vessels. Cerebral malaria, a condition where the infected erythrocytes accumulate in brain vessels, leading to loss of consciousness and ultimately death, is the most severe case of malaria caused by *P. falciparum*.⁷ Common symptoms of malaria are high temperature (fever), chills, headache, sweats, tiredness (fatigue), nausea and vomiting. It is estimated that over 40% of the world's population lives in malaria endemic areas (**Figure 2-1**), namely throughout the tropics and subtropical regions.



Figure 2-1: Global malaria distribution and endemicity, 2003 (Source http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Malaria_map.PNG)

2.1.1 Life cycle of the malarial parasite

The life cycle of malarial parasites⁸ (Figure 2-2) consists of two hosts. The primary host is the female anopheles mosquito, where the sexual cycle takes place. The secondary host is man, where the asexual cycle takes place. Sporozoites are released into the human blood through the bite of an infected female anopheles mosquito. Sporozoites find their way into human liver cells and begin their asexual division (10000-30000 fold multiplication), resulting in the formation of several thousands of merozoites. The released merozoites invade the erythrocytes and grow through the stages of rings, trophozoites and schizonts by feeding on the host cell hemoglobin. Within the erythrocytes, the asexual reproduction occurs in a 48 hour cycle. Each schizont typically divides into 16 erythrocytic merozoites and is released by lysis of the erythrocyte. The released merozoites attack the new erythrocytes. It is the cyclic release of parasites from the red blood cells (RBC), which causes the intermittent symptoms of fever, shivering and anemia that are characteristic of malaria. During this stage, small proportions at the blood stages undergo differentiation into female and male gametocytes.



Figure 2-2: Life cycle of Plasmodium falciparum

The male and female gametocytes enter the mosquito when it bites the infected man. They reach the mid-gut of the mosquito, where the female gametocytes develop into macro gametes and the male gametocytes divide to micro gametes. The male and female gametes fuse to form a zygote. The zygote transforms into motile ookinete which penetrates the gut wall and becomes oocyst. Asexual reproduction inside the oocyst produces thousands of sporozoites, which reach the salivary glands by the rupture of oocyst. These sporozoites are transmitted to the humans by the bite of the mosquito at this juncture.

2.1.2 Hemoglobin degradation pathway

Hemoglobin degradation is an essential step for the survival of the parasite.⁹ The malaria parasite ingests and degrades most of the host cell hemoglobin¹⁰ to amino acids for use in protein synthesis¹¹ and as an energy source¹² during the morphologically different growth phases inside the erythrocyte (ring, trophozoite and schizont stages).¹³ Figure 2-3 shows the degradation of hemoglobin in an orderly pathway through the action of aspartic and cysteine proteases in *P. falciparum*.¹⁴ Four aspartic proteases, namely the plasmepsin (PM) I, II, IV and histo-aspartic protease participate in hemoglobin degradation. PM I and II have been proposed to initiate hemoglobin degradation by hydrolyzing the peptide bond¹⁵⁻¹⁶ followed by further degradation by other PMs,¹⁷ the cysteine proteases namely, falcipains-2, 2' and 3,¹⁸⁻²¹ a metalloprotease called falcilysin²² and the dipeptidyl aminopeptidase 1 (DPAP1).²³ The precise sequence of events, particularly whether a plasmepsin or a falcipain catalyses the initial degradation step is still under debate.⁹ It has been proposed that inhibition of cysteine proteases turns out to be lethal for parasites. Cysteine protease inhibitors irreversibly block the rupture of host cell membrane preventing the parasites to attack fresh erythrocytes.²⁴ The metalloprotease falcilysin can cleave small polypeptides, up to 20 amino acids producing shorter oligopeptides.²² DPAP1 cleaves dipeptides from hemoglobin-derived oligopeptides in the food vacuole.²³

Finally, small peptides are pumped out of the food vacuole into the cytoplasm and aminopeptidase activity provides amino acids essential for parasite survival.²⁴⁻²⁵ The large amount of heme generated through the massive degradation of hemoglobin causes membrane damage due to its peroxidative properties.²⁶ The heme is almost entirely oxidized from the ferrous (+2) state to ferric (+3) hematin.²⁷ The released hematin is detoxified to a cyclic dimer, β -hematin. These dimers crystallize to form hemozoin (an insoluble malaria pigment), which is non-toxic to the parasite.



Figure 2-3: Hemoglobin degradation pathway¹⁴

2.2 Antimalarial drugs

A number of antimalarial drugs have been developed and are still under development due to the severe spread of malaria. Figure 2-4 summarizes the list of available antimalarial drugs. The first attempts to treat malaria dates back to the 18th century by the use of the bark of cinchona trees. In 1820, the active component (quinine **2-1**) from the bark of cinchona trees was isolated for the treatment against malaria. Malaria was among the first diseases to be treated by a pure chemical compound²⁸ and also by a synthetic drug, methylene blue (**2-2**).²⁹ Later, several aminoquinolines (pamaquine **2-3**, mepacrine **2-4**, chloroquine **2-5**, etc.) were developed by modification of the structure of methylene blue.



Figure 2-4: Available antimalarial drugs in the market³¹

As a result of overuse, resistance quickly developed against these synthetic aminoquinolines. New drugs were thus sought from traditional chinese medicine. Artemisinin was isolated as an active ingredient from the Chinese herb, *Artemisia annua*, which showed antimalarial activity.³⁰ At present, artemisinin and its derivatives are routinely administered for the treatment of malaria.

The mechanism of action or biological targets of most antimalarial drugs in use today is not clear. They have been proposed to act either by preventing heme polymerization or inhibiting dihydrofolate/dihydropteroate synthase. Other antimalarial drugs which are in clinical development include lumefantrine-artemether, atovaquone-proguanil, chlorprogaunil-dapsone, pyronaridine, tafenoquine, fosmidomycin (**Figure 2-5**).²⁸ Most of these drugs are limited in use owing to resistance developed by the malarial parasite. Recently, resistance has also been observed to the artemisinins, which are currently the major players in the treatment of malaria.³⁵ It is therefore important to control or eliminate this primitive infectious disease owing to the resistance developed by the parasites to existing antimalarials. **Table 2-1** summarizes the list of old and new antimalarial compounds along with their target of action.³¹



Figure 2-5: Antimalarial drugs in clinical development

2.3 Antimalarial drug resistance³²⁻³³

One of the major drawbacks in the treatment of malaria is the emergence of resistance to antimalarial drugs. The development of resistance, particularly in *P. falciparum*, has been a major contributor to the global increase in the number of malaria cases over the last three decades.³⁴ Previously, resistance was observed in all classes of antimalarial drugs with the notable exception of the artemisinins. Today, there have been reports of plasmodium species developing resistance to artemisinins, which currently are our last line of defense against malaria.³⁵

Target	Pathway or	Target Molecule	Existing drug	New compound
Taise	mechanism	Enzyme/process	Enisting unus	
Cytosol	Folate metabolism Glycolysis Protein synthesis	Dihydrofolate reductase Dihydropteroate synthase Thymidylate synthase Lactate dehydrogenase Peptide deformylase	Pyrmethamine, proguanil, sulphadoxine, dapsone	Chlorproguanil 5-Fluoroorotate
	Glutathione metabolism Signal Transduction Unknown	Heat-shock protein 90 Glutathione reductase Protein kinases Ca 2+-ATPase		
Parasite Membrane	Phospholipid synthesis Membrane transport	Choline transporter Unique channels Hexose transporter	Quinolines	G25 Dinucleotide dimers Hexose derivatives
Food vacuole	Heme polymerization Hemoglobin hydrolysis Free radical generation	Haemozoin Plasmepsins/falcipains Unknown	Chloroquine	New quinolines Protease inhibitors New peroxides
Mitochondria	Electron transport	Cytochrome c oxidoreductase	Atovaquone	
Apicoplast	Protein synthesis DNA synthesis Transcription TypeII fatty acid biosynthesis Isoprenoid synthesis Protein farnesylation	Apicoplast ribosome DNA gyrase RNA polymerase FabH Fabl/PfENR DOXPreductoisomerase Farnesyl transferase	Tetracyclines, clinda-mycin, Quinolones Rifampin	Thiolactomycin Triclosan Fosmidomycin Peptidomimetics
Extracellular	Erythrocyte invasion	Subtillisin serine		Protease inhibitors

Table 2-1: Antimalarial drugs with their targets

Antimalarial drug resistance has been defined as the "ability of a parasite strain to survive and / or multiply despite the administration and absorption of a drug given in doses equal to or higher than those usually recommended but within tolerance of the subject".³² In general, resistance is proposed to develop through spontaneous mutations that result in the parasite showing reduced sensitivity to a given drug or class of drugs. Single point mutation or multiple mutations (depending on the drug) may result in developing resistance, provided the mutations are not harmful to the survival of the parasite. The frequency at which the mutations occur and the speed at which resistance develops is influenced by a variety of factors related to the pharmacological characteristics of the drugs used, the local epidemiological context in which they are used, and the manner in which the drugs are deployed and used operationally. The biochemical mechanism of resistance has been well described for chloroquine, the antifolate combination drugs and atovaquone. Chloroquine resistance in P. falciparum may be multigenic and is conferred by mutations on genes that encode transport proteins localized in the membrane of digestive vacuole. The transporters involved in quinoline resistance are Pf chloroquine resistance transporter PfCRT, P-glycoprotein homologue 1 (Pgh1) and multidrug resistance protein (PfMRP).³⁶⁻³⁷

2.4 Approaches to antimalarial chemotherapy

A number of different approaches are being pursued to control malaria. It is still necessary to develop new drugs against malaria as most of the established antimalarials are developing resistance to malaria. Approaches to antimalarial chemotherapy³⁹⁻⁴⁰ are described next.

2.4.1 Optimization of therapy with existing agents

There is a growing consensus that drug combinations are essential to the optimal control of malaria in developing countries. Combination therapies offer a number of improved advantages over single agents. First, they provide improved efficacy. Artemisinin derivatives and atovaquone have unacceptable failure rates when used as single agents due to their short half-lives, but were highly effective when used in combination with other antimalarials.⁴⁰ Second, drug combinations help in the treatment of malaria, even if one of the agents develops resistance, as the other is still active (amodiaquine/sulfadoxine/pyrimethamine). Third, and the most important of drug combination therapy, is the slow progression of parasite resistance (artesunate/mefloquine).

2.4.2 Development of analogues of existing agents

Chemical modifications to the existing antimalarials provide new analogues which may show better efficacy over the parent ones. Chloroquine, primaquine, and mefloquine, for example, have been developed through chemical synthesis to improve upon quinine. Several analogues and derivatives of artemesinins have been synthesized by simple chemical modifications and are being used as antimalarials.⁴¹⁻⁴²

Another strategy towards antimalarial chemotherapy is to identify agents that are developed as treatments for other diseases. These compounds might act against orthologs of their targets in other systems or by other mechanisms against malarial parasites. Folate antagonists, tetracyclines and other antibiotics initially developed for their antibacterial properties were found to be active against the malarial parasites.⁴³

2.4.3 Drug resistance reversers

Compounds which reverse the parasite drug resistance when administered with the antimalarials previously reported to show drug resistance is another approach towards antimalarial chemotherapy. Verapamil,⁴⁴ an antihypertensive drug, notably reverses the resistance of *P. falciparum* to chloroquine *in vitro*. Desipramine,⁴⁵ chlorpheniramine⁴⁶ and trifluperazine⁴⁷ have also been shown to reverse drug resistance. Efforts to design new reversers⁴⁸ of chloroquine are underway.

2.4.4 Compounds active against new targets

Another approach towards the development of antimalarial drugs is to identify new targets and develop drugs aimed at these targets. Various potential biochemical targets³¹ in the parasite have been identified (**Figure 2-7**). Data from the malaria genome project⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰ has greatly assisted in the identification of a number of potential drug targets. The important targets for drug design include protease enzymes,⁵¹ respiratory chain and mitochondria,⁵² apicoplast⁵³ consisting of isoprenoid biosynthesis,⁵⁴ fatty acid metabolism⁵⁵ and protein farnesyl transferase,⁵⁶ polyamine metabolism, protein kinases,⁵⁷ helicases,⁵⁸ nucleic metabolism involving purine, pyrimidine and folate metabolism, topoisomerases and the glycolysis pathway.⁵⁹ (plasmepsins)⁵¹ are the most attractive and promising target enzymes, which play a key role in hemoglobin degradation during the trophozoite stages of growth in Plasmodium.

2.4.4.1 Plasmepsins

The plasmodium aspartic proteases are referred to as plasmepsins. Most of the plasmepsins belong to the pepsin family. The cleavage of hemoglobin is also mediated by plasmepsins along with the falcipains. Plasmepsins I, II and IV have been proposed to be involved in this process.⁶¹⁻⁶² Most of the plasmepsin inhibitors identified to date have been peptidomimetic in nature. Specific plasmepsin II inhibitors have been obtained by modification of the available inhibitors of cathepsin D, a lysosomal protease in mammalian cells.⁶³ Small compound libraries have been iteratively synthesized, which has led to the identification of **2-21** with an IC₅₀ of 4.3 nM against plasmepsin-II (**Figure 2-6**). The crystal structure of plasmepsin-II has led the modification of inhibitors known for the homologue, renin. The *de novo* design of inhibitors gave compound **2-22**, highly active against plasmepsin-II. Compound Ro 42-1118 (**2-23**) originally identified as plasmepsin-II inhibitor, was found to show a 16-80 fold higher potency against plasmepsin-IV.⁶⁴



Figure 2-6: Examples of plasmepsin inhibitor

2.4.4.2 Falcipains and Falcipain-2 inhibitors

Cysteine proteases⁶⁵⁻⁶⁶ are proteolytic enzymes which contain a cysteinehistidine pair at the catalytic centre. They hydrolyze the peptide bond through a nucleophilic attack on the amide carbonyl group.⁶⁷ The well characterized *P. falciparum* cysteine proteases are the falcipains. Falcipains belong to the papain family of cysteine proteases and share similar sequence identity.





Facipain-1 (FP-1),¹⁸ falcipain-2, falcipain-2' (FP-2 and FP-2' also known as FP-2A and FP-2B)^{19,68} and falcipain-3 (FP-3)²⁰ are all expressed during the erythrocytic stage of *Plasmodium* life cycle (**Figure 2-7**).⁶⁹ FP-2 and FP-3 are primarily located in the food vacuole and are responsible for the degradation of the host hemoglobin

required for sustaining the metabolic needs of a rapidly growing parasite.¹⁹ Both falcipains are synthesized during the erythrocytic cycle as membrane bound proforms that are processed to soluble mature forms. Genetic ablation studies of FP-2 gene has underscored the importance of this protease in hemoglobin degradation,⁷⁰ the prime target for discovery of novel antimalarial drugs. FP-2 is also involved in the degradation of erythrocyte membrane skeletal proteins, including ankyrin and the band 4.1 protein⁷¹ during the late trophozoite and schizont stages. Falcipains are also involved in the conversion of pro-plasmepsins⁷² into their active forms with the exception of FP-1. Thus, studies on developing antimalarial drugs should focus on FP-2 and FP-3. Mature FP-2 is a single polypeptide chain of 241 amino acids, synthesized during the trophozoite stage as a membrane bound proenzyme comprising 484-amino acid residues.¹⁹ The crystal structure of the free FP-2, and in complex with cystatin,⁷³ has been deposited in the protein data bank. More recently, the crystal structures of FP-2 in complex with natural epoxysuccinate E-64 (2-31; Figure 2-8) and FP-3 with aldehyde leupeptin has been reported.⁷⁴

Peptide based FP-2 inhibitors

Numerous peptide based falcipain-2 inhibitors that can form covalent bonds with the thiol group of cysteine in the catalytic domain have been identified. These include vinyl sulfones, ketones and aldehyde based inhibitors. They tend to exhibit high antimalarial activity. Due to their limited utility as therapeutic agents, several peptidomimetic and non-peptide inhibitors have thus been developed (**Figure 2-8, 2-9, 2-10** and **2-11**).

The fluoromethyl ketones⁷⁵ are highly reactive and selective irreversible inhibitors of falcipain-2. They show high activity at pico to nanomolar ranges; for example, the benzyloxy carbonyl peptide **2-24** is a potent inhibitor of FP-2 at picomolar concentration.⁷⁶ The IC₅₀ values of benzyloxycarbonyl Phe-Arg-CH₂F peptide along with other effective inhibitors are shown (**Figure 2-8**). Vinyl sulfones are well known to be covalent inhibitors of falcipain-2 which show activity via the irreversible addition of the thiol group of active site Cys42 to the electrophilic vinyl sulfone moiety, which behaves as Michael acceptor.⁷⁷ Peptidyl aldehydes and α -ketoamide derivatives inhibit falcipain-2 activity at the low nanomolar range.⁷⁸ The natural product E-64 (**2-31**) is an irreversible inhibitor of papain-like cysteine proteases, which has IC₅₀ values of 0.015 μ M and 0.075 μ M toward FP-2 and FP-3, respectively.⁷⁹ E-64 (**2-31**) contains a trans (2S, 3S) configured epoxide ring⁸⁰⁻⁸¹ with an amino acid part having the Lconfiguration. A cis configuration leads to total loss of inhibition activity.



Figure 2-8: Peptide-based inhibitors of falcipain-2

Peptidomimetic FP-2 inhibitors

The utility of peptide based FP-2 inhibitors as therapeutic agents is limited due to their susceptibility to protease degradation and their poor absorption through cell membranes. A common strategy to improve pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic parameters is to adopt peptidedomimetic methodology. The benzodiazepine nucleus is a motif to mimic β -turns⁸²⁻⁸³ and possesses good oral bioavailability as a drug class. Novel FP-2 inhibitors have been designed on the 1,4-benzodiazepine scaffold.⁸⁴ These peptidomimetic inhibitors, displayed a significant inhibition of falcipain-2 and falcipain-2'. Compound **2-32** was found to be the most active.



