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# The Tyrosine *O*-Prenyltransferase SirD Catalyzes *S*-, *C*-, and *N*-Prenylations on Tyrosine and Tryptophan Derivatives

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# Chemicals

*N-t*-Boc-4-iodo-L-phenylalanine, 4-methylindole, 4-methoxyindole, and 7methylindole were obtained from Chem-Impex International, Inc. Fmoc-OSu was purchased from Novabiochem. Thionyl chloride and lithium chloride were obtained from Mallinckrodt/JT Baker. Chloramphenicol was obtained from MP Biomedicals, LLC. Ltyrosine [ $^{14}C(U)$ ] and [ $1-^{14}C$ ]DMAPP were purchased from American Radiolabeled Chemicals, Inc. All other chemicals and reagents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich.

# Bacterial strains, plasmids and culture conditions

tmTrpB, an *E. coli* BL21-(DE3)-RIPL strain containing pET28a-tmTrpB1 was obtained from Professor Reinhard Sterner. tmTrpB1 encodes the  $\beta$ -subunit of tryptophan synthase from the hyperthermophilic bacterium *Thermotoga maritime*.<sup>1</sup> Plasmid pLmSirD is a pET21a(+) construct containing the *L. maculans sirD* gene (see below). Expression strains were grown in liquid LB broth or on solid LB-agar medium at 37 °C. Kanamycin (35 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>) and chloramphenicol (34 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>) were used to select vector-containing *E. coli* strains.

The *L. maculans sirD* gene (NCBI GenBank: AY553235.1) was optimized for heterologous expression in *E. coli* and synthesized by Genscript. The gene (Figure S1) was engineered with 5'-BamHI and 3'-HindIII endonuclease restriction sites, an *N*terminal histidine tag (His<sub>6</sub>), and a thrombin cleavage site and placed in the pUC57 vector. The His<sub>6</sub>-*sirD* gene in pUC57 and the destination vector pET21a(+) were digested with BamHI and HindIII endonucleases (New England Biolabs, Inc.) as per the manufacturer's instructions. After purification by agarose gel electrophoresis, the His<sub>6</sub>- *sirD* gene was ligated with T4 DNA Ligase (NEB) into the cut pET-21a(+) vector to produce pLmSirD.

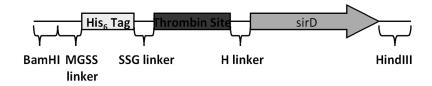


Figure S1. The engineered *sirD* gene construct synthesized by Genscript.

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Figure S2. L. maculans sirD engineered gene and encoded amino acid sequence

**Overproduction and purification of tryptophan synthase** 

Following instructions from the Sterner lab, E. coli BL21-(DE3)-RIPL/ pET28atmTrpB1 was cultivated in 1 L of LB medium containing kanamycin and chloramphenicol at 37 °C with shaking at 225 rpm to an  $OD_{600}$  of 0.5 - 1.0. The culture was then cooled to 20 °C and allowed to incubate for 1 h. Overexpression of the βsubunit of tryptophan synthase was induced with IPTG to a final concentration of 0.5 mM. After 18 h, cells were harvested by centrifugation (2,700 x g, 15 min, 4 °C). Pelleted cells were resuspended in 25 mL of lysis buffer (100 mM K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.5, containing 300 mM KCl, 10 mM imidazole, and 40 µM PLP) and sonicated (Branson Sonifier 350) for 4 x 30 sec at 4 °C. The lysate was clarified by centrifugation (23,400 x g, 15 min, 4 °C). The resulting soluble lysate was heated to 75 °C for 20 min and again clarified by centrifugation (23,400 x g, 15 min, 4 °C). The recombinant protein was purified by nickel affinity chromatography (GE Healthcare HisTrap HP) following the manufacturer's instructions. Tryptophan synthase was eluted with elution buffer (100 mM K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.5, containing 300 mM KCl and 1 M imidazole). The purified protein was dialyzed 3 x against 4 L of 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> buffer, pH 7.5 and stored at -80 °C until use.

#### Isoprenoid diphosphate synthesis

DMAPP was prepared as described previously.<sup>2</sup>

# Amino acid analogue synthesis

*N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-(S-tert-butylthio)-L-phenylalanine* (1a). The tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0)-chloroform adduct (Pd2dba3·CHCl3, 0.045 g, 0.044 mmol, 1.5 mol%) was added to DMF (15 mL) under nitrogen, followed by 1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (DPPF, 0.111 g, 0.200 mmol, 6.6 mol %). The mixture was allowed to stir at rt for 10 min. A mixture of triethylamine (0.92 mL, 6.60 mmol) and N-t-Boc-4-iodo-L-phenylalanine (1.17 g, 3.00 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) was added dropwise and allowed to stir at rt for 10 min before the addition of 2-methyl-2propanethiol (0.37 mL, 3.30 mmol). After stirring at 75 °C for 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) and water (10 mL), cooled in an ice bath and acidified to pH 2–3 with 50 mM citric acid. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (25 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 20 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The concentrated crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography with gradient elution using 0 - 100% EtOAc in hexanes. The resulting yellow oil was re-dissolved in hexanes/EtOAc and filtered to remove a small amount of purple solid. The filtrate was concentrated to yield a thick, yellow oil of **1a** (0.75 g, 2.12 mmol, 71%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.41 (DCM:MeOH 9:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 2.98 (dd, J = 6.9, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 5.1, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (q, J = 7.2, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.1, 28.3, 31.0, 37.7, 45.9, 54.2, 80.2, 129.6, 131.2, 137.1, 137.6, 155.4, 175.1. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR matched the literature in DMSOd<sub>6</sub>, however no <sup>13</sup>C NMR was previously reported.<sup>3</sup>

*Bis-(4-mercapto-L-phenylalanine) Disulfide (1).* Concentrated HCl (8 mL) was added to **1a** (220 mg, 0.62 mmol) and was heated at reflux overnight. After cooling to rt, the solution was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and washed with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The resulting aqueous layer was lyophilized to yield a brown solid of **1** (87 mg, 0.22 mmol, 71%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 4:1), 0.34 (thiol) and 0.48 (disulfide) (n-BuOH:AcOH:H<sub>2</sub>O:pyridine 15:3:10:6); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 3.12 (d, 6.5 Hz, 4H), 4.15 (t, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (d, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 8.44 (br, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 35.1, 53.0, 127.4, 130.7, 134.6, 134.7, 170.2; UV (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 1:3)  $\lambda_{max}$  206.2, 242.8 nm; MS-ESI *m/z* 198.0 [Monomer + H]<sup>+</sup>, 393.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 415.3 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS-ESI TOF *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> 393.0943, found 393.0945.

*L-Tyrosine Methyl Ester (2a).* Thionyl chloride (4 mL, 55.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a suspension of L-tyrosine (5.45 g, 30.1 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL, 247 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred overnight. After removing the solvent by rotary evaporation, the residue was washed with diethyl ether (2x50 mL). Compound **2a** was obtained as a white solid (5.7 g, 29.2 mmol, 97%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  3.13 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR data matched the published data,<sup>4</sup> except the  $\alpha$  proton (4.36) in our spectrum is resolved from the methyl group (3.82).