Figure 2-9: Peptidomimetic inhibitors with 1,4-benzodiazepine scaffold

The pyridone core of the most potent compound is also recognized as a valuable peptidomimetic scaffold⁸⁵ (**Figure 2-10**).



Figure 2-10: Peptidomimetics with pyridine ring

Chalcones,⁸⁶⁻⁸⁸ isoquinoline derivatives⁸⁹⁻⁹⁰ and thiosemicarbozone derivatives⁹¹⁻⁹³ are further examples of non-peptidic inhibitors of falcipain-2 (**Figure 2-11**).



Figure 2-11: Non-peptidic inhibitors of falcipain-2

It has been suggested that the simultaneous inhibition of different classes of proteases that participate in hemoglobin degradation may result in increasing the efficiency and also slow the development of resistance to new antimalarial drugs. A synergistic effect has also been observed with the compounds active against both cysteine and aspartic proteases.⁹⁴

2.4.5 Natural products active against new targets

Natural products have been and will remain an everlasting source of compounds for medicine.⁹⁵ The most important drugs currently available to treat severe falciparum malaria, quinine and artemisinin derivatives, are derived from natural products.⁹⁵ A number of promising lead compounds showing antimalarial activity are being isolated from plants, bacteria and fungi. Bielschowskysin, **2-42** a highly oxygenated hexacyclic diterpene isolated from the Caribbean gorgonian octocoral *Pseudopterogorgia kallos* shows moderate antimalarial activity.⁹⁶ The total synthesis of this molecule **2-42** is underway in our group. Peptides N1266 (**3-1**) and N1708 (**2-43**), showing antimalarial activity have also been isolated from *Streptomyces* and *Myxobacterium* species by MerLion Pharmaceuticals in Singapore. The activities reported are based on whole cell assays while that reported for N1266 is against cysteine protease enzyme, falcipain-2.



Figure 2-12: New natural products showing antimalarial activity.

2.5 Strategies of peptide synthesis

Before we move on to the synthesis of the antimalarial natural tetrapeptide, it is important to discuss the strategies involved in peptide synthesis. The peptide or amide bond is the structural component of peptides and proteins, which plays a major role in all biological systems. The amide functionality is also an important feature of other biologically active molecules. Peptides can be synthesized either in solid or solution phase. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages.



Scheme 2-1: General strategy for peptide bond formation

2.5.1 Common protecting group strategies in peptide chemistry

The successful synthesis of peptides typically requires protecting group methodology. Because each amino acid consists of an acid and basic groups, polymerization of amino acids is common in reactions they are not protected. Most common protection strategies involve benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz), *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), 9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (Fmoc) and *N*-allyloxycarbonyl (Alloc) functionalities.



Figure 2-13: Protecting groups common to peptide synthesis

2.5.2 Peptide coupling methods and reagents



Figure 2-14: Activation of carboxylic group

For amide formation, it is necessary to first activate the carboxylic acid by converting the hydroxyl group (-OH) into a good leaving group. Carboxylic

components can be activated as acyl halides, acyl azides, acylimidazoles, anhydrides, and esters (Figure 2-14). A plethora of methods and coupling reagents have been developed to achieve amide formation in a chemoselective, mild manner. Figure 2-15 shows the commonly used reagents for the generation of acyl halides, acyl azides, acylimidazoles, and anhydrides. Acid halogenating reagents include cyanuric chloride,⁹⁷ 2-chloro-4,6-dimethoxy-1,3,5-triazine (CDMT),⁹⁸ and bis(trichloromethyl) carbonate (BTC).⁹⁹ Tetramethyl- α -chloroenamine¹⁰⁰ developed by Ghosez *et al.* enables the conversion of carboxylic acids into the corresponding chlorides under strictly neutral conditions suitable for acid sensitive substrates. Racemization and side reactions may be fluorides.¹⁰¹ of acid avoided by the use Carpino reported tetramethylfluoroformamidinium hexafluorophosphate (TFFH), bis(tetramethylene) fluoroformamidinium hexafluorophosphate (BTFFH) and 1,3-dimethyl-2-fluoro-4,5dihydr-1H-imidazolium hexafluorophosphate (DFIH) as new fluorinating agents (Figure 2-15), which act via the *in situ* generation of amino acid fluorides in peptide coupling reactions.¹⁰² Diphenylphosphonic azide (DPPA) is a useful reagent to generate acyl azides.¹⁰³ Carbonyl diimidazole (CDI)¹⁰⁴ is a useful coupling reagent that allows the one-pot formation of amides. Chloroformates such as ethylchloroformate¹⁰⁵, isobutylchloroformate (IBCF)¹⁰⁶ have been used in peptide coupling reactions via mixed carbonic anhydride.



Figure 2-15: Reagents to convert carboxylic acids to acyl halides, azides and acylimidazoles

In peptide synthesis the most commonly used activating groups are HOBt, pnitrophenol (PNP)¹⁰⁷ and pentafluorophenol moiety (PFP).¹⁰⁸ 2,4,5-Trichlorophenol derived esters are more reactive than both PNP esters, *N*-hydroxy-5-norbornene-2,3dicarboximide (HONB) esters and *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (HOSu) esters.¹⁰⁹⁻¹¹¹ 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) has been reported to be more effective than 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) in some difficult cases such as coupling with hindered substrates. The increased efficiency might be due to additional chelation or neighboring effects as provided by the pyridine nitrogen during the amide bond formation.¹¹²

One-pot coupling conditions have been developed for peptide synthesis where the active ester is prepared *in situ* as an intermediate and subsequently reacts with the desired amine. Various types of phosphonium, uronium, and immonium type coupling reagents have been developed, which have found wide applicability in organic synthesis, especially peptide synthesis (**Figure 2-16**). The special need for rapid and highly efficient coupling reagents led to the development of new reagents based on HOBt. Gross introduced 2-(1H-benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HBTU) as the progenitor of uronium reagents in 1978.¹¹³ After that, various analogues of HBTU have been prepared and investigated by Knorr.¹¹⁴ Carpino disclosed the true structure of the active HBTU and its family as the *N*-guanidium rather than the *O*-uronium salt.¹¹⁵ The structural modification of HBTU provided several similar peptide coupling reagents with good activity.¹¹⁶⁻¹¹⁷ 2-(7-Aza-1*H*–benzotriazole-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluroniumhexa fluorophosphate (HATU), the aza analogue of HBTU can be considered as today's gold standard for peptide couplings. It has been used for difficult amide bond formation in both solution and solid phase synthesis.¹¹⁸



Figure 2-16: Reagents to generate active esters



Scheme 2-2: Mechanism using uronium based coupling reagents

2.6 Isolation and biological activity

Bioassay-guided isolation of an extract from *Myxobacterium* Y23 strain using the falcipain screen at Merlion Pharma led to the isolation of 0.5 mg of a new peptide inhibitor N1266. The peptide showed an IC₅₀ of 6 μ M against falcipain-2. Selectivity studies against PM2, PM2FP (aspartic proteases) and tryptase (serine protease) were evaluated, giving IC₅₀ values of ~6 μ M against Falcipain, ~50 μ M against plasmepsin 2, ~66 μ M against PM2FP and 91 μ M against tryptase.

2.6.1 Aims of the present study

During a screening campaign by MerLion Pharmaceuticals for inhibitors against the *Plasmodium falciparum* cysteine protease falcipain-2, a natural peptide lead N1266 (**3-1**) was identified. The peptide has an m/z of 546.3467 by (-)-ESI that corresponds to a molecular formula of $C_{27}H_{45}N_7O_5$. Examination of the NMR indicated that the compound consists of histidine, isoleucine, valine, proline and an isovaleric acid unit. The peptide was sequenced at Merlion Pharma by MS/MS, which unambiguously determined proline to be the terminal amino acid unit. In addition, the mass of the remaining fragments were in accordance with the proposed gross structure (**Figure 2-17**). As the natural product could not be obtained from the natural source in appreciable quantity, our aim was to synthesize the natural product and identify its stereochemistry. If active, synthetic analogues would be developed by structural modifications on the peptide unit or incorporation of peptidomimetic units. A fluorescent-tagged probe of the tetrapeptide could also be synthesized to help in target validation studies.



Figure 2-17: Structure of natural tetrapeptide N1266 (3-1)
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3.1 First and second generation approaches

As the stereochemistry of the natural tetrapeptide N1266 was unknown, we initially targeted the all L-amino acid version of proline, valine, isoleucine and histidine (**Figure 3-1**). Our initial plan was to apply a linear synthetic strategy using Boc chemistry starting from L-isoleucine to target tetrapeptide (**Scheme 3-2**). Our initial synthetic approach utilized the mixed anhydride method using chloroformates (ethyl/isobutyl chloroformate) to form the tripeptide **3-7**, and then coupling agents would be used to prepare the target compound **3-1**.



Figure 3-1: Structure and components of the natural antimalarial peptide, N1266 (3-1) isolated at MerLion Pharma.

3.1.1 First generation synthesis of tetrapeptide

The N-terminal of L-isoleucine was initially protected by the *tert*butoxycarbonyl group (Boc) under standard conditions using di-tert-butyldicarbonate (**Scheme 3-2**). Dipeptide **3-4** was prepared via formation of the mixed anhydride method of chloroformate. In this method, the carboxyl and the amino groups of valine were protected by the trimethylsilyl group (TMS).¹¹⁹ The TMS group serves both to temporarily protect the carboxyl group and to generate an activated amino group. The bis-TMS valine **3-3** was generated *in situ* by treatment with trimethylsilyl chloride and triethylamine. The α -amino protected, *N*-Boc-isoleucine **3-2** was first converted into its activated anhydride by using isobutylchloroformate and *N*-methylmorpholine; however, this did not provide satisfactory yields in our hands. Better yields were obtained by employing ethylchloroformate and *N*-methylmorpholine. The bis-TMS valine **3-3** generated *in situ* was then added to the activated anhydride of *N*-Boc-isoleucine **3-2** to give the dipeptide **3-3**. The unreacted *N*-Boc-isoleucine was recovered.



Scheme 3-1: Synthesis of tripeptide 3-7

There were difficulties in separating compounds **3-4** and **3-2** by column chromatography due to the presence of polar carboxyl groups. Under similar conditions, we prepared the tripeptide **3-6**. The anhydride of dipeptide **3-4** was thus reacted with the bis-TMS proline **3-5** generated *in situ*. This reaction did not go to completion. Attempts to obtain the pure tripeptide **3-6** by column chromatography were complicated due to co-elution of compound **3-4** with polar side products and unreacted starting materials. The mixture was thus used crude for the next step. The carboxyl group of the tripeptide

3-5 was converted into its amide using a similar protocol. After generating the mixed anhydride of **3-6**, aqueous NH_3 was added to give tripeptide **3-7**.



Scheme 3-2: Synthesis of all L-configured tetrapeptide 3-10 from tripeptide 3-7

The Boc group of tripeptide **3-7** was then cleaved using trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and then coupled to Boc-His (Trt)-OH **3-8** using the peptide coupling agent 2-(7-aza-1H–benzotriazole-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU) in the presence of 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) and diisopropyl ethylamine (DIPEA) to give the tetrapeptide **3-9** (**Scheme 3-2**).¹²⁰ Completion of the synthesis of the target peptide was achieved by TFA facilitated removal of the *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc) and trityl groups in **3-9** and coupling with isovaleric acid using HATU/HOAt. Concomitant cleavage of the trityl group under these conditions led to side reactions giving a poor yield of the final tetrapeptide **3-10**. The overall yield for this synthesis was 2% over 6 steps.

3.1.2 Second generation synthesis of tetrapeptide

In order to improve the synthesis and practical difficulties associated with purification, we devised another approach where the *N*-Boc-proline **3-11** would first be

converted to amide¹²¹ **3-12** and then coupled to the dipeptide **3-4** to give the tripeptide **3-7** (**Scheme 3-3**). The tripeptide **3-7** was then coupled to Fmoc-His(Trt)-OH **3-13** to generate the Fmoc-tetrapeptide, **3-14**. The Fmoc group was removed from tetrapeptide **3-14** using piperidine to give the free amine¹²² **3-15**, which was then coupled to isovaleric acid to afford the tetrapeptide **3-16**. Employing diethylamine for the Fmoc removal took more than 12 hours for the reaction to complete, whereas the reaction completed in 30 minutes using piperidine. Coupling with isovaleric acid followed by the removal of the trityl group of compound **3-16** with TFA in the presence of triisopropylsilane gave the target tetrapeptide **3-10** in good yield.¹²³ The overall yield for this scheme was 10% over 6 steps.



Scheme 3-3: Second generation synthesis of tetrapeptide 3-10

3.2 Convergent approach to the synthesis of tetrapeptide

To optimize our approach further, we adopted a convergent strategy to obtain the target tetrapeptide **3-10** and proposed to couple fragments **3-7** and **3-19**.



Fragment **3-16** was prepared by coupling His (Trt)-OH with isovaleric acid **3-20** using the mixed anhydride protocol. The carboxyl group of isovaleric acid was converted to the activated anhydride of ethylchloroformate **3-21** and then treated with the bis-TMS of His (Trt)-OH **3-18** to give fragment **3-19** (Scheme 3-4). Fragment **3-7** was prepared according to the method described in Scheme 3-3.



Scheme 3-4: Convergent synthesis of 3-10 by coupling fragments 3-6 and 3-19

The Boc-group of tripeptide **3-7** was removed using trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and coupled to fragment **3-19** using the HATU/HOAt to obtain the tetrapeptide compound **3-16**. The trityl group of **3-15** was cleaved using TFA to form the target tetrapeptide **3-10** (Scheme 3-4). This convergent approach gave an overall yield of 24%. Although, the molecular weight and MS-MS fragmentation patterns of the synthetic tetrapeptide **3-10** matched that of **3-1**, the NMR spectra did not correlate with the natural peptide, N1266. The gross linear structure was at least confirmed synthetically.



Figure 3-2: NMR comparison of (a) synthetic tetrapeptide (**3-10**) and (b) natural product N1266.

HPLC analysis also showed different retention times on co-elution of the synthetic and natural materials (**Figure 3-3**). These findings suggest that the structural differences between the synthetic and the natural peptide residues in the stereochemistry of the constituent amino acids. Theoretically, we could synthesize 25 compounds and compare those with that of the natural product to know the stereochemistry of the natural peptide.



Figure 3-3: Co-HPLC injection of natural peptide N1266 and synthetic 3-10

This would be an arduous task. When we compared the NMR spectra of the synthetic with that of natural one, we found suspected differences in the splitting pattern of isoleucine signals, which overlapped with the signals from value and isovaleric acid. The δ methyl signals of isoleucine of natural product N1266 and synthetic **3-10** were found to be at 0.70 and 0.81 ppm and the γ methylene protons of isoleucine were found to be δ 1.23 ppm in the natural product and at δ 1.03 and 1.39 ppm in synthetic **3-10**. We thus decided to synthesize the peptide using the allo isomer of isoleucine. Using our preferred convergent approach, tripeptide **3-22** was synthesized using D-allo-isoleucine and then coupled to the histidine fragment **3-19** (Scheme 3-5). The NMR spectrum of this synthetic peptide **3-27** also did not match that of the natural product N1266.



Scheme 3-5: Synthesis of tetrapeptide 3-27 using D-alloisoleucine

3.3 Determination of stereochemistry of the tetrapeptide, N1266

In order to determine the amino acid configurations, we proposed to hydrolyze and compare the amino acids of the natural peptide with known amino acid derivatives. To this end, we had to be certain of our strategy, especially since only 0.3 mg of the natural material was available. Both direct and indirect methods have been reported in the literature for the analysis and determination of absolute configuration of amino acids. Direct methods require no chemical derivatization prior to the separation processs. For example, ligand-exchange chromatography (LEC) employs chiral stationary phases (CSP) and chiral selector additives for the mobile phase. For a clear amino acid determination, the use of a chiral stationary phase in GC requires achiral derivatizations to produce appropriately volatile analytes. Possible thermal degradation, racemization and enantiomer selectivity bias have been the main weaknesses of this approach. Direct approaches are also complicated chromatographically.

Indirect methods employing chiral derivatizing agents and subsequent HPLC analyses are standard for the determination of the absolute configuration or enantiomeric purities of amino acids. Such an indirect approach requires pre-column derivatization to produce a greater resolution (Rs) and separation factor (α) over most direct methods. Marfey *et al.* first reported the use of an ortho-fluoro nitro-aromatic reagent for derivatization of amino acids in enantiomeric purity analysis in 1984.¹²⁴⁻¹²⁵ Marfey's reagent or 1-fluoro-2-4-dinitrophenyl-5-L-alanine amide (FDAA) **3-28** has a chiral center in its L-form of alanine group. FDAA derivatives of D-amino acids tend to exhibit stronger intramolecular bonding, which reduces their polarity relative to the

corresponding L-amino acid derivatives. Consequently, the D-derivatives are selectively retained on reverse phase columns and elute after their corresponding L-derivatives.



Marfey's reagent

Marfey's reagent typically reacts within 1 hour under alkaline conditions by nucleophilic substitution of the aromatic fluorine. This produces diastereomers that can be separated and evaluated (in the nanomolar range) by reverse-phase HPLC due to the added chromophoric unit. Generally, the derivatized L-amino acids elute before their respective D-diastereomer, with the exception of histidine. These derivatives can be detected by simple UV and by mass spectrometry simultaneously.