*N-(9-Fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl)-L-tyrosine Methyl Ester (2b).* A solution of *N-* (9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl)succinimide (4.89 g, 14.5 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (30 mL) was added to a mixture of **2a** (2.50 g, 12.8 mmol) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3.11 g, 37.0 mmol) in

H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). After stirring for 23 h at rt, the mixture was acidified to pH 2–3 with 1 N HCl at 0 °C, extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography with gradient elution using 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes to yield **2b** (4.8 g, 90%) as a colorless sticky solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.93-3.09 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.57-4.67 (m, 1H), 5.35 (d, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.78 (m, 2H). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR matched the published data.<sup>5</sup>

### N-9-Fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl-4-((trifluoromethane-sulfonyl)oxy)-L-

phenylalanine Methyl Ester (2c). Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (1.9 mL, 11.3 mmol) was added dropwise to an ice-cold solution of **2b** (4.1 g, 9.82 mmol) and DIPEA (8.6 mL, 49.4 mmol) in DCM (20 mL). Stirring was continued at 0 °C for 2.5 h. The resulting mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) and DCM (50 mL) and washed sequentially with 10% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (25 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), 10% citric acid (2 x 30 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using an elution gradient of 0 – 30% EtOAc in hexanes to give **2c** (3.0 g, 5.46 mmol, 56%) as a white solid; R<sub>f</sub> 0.43 (hexanes:EtOAc 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.07 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, 6.3, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, 6.9, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  37.8, 47.4, 52.7, 54.8, 67.0, 120.2, 120.3, 121.6, 125.1, 125.2, 127.3, 128.0,

131.3, 136.7, 141.6, 143.8, 143.9, 148.8, 155.6, 171.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TFA)  $\delta$  73.8; MS-ESI *m/z* 572.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, HRMS-ESI TOF *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>NaSF<sub>3</sub> 572.0967, found 572.0970. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR matched the published data; however, the <sup>13</sup>C NMR had a few differences in the aromatic region and no <sup>19</sup>F NMR data were previously reported (Herzner 2007).

4-Vinyl-L-phenylalanine Methyl Ester (2d). Under a nitrogen atmosphere. tributyl(vinyl)tin (267 µL, 0.92 mmol) was added to a solution of flame-dried LiCl (270 mg, 6.35 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (12.5 mg, 0.018 mmol), and triflate **2c** (0.5 g, 0.91 mmol) in DMF (8 mL). The yellow-orange solution was then warmed to 90 °C. After stirring for 23 h, the reaction mixture was poured into ice-cold H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were sequentially washed with  $H_2O$ (2 x 10 mL) and brine (2 x 10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo to give a yellow oil. This oil was partially purified by silica gel flash chromatography with gradient elution using 0 - 100% EtOAc in hexanes, followed by 10% MeOH in EtOAc. Impure 4-vinyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester (2d, 0.13 g, 0.63 mmol, 70%) was recovered from the MeOH fractions; Rf 0.55 (EtOAc:MeOH 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  2.83 (dd, J = 8.0, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 5.5, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.61-3.77 (m, 4H), 5.20 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); MS-ESI m/z 206.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>,  $228.1 [M + Na]^+$ .

*N-9-Fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl-4-vinyl-L-phenylalanine Methyl Ester (2e)*. In an attempt to better purify the vinyl amino acid, impure **2d** (0.13 g, 0.63 mmol) was reprotected with Fmoc in a procedure similar to the synthesis of **2b**, using NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.16

g, 1.91 mmol) and *N*-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl)succinimide (0.26 g, 0.77 mmol). Silica gel flash chromatography using an elution gradient of 0 – 20% EtOAc in hexanes afforded **14** (0.15 g, 0.35 mmol, 55%). R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (hexanes:EtOAc 4:1), 0.60 (hexanes:EtOAc 3:2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.07 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 14.0 Hz, 1H) 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 5.19-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  38.1, 47.4, 52.6, 54.9, 67.2, 114.0, 120.1, 120.2, 120.3, 124.9, 125.2, 125.3, 126.7, 127.2, 127.3, 127.8, 127.9, 129.7, 135.5, 136.6, 136.7, 141.5, 141.8, 143.9, 144.1, 155.7, 172.1; MS-ESI *m/z* 450.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, HRMS-ESI TOF *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na 450.1681, found 450.1688