Keeping this in mind and our scarce availability of the natural material, we adopted Marfey's method for the determination of the absolute stereochemistry of the natural product. To this end, we gathered genuine samples of all possible L and D amino acids present in the natural peptide (isoleucine, valine, proline and histidine). These amino acids were then derivatized with Marfey's reagent and analyzed by reverse phase HPLC-MS. All the L and D diastereomers of the amino acids separated distinctly under a linear gradient elution of acetonitrile/water. As expected, the L-diastereomers of isoleucine, valine, and proline eluted first, compared to their D-diastereomers, with the exception of histidine (**Figure 3-4**)



Figure 3-4: LC-MS profile of a standard mixture of L and D amino acids

After LC-MS analysis was optimized, we decided to optimize the hydrolysis conditions for the synthetic peptide **3-10** (all L-configured) due to the limited amounts of the natural peptide N1266 (~0.3 mg). Conventional hydrolysis of the synthetic peptide by refluxing in 6N HCl for 24 hours under argon followed by derivatization with Marfey's reagent was successful on a 1 mg scale. Here, we achieved a clear separation of all the constituent amino acids on the LC-MS chromatogram (**Figure 3-5a**). When we reduced the scale to 0.3 mg, the method was not reproducible. The chromatogram was not clear and showed several partially hydrolyzed fragments along with impurities. We then decided to perform peptide hydrolysis under microwave conditions¹²⁶⁻¹²⁷ (**Table 3-1**).

The component amino acids of the synthetic peptide were clearly detected at 170 °C for 20 min of microwave irradiation (Entry 7, **Table 3-1**, **Figure 3-5a**). The conditions showed good enough reproducibility for us to use our natural peptide sample N1266. Exposure of 0.2 mg of the natural peptide to 0.2 ml 6N HCl at 170 °C for 20 min and the direct derivatization with Marfey's reagent gave the HPLC-MS chromatogram as shown in **Figure 3-5b**. On analysis, we observed that the natural

sample differed with the synthetic sample in the retention time of histidine. On coinjection of the natural material with that of synthetic one, we found all the peaks merged except that of L-histidine (**Figure 3-5c**).

Entry	Scale (mg)	Conditions	Remarks
1	0.3	0.3 mL 6N HCl, 110 °C, 20 min	
2	0.3	0.2 mL 6N HCl, 160 °C, 4 min	
3	0.3	0.2 mL 6N HCl, 160 °C, 8 min	> No trace of amino acids on derivatization
4	0.3	0.3 mL 6N HCl, 170 °C, 4 min	
5	0.3	0.3 mL 6N HCl, 170 °C, 10 min	J
6	0.3	0.3 mL 6N HCl, 170 °C, 20 min	Component amino acids detected.
7	0.2	0.2 mL 6N HCl, 170 °C, 20 min	Amino acids detected

Table 3-1: Optimization of MW conditions for the hydrolysis of tetrapeptide 3-10



Figure 3-5: (a) LC-MS profile of a synthetic all L-version **3-10** (b) LC-MS profile of the natural peptide N1266 (c) Co-elution of both the synthetic **3-1** and natural N1266.

3.4 Synthesis of the natural antimalarial peptide N1266

Based on this analysis, L-histidine should be replaced by the D-isomer. We thus synthesized the peptide according to our protocol discussed in the previous section by replacing L-histidine with that of D-histidine (**Scheme 3-6**).



Scheme 3-6: Total synthesis of tetrapeptide N1266 (3-1) using D-histidine

HPLC co-injection of the synthetic material **3-1** with that of the natural peptide N1266 showed a single peak corresponding to a molecular weight of 548. NMR and HPLC co-injection data were identical to that of the natural product confirming the structure and absolute stereochemistry of the natural product (**Figure 3-6**).



Figure 3-6: NMR comparison of (a) synthetic 3-1 and (b) natural product, N1266 and (c) HPLC co-injection of natural N1266 and synthetic peptide 3-1.

Chapter-4: Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of N1266 Analogues

4.1 Background

The synthetic peptide **3-10** showed moderate activity at 1.2 μ M against the *P*. *falciparum* 3D7 strain. With the aim of achieving better antimalarial activity, we synthesized various analogues of this antimalarial agent. Our synthesis of analogues was based on three key modifications. (i) by deleting a particular amino acid of the parent peptide; (ii) by replacing the isovaleric acid unit with alternative hydrogen bond acceptors and donors; and (iii) by replacing histidine with a triple bond analogue to enable diversification to a set of triazole analogues via 'click-type' chemistry.¹²⁸

4.2 Synthesis of N1266 analogues

We have initially synthesized analogue **4-2** lacking a proline unit and the analogue **4-3** lacking a histidine unit. The synthesis adopted our general coupling strategy as described previously (**Schemes 4-1** and **4-2**).



Scheme 4-1: Synthesis of analogue 4-2 (lacking proline)



Scheme 4-2: Synthesis of analogue 4-3 (lacking histidine)

Analogues with structural modification to the isovaleric acid portion (**Figure 4-1**) were then targeted. Since α -keto derivatives⁶⁰ have been shown to bind to falcipain enhancing antimalarial activity, we decided to synthesize analogues **4-5** and **4-9**, by coupling the tetrapeptide with pyruvic acid and Boc-indole-3-glyoxylic acid **4-7** (**Schemes 4-3** and **4-4**). Indole-3-glyoxylic acid **4-6** was Boc-*N*-protected followed by coupling to the tetrapeptide unit **3-15** under HATU conditions. Analogue **4-5** could not be isolated in our hands and analogue **4-9** was isolated in pure form after removing the trityl and Boc groups by using TFA.



Figure 4-1: Synthetic analogues by modification of the isovaleric unit



Scheme 4-3: Synthesis of pyruvate analogue 4-5



Scheme 4-4: Synthesis of indole-3-glyoxyl analogue 4-9.

Incorporation of a trifluoromethyl group into peptide and protein structures is emerging as an attractive strategy for improving biological activity and modifying physicochemical properties.¹²⁹⁻¹³⁰ We synthesized an analogue with a trifluoromethyl moiety **4-12** by coupling the tetrapeptide with α -trifluoromethyl, α -methoxy phenyl acetic acid **4-10 (Scheme 4-5)**. To determine the effect of introducing hydrogen-bond donors, we synthesized analogues **4-14** and **4-17** possessing α -hydroxyl groups adjacent to the terminal amide (**Scheme 4-5** and **4-6**).



Scheme 4-5: Synthesis of α -trifluoromethyl, α -methoxyphenylacetyl analogue 4-12 and α -hydroxy-2-methylpropanyl analogue 4-14

It has also been reported that hydrogen-bond donors enhance the efficiency towards aspartic proteases and may produce synergistic effect along with falcipain activity. Although the analogues 4-5 and 4-14 could not be isolated after removal of the trityl group by column chromatography, the trityl precursors 4-4 and 4-13, as well as the indole-3-glyoxyl analogue 4-9, α -trifluoromethyl derivative 4-12 and mandelic acid derivative 4-17 could be isolated in pure form.



Scheme 4-6: Synthesis of mandelic derivative 4-17

Griffith *et al.* have reported 2-methoxy cinnamic acid¹³¹ as an antimalarial pharmacophore. We thus decided to target analogue **4-20** with a histidine-cinnamic acid unit. The tripeptide **3-16** was thus coupled to the pre-synthesized histidine fragment

4-18 to give **4-19**, which on trityl cleavage gave the analogue **4-20** in 58% yield (Scheme 4-7).



Scheme 4-7: Synthesis of cinnamic acid analogue 4-20

4.3 Histidine surrogates via click chemistry

1,2,3-Triazoles are an important class of heterocycles that have been incorporated into various therapeutic agents. These heterocycles are generally prepared by the 1,3-dipopar cycloaddition of azides and alkynes (so called 'click chemistry').¹³² Towards this end, we planned to replace histidine with a 1,2,3-triazole moiety. To introduce this moiety we have developed the alkyne analogue **4-24** of the peptide by coupling the tripeptide to Fmoc-propargyl glycine **4-21** to give the tetrapeptide **4-22**. Fmoc removal of compound **4-22** gave the free amine compound **4-23**, which on coupling to isovaleric acid gave the alkyne analogue **4-24** (**Scheme 4-8**).



Scheme 4-8: Synthesis of alkyne analogue 4-24

We then tested various click conditions using CuI on this peptide to form 1,2,3triazole analogue. Selected preliminary results are shown (**Scheme 4-9**). No products have been isolated due to the small scales employed (ca. 1 mg scales of **4-24**) and amount of time remaining. Further work is required to expand this study.



Scheme 4-9: Synthesis of click-based D-histidine surrogates.

4.4 Synthesis of a coumarin-tagged tetrapeptide probe

Fluorescent molecules provide important tools for the observation of molecular pathways once a molecule enters a cell. We decided to tag our antimalarial peptide lead at the carboxyl position of the proline, so as to maintain the amide functionality similar to that of the parent peptide. Dimethylaminocoumarin-4-acetic acid (DACA)¹³³ **4-31** was chosen as the fluorescent tag based on its lack of biological activity, water solubility, small size, availability, photostability and photophysical properties ($\lambda_{ex} = 370$ nm, $\varepsilon = 22\ 000\ M^{-1}\ cm^{-1}$, $\lambda_{em} = 459\ nm$, $\Phi = 0.1$ -0.4). By further possessing immunoaffinity-fluorescent (IAF) properties, one additional facet of this fluorophore is that it allows biomolecule (typically protein) identification and isolation by co-immunoprecipitation with its own specific antibody partner. We synthesized the coumarin according to the reported procedure,¹³³ and attached the mono Boc-ethylenediamine **4-32** as a linker portion to **4-31** (Scheme 4-11).



Scheme 4-10: Synthesis of coumarin with linker

The Boc-group of the coumarin tag **4-33** was cleaved using TFA and coupled to the free carboxylic group of Boc-proline **3-11** to give compound **4-34**. Compound **4-34** was converted to the labeled peptide probe **4-37** by following our optimized coupling procedures (**Scheme 4-11**).



Scheme 4-11: Synthesis of coumarin-tagged tetrapeptide probe 4-37

4.5 Biological evaluation of N1266 analogues

The natural peptide N1266 and its synthetic analogues have all been tested for their antimalarial activity against the 3D7 drug sensitive strain *of P. falciparum* at the Department of Microbiolgy under the direction of Dr Kevin Tan. The drug assay was performed based on a previously described technique.¹³⁴ The effects of the synthesized compounds on live cultures of *P. falciparum* were determined by treating parasites with the selected compounds at 10h after invasion (ring stage). Parasites were grown to 2% parasitemia after synchronization. Cultures were treated with serial dilutions of each compound diluted in DMSO for a final concentration of 0.5% DMSO and were harvested after 48 h of treatment. The new parasitemia after reinvasion was measured by flow cytometry, using Hoechst as a DNA stain. Synchronous 0.5% DMSO-treated

cultures and chloroquine treated cultures were used as controls. The results from the two sets of dilutions from the malarial assays were then combined into a single graph. The curve of the graph was fitted using a 3 variable sigmoidal curve and the IC_{50} values were derived from that curve.

Table 4-1 shows the IC_{50} values of the peptide based inhibitor **3-1** along with other analogues. The data reveals that compounds possessing a free imidazole NH proton displayed lesser activity, as compared to ones N-protected with a trityl group. While it is conceivable that the trityl groups may be hydrolyzed under acidic cytosolic conditions, this disparity in activity may reflect the greater permeability of trityl analogues through plasma membranes and not structure-function activities *per se*. The analogue with the CF₃ group showed the best activity at 136 nM.

4.6 Conclusion

Through total synthesis, we confirmed the structure of the naturally scarce peptide inhibitor N1266 as **3-1** and produced quantities (60 mg) beyond those achieved through the fermentation of *Myxobacterium* species. A diverted total synthesis campaign then led to the development of the trifluoromethyl analogue **4-11** that showed an IC₅₀ (*Pf*) activity of 136 nm. Possibly through peptidomimetic modifications, these compounds represent potential antimalarial drug leads. Falcipain-2 target validation studies are ongoing with the peptide-probe **4-37**.

Compound	IC ₅₀ (µM)	Compound	IC ₅₀ (µM)
	1.2		0.13
	0.44		2.44
	3.4		1.39
	>10		>10
	3.28		>10
	1.6		1.4

Table 4-1: IC₅₀ values of antimalarial peptides against *P. falciparum* (3D7).

Chapter 5: Design and Synthesis of Chloroquine Probes

5.1 Background

Before the emergence of drug resistance in the 1960s, chloroquine (CQ, **5-1**) was a life-saving tool in the control of malaria due to its efficacy, low toxicity and affordability. It was effective in preventing and treating the disease with minimal side effects.¹³⁵⁻¹³⁶ The degradation pathway of hemoglobin in the parasitic food vacuole has been described in Chapter 2. It is believed that CQ interferes with heme detoxification by binding to heme (ferriprotoporphyrin, Fe(III)FPIX) released inside *Plasmodium*-infected erythrocytes during hemoglobin digestion.¹³⁷⁻¹³⁸ A drug-hematin complex is thus formed, impairing hematin sequestration and destruction, leading to the build up of toxic hematin, thereby resulting in parasitic death.



The misuse of the drug has given rise to resistant strains, which have since proliferated across the globe.¹³⁹ Today, only artemisinin-based drug combinations¹⁴⁰ can effectively combat all parasitic forms of the disease. However, recent reports indicate that *Plasmodium* species are even developing resistance to artemisinins.¹⁴¹ We still do not fully understand the mode of action and the mechanism of resistance to most antimalarial agents. Even the detailed molecular basis for chloroquine resistance is not fully elucidated. In particular, the biomolecular mechanisms of drug-resistance between differing strains of *Plasmodium* parasites and differing types of antimalarial agents are

poorly understood.¹⁴² The growing widespread resistance to current drugs is thus prompting the development of new antimalarial agents that have new biological targets.

While identification of new drug targets could facilitate the development of effective antimalarials, new targets can be difficult to identify. We reasoned that the determination of cellular accumulation of antimalarials such as chloroquine could help understand drug action and may lead to the identification of new targets. Furthermore, a means to rapidly identify drug resistance in the field could lead to a more accurate diagnosis and the administration of an appropriate chemotherapy. Therefore, a need exists to develop methods to examine the interaction of antimalarials within the *Plasmodium* parasite in order to elucidate new pathways that can be exploited for the successful treatment of malaria. In collaboration with the group of Dr. Kevin Tan at NUS Microbiology, we decided to tackle this need in the preliminary context of studying programmed cell death (PCD) in *P. falciparum*.

The existence of PCD features in unicellular organisms including *Blastocystis*, *Leishmania*, trypanosomes, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Trichomonas vaginalis*¹⁴³ have been reported in the literature. Indeed, accounts of PCD in *P. falciparum*¹⁴⁴ and the rodent malaria parasite *P. berghei*¹⁴⁵ are featured by the fragmentation of DNA and a loss of mitochondrial potential. However, other reports suggest that *P. falciparum* does not undergo PCD.¹⁴⁶⁻¹⁴⁷ Identifying PCD modulators in *P. falciparum* may thus lead to new chemotherapeutic directions. We chose to use chloroquine for this purpose and make a fluorescent chloroquine probe.

Cancer Clinical Trials	Phase
Glioblasto mamultiforme	III
Breast cancer	I, II
Lung cancer	I, II
Prostate cancer	II
Non-Small Cell lung cancer	I, II
Cancer	Ι
Unspecified adult solid tumor	Ι
Brain and central nervous system	I, II
Multiple myeloma and plasma cell neoplasm	I, II

Table 5-1: CQ and its analogues in cancer therapy

Bacteria	Fungi	Viruses
Coxiella burnetii	Histoplasma capsulatum	HIV
Bacillus anthracis	Cryptococcus neoformans	SARS-CoV
Legionella pneumophila	Penicillium marneffei	Influenza viruses
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Aspergillus fumigatus	HAV
Salmonella Typhi		HBV
Staphylococcus aureus		HCV
Tropheryma whipplei		Herpes simplex viruses

Table 5-2: CQ and its analogues active against bacteria, fungi and viruses

CQ and its analogues have also shown promise as effective and safe sensitizers in several cancer clinical trials (**Table 5-1**),¹⁴⁸ as well as an ability to inhibit the growth of several bacteria, viruses and fungi (**Table 5-2**).¹⁴⁹ Synthesis of a fluorescent tagged

CQ-analogue may thus reveal their modes of action. These activities are presumed to result from the inherent lysosomotrophic property of CQ appears to increase efficacy and specificity of the chemotherapeutic treatment.

5.2 Design of coumarin-tagged chloroquine probes

In light of these observations, we decided to design new fluorescent-tagged antimalarials to help study the disease and identify new targets in collaboration with Dr. Kevin Tan. We first targeted to make a chloroquine probe to image the accumulation of the antimalarial within malaria infected red blood cells (RBC). Such a fluorophore-tagged chloroquine analogue could then be used to image live cells to locate the antimalarial within or around the cell, screen and understand drug resistance. Further, it may help to identify growth-related pathways and new drug targets in *Plasmodium* species. In particular, the localization of the labeled drug may be predicted to be different between sensitive and resistant strains because CQ-resistant strains are expected to pump out the labeled CQ probe. We thus first targeted to design and synthesize coumarin-chloroquine probes (CM-CQ) that may distinguish between CQ-resistant and CQ-sensitive *Plasmodium* strains.



Figure 5-1: Initial design of fluorescent-tagged chloroquine analogues

7-Dimethylaminocoumarin-4-acetic acid (DMAC) **4-31** as fluorescent tag for protein and antibody labeling has been reported by our group.¹⁵⁰ DMAC **4-31** was again chosen as a valid tag due to its desirable photophysical properties for confocal work, lack of biological (cytotoxic) activity, small-size and water solubility. The coumarin fluorophore, being an immunoaffinity fluorescent (IAF) tag would also allow the possibility of biomolecules to be identified through co-immunopreciptation (co-IP) studies.¹⁵¹

Apart from the 7-chloro-4-amino quinoline pharmacophore that defines binding to free heme,¹⁵² structure-function studies for quinoline antimalarial drug design suggest that the terminal tertiary amino group and basicity of the quinolyl nitrogen to be the key elements responsible for potent antimalarial activity.¹⁵³ Our aim was therefore to develop fluorescent probes of chloroquine without disturbing these functionalities. Varying the aliphatic side chain of CQ has also been shown to alter activity against Plasmodium strains (especially towards CQ resistant strains).

We initially designed the fluorescent probes of chloroquine analogues by linking the coumarin to chloroquine with amide linker portion. Here, the coumarin fluorophore would be attached at the ethyl group termini of CQ as studies have shown that extension at this position would not alter the pKa essential for parasitic vacuolar localization.¹⁵⁴ We also designed probes without any linker portion so as to study subtle alterations and to provide clues of important structure-function properties. Omission of the methyl group in our CQ-probes was expected to present no major alteration in antimalarial activity (as compared to the parent drug, CQ).

5.3 Synthesis of coumarin-tagged chloroquine probes

The coumarin carboxylic acid derivative **5-3** (an immunoaffinityfluorescent label, IAF) was prepared by the Von Pechmann reaction by mixing freshly purified *m*-dimethylaminophenol and diethyl 1,3- acetonedicarboxylate with zinc chloride in anhydrous ethanol,¹⁵⁵ refluxing the mixture for 15 h and then hydrolyzing with lithium hydroxide provided the carboxylic acid **3** (**Scheme 4-10**). *N*-Boc removal with TFA of tert-butyl 2-(2-bromoacetamido)ethyl carbamate **5-2** followed by coupling to **5-3** gave the coumarin linked derivative **5-4**. The bromoacetamide **5-2** was prepared by HATU coupling of *N*-Boc-ethylene diamine with bromoacetic acid (**Scheme 5-1**).



Scheme 5-1: Synthesis of coumarin fluorophore with α-bromo linker 5-4.

Fluorescent analogues were prepared in two steps from 4,7-dichloroquinoline **5-5** and the diamines **5-6** or **5-7**¹⁵³ by heating at 110 °C for 6 h and then amidation with the coumarin carboxylic acid derivative **5-3** (**Scheme 5-2**). It is important to note that these amide analogues were designed to neutralize the basicity of the tertiary free amine found in CQ.





Mono-desethyl analogues of chloroquine **5-12** and **5-13** were synthesized by alkylation in the presence of ethyl bromide and cesium carbonate (**Scheme 5-3**).¹⁵³ *N*-alkylation of monodesethyl analogues of chloroquine **5-12**, **5-13** with coumarin-bromo derivative **5-4** in the presence of potassium carbonate¹⁵⁶ gave the fluorescent probes **5-16** and **5-17** (**Scheme 5-3**).



Scheme 5-3: Synthesis of coumarin-tagged chloroquines with acetamide linkers

As these analogues **5-16** and **5-17** showed 5 to 10-fold less activity compared to CQ, we thus synthesized another analogue **5-21** with an extended alkyl chain. *N*-Fmoc-propanal **5-18** was synthesized from *N*-Fmoc-proponol **5-19** following the reported

procedure in 55% yield. Reductive amination of *N*-Fmoc-propanal **5-19** with the monodesethyl analogue of chloroquine derivative **5-12** using sodium triacetoxyborohydride¹⁵⁷ gave carbamate **5-20** in 80% yield. The Fmoc group of **5-20** was removed using piperidine to give the primary amine. The primary amine was then coupled to the coumarin acetic acid derivative **5-3** to give the chloroquine analogue **5-21** in 65% yield over 2 steps (**Scheme 5-4**).



Scheme 5-4: Synthesis of coumarin-tagged chloroquine 5-21.

5.4 Biology of coumarin-tagged chloroquine probes

To ascertain the antimalarial efficiency of the CM-CQ probes, the β -hematin assay was assessed and IC₅₀ values were measured. The CM-CQ probes **5-17** and **5-21** showed a clear inhibition of β -hematin formation as characterized by reduction in the Soret absorption band of hematin at 400 nm (**Figure 5-2**). The activity of chloroquine was thus retained in these CM-CQ analogues by binding to hematin. However, analogues **5-10** and **5-11** did not show any reduction in the Soret absorption indicating the importance of the tertiary free amine functionality for hematin binding. The IC₅₀ values of CQ and CM-CQ analogues are listed in **Table 5-1**. The CM-CQ analogues **5-16** and **5-21** show promise for future development.



Figure 5-2: Spectra of heme with CQ, CM-CQ at pH 5.5 (A) absorbance of heme at 0 (control), 10, and 32 μ M of CQ diphosphate (B) absorbance of heme at 0, 10, and 32 μ M of CQ analogue **5-15** (C) & (D) absorbance of CM-CQ **5-17**, **5-21** analogues at 0, 10 and 32 μ M

The directly amide-linked coumarin analogues **5-10** and **5-11** showed poor IC_{50} values, presumably due to the absence of the tertiary free amine functionality that is important to CQ activity. The IC_{50} of the fluorescent probe CM-CQ (**5-17**) was found to be 10-fold less compared to commercial chloroquine (**5-1**). The CM-CQ probe **5-17** showed similar activity to that of commercial CQ. Our collaborator Dr. Kevin Tan further demonstrated that CM-CQ (**5-17**) behaves like CQ. They found **5-16** to induce mitochondria outer membrane permeabilization (MOMP) with ten-fold less efficiency.¹⁵⁸ The similarity in the activities of CQ and CM-CQ (**5-17**) analogues also allowed for live imaging of cells to determine cellular localization of the drug within

Plasmodium species. Confocal bioimaging assays were carried out with *P. falciparum*infected red blood cells (RBCs) exposed to increasing concentration of the CM-CQ probe **5-17**. The drug was shown to accumulate in different cellular compartments depending on the concentration of **5-17** administered. **Figure 5-3** shows the localization of **5-17** in the parasite food vacuole is similar to that of chloroquine.

Compound	IC ₅₀ (μM) (Plasmodium 3D7)	Reported IC ₅₀ (μ M) (<i>Plasmodium</i> HB3) ¹⁵³
	0.042	0.011
	0.13, 3.2	0.012, 0.018
	0.037, 0.200	0.013, 0.012
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	0.349	
	0.107	
	0.085	

Table 5-1: IC₅₀ values of CQ and CM-CQ analogues

JC-1 and CaspaTag assays were also performed by Kevin Tan's group to investigate programmed cell death (PCD) features at different concentrations of CQ. JC-1 is a lipophilic cation probe, normally with green fluorescence. At a high transmembrane potential of functional mitochondria, it aggregates to emit an orange-red fluorescence. At low nanomolar concentrations, basal levels of PCD features were observed; at micromolar concentrations of CM-CQ (**5-16**), there was a large increase in the proportion of cells displaying mitochondria outer membrane permeabilization (MOMP) and activation of caspase-like proteases. Confocal microscopy was then employed to assay for concentration-dependent differences in the cellular localization of CM-CQ (**5-17**).



Figure 5-3: Confocal images of a malaria-infected blood cell showing accumulation of the blue fluorescent drug **5-16** accumulating in the parasite food vacuole (blue) that is located within the parasite cytoplasm (green) and next to the parasite mitochondria (red).

Figure 5-3 show the observation that **5-17** accumulated in the hemazoin containing food vacuole at nanomolar concentrations, which is in agreement with conventionally accepted mechanism of CQ antimalarial activity.¹⁵⁸ At micromolar concentrations, however, the labeled drug accumulated non-specifically throughout the parasite's cytoplasm. Accumulation of **5-17** within the parasite is non-specific at concentrations exceeding 3 μ M and localizes throughout the parasite's cytoplasm. At these concentrations, **5-17** also induced MOMP resulting in mitochondria that were not clearly defined. Thus, the fluorescent-labeled analogue of chloroquine **5-16**, showed a

shift in localization from the food vacuole at nanomolar concentrations to the cytoplasm of the parasite at micromolar concentrations. This suggests that the PCD features observed are brought about by CQ accumulation and by the subsequent activation of PCD mediators in the cytoplasm.

To assess the usefulness of CM-CQ probes in differentiating between CQ sensitive and resistant strains, the ratio of CM-CQ (**5-17**) positive erythrocytes after 8 hrs of incubation and Hoechst-positive erythrocytes were investigated; DNA-binding stains like Hoechst and DAPI provide an accurate determination of the percentage of parasitized erythrocytes. As such, the ratio of CM-CQ versus DNA staining should clearly indicate the proportion of parasites that are CM-CQ (**5-17**) positive. As shown in **Figure 5-4** the proportion of CM-CQ-positive parasites was evidently different between the CQ-sensitive (3D7) and CQ-resistant (7G8 and K1) strains of *P. falciparum* (even at 3 and 6 μ M of **5-17**). This suggests that CM-CQ is able to distinguish between CQ sensitive and resistance strains without the need for tedious genetic analysis or lengthy IC₅₀ determination.



Figure 5-4: Flow cytometric analysis of CM-CQ (**5-17**) sensitive (3D7) and resistant (7G8, K1) *P. falciparum* strains.

5.5 Conclusion

In conclusion, CM-CQ probes like **5-17**, **5-16** and **5-21** are anticipated to have utility in the elucidation of drug-resistance and growth-related pathways, as well as to advance and highlight the differences between differing plasmodium species and related parasitic diseases. The use of a novel fluorophore-linked chloroquine **5-17** revealed that the differences in PCD features at low versus high CQ doses were associated with differential localization of the CM-CQ probe **5-17** at varying concentrations.¹⁵⁹ CM-CQ probes like **5-16** and **5-21** also have a potential beyond malaria as reports suggest that chloroquine is also effective in treating other diseases, such as HIV, cancer, influenza and SARS.
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Experimental: Chapter 1

General experimental procedures: Solvents were purified according to standard procedures, and reagents used were of highest purity available. All reactions were performed in flame-dried glass apparatus under nitrogen atmosphere unless mentioned otherwise. Anhydrous solvents like CH₂Cl₂, Et₂O, THF, CH₃OH, CH₃CN, DMF, pyridine, and Et₃N were freshly dried using standard methods. NMR measurements (¹H, ¹³C) were recorded on a 300 and 500 MHz spectrometer (Bruker) fitted with a pulsefield gradient probe, and trimethylsilane (TMS) or the residual resonance of deuterated solvent were used as internal reference. ¹³C NMR spectra were broadband ¹H decoupled. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants or J in Hz. Mass-spectra (ESI) and high resolution mass-spectra (HRMS) were obtained on quadrupole and LC-ITTOF (time of flight) spectrometers respectively using acetonitrile-water (1:1) as the mobile phase. Analytical TLC was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60 F254 plates, and compounds were typically visualized by ammonium molybdate/ceric-sulfate developing reagent after UV inspection. Silica column chromatography was carried out with silica gel 60 (60-120 mesh) or flash silica gel (230-400 mesh). The enantiomeric purity of products was determined by chiral HPLC analysis, using a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column (250 x 4.6 mm).

One pot preparation of 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (1-23): Trichloromethyl chloroformate (0.6 mL, 5 mmol) was added drop-wise to a solution mixture of 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thiol 1-21 (3.6 gm, 20 mmol) and triethylamine (3.1 mL, 22.5 mmol) in freshly distilled dichloromethane (40 mL) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to room temperature and left to stir overnight.

The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, and *p*-methoxybenzyl alcohol (0.9 mL, 7.5 mmol) and triethylamine (3.1 mL, 22.5 mmol) was added to the cooled mixture. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to room temperature and left to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*, followed by precipitation in ethyl acetate. The suspension obtained was filtered through celite and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (16/1) as eluent to obtain 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole **1-23** (2.2 gm, 99%). R_f = 0.30 (Hexane /EtOAc 4:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 153.9, 133.6, 130.5, 129.7, 127.0, 123.7, 114.2, 55.2, 37.3; MS-EI [M⁺] calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄OS: 298.0888, found 298.089.

Preparation of 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole via Mitsunobu reaction (1-23): *p*-Methoxybenzyl alcohol 1-16 (0.7 mL, 5.6 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of THF with 1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole-thiol 1-21 (2.0 gm, 11.2 mmol) and diethyl azodicarboxylate (1.6 mL, 10.1 mmol). A 25 mL solution of triphenylphosphine (2.2 gm, 8.4 mmol) in THF was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and allowed to stir for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was added to 100 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate and extracted 3 times with diethyl ether. The combined organic extract was dried in magnesium sulphate and the crude mixture was purified under silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (16/1) as eluent to obtain 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole 1-23 (1.58 gm, 95%).

Preparation of 5-(*p***-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1***H***-tetrazole via thio-ether synthesis (1-23):** 1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole-thiol **1-21** (0.59 gm, 3.4 mmol) and triethylamine (0.5 mL, 3.7 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride (0.6 mL, 4.36 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and allowed to stir overnight. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and diluted in ethyl acetate. The suspension obtained was filtered through celite and the filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (16/1) as eluent to obtain 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole **1-23** (0.92 gm, 92%).

General procedure for *p*-methoxybenzylation of alcohols: A solution of 5-(*p*-methoxybenzylthio)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole **1-23** (0.095 gm, 0.32 mmol, 1.60 equiv.) and DTBMP (0.05 gm, 0.25 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) in freshly distilled anhydrous dichloromethane (1.5 mL) was added to the alcohol (0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.). The solution mixture was cooled to 0°C and transferred to a suspension of silver triflate (0.08 gm, 0.32 mmol, 1.60 equiv.) in freshly distilled anhydrous dichloromethane (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to room temperature and left to stir overnight. Ethyl acetate was added to the reaction mixture and the suspension obtained was filtered through celite. The filtrate obtained was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography. Side product (**1**-**27**): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 130.4, 129.3, 113.7, 71.4, 55.2.



p-methoxybenzyl bis-ether (1-27): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 130.4, 129.3, 113.7, 71.4, 55.2.



p-methoxybenzyl-2-phenylethylether (1-28): $R_f = 0.55$ (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.16-7.28 (m, 7H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 138.9, 130.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 126.1, 113.7, 72.6, 70.9, 55.2, 36.3; MS-EI calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₂: 242.1307, found 242.130. R_f : 0.55



p-methoxybenzyl-cyclohexylether (1-26): $R_f = 0.65$ (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H) 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 131.3, 128.9, 113.7, 69.2, 55.2, 32.2, 25.8, 24.1; MS-EI [M⁺] calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O₂: 220.1463, found 220.146.

p-methoxybenzyl-2-chloroethylether (1-29): $R_f = 0.50$ (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H),

3.81 (s, 3H), 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.67 (m, 2H); MS (EI): m/z 200.0605. MS-EI [M⁺] calcd for C₁₀H₁₃ClO₂: 200.0604, found 200.06.



p-methoxybenzyl-2-phenyl-2-propanyl ether (1-30): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ
7.51 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 146.2, 131.4, 128.9, 128.2, 126.9, 125.8, 113.7, 64.7, 55.2, 28.5.



p-methoxybenzyl-2-methylprop-2-enyl ether (1-31): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H); MS-EI [M⁺] calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂: 192.1150, found 192.115.

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tert-**butyl-3**-(*p*-**methoxybenzyloxy)propyl carbamate:** ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H).



(4-(*p*-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)triethylsilane (1-41): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3): δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68-1.60 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.59 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 130.7, 129.1, 113.7, 72.4, 69.9, 62.6, 55.2, 29.5, 26.2, 6.7, 4.3.



(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 1-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-2-methylpropan-2-ylcarbamate (1-42): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 4.25 (d, 2H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 144.0, 141.2, 130.2, 129.1, 127.5, 126.9, 125.0, 119.8, 113.7, 75.9, 72.8, 66.0, 55.2, 53.0, 47.2, 24.1.



p-methoxybenzyl-p-bromophenylether (1-43): $R_f = 0.58$ (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.37 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.5, 157.8, 132.2, 129.1, 128.5, 116.7, 114.0, 112.9, 70.0, 55.2, 30.8, 30.1. MS-EI [M⁺] calcd for C₁₄H₁₃BrO₂: 292.0099, found 292.



p-methoxybenzyl-prop-2-yn-1-ylether (1-44): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 129.7, 128.8, 113.8, 79.7, 74.4, 71.1, 56.6, 55.2.



(2-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-2-phenylethyl)trimethylsilane (1-45): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.40-1.11 (m, 2H), -0.05 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 144.4, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.4, 127.4, 126.6, 113.6, 79.4, 69.7, 55.2, 27.8, -1.0.



Allyl-3-O-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-4,6-O-benzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside (1-53): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6Hz, 2H), 5.97-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.32-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.80 (d, J =11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28-3.85 (m, 9H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.3, 137.5, 133.4, 130.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.1, 126.0, 117.7, 113.8, 101.5, 99.1, 78.8, 77.4, 77.0, 76.5, 75.3, 72.7, 69.9, 68.8, 68.1, 63.3, 55.2.



Allyl-2,3-di-*O*-carbonyl-6-*O*-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-α-*D*-mannopyranoside (1-54): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.97-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.77-4.65 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.20 (m, 1H), 4.09-4.03 (m, 1H), 3.93-3.67 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.4, 153.6, 132.5, 130.0, 129.4, 118.6, 113.9, 94.2, 78.8, 75.3, 69.0, 68.9, 68.4, 67.7, 55.2.



Allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl-4-O-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-6-O-dichloroacetyl-α-D-mannopyr anoside (1-55): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 2H), 5.85-5.72 (m, 2H), 5.26-5.17 (m, 3H), 4.84-4.79 (m, 1H), 4.72-4.69 (m, 1H), 4.61-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.49-4.43 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.49 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.0, 159.7, 153.0, 132.3, 130.0, 128.3, 118.9, 114.0, 114.0, 94.1, 79.3, 76.1, 73.3, 72.7, 68.3, 65.4, 65.4, 63.9, 55.2.



(S)-Methyl 3-(*p*-methoxybenzyloxy)-2-methylpropionate (1-60): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.44 (m, 1H) 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 159.1, 130.2, 129.1, 113.7, 72.7, 71.6, 55.2, 51.6, 40.1, 13.9. The ee value was 97%, tR (major) = 7.29 min, tR (minor) = 8.08 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 254 nm, 15% *i*PrOH/hexanes, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

Triethylsilyl monoprotection of butane-1,4-diol (1-32): To an ice-cooled solution of butane-1,4-diol (0.96 mL, 10.9 mmol) and pyridine (1.2 mL, 15.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added chlorotriethylsilane (1.6 mL, 9.9 mmol). The

reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate and extracted three times with diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and the ether layer was evaporated in vacuo to give 4-*O*-(triethylsilyl)butan-1- ol **1-33** which was purified using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (5/1) as eluent. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.66 (m, 4H), 1.66 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H), 0.62 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 62.9, 62.8, 30.3, 29.9, 6.6, 4.3.