*4-Vinyl-L-phenylalanine (2).* Protected vinyl amino acid **2e** (0.13 g, 0.30 mmol) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of 1 N NaOH (5x mol excess)/THF and allowed to stir at rt for 42 h. The reaction mixture was washed with diethyl ether (3 x 20 mL) and the aqueous layer was subsequently lyophilized to yield an off-white solid (0.056 g, 0.29 mmol, 96%). Compound **2** was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and purified by C18 RP-HPLC using a linear elution gradient of 100% H<sub>2</sub>O to 100% ACN in a total volume of 30 mL at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. Fractions with retention times 9-11 min were collected and lyophilized to afford a white solid; 1H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O/NaOD, DSS)  $\delta$  2.92 (dd, J = 7.8, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 5.7, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 5.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O/NaOD, DSS)  $\delta$  39.2,

57.1, 114.1, 126.5, 129.9, 136.2, 136.5, 137.2, 179.9; UV (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 1:3) λmax 202.6, 249.9 nm; MS-ESI m/z 214.1 [M + Na]+, 236.1 [M + 2Na+ - H+]+; HRMS-ESI TOF m/z [M + Na]+ calcd for C11H13NO2Na 214.0844, found 214.0838.

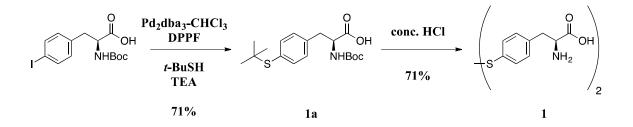
4-*Methyl-L-tryptophan (3).* In a nitrogen atmosphere, 4-methylindole (160 mg, 1.22 mmol) and L-serine (250 mg, 2.38 mmol) were incubated at 80 °C with 7.5 mg of recombinant tryptophan synthase from the hyperthermophilic bacterium *Thermotoga maritime*<sup>1</sup> in 25 mL of Buffer TS (100 mM K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.5. containing 180 mM KCl, 120  $\mu$ M PLP and 2% v/v DMSO for 89 h. After incubation, the reaction mixture was cooled to rt and the enzyme was removed by filtration (Millipore Centricon, 10,000 molecular weight cutoff (MWCO)). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, the resulting residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using a gradient of 0 – 20 % H<sub>2</sub>O in ACN to give 175 mg (66%) of an off-white solid; R<sub>f</sub> 0.65 (ACN/H<sub>2</sub>O 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O/NaOD)  $\delta$  2.19 (s, 3H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); UV  $\lambda_{max}$  219.1, 270.0, 278.4 (shoulder), 289.1 nm (shoulder); MS-ESI *m/z* 219.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS-ESI TOF *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 219.1134, found 219.1136. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR matched the literature.<sup>6</sup>

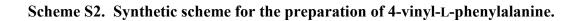
*4-Methoxy-L-tryptophan (4).* 4-Methoxyindole (160 mg, 1.09 mmol) was incubated with 8 mg of tryptophan synthase for 24 h as described above. Column chromatography yielded 120 mg (47%) of a light yellow solid;  $R_f 0.44$  (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  3.23 (dd, J = 8.5, 14.5 Hz 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 4.5, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 4.14 (dd, J = 4.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  28.0, 55.5, 56.5,

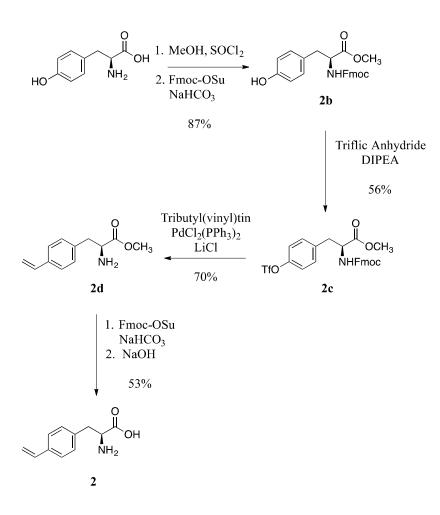
100.1, 105.7, 107.7, 116.6, 123.3, 124.4, 138.3, 153.8, 174.8; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  217.9, 265.3, 279.6, 289.1 nm; MS-ESI *m/z* 257.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 273.1 [M + K]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS-ESI TOF *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 257.0902, found 257.0903. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR matched the literature for 4-methoxy-D-tryptophan in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, with the exception of the  $\alpha$  proton.<sup>7</sup>