Preparation of 2-(trimethylsilyl)-1-phenylethanol (1-35): Into a flame-dried round bottom flask with magnesium turnings (0.2 gm, 8.4 mmol) was added a solution of chloromethyl trimethylsilane **1-34** (0.6 mL, 4.2 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was warmed to 50°C and two drops of bromobutane was added to initiate the reaction. Upon formation of a cloudy solution, a solution of benzaldehyde (0.4 mL, 3.6 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 4.5 hours. The reaction mixture was then poured into an ice cold solution of ammonium chloride which was then diluted with diethyl ether, washed twice with saturated sodium bicarbonate and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The dried organic extract was evaporated in vacuo and crude **1-35** was used for protection without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.85 (m, 1H), 1.23 (m, 2H), -0.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 146.3, 128.3, 127.4, 125.8, 72.7, 28.3, -1.1.

Fmoc protection of 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (**1-38**).²⁹ To the solution of 2amino-2-methyl-1-propanol **1-36** (0.1 mL, 1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.6 mL) was added, dropwise, Fmoc chloride (0.3 gm, 1.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.4 mL). Sodium bicarbonate (168 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (3/2) to obtain (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-yl carbam ate **1-38**. (192 mg, 62%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 7.85 (d, 2H), 7.60 (d, 2H), 7.43-7.30 (m, 4H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 156.1, 143.8, 141.3, 127.6, 127.0, 119.9, 70.0, 66.2, 54.4, 47.2, 24.4.

Preparation of 2-hydroxyethyl 3-(2-methyl-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)propanoate (1-40). 2hydroxyethyl 3-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propanoate 1-39 (150 mg, 0.74 mmol) and iodine (19 mg, 0.074 mmol) were dissolved in chloroform (3.7 mL). Ethane-1,2-dithiol (0.07 mL, 0.088 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated sodium thiosulphate solution, 10% sodium hydroxide and diluted with chloroform. The organic layer was washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude mixture was purified via silica gel chromatography (3/2) to give 2-hydroxyethyl 3-(2-methyl-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)propanoate 1-40 (30 mg, 17%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.23-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.84-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.25 (m, 4H), 2.67-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.6, 66.1, 61.1, 40.2, 39.5, 32.9, 31.8.

Preparation of Allyl-4,6-*O***-benzylidene-** α **-D-mannopyranoside (1-48).**³⁰ D-Mannose 1-47 (5 gm , 27.8 mmol) was refluxed at 80°C for 4 h in presence of BF₃·Et₂O (0.25 mL, 1.95 mmol) in allyl alcohol (29 mL). After neutralization with triethylamine, the excess of allyl alcohol was evaporated and the residue purified by silica column

chromatography using CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (8/1) to give allyl- α -D-mannopyranoside (5.13) gm, 83%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 5.92-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.27-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.71 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.08 (m, 1H), 3.94-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.62 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSOd₆): δ 134.80, 116.46, 99.08, 74.09, 71.00, 70.29, 67.04, 66.63, 61.28. A solution of allyl-a-D-mannopyranoside (5.13 gm, 23 mmol), benzaldehyde-dimethylacetal (5.35 mL, 5.42 mmol) and camphor sulphonic acid (0.675 gm, 4.43 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (219 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. After neutralization with triethylamine and the reaction mixture was concentrated, diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, concentrated and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 6/4) to give compound allyl-4,6-Obenzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside **1-48** (4.67 gm, 65%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51-7.36 (m, 5H), 5.98-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.34-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.92 (d, J = 1.0Hz, 1H), 4.29-3.79 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 137.1, 133.4, 129.2, 128.3, 126.2, 117.7, 102.1, 99.4, 78.8, 70.9, 68.7, 68.5, 68.2, 63.1.

3-O-trimethylsilylation of allyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-D-mannopyranoside: 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane (0.06 mL, 0.312 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution mixture of allyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-D-mannopyranoside (200 mg, 0.649 mmol) and iodine (0.1 mg, 0.0039 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 mL). At the end of 1 hour, the reaction was quenched with 1gm of finely powdered sodium thiosulphate. The suspension was allowed to stir for another 1 hour before filtering off excess sodium thiosulphate. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography using n-

hexane/ethylacetate (4/1) to obtain allyl-3-*O*-trimethylsilyl-4,6-benzylidene-*D*-manno pyranoside as a mixture of anomers (α : β = 3: 1) (12 mg, 5%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 7.49-7.35 (m, 5H), 5.98-5.85 (m, 1H), 5.55 (m, 1H), 5.33-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.26-3.81 (m, 8H), 0.13 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.5, 133.6, 128.8, 128.1, 126.2, 126.1, 116.7, 101.8, 98.9, 78.8, 72.1, 69.5, 68.8, 68.2, 63.2, 0.3.

Preparation of allyl-2,3-*O*-bis(dichloroacetyl)-4,6-O-benzylidene-α-*D*-mannopyra noside (1-49). A solution of allyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside 1-48 (0.2 gm, 0.649 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.008 gm, 0.0649 mmol) and pyridine (0.16 mL, 1.947 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (13 mL) and cooled to -20°C. Dichloroacetyl chloride (0.2 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was diluted with 20 mL of ethyl acetate and quenched with 20 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer extracted with saturated sodium bicarbonate, brine and dried over sodium sulphate. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was purified via silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (9/1) to obtain allyl-2,3-*O*-bis(dichloroacetyl)-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-α-*D*-mannopyranoside 1-49 (0.203 gm, 65%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46-7.35 (m, 5H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 6.03-5.85 (m, 2H), 5.64-5.58 (m, 2H), 5.49-5.48 (m, 1H). 5.38-5.27 (m, 2H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36-3.86 (m, 6H).

Preparation of allyl-2,3-di-*O***-carbonyl-** α **-***D***-mannopyranoside** (1-50).³² To an 0°C solution of allyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-mannopyranoside 1-48 (2.06 gm, 6.67 mmol) and pyridine (4.3 mL, 53.36 mol) in dichloromethane (40 mL) was added trichloromethyl chloroformate (1.2 mL, 10.0 mol). The reaction was stirred for 1 hour

and saturated sodium bicarbonate solution was added dropwise to the reaction mixture until effervescence ceases. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and the organic layer was washed with sodium bicarbonate, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium carbonate. The solvent was evaporated and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (4/1) to obtain allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside 1-50 (1.45 gm, 66%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 7.53-7.37 (m, 5H), 5.96-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.36-5.20 (m, 3H), 4.87 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.34 (m, 1H). 4.35-4.18 (m, 1H),4.09-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.76 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR: δ 153.1, 136.4, 132.5, 129.3, 128.3, 126.0, 118.8, 101.9, 94.9, 78.6, 76.5, 75.1, 68.5, 59.4. p-Toluene sulphonic acid (0.476 gm, 2.5 mmol) and allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-a-D-mannopyranoside (0.846 gm, 2.5 mmol) in a 1:1 dichloromethane/methanol mixture (17 mL) was allowed to react for 4 hours before quenching the reaction with triethylamine. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (2/3) to obtain allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl- α -Dmannopyranoside (0.492 gm , 80%). IR: 3454cm⁻¹ (OH stretch), 1808cm⁻¹ (C=O stretch); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-d₆): δ 5.97-5.89 (m, 1H), 5.36-5.16 (m, 3H), 4.82-4.74 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.62 (m, 5H), ¹³C NMR $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{Acetone-d}_6)$: δ 133.6, 116.7, 94.1, 79.8, 76.2, 69.7, 67.8, 67.4, 60.9.

Preparation of allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl-6-O-dichloroacetyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranoside (1-49). Allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl- α -D-mannopyranoside (74 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyridine (0.036 mL, 0.45mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (4 mg, 0.03 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (6 mL) and cooled to -20°C. Dichloroacetyl chloride (0.032 mL,

0.33 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the reaction was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was purified via silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (7/3) to yield allyl-2,3-di-*O*-carbonyl-6-*O*-dichloroacetyl- α -*D*-mannopyranoside (61 mg, 57%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 4.48 ppm (s, 1H), 6.00-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.36-5.17 (m, 3H), 4.77-4.73 (m, 2H), 4.66-4.62 (m, 2H), 4.45-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.11-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.64 (M, 1H); ¹³C NMR (MeOH-d₄): δ 165.8, 155.5, 134.5, 118.4, 95.5, 81.2, 77.9, 69.3, 68.9, 68.3, 66.8, 65.6.

Preparation of allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl-4,6-O-di-O-tosyl-α-D-mannopyranoside (1-52). Allyl-2,3-di-O-carbonyl-α-D-mannopyranoside (74 mg, 0.3 mmol), triethylamine (0.21 mL, 1.5 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (catalytic) were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane and cooled to 0 °C. *p*-toluenesulphonyl chloride (86 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, brine and then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude mixture was purified via silica gel chromatography using n-hexane/ethyl acetate (7/3) to obtain allyl-2,3-di-*O*-carbonyl-4,6-*O*-di-*O*-tosyl-α-*D*-mannopyranoside **1-52** (57 mg, 38%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80-7.75 (4H, m), 7.39-7.35 (4H, m), 5.89-5.76 (1H, m), 5.32-5.22 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.71-4.64 (m, 1H), 4.56-4.53 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.30 (M,

2H), 4.19-3.91 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 151.8, 146.0, 145.1, 132.4, 132.2, 131.9, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 127.9, 119.3, 93.7, 75.7, 75.4, 74.4, 68.6, 67.5, 65.2, 21.6, 21.6.

Experimental: Chapter 3 and Chapter 4

General Procedure for the synthesis of Boc-Aminoacids: 2-(tertbutoxycarbonylamino)-3-methylpentanoic acid: Aminoacid (1 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of dioxane and water (1:1). To this solution, sodium carbonate (1.1 mmol) and Boc-anhydride (1.5 mmol) were added at 0 °C and stirred for 12 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with sodium bicarbonate solution and acidified with citric acid. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine and then dried over Na₂SO₄.



Boc-L-Isoleucine (**3-2**): Isoleucine (5 gm, 38.1 mmol) was treated with 1M solution of sodium carbonate (42 mmol) followed by Boc-anhydride (13.2 mL, 57.2 mmol). Flash chromatography of the crude product on silica gel (hexane/ethylacetate, 5/1) gave the desired compound **3-2** (8.6 gm, 37.2 mmol, 98%) as a white crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.80 (m, 6H), 1.14 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 12.4 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.2, 15.5, 24.7, 28.2, 35.9, 58.0, 77.9, 155.6, 173.5; ESI-MS, calcd for C₁₁ H₂₄ NO₄ 231.15, found [M+Na]⁺

General procedure for coupling of amino acids via the mixed anhydride method: (a) Preparation of Bis-TMS amino acid: To the solution of amino acid (1.6 gm, 13.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane, triethyl amine (6.7 mL, 48 mmol, 3.5 equiv.) and trimethylsilylchloride (6.1 mL, 48 mmol, 3.5 equiv.) were added. The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. The mixture was then used *in situ* for coupling to the anhydride. (b) Preparation of mixed anhydride using chloroformate: Boc-amino acid (2.0 gm, 8.65 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in THF. Then, N-methyl morpholine (1.2 mL, 10.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added at -20 °C followed by the addition of ethyl chlorofomate (1.0 mL, 10.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 15 minutes to 20 minutes. At this point, Bis-TMS amino acid was added to the anhydride solution and stirred for 10 h at room temperature. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under rotary evaporation. The residue obtained was dissolved in sat. NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was washed with n-hexane. n-Hexane layers were removed. The aqueous bicarbonate layer was acidified with citric acid and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was then brine washed, dried using anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and removed by rotary evaporation to give white solid.

General procedure for cleavage of Boc group and coupling using HATU coupling agent: Boc protected amino acid or peptide compound was dissolved in dichloromethane. To this, trifluoroacetic acid was added slowly at 0 °C and left to room temperature for 30 min. After completion of the reaction, excess TFA was removed under rotary evaporator. To this, diethylether was added. Solid compound precipitated out. Supernant diethylether layer was then removed and the solid was dissolved in dichloromethane. α - amino protected amino acid or peptide with free carboxylic acid was then added to the reaction flask at 0 °C, followed by the addition of DIPEA, HATU and HOAt. A catalytic amount of DMAP was also added. The reaction was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. After completion, the reaction mixture was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with

saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, followed by brine solution. The organic layer was finally dried using sodium sulphate and evaporated *in vacuo* to give a solid residue. The residue was purified by column chromatography.

General procedure for cleavage of Fmoc group: To the solution of Fmoc-protected amino acid or peptide (1 equiv.) in anhydrous dichloromethane, piperidine (5 vol.) was added and stirred overnight. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH) to give the free amine.

General procedure for the removal of trityl group: To the solution of trityl-protected compound in dichloromethane, trifluoroacetic acid was added at 0 °C followed by the addition of triisopropylsilane. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated on rotary evaporator to give oily residue. The residue was diluted with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Finally, the organic layer was removed *in vacuo* and the crude obtained was purified over silica gel column chromatography to afford the target compounds.



Preparation of Dipeptide: (S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-3-methylpentan amido)-3-methylbutanoic acid (3-4): To the solution of Boc-Isoleucine
3-2 (2.0 gm, 8.65 mmol) in THF, N-methyl morpholine (1.2 mL, 10.3 mmol) and

ethylchloroformate (1.0 mL, 10.3 mmol) were added at 0 °C followed by the addition of Bis-TMS-Valine. Bis-TMS-Valine (**3-3**) was prepared by dissolving valine (1.6 gm, 13.6 mmol) in 60 mL dichloromethane. Triethyl amine (6.7 mL, 48 mmol) and trimethylsilylchloride (6.1 mL, 48 mmol) were then added. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 3/1) to give the compound **3-4** (2.5 gm, 7.5 mmol, 88 %) as a white crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.77 (m, 6H), 0.87 (m, 6H), 1.08 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 12.56 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.8, 15.3, 17.9, 18.9, 24.3, 28.1, 29.9, 36.3, 56.9, 58.7, 77.9, 155.8, 171.6, 172.7; ESI-MS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₆ H₃₀N₂O₅ 330.2, found 330.9, [M+Na]⁺ 353.1



Preparation of Tripeptide: *tert*-butyl (2S,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-carbamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylcarbamate (3-7): L-Bocproline amide 3-12 (350 mg, 1.6 mmol) was coupled to the dipeptide 3-4 (647 mg, 1.95 mmol) according to the general procedure for peptide coupling using HATU/HOAt to give the desired compound 3-7 as white solid (368 mg, 0.86 mmol, 53%) after silica gel column purification with chloroform/methanol (15/1) as eluents. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.77 (m, 6H), 0.85 (m, 6H), 1.04 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.82 (m, 4H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (1H, m), 4.33 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.8, 15.3, 18.1, 19.1, 24.4, 28.1, 29.2, 30.1, 36.5, 46.9, 58.8, 78.0, 79.1, 155.2, 169.6, 171.2, 173.3; ESI-MS: m/z (%) calcd for C₂₁H₃₈N₄O₅ 426.3, found 427.0, [M+Na]⁺ 449.2



Preparation Boc–Tetrapeptide: tert-butyl (S)-1-((2S,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2of carbamoyl pyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxopenta n-2-ylamino)-1-oxo-3-(1-trityl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)propan-2-ylcarbamate (3-9): Tri peptide 3-7 (297 mg, 0.7 mmol) was coupled to N_{α} -Boc- $N_{(im)}$ -trityl-L-histidine 3-8 (436 mg, 0.77 mmol) to give the desired compound **3-9** as a white solid (456 mg, 0.5 mmol, 70% yield) after silica gel column purification using chloroform/methanol (15/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.79 (m, 6H), 0.84 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.7Hz, 3H), 1.06 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.73 (m, 6H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.27 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.7Hz, 1H), 7.08 (m, 5H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 8H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.1 (d, J =7.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.6, 14.4, 15.9, 17.4, 17.6, 19.2, 19.3, 24.6, 28.2, 29.0, 29.7, 30.7, 36.0, 46.6, 53.3, 55.9, 58.5, 59.4, 75.3, 80.2, 119.6, 128.0, 128.1, 129.6, 136.3, 138.6, 142.0, 156.0, 171.0, 173.0, 173.9; ESI-MS, calcd for C₄₆H₅₉N₇O₆ 805.5, found 806.4



Preparation of Tetrapeptide: (S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl) pyrrolidine -2-carboxamide (3-10): Compound 3-9 (57 mg, 71µmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane and then TFA solution was added and then coupled to isovaleric acid using HATU/HOAt. After the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the reaction was worked up by adding saturated sodium bicarbonate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The residue was purified on Prep HPLC to give **3-10** (31 mg 0.057 mmol, 79%), as a gummy residue by preparative HPLC using Luna C18, 50x3.0mm, 5 μ m; (linear gradient: 0 to 100% B, 0.1% formic acid, 70 min). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.80 (m, 6H), 0.89 (d, 6H) 0.9 (m, 6H), 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.7 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 7H) 2.84 (m, 1H), 3.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.3 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (m, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H),7.06 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.1 (m, 2H), 8.25 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.6, 14.9, 17.8, 18.5, 21.9, 23.8, 24.9, 28.7, 29.4, 36.5, 44.1, 46.6, 52.6, 55.5, 56.4, 59.1, 132.1, 134.1, 167, 168.5, 169.8, 170.8, 171.0; ESI-MS: calcd for $C_{27}H_{45}N_7O_5$ 547.3, found 548.3, $[M+Na]^+$ 570.4



¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.70 (m, 18H), 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 5H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.86 (m, 1H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 8.5 MHz, 1H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.6, 14.9, 17.8, 18.5, 21.9, 23.8, 24.9, 28.7, 29.4, 36.5, 44.1, 46.6, 52.6, 55.5, 56.4, 59.1, 134.0, 167, 168.5, 169.8, 170.8, 171; ESI-MS: calcd for C₂₇H₄₅N₇O₅ 547.3, found 548.1



Histidine-Isovalericacid fragment, (S)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)-3-(1-trityl-1Himidazo I-4-yl)propanoic acid (3-19): Isovaleric acid 3-20 (60 mg, 0.59 mmol) was coupled to $N_{(im)}$ -trityl-L-histidine 3-17 (353 mg, 0.9 mmol) by using the anhydride method described in the general procedure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol, 10/1) to give the desired fragment 3-19 (215 mg, 0.45 mmol, 76%) as a white crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.77 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.84 (m, 2H) 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 7.04 (m, 6H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.35 (m, 9H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,CDCl₃): δ 19.0, 22.3,
25.8, 45.7, 52.4, 76.1, 120.1, 127.8, 129.6, 137.1, 141.5, 171.8; ESI-MS, calcd for $C_{30}H_{31}N_3O_3$ 481.2, found 482.0, $[M+Na]^+$ 504.1.