7-*Methyl-L-tryptophan* (5). 7-Methylindole (160 mg, 1.22 mmol) was incubated with 2.34 mg tryptophan synthase for 42 h as described above. Column chromatography yielded 230 mg (86%) as a white solid; R<sub>f</sub> 0.47 (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 2.57 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, J = 7.5, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.15 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); UV (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 1:3) λ-max 217.9, 270.0, 276.0 nm; HRMS-ESI TOF m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 241.0953, found 241.0955. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR matched the literature.<sup>6</sup>

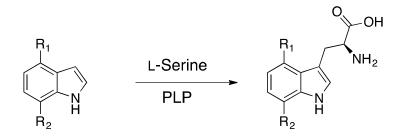
Scheme S1. Synthetic scheme for the preparation of 4-mercapto-L-phenylalanine.







Scheme S3. Biosynthetic scheme for the preparation of L-tryptophan analogues using tryptophan synthase.



# NMR spectra of aromatic substrate analogues and precursors

All NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity 300 MHz (300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H) or a Varian VWR 500 MHz (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>O or D<sub>2</sub>O containing minimal NaOD. NMR spectra were visualized with vNMRj and processed with MestReNova 7.1. All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). <sup>1</sup>H chemical shifts are referenced relative to TMS or DSS at  $\delta$  0.00 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts are referenced relative to TMS or DSS at  $\delta$  0.0 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F chemical shifts are referenced relative to trifluoroacetic acid at  $\delta$  -76.55 ppm.

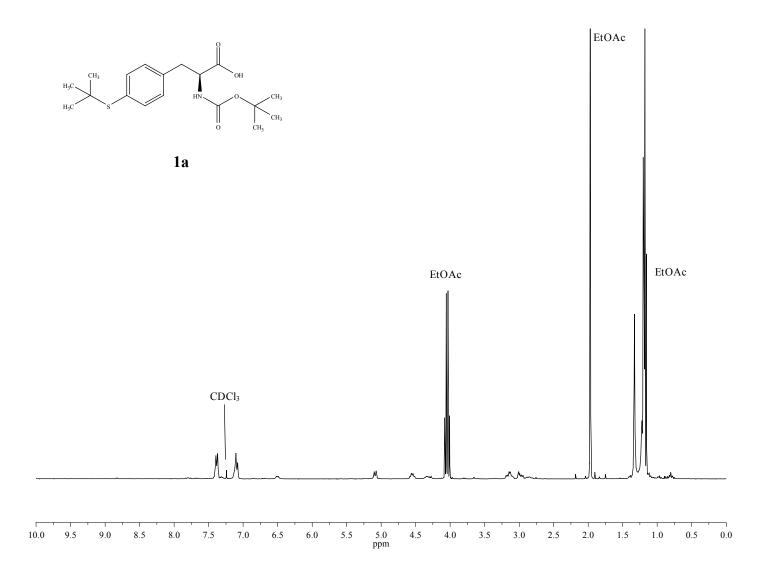


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of **1a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