Preparation of Fmoc-tetrapeptide: (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl (S)-1-((2S,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-carbamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxo pentan-2-ylamino)-1-oxo-3-(1-trityl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)propan-2-ylcarbamate(3-14): Tripeptide 3-7 (297 mg, 0.7 mmol) was coupled to N_{α} -Fmoc- $N_{(im)}$ -trityl-L-histidine 3-13 (436 mg, 0.77 mmol) to give the desired compound 3-14 as a white solid (456 mg, 0.5 mmol, 70% yield) after silica gel column purification using chloroform/methanol (10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.80 (m, 12 H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 4H), 2.2 (m, 2H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.29 (m, 6H), 6.66 (m, 2H), 6.99 (m, 7H), 7.30 (m, 17H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, pyridine-d₅) δ 11.1, 16.0, 18.8, 19.6, 25.2, 25.3, 29.3, 31.2, 32.0, 37.7, 47.7, 47.9, 55.0, 56.3, 56.9, 58.0, 60.3, 67.0, 75.4, 119.7, 120.3, 123.3, 125.8, 127.4, 127.5, 128.0, 128.2, 128.4, 130.1, 138.5, 138.9, 141.6, 143.1, 144.6, 144.7, 157.2, 171.6, 172.4, 172.7, 174.5; ESI-MS: m/z calcd for C₅₆H₆₁N₇O₆ 927.5, found 928.4, [M+Na]⁺ 950.4



Preparation of tetrapeptide: (S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-2-amino-3-(1-trityl-1Himidazol-4-yl)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine -2-carboxamide (3-15): Fmoc-tetrapeptide 3-14 (107 mg, 0.1 mmol) was cleaved using the general procedure for the removal of Fmoc group to give compound 3-15 as a white solid (70 mg, 0.1 mmol, 86%) after purification by column chromatography using DCM/methanol/TEA (6/1+0.1%TEA). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.83 (m, 6H), 0.88 (d, 6H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 7H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.03 (brs, 1H), 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (m, 9H), 7.36 (brs, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.3, 15.9, 17.8, 19.3, 24.5, 25.0, 27.2, 31.3, 33.1, 47.7, 55.6, 55.7, 57.5, 59.3, 75.2, 119.4, 128.0, 129.7, 138.0, 138.7, 142.3, 171.4, 171.6, 173.2, 175.0; ESI-MS: calcd for C₄₁H₅₁N₇O₄ 705.4, found 706.2, [M+Na]⁺ 728.4



Coupling with Isovaleric acid: (S)-1-((S)-3-methyl-2-((2S,3S)-3-methyl-2-((S)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)-3-(1-trityl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)propanamido)pentanamido)buta noyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (3-16): Tetrapeptide 3-15 (70 mg, 0.1 mmol) was coupled to isovaleric acid (40 mg, 0.39 mmol) to give the desired compound 3-16 as a white solid (57 mg, 0.07 mmol, 72 %) after column purification using chloroform /methanol (8/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 0.85 (m, 18H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.88 (m, 6H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 3.01 (m, 2H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 1H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, 1H), 4.62 (brm, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.88 (brs, 1H), 7.09 (m, 6H), 7.29 (m, 11H), 7.46 (brm, 2H), 7.82 (brm, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.6, 15.8, 18.3, 19.2, 22.4, 22.5, 25.0, 26.0, 26.6, 29.6, 30.0, 30.8, 36.5, 45.8, 47.7, 53.5, 58.5, 59.2, 75.2, 119.8, 128.1, 129.7, 142.2, 171.1, 171.2, 173.1, 173.3; ESI-MS: calcd for C₄₆H₃₉N₇O₅ 789.5, found 790.1, [M+Na]⁺ 812.4

Preparation of Tetrapeptide: (S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)

pyrrolidine -2-carboxamide (3-10): Compound **3-16** (57 mg, 71μmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane and then TFA solution was added followed by triisopropylsilane. After one hour, the reaction was complete. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the reaction was worked up by adding saturated sodium bicarbonate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The residue was purified on preparative HPLC to give **3-10**, (31 mg, 0.057 mmol, 79%) as a gummy residue using Luna C18 column, 50x3.0mm, 5μm; (linear gradient: 0 to 100% B, 0.1% formic acid, 70 min). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.80 (m, 6H), 0.89 (d, 6H) 0.9 (m, 6H), 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.7 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 7H) 2.84 (m, 1H), 3.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.3 (t, 1H), 4.62 (m, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.1 (m, 2H), 8.25 (brs, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.6, 14.9, 17.8, 18.5, 21.9, 23.8, 24.9, 28.7, 29.4, 36.5, 44.1, 46.6, 52.6, 55.5, 56.4, 59.1, 132.1, 134.1, 167, 168.5, 169.8, 170.8, 171.0; ESI-MS: calcd for C₂₇H₄₅N₇O₅ 547.3, found 548.3, [M+Na]⁺ 570.4



(2R,3S)-2-Amino-3-methylpentanoic acid (3-22) : D-Alloisoleucine (500 mg, 3.8 mmol) was prepared using the general procedure for Boc protection to give the desired compound as a white solid in nearly quantitative yield (858 mg, 3.71 mmol, 97%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.80 (m, 6H), 1.09 (m, 1H), 1.23 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.85 Hz, 1H); ¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.4, 14.7, 25.6, 28.1, 36.0, 56.7, 77.9, 155.8, 173.7; ESI-MS, calcd for C₁₁H₂₁NO₄ 231.1, found 231.0



(S)-2-((2R,3S)-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbuta noic acid (3-24): Boc-D-alloisoleucine (730 mg, 3.15 mmol) was coupled to L-valine (500 mg, 4.27 mmol) using the method described above. The crude was purified using column chromatography (hexane/ethylacetate, 3/1) to give the desired compound as a white solid (716 mg, 2.17 mmol, 69%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.76 (m, 12H), 1.08 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 4.01 (m, 1H), 4.12 (m,

1H), 6.57 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 12.57 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.3, 14.2, 18.0, 19.1, 25.7, 28.1, 29.8, 36.9, 56.9, 59.4, 78.0, 155.4, 172.9; ESI-MS, calcd for C₁₆H₃₀N₂O₅ 330.2, found 330.9, [M+Na]⁺ 353.1



tert-butyl (2R,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-carbamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl a mino)-3-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylcarbamate (3-25) : L-Boc proline amide 3-12 (350 mg, 1.6 mmol) was coupled to the dipeptide 3-24 (647 mg, 1.95 mmol) to give the desired compound as a white solid 3-25 (368 mg, 0.86 mmol, 53%) after silica gel column purification with chloroform/methanol (15/1) as eluents. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.78 (m, 12H), 1.11 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.81 (m, 6H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.98 (m, 1H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (brs, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ESI-MS, calcd for C₂₁H₃₈N₄O₅ 426.3, found 427.1, [M+Na]⁺ 449.2



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2R,3S)-2-((S)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)propana mido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (3-27) : The tripeptide 3-25 (112 mg, 0.26 mmol) was coupled to the fragment 3-19 (126 mg, 0.26 mmol) using the standard coupling agent, HATU as described in the general

procedure followed by the removal of trityl group by following the general procedure described above gave compound **3-27** as a gummy solid (158 mg, 0.2 mmol, 77%) after silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 8/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.68 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (m, 12H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (m, 1H), 1.10 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 8H) 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 4.28 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.64 (m, 1H), 6.81 (brs, 1H), 6.90 (brs, 2H), 7.23 (brs, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (brs, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ESI-MS, calcd for C₂₇H₄₅N₇O₅ 547.3, found 548.3, [M+Na]⁺ 570.4.

Determination of absolute stereochemistry of tetrapeptide, N1266 (3-1): Hydrolysis of tetrapeptide N1266 (**3-1**, 0.2 mg) was achieved by heating under microwave irradiation in 6N HCl (0.2 mL) at 170 °C for 20 min. After cooling, the solution was evaporated to dryness and dissolved in H₂O (50 μ L). To the acid hydrolyzate solution was added a 1% (w/v) solution (100 μ L) of 2,4-dinitro-5-fluorophenyl)-L-alaninamide (FDAA) in acetone. After addition of NaHCO₃ solution (1 M; 20 μ L) the mixture was incubated for 1 h at 40 °C. The reaction was stopped by the addition of HCl (2 N; 10 μ L), the solvents were evaporated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in MeOH/H₂O (1:1; 1 mL). An aliquot of this solution (30 μ L for **3-1** and 10 μ L for the standards) was analyzed by HPLC-MS (IT-TOF, Phenomenex C18, 50x3.0mm, 5 μ m; linear gradient: 1 to 100% B, 45 min; 1 mL min⁻¹; 25 °C). Retention times (min) of the FDAA amino acid derivatives used as standards were as follows: D-His (13.72), L-His (14.54), L-Pro (17.26), D-Pro (17.62), L-Val (19.10), D-Val (20.45) L-Ile (20.46) and D-Ile (21.75). Retention times (min) of the observed peaks in the HPLC trace of the

FDAA derivatized hydrolysis product of **3-1** were as follows: D-His (13.15) L-Pro (17.22), L-Val (19.05) and L-Ile (20.30).



(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl(R)-1-((2S,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-carbamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3me thyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylamino)-1-oxo-3-(1-trityl -1H-im idazol-4-yl)propan-2-ylcarbamate (3-30): Tripeptide 3-7 (160 mg, 0.37 mmol) was coupled to N_a -fmoc- $N_{(im)}$ -trityl-D-histidine 3-29 (256 mg, 0.41 mmol) using the general procedure for coupling by HATU coupling reagent. The desired compound 3-30 (262 mg, 0.28 mmol, 75%) was obtained as a white solid after column purification using chloroform/methanol (9/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 0.75 (m, 12H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.87 (6H, m), 3.0 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 3H), 4.51(m, 3H), 6.54 (brs, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.06 (m, 7H), 7.14 (brs, 1H), 7.28 (m, 14H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.64 (brd, 1H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.79 (brd, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 11.3, 15.8, 17.9, 19.2, 24.4, 25.0, 27.7, 31.2, 47.0, 47.7, 55.1, 55.8, 57.8, 59.3, 67.2, 75.3, 119.3, 119.8, 125.1, 125.2, 127.0, 127.6, 128.0, 129.6, 138.5, 141.1, 141.2, 142.2, 143.7, 143.9, 171.2, 171.3, 171.7, 173.5; ESI-MS, calcd for C₅₆H₆₁N₇O₆ 927.5, found 928.2, [M+Na]⁺950.4



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((R)-2-amino-3-(1-trityl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)propanamido)-3methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (3-31): Fmoctetrapeptide 3-30 (140 mg, 0.15 mmol) was cleaved using piperidine to give the desired compound 3-31 as a white solid (77 mg, 0.11 mmol, 70%) after silica gel column purification (dichloromethane/methanol, 6/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.83 (m, 12H), 1.10 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 6H), 2.82 (m, 2H), 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H), 4.30 (m, 1H), 4.53 (m, 2H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.03 (brs, 1H), 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 7.33 (m, 9H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 11.2, 15.7, 18.1, 19.1, 24.6, 24.9, 28.2, 30.6, 32.2, 36.5, 47.6, 54.5, 55.9, 58.4, 59.5, 75.1, 119.5, 127.9, 129.5, 136.7, 138.6, 142.0, 171.3, 171.5, 173.4, 173.7; ESI-MS: calcd for C₄₁H₅₁N₇O₄ 705.4, found 706.1, [M+Na]⁺728.3.



(S)-1-((S)-3-methyl-2-((2S,3S)-3-methyl-2-((R)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)-3-(1-trityl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)propanamido)pentanamido)butanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (3-32): Tetrapeptide 3-31 (74 mg, 0.1 mmol) was coupled to isovaleric acid (10 μL, 0.1 mmol) using the general procedure for coupling using HATU coupling agent. The desired compound **3-32** (48 mg, 0.06 mmol, 58%) was obtained as a white solid after column purification on silica gel using chloroform/methanol (10/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.82 (m, 18H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 6H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.92 (m, 1H), 3.02 (m, 1H), 3.57 (1H, m), 3.75 (1H, m), 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.53 (m, 2H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.94 (brs, 1H), 7.02 (brs, 1H), 7.08 (6H, m), 7.32 (m, 11H), 7.98 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 11.4, 15.8, 17.9, 19.3, 22.4, 22.5, 24.6, 25.0, 26.0, 27.1, 29.6, 29.7, 31.2, 36.8, 45.8, 47.7, 53.2, 55.7, 58.3, 59.3, 75.5, 119.4, 128.1, 129.7, 138.1, 142.1, 171.1, 171.6, 171.7, 173.1, 173.2; ESI-MS: calcd for C₄₆H₅₉N₇O₅ 789.5, found 790.16.



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((R)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)propana mido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (3-1): Trt-tetrapeptide 3-32 (40mg, 50.6 µmol) was treated with TFA to give the target compound. Pure compound 3-1 (14 mg, 0.02 mmol, 51%) was obtained as a gummy residue by preparative HPLC using Luna C18 column, 50x3.0mm, 5µm; (linear gradient: 0 to 100% B, 0.1% formic acid, 70 min). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.74 (m, 18H), 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.91-2.02 (m, 5H), 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 4.59 (m, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.0, 15.2, 18.4, 19.0, 22.1, 22.2, 24.0, 24.4, 25.4, 29.2, 36.9, 44.4, 46.9, 52.6, 55.7, 56.2, 59.1, 134.5, 169.5, 170.7, 171.3, 172.6, 173.3; ESI-MS: calcd for C₂₇H₄₅N₇O₅ 547.3, found 548.1.



Histidine-Cinnamicacid fragment: (S,E)-6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-((1-trityl-1 H -imidazol-4-yl)methyl)hex-5-enoic acid (4-18): Cinnamic acid (30 mg, 0.17 mmol) was coupled to $N_{(im)}$ -trityl - L-histidine 3-17 (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) by using the anhydride method described in the general procedure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (chloroform/methanol, 9/1) to give the desired fragment 4-18 (81mg, 0.14 mmol, 86%) as a white crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.51 (m, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (m, 9H), 7.22 (m, 11H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 30.2, 52.1, 55.5, 74.3, 111.6, 119.2, 120.6, 122.1, 123.2, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 129.1, 130.8, 134.1, 136.6, 137.5, 142.2, 164.9, 173.1; ESI-MS, calcd for C₃₅H₃₁N₃O₄ 557.2, found 558.0.



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-2-((E)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)acrylamido)-3-(1-trityl-1Himidazol-4-yl)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine -2-carb oxamide (4-19): The tripeptide 3-7 was coupled to (50 mg, 0.1 mmol) was used to coupled to the fragment 4-19 (65 mg, 0.12 mmol) to give compound 4-19 as a white solid after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 9/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 0.78 (m, 6H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.90 (m, 3H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 3.07 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.05(m, 1H), 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (brs, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.711H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (brm, 1H), 7.08 (m, 6H), 7.28 (m, 11H), 7.36 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSOd₆): δ 11.6, 15.8, 18.4, 19.1, 24.5, 25.0, 27.0, 30.1. 30.9, 36.6, 47.7, 54.1, 55.3, 55.6, 56.2, 58.3, 59.0 111.0, 119.7, 120.6, 121.0, 123.7, 128.0, 128.8, 129.7, 130.8, 136.8, 138.4, 142.1, 142.2, 158.2, 166.6, 171.3, 171.5, 171.7, 173.3; ESI-MS: calcd for $C_{51}H_{59}N_7O_6 865.45$, found 866, $[M+Na]^+ 888.4$.



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-2-((E)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)acryl amido)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-car boxamide (4-20): The trityl group of compound 4-19 was then removed by using TFA

to give the desired compound **4-20** as a white solid after column purification with chloroform/methanol (8/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.78 (m, 6H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.90 (m, 3H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.76 (brs, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (brs, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.51 (brs, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.0, 15.2, 18.2, 19.0, 24.1, 24.3, 29.1. 29.7, 36.7, 52.6, 55.4, 55.6, 56.6, 59.1, 111.6, 120.5, 122.1, 123.1, 127.7, 130.7, 133.9, 134.5, 157.4, 165.1, 169.5, 170.7, 170.8, 173.3; ESI-MS: calcd for C₃₂H₄₅N₇O₆ 623.3, found 624.2, [M+Na]⁺ 646.4



(S)-1-((S)-3-methyl-2-((2S,3S)-3-methyl-2-(3-methylbutanamido)pentanamido)but anoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (4-3): Tripeptide 3-7 (100 mg, 0.23 mmol) was coupled to isovaleric acid (27.7 µL, 0.25 mmol) following the general procedure. to give the desired compound 4-3 as a white solid (60 mg, 0.15 mmol, 62%) after silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 10/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.78 (m, 18H), 1.04 (m, 1H), 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.91 (m, 5H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (m, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.1, 16.0 17.6, 19.2, 19.3, 22.2, 22.3, 24.3, 25.0, 26.1, 28.3, 31.4, 38.0, 46.0, 47.7, 55.6, 57.0, 59.2, 171.0, 171.6, 172.7, 173.9; ESI-MS: calcd for C₂₁H₃₈N₄O₄ 410.3, found 411.1, [M+Na]⁺433.3



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-2-((R)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetamido)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carbo xamide (4-17): Tetrapeptide 3-15 (50 mg, 0.071 mmol) was coupled to mandelic acid 4-15 (10.8 mg, 0.071 mmol) to give compound 4-16 which on removal of trityl group gave compound 4-17 (6 mg, 0.01 mmol) as a white solid after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 6/1) in 14% yield after 2 steps. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.68 (m, 6H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.88 (m, 4H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 4.53 (m, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 11.7 (s, 1H); ESI-MS: calcd for C₃₀H₄₃N₇O₆ 597.3, found 598.3, [M+Na]⁺ 620.4



tert-butyl 3-(2-((S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-carbamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylamino)-1-oxo-3-(1-trityl-1H-imi dazol-4-yl)propan-2-ylamino)-2-oxoacetyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate(4-8): Tetrapep tide 3-15 (45 mg, 0.064 mmol) was coupled to Boc-indole-3-glyoxylic acid 4-7 (18.4mg, 0.064 mmol) according to the general protocol to give compound 4-8 as a white solid (33 mg, 0.034 mmol, 52%) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform/methanol, 9/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.82 (m, 6H), 0.89 (m, 6H), 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 9H), 1.86 (m, 5H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.79 (q, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.50 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 5.20 (brs, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.95 (brs, 1H),7.10 (m, 6H), 7.30 (m, 11H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.46 (brs, 1H), 7.96 (m, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J =2.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dd, J = 1.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H) 8.82 (brs, 1H), 9.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.5, 15.9, 18.1, 19.2, 24.8, 25.0, 26.8, 28.0, 29.6, 30.0, 30.9, 36.5, 47.7, 53.3, 55.9, 58.8, 59.2, 85.6, 115.1, 115.3, 122.3, 124.7, 125.7, 127.9, 128.1, 129.7, 138.4, 148.7, 161.6, 170.8, 171.2, 172.8, 173.2, 181.8; ESI-MS: calcd for $C_{56}H_{64}N_8O_8$ 976.4, found 977.4, $[M+Na]^+$ 999.4.



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-2-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoacetamido)-3-(1H-imidazol-4yl)propanamido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxa

mide (4-9): Compound 4-8 (33 mg, 0.034 mmol) on treating with TFA (5vol) gave compound 4-9 as a white solid (14 mg, 0.02 mmol, 63%) after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 5/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.74 (m, 6H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.96 (m, 2H), 2.92 (m, 1H), 3.01 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.60 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 11.8 (s, 1H), 12.2 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.3, 15.9, 18.8, 19.7, 25.9, 26.0, 30.8, 31.6, 38.1, 54.6, 57.9, 59.2, 61.2, 113.1, 113.9, 122.9, 123.8, 124.8, 127.8, 136.4, 137.9, 139.7, 165.2, 172.2, 172.9, 173.6, 176.8, 182.0; ESI-MS: calcd for C₃₂H₄₂N₈O₆ 634.3, found 635.3, [M+Na]⁺ 657.5.



(S)-1-((3R,6S,9S,12S)-9-sec-butyl-12-isopropyl-4,7,10-trioxo-3-phenyl-3-(trifluoro methyl)-6-((1-trityl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-oxa-5,8,11-triazatridecane)pyrroli dine-2-carboxamide (4-11): Tetrapeptide 3-15 (100 mg, 0.14 mmol) was coupled to (S)-(-)- α -methoxy- α -(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetic acid 4-10 (33.2 mg, 0.14 mmol) to give compound 4-11 as a white solid (116 mg, 0.012 mmol, 89%) after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 9/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.78 (m, 12H), 0.95 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.82 (m, 5H), 2.26 (m, 1H), 3.04

(m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.79 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (m, 2H), 4.67 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.88 (brs, 1H), 7.07 (m, 6H), 7.31 (m, 14), 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 11.5, 15.8, 18.1, 19.2, 24.6, 25.0, 26.9, 30.3, 30.9, 36.6, 47.7, 53.3, 54.9, 56.0, 58.6, 59.2, 75.1, 119.6, 127.7, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 129.3, 129.7, 132.2, 138.4, 142.1, 166.2, 170.7, 171.1, 171.7, 173.2; ESI-MS: calcd for C₅₁H₅₈F₃N₇O₆ 921.4, found 922.2, [M+Na]⁺ 944.4.



(S)-1-((3R,6S,9S,12S)-6-((1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)-9-sec-butyl-12-isopropyl-4,7,10

-trioxo-3-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2-oxa-5,8,11-triazatridecane)pyrrolidine-2-

carboxamide (4-12): Trityl group of compound 4-11 (60 mg, 0.065 mmol) was removed using TFA to give compound 4-12 (31mg, 0.045mg, 70%) as a white solid after purification by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH, 8/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : δ 0.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.90 (m, 4H), 2.92 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (m, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (brs, 1H), 11.7 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOD) : δ 11.3, 15.8, 18.8, 19.7, 25.8, 26.0, 30.1, 30.8, 31.6, 38.1,

47.8, 54.4, 55.4, 57.8, 59.1, 61.2, 129.0, 129.5, 130.6, 134.0, 136.4, 168.3, 172.3, 172.7, 173.4, 176.8; ESI-MS: calcd for C₃₂H₄₄F₃N₇O₆ 679.3, found 680.3, [M+Na]⁺ 702.4.



(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl (R)-1-((2S,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-carbamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylamino)-1-oxopent-4-yn -2-yl carbamate (4-22): Tripeptide 3-7 (165 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1 equiv.) was coupled to Fmoc-propargyl glycine (335 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.1 equiv) under standard peptide coupling conditions using HATU/HOAt to give the desired compound as a white solid (150 mg, 60%) after silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 9/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.85 (m, 6H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (m, 1H), 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.95 (m, 6H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 4.01 (m, 1H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 4.38 (m, 4H), 4.49 (m, 1H), 5.78 (brs, 1H), 6.22 (brs, 1H), 6.65 (brs, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (brs, 1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.9, 15.3, 18.4, 19.0, 22.1, 22.2, 24.1, 25.5, 29.2, 29.7, 36.8, 44.2, 46.9, 55.7, 56.3, 59.1, 72.6, 80.5, 169.5, 169.6, 170.6, 171.4, 173.3; ESI-MS, calcd for C₃₆H₄₅N₅O₅₆ 643.34, found 644.0, [M+Na]⁺. 666.4



(S)-1-((S)-3-methyl-2-((2S,3S)-3-methyl-2-((R)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)pent-4-yn amido)pentanamido)butanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (4-24): Fmoc group of compound 4-24 (144mg, 0.22 mmol) was cleaved using piperidine as described in the general procedure and coupled to isovaleric acid (29.8mg, 0.29 mmol) under standard peptide coupling conditions using HATU/HATU to give the desired compound as white solid after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 8/1) in 45% yield after 2 steps. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 0.76 (m, 6H), 0.85 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 6.3 Hz, 6H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.01 (m, 1H), 1.36 (1H), 1.69-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.88-2.05 (m, 3H), 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.50 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (brs, 1H), 7.22 (brs, 1H), 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.9, 15.3, 18.4, 19.0, 22.1, 22.2, 24.1, 25.5, 29.2, 29.7, 36.8, 44.2, 46.9, 55.7, 56.3, 59.1, 72.6, 80.5, 169.5, 169.6, 170.6, 171.4, 173.3; ESI-MS, calcd for C₂₆H₄₃N₅O₅ 505.3, found 528.3 [M+Na]⁺.



Ethyl-7-dimethylaminocoumarin (4-30): Ethyl-7-dimethylaminocoumarin 4-30 was synthesized from *m*-dimethylaminophenol 4-28 and diethyl 1,3- acetonedicarboxylate 4-29 by using freshly purified starting materials. *m*-Dimethylamino phenol (4 gm, 36.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), diethyl 1,3-acetonedicarboxylate (6.49 gm, 40.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and ZnCl₂ (5.25 gm, 48.1 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were dissolved in absolute ethanol (80 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 15 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and the yellow precipitate formed was filtered and air-dried. The product was recrystallized to give ethyl 7-dimethylaminocoumarin acetic acid ester 4-30 as orange needles (10.9 g, 45%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1, +0.1%TEA) = 0.78. IR (pellet) /cm⁻¹: 1604.8, 1720.5, 2916.37; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 3.03 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 38.2, 40.0, 61.5, 98.2, 108.4, 108.9, 110.6, 125.2, 148.4, 152.8, 155.9, 161.7, 169.0; MS (ESI): m/z : 276 [M+]⁺.



2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetic acid (**4-31**): Ethyl-7-dimethyl aminocoumarin **4-30** (10 gm, 181.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in THF/H₂O (3:1) (120mL) and cooled to 0°C. 2M LiOH solution (3.05 gm, 36.3 mmol, 2 eq.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Water (60

mL) was added, the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x50 mL). The aqueous layer was acidified to pH 3-5 by 2 M HCl solution. The precipitate formed was filtered and air dried to give coumarin **4-31** as a yellow solid (6.51 gm, 80%). R_f (9:1 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/0.1%TEA) = 0.07. IR (pellet)/cm⁻¹: 1612.49, 1679.36, 2916.37;. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 3.01 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 37.5, 39.8, 97.4, 108.1, 109.1, 109.6, 126.0, 150.5, 152.8, 155.4,160.7, 170.8. MS (ESI): 248.2 [M +H]⁺.



tert-butyl2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamido)ethylcarbam ate (4-33) : Coumarin acetic acid 4-31 (47 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was coupled to Boc-ethylenediamine (30 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) under standard coupling conditions using HATU/HOAt to give the desired compound 4-33 as pale yellow solid (56 mg, 77%) after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 20/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.40 (s, 9H), 3.04 (s, 6H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.6 (s, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, 1H), 6.59 (dd, 1H), 6.68 (brs, 1H), 7.46 (d, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 28.3, 39.2, 40.0, 40.2, 47.1, 80.3, 98.1, 109.0, 110.4, 125.7, 149.7, 152.9, 155.9, 161.8, 168.7, ESI-MS, calcd for $C_{20}H_{27}N_3O_5$ 389.2, found [M+Na]⁺412.0



(S)-tert-butyl 2-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamido)ethyl carbamoyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (4-34) :Boc group of compound 4-33 (56 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) was cleaved using TFA and coupled to Boc-proline (31 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) under standard coupling conditions using HATU/HOAt to give the desired compound 4-34 as pale yellow solid (60 mg, 86%) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform/methanol, 20/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.81 (m, 4H), 3.00 (s, 6H), 3.33 (m, 6H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 4.07 (m, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, 1H), 6.56 (dd, 1H), 6.86 (brs, 1H), 7.14 (brs, 1H), 7.46 (d, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 28.3, 39.2, 40.0, 40.2, 47.1, 77.4, 80.3, 98.1, 109.0, 110.4, 125.7, 149.7, 152.9, 155.9, 161.8, 168.7; ESI-MS, calcd for C₂₅H₃₄N₄O₆ 486.2, found 509.1 [M+Na]⁺.



tert-butyl(2S,3S)-1-((S)-1-((S)-2-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl) acetamido)ethylcarbamoyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-ylamino)-3-met hyl-1-oxopentan-2-ylcarbamate (4-35) : Boc group of compound 4-34 (60 mg, 0.12

mmol, 1 equiv.) was cleaved using TFA and coupled to dipeptide **3-4** (44 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) under standard coupling conditions using HATU/HOAt to give the desired compound **4-35** as pale yellow solid (66 mg, 77%) after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 15/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.83 (m, 12H), 1.03 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.84 (m, 6H), 3.00 (s, 6H), 3.08 (m, 7H), 3.93 (m, 3H), 4.43 (t, 1H), 5.47 (d, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, 1H), 6.56 (m, 2H), 7.16 (brs, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 7.57 (d, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 11.0, 15.5, 18.0, 18.3, 18.9, 24.4, 25.2, 28.2, 28.4, 31.0, 37.4, 38.7, 39.1, 39.9, 40.9, 48.0, 56.2, 59.3, 60.6, 79.3, 98.0, 108.5, 109.1, 110.7, 125.9, 150.0, 152.9, 155.9, 162.7, 168.3, 168.6, 171.4, 172.0, 172.4; ESI-MS, calcd for C₃₆H₅₄N₆O₈ 698.4, found 699.2, [M+Na]⁺ 721.3.



(S)-N-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamido)ethyl)-1-((S)-3methyl-2-((2S,3S)-3-methyl-2-((S)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)-3-(1-trityl-1H-imidazo I-4-yl)pro panamido)pentanamido)butanoyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (4-36) : Boc group of compound 4-35 (40 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1 equiv.) was cleaved using TFA and coupled to histidine-isovaleric fragment 3-19 (29 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1 equiv.) under standard coupling conditions using HATU/HOAt to give the desired compound 4-36 as

pale yellow solid (43 mg, 70%) after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 9/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.83 (m, 12H), 1.03 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.84 (m, 6H), 3.00 (s, 6H), 3.08 (m, 7H), 3.93 (m, 3H), 4.43 (t, 1H), 5.47 (d, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, 1H), 6.56 (m, 2H), 7.16 (brs, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 7.57 (d, 1H); ¹³ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 11.0, 15.5, 18.0, 18.3, 18.9, 24.4, 25.2, 28.2, 28.4, 31.0, 37.4, 38.7, 39.1, 39.9, 40.9, 48.0, 56.2, 59.3, 60.6, 79.3, 98.0, 108.5, 109.1, 110.7, 125.9, 150.0, 152.9, 155.9, 162.7, 168.3, 168.6, 171.4, 172.0, 172.4; ESI-MS, calcd for C₆₁H₇₅N₉O₈ 1061.6, found 1062.5, [M+Na]⁺1084.6



(S)-1-((S)-2-((2S,3S)-2-((S)-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-2-(3-methylbutanamido)propan amido)-3-methylpentanamido)-3-methylbutanoyl)-N-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamido)ethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (4-37) : Trityl group of compound 4-36 was removed using TFA as described in the general procedure to give the desired compound as a pale yellow solid (31 mg, 51%) after purification by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform/methanol, 8/1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOHd₄) δ 0.83-0.90 (m, 12H), 0.90 (dd, 6H), 1.12 (m, 1H), 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 8H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 3.05 (s, 6H), 3.63 (m, 3H), 3.94 (m, 1H), 4.21 (m, 2H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.64 (m, 1H), 4.8 (m, 1H), 6.07 (d, 1H), 6.55 (m, 1H), 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.84 (brs,

1H), 7.56 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOH-d₄): 11.0, 15.5, 18.0, 18.3, 18.9, 24.4, 25.2, 28.2, 28.4, 31.0, 37.4, 38.7, 39.1, 39.9, 40.9, 48.0, 56.2, 59.3, 60.6, 79.3, 98.0, 108.5, 110.7, 125.9, 150.0, 152.9, 155.9, 162.7, 168.3, 168.6, 171.4, 172.0, 172.4; ESI-MS, calcd for C₄₂H₆₁N₉O₈ 819.5, found 820.3, [M+Na]⁺ 842.5

Experimental: Chapter-5



1-(*tert***-butyloxycarbonyl) ethyldiamine (4-32)**: To the solution of the ethylenediamine (3gm, 49.9 mmol, 5equiv.) in dry dichloromethane (100 mL) dilute solution (100mL) of ditert-butyldicarbonate (2.18 gm, 9.99 mmol, 1equiv.) was added drop wise under rigorous stirring at 0 °C over a period of 40min under argon atmosphere. The reaction was stirred at rt for 12h. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with 50 mL of dichloromethane and then washed with distilled water followed by brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 9/1 +0.1%TEA) to afford compound **4-32** as viscous oil (50%). R_f (9:1 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/0.1% TEA) = 0.22. IR (KBr)/ cm⁻¹: 1172.7, 1527.6, 1697.4, 2931.8, 2978.1, 3363.9; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (s, 9H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.3, 41.8, 43.3, 79.5, and 156.2.

General experimental procedure for the synthesis of *N*-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,*n*diaminoalkanes: A mixture of 4,7-dichloroquinoline 5-5 and diamines was heated to 110 °C for 6 h under argon atmosphere. After completion of the starting materials, aqueous NaOH (1 N, 10mL) was then added and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂.The organic layer was washed with water followed by brine solution. The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the respective diaminoalkanes.



N-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (5-8): Following the general procedure described above, *N*-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,2-diaminoethane 5-8 (2.9 gm, 87% yield) was obtained as pale-yellow crystals. $R_f (CH_2Cl_2 /MeOH/(9:1+0.1\%TEA) = 0.09$. IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1581.6, 2916.4, 3248.1; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 2.99 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 2.5Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 44.2, 50.3, 99.7, 118.8, 124.2, 126.1, 127.6, 136.4, 149.7, 152.4, 152.6; MS (ESI): m/z : 222.1 [M+H]⁺.



N-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,4-diaminobutane (5-9): Employing 3.0 g (15.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) of 4,7-dichloroquinoline following the general procedure described above gave 5-9 (3.09 g 8.4 mmol, 80% yield) as pale-yellow crystals. R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH :9:1+0.1%TEA) = 0.03 IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1581.6, 2931.8, 3255.8; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 26.8, 31.3, 42.3, 43.9, 99.6, 118.8, 124.3, 125.8, 127.6, 136.2, 149.7, 152.4, 152.7; MS (ESI): m/z 250.1 [M+H]⁺.

General experimental procedure for the synthesis of *N*-(7-chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N'*,*N'*diethyl-1,(*n*)-diaminoalkanes and *N*-(7-chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N'*-ethyl-1,*n*-diamino alkanes: To the solution of *N*-(7-chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (1.0 gm, 4.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF, caesium carbonate (4.4 gm, 13.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Then, ethyl bromide (0.49 gm, 4.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added and stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After completion of the starting material, DMF was removed *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water followed by brine solution. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude materials. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 8/1+0.1% TEA) to afford 0.21 gm (16.8% yield) of *N*-(7chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N'*,*N'*-diethyl-1,2-diaminoethane and 0.38 gm (33.7% yield) of *N*-(7chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N'*,ethyl-1,2-diaminoethane as pale-yellow crystals.



N-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N*'-ethyl-1,2-diaminoethane (5-12): R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: (9/1+0.1% TEA) = 0.23 . IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1581.6, 2846.9 2962.6, 3271.3. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 14.6, 43.2, 44.7, 99.7, 118.8, 124.3, 126.1, 127.6, 136.4, 149.7, 152.5, 152.8; MS (ESI): m/z 250.1 [M+H]⁺.



N-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N*',*N*'-diethyl-1,2-diaminoethane (5-14): $R_f = 0.3$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1+0.1%TEA) IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1581.6, 2970.4, 3232.7; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 11.6, 41.4, 48.1, 49.5, 99.7, 118.8, 124.1, 126.1, 127.7, 136.4, 149.7, 152.5, 152.6 . MS (ESI): m/z: 278.1 [M+H]⁺.



N-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N*'-ethyl-1,4-diaminobutane (5-13): Employing 1.5 gm (6.02 mmol, 1 equiv.) of *N*-(7-chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,4-diaminobutane following the procedure described gave 0.3 gm (18% yield) of compound 5-13 after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 6/1+0.1%TEA) as pale-yellow crystals. R_f (CH₂Cl₂ /MeOH, 9/1+0.1%TEA) = 0.2; IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1581.6, 2931.8, 3278.9; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H) 6.52 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 5.1Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 14.5, 27.2, 27.9, 43.8, 44.5, 49.9, 99.6, 118.8, 124.3, 125.9, 127.6, 136.2, 149.7, 152.4, 152.7; MS (ESI): m/z: 278.1 [M+H]⁺.



N-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N*',*N*'-diethyl-1,4-diaminobutane (5-14): Employing 1.5 gm (6.02 mmol, 1 equiv.) of *N*-(7-chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,4- diaminobutane following the general procedure described above afforded 0.42 gm (23% yield) of compound 5-14 after purification by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1+0.1% TEA) as pale-yellow crystals. R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1+0.1%TEA) = 0.36; IR (KBr)/cm⁻

¹: 1581.6, 2792.9, 2931.8, 3217.3; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.05 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.30 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOD): δ 11.1, 24.9, 27.5, 43.8, 47.8, 53.5, 99.7, 118.8, 124.3, 125.9, 127.6, 136.3, 149.7, 152.4, 152.7; MS (ESI): m/z: 306.1 [M+H]⁺



N-tert-Butyloxycarbonyl aminoethyl-2-bromoacetamide (5-2): To the solution of bromoacetic acid (44 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (10 mL) under argon atmosphere, diisopropylethylamine (81 mg, 0.62 mmol, 2 eq.) was added at -10 $^{\circ}$ C followed by the addition of (2-(7-Aza-1H-benztriazole-1-yl))-1,1,3,3,-tetra methyl ammoniumhexafluoro phosphate (HATU) (142 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and 3H-[1,2,3]triazolo [4,5-] pyridine-3-ol (HOAt) (51 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After 10min of stirring, 1-(tert-butyloxy carbonyl) ethyldiamine (50 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 equiv) was added at -10 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction was allowed to room temperature gradually and stirred for 4h. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution followed by brine solution. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue obtained was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give compound 5-2 (CHCl₃/MeOH, 15/1+ 0.1% TEA) in 80% yield. R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1+/0.1%TEA) =

0.33; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.45 (s, 9H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 4.88 (brs, 1H), 7.09 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.4, 28.9, 39.8, 41.6, 79.9, 157.8, 166.3; MS (ESI): m/z: 304.9 [M+Na]⁺.HRMS (m/z) calc. 303.0314, observed 303.0314.



(7-Coumarin-acetamide)aminoethyl-2-bromoacetamide (5-4): To the solution of *N*-(*tert*-butyloxy carbonyl)aminoethyl-2-bromoacetamide (60 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous dichloromethane (1 mL), TFA (243 mg, 2.13 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to remove excess TFA and solvent. The residue was triturated with freshly distilled ether to give solid TFA salt of the amine. To the solution of this amine salt in anhydrous dichloromethane under Ar atmosphere, diisopropylethylamine (82.7 mg, 0.64 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added immediately at -10 °C followed by the addition of 7-Dimethyl coumarin-4-acetic acid (53 mg, 0.21mmol, 1 equiv.), HATU (98 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and HOAt (35 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) respectively. The reaction was allowed to room temperature gradually and stirred at room temperature for 5h. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was then washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution followed by brine solution. The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to give oily residue. The oily residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 8/1+0.1%TEA) to afford compound **5-4** in 60% yield. $R_f = 0.4$ (MeOH/CH₂Cl₂/0.1%TEA)

General experimental procedure for the synthesis of 2-((2-(7-chloroquinolin-4ylamino)ethyl)(ethyl)amino)-N-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen4yl) acetamido)ethyl) acetamide: To the solution of *N*-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N*'-ethyl-1,2diaminoethane (16.8 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1equiv.) in dry acetonitrile, freshly dried potassium carbonate (18.6 mg, 0.135 mmol, 2equiv.) was added under Ar atmosphere followed by the addition of 7-(Coumarin-acetamide)aminoethyl-2-bromoacetamide (27.6 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1equiv.) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12h. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the residue obtained was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 8/1+0.1%TEA).



2-((2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)ethyl)(ethyl)amino)-N-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4yl) acetamido) ethyl) acetamide (5-16): Following the above general procedure and purification by flash chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH, 8/1+0.1%TEA), 5 mg of compound 5-16 was obtained (solid, 75%). R_f = 0.41 (

CHCl₃/MeOH, 9/1+0.1%TEA); IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1581.63, 1612.63, 1658.78, 2854.65, 2924.09, 3363.86; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.53 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (s, 6H) 3.08 (s, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (m, 6H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 2.5 *Hz*, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 5.7 *Hz*, 1H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 12.2, 14.5, 40.0, 40.1, 41.2, 50.3, 53.7, 59.0, 98.5, 99.5, 109.8, 110.3, 110.5, 118.6, 124.8, 126.1, 126.7, 126.9, 136.7, 148.6, 151.5, 152.6, 153.0, 157.0, 164.1, 172.1, 174.9; MS (ESI): 579.3 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. 579.2497, observed 579.2500.



2-((4-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)butyl)(ethyl)amino)-N-(2-(2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamido) ethyl) acetamide (5-17): Following the above general procedure and purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 8/1+0.1%TEA), 3 mg of compound **5-17** was obtained (solid, 85%). R_f = 0.44 (CHCl₃/MeOH, 9/1 +0.1%TEA); IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1527.6, 1581.6, 1612.5, 1712.8, 2862.4, 2931.8, 3333.0; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.52-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.74 (m, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (brs, 8H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.40 (m, 4H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* =

2.3Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, J = 2.6, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 12.1, 26.2, 27.1, 40.0, 40.1, 40.2, 44.0, 47.4, 50.0, 55.7, 58.7, 98.6, 99.6, 109.7, 110.3, 110.5, 118.7,124.5, 125.8, 126.8, 127.3, 136.2, 149.4, 152.2,152.7, 154.6, 157.1, 164.2, 171.5, 175.2; MS (ESI): m/z: 608.3 [M+2H]⁺. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated 608.2848, observed 608.2847.



N-(2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)ethyl)-2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamide (5-10): To the solution of 7-Dimethyl coumarin-4-acetic acid **4-31** (53 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry dichloromethane, triethylamine (36 mg, 0.36 mmol, 3 equiv.), dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (27 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and HOBt (18 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added in sequence under Ar atmosphere at 0 °C. Then, *N-*(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (30 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added to reaction mixture at 0 °C. The reaction was warmed to room temperature gradually and stirred at room temperature for 6h. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue obtained was extracted with cold ethyl acetate separating the dicyclohexylurea by-product which precipitated out from the cold ethyl acetate. The solution was filtered and the filtrate was distilled under vacuum. The residue obtained was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 6/1+0.1% TEA) to afford **5-10** (solid, 67%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1 +0.1% TEA) = 0.21; IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1535.3, 1620.2, 1705.1, 2924.1, 3063.0, 3325.3; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.97 (s, 6H), 3.37-3.41 (m, 4H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 6.02(s, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (brs, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (brs, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 37.4, 37.5 42.3, 40.0, 97.2, 98.5, 108.0, 108.6, 109.6, 116.9, 124.0, 124.4, 125.7, 126.0, 134.1, 147.1, 150.3, 150.8, 150.9, 152.5, 155.3, 160.6, 168.6, 168.7; MS (ESI): m/z: 451.2 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. 473.1351, observed 473.1361.



N-(4-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)butyl)-2-(7-(dimethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamide (5-11): Following the above procedure and purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 6/1 +0.1%TEA) afforded compound **5-11** (solid, 18 mg 85%). $R_f = 0.20$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 6/1+0.1%TEA); IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1535.3, 1589.3, 1612.5, 1689.6, 2862.4, 2924.1, 3363.9, 3487.3; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.50-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.68 (m, 2H), 2.97 (s, 6H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H) 3.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (brs, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (brs, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.1, 26.6, 38.4, 42.0, 97.4, 98.6, 108.1, 108.9, 109.3, 117.3, 124.0, 124.1, 125.9, 127.2, 133.4, 148.7, 150.2, 151.3, 152.7, 155.3, 160.6, 167.6; MS (ESI): m/z: 479.2 [M+H]⁺. HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. 479.1861, observed 479.1858.



9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 3-hydroxypropylcarbamate (5-18): To a solution of the 3aminopropanol (3.76 gm, 50.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) in (10 mL) dioxane/water, Fmoc-Cl (8.92 gm, 50.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added and stirred for 12h at rt. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with 50 mL of dichloromethane and then washed with distilled water and brine solution. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain compound **5-18** (solid, 86%) which was directly used for the next step. R_f (CH₂Cl₂ /MeOH, 9/1 +0.1%TEA)= 0.75; IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1267.29, 1445.71, 1543.12, 1691.64, 2884.67, 2947.36, 3326.39; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.70 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.6, 37.6, 47.3, 59.5, 66.7, 120.0, 125.0, 127.0, 127.7, 141.3, 143.9, 157.4. MS (ESI): m/z: 297.9 [M+H]⁺, 320.18 [M+Na]⁺.



(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl-3-oxopropylcarbamate (5-19): To the solution of (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl-3-oxo propyl carbamate 5-18 (0.10 gm, 0.34 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry dichloromethane, Dess-Martin Periodinane (0.357 gm, 0.84 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added and stirred at room temperature for 3h. After reaction was complete the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo* to obtain white solid which was further purified by flash chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc, 8/1) to give compound 5-19 (white solid, 55%). $R_f = 0.88$ (1:1 Hexane/EtOAc); IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1269.22, 1543.12, 1690.68. 1725.4, 2854.77, 2925.17, 2957, 3329.28; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.75 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (m, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (brs, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 9.81 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.5, 44.1, 47.3, 66.7, 120.0, 125.0, 127.0, 127.7, 141.3, 143.9, 156.3, 201.2. MS (ESI): m/z: 296.00 [M+H]⁺.



(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl3-((2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)ethyl)(ethyl)amino)pro pyl carbamate (5-20): To the solution of (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl-3-oxopropyl carbam ate 5-19 (0.036 gm, 0.12 mmol, 2 equiv.) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) under argon atmosphere, *N*-(7-Chloro-4-quinolyl)-*N*'-ethyl-1,2-diamino ethane 5-12 (0.015 gm, 0.06 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added at 0 °C followed by the addition of sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.025 gm, 0.12 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was
stirred at room temperature for 4h. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was then washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution followed by brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain an oily residue which was purified by flash chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH, 9/1 + 0.1%TEA) to obtain the product 5-20 (solid, 80%). $R_f = 0.35$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1 +0.1%) TEA); IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: 1378.29, 1457.2, 1645.35, 2925.17, 2958.93, 3384.25; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.05 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 2.56 (a, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (m, 2H), 2.79 (m, 2H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (brs, 1H), 5.14 (brs, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 2.6, 9.1Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.7, 27.4, 39.5, 40.1, 46.8, 47.3, 50.8, 51.5, 66.4, 99.2, 117.4, 119.4, 121.3, 124.9, 125.3, 127.0, 127.6, 128.7, 134.8, 141.3, 143.9, 149.1, 149.7, 152.0, 156.4; MS (ESI): m/z: 529.2 [M+H]⁺; HRMS m/z calc. 529.2378, obs. 529.2377.



N1-(2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)ethyl)-N1-ethylpropane-1,3-diamine (**5-22**): To the solution of (9H-fluoren-9-yl) methyl 3-((2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)ethyl) (ethyl)amino)propyl carbamate **5-20** (0.025 gm, 0.01 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1

mL) under Ar atmosphere, piperidine (5 vol.) was added at 0 °C and reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was distilled *in vacuo* to remove excess piperidine and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH, 4/1+0.1%TEA) to afford 13 mg of product **5-22** (solid, 85%) . ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 2.60 (m, 6H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (m, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.8, 30.0, 40.1, 40.5, 47.1, 51.2, 51.3, 99.2, 117.5, 121.4, 125.3, 128.6, 134.8, 149.0, 150.0, 152.0, MS (ESI): m/z : 307.6 [M+H]⁺.



N-(3-((2-(7-chloroquinolin-4ylamino)ethyl)(ethyl)amino)propyl)-2-(7-(dimethyl amino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)acetamidetert-butyl (5-21): To the solution of 7-dimethylcoumarin-4-aceticacid 4-31 (8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) under argon atmosphere, diisopropylethylamine (10.0 mg, 0.06 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added at -10°C followed by the addition of N-1-(2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-ylamino)ethyl)-N1-ethylpropane-1,3-diamine (10 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv.), HATU (15 mg, 0.04 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and HOAt (8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) respectively. The reaction was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred

for 4h. After the completion of the starting material, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution followed by brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and removed *in vacuo* to obtain gummy residue which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH, 8/1 + 0.1% TEA) to obtain compound, 5-21 (pale yellow solid, 12 mg, 77%). $R_f = 0.36$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 9/1 +0.1% TEA); IR (KBr)/cm⁻¹: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.95 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.46 (m, 4H), 2.70 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (s, 6H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 5.77 (brs, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 6.28 (brs, 1H), 6.30 (d, 1H), 6.35 (d, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 2.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, MeOH-d₄): δ 11.6, 27.5, 38.8, 40.0, 41.4, 51.8, 52.5, 98.6, 99.6, 109.6, 110.3, 110.4, 118.6, 124.2, 126.1, 126.9, 127.4, 136.4, 149.4, 152.3, 152.4, 152.8, 154.6, 157.1, 164.2, 171.0; MS (ESI): m/z: 536.3 $[M+H]^+$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc. 536.0650, obs. 536.2441.

β-Hematin Assay: The interaction of coumarin-tagged chloroquine analogues with porcine hematin was investigated by monitoring changes in the Soret band of hematin by the following procedure. Appropriate aliquots of hematin (2 mM stock solution in 0.1 N NaOH), test compounds (0.2 mM in methanol or DMSO) were added to a cuvette (1 mL) containing 43% methanol in sodium acetate buffer (10 mM, pH 5.5), to give final concentration of 14 μM hematin, 10 and 32 μM test compounds. The solution was vortexed for 10 seconds and the spectrum was recorded from 250 to 650 nm. Under

these conditions the Soret band of hematin was observed at 400 nm. Correction for background absorbance was made using a solution containing test compound in buffer with no hematin as the test compounds showed strong absorbance in the range of 380-420 nm.

7: Appendices





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1H AMX500 Allopentapeptide




































































HPLC of mixture of standard amino acids



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 13.800 -> 13.813 - 13.640 <-> 14.100 Scan# : 4142 -> 4146 - 4094 <-> 4232



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 17.140 -> 17.153 - 16.947 <-> 17.267 Scan# : 5144 -> 5148 - 5086 <-> 5182



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 17.707 -> 17.720 - 17.587 <-> 17.920 Scan# : 5314 -> 5318 - 5278 <-> 5378



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 19.180 -> 19.193 - 19.033 <-> 19.447 Scan# : 5756 -> 5760 - 5712 <-> 5836



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Additional

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MW hydrolysis at 170 °C for 20 min



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 25.533 -> 25.547 - 25.420 <-> 25.800 Scan# : 7662 -> 7666 - 7628 <-> 7742



Event#: 1 MS(E+) Ret. Time : 24.200 -> 24.213 - 23.993 <-> 24.553 Scan# : 7261 -> 7265 - 7199 <-> 7367



Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 24.200 -> 24.213 - 23.993 <-> 24.553 Scan# : 7262 -> 7266 - 7200 <-> 7368



MW hydrolysis of natural peptide N1266



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 21.553 -> 21.567 - 21.240 <-> 21.893 Scan# : 6468 -> 6472 - 6374 <-> 6570



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 20.340 -> 20.353 - 20.160 <-> 20.553 Scan# : 6104 -> 6108 - 6050 <-> 6168



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 19.093 -> 19.107 - 18.867 <-> 19.313 Scan# : 5730 -> 5734 - 5662 <-> 5796



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Event#: 2 MS(E-) Ret. Time : 16.320 -> 16.333 - 16.020 <-> 16.567 Scan# : 4898 -> 4902 - 4808 <-> 4972



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