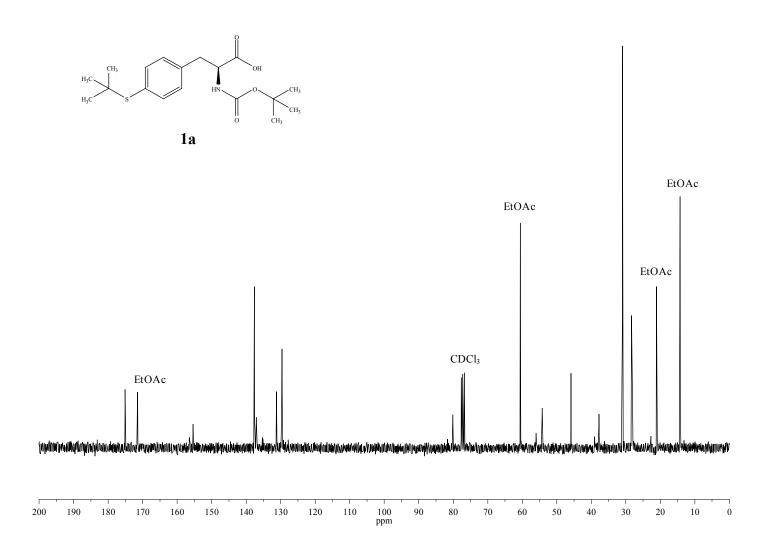


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) spectrum of **1a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

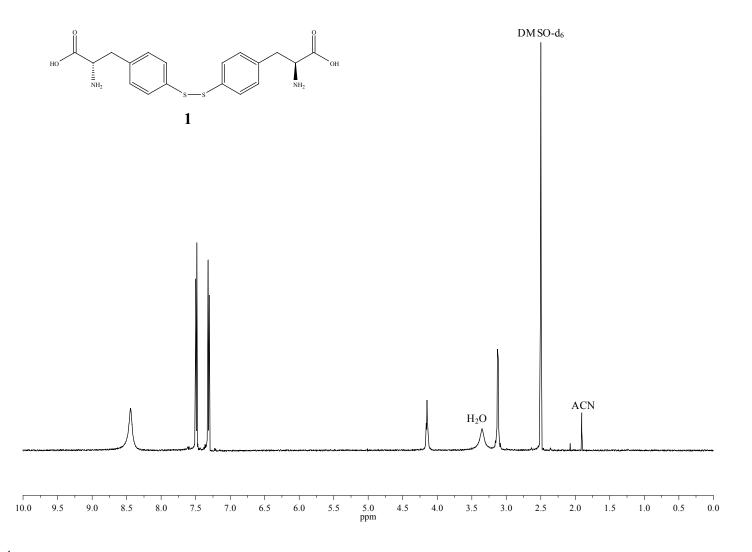


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **1** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

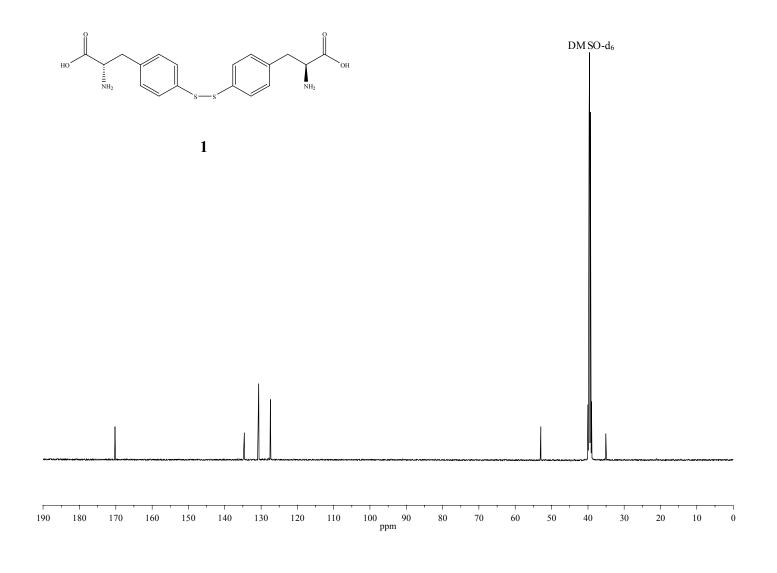


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of 1 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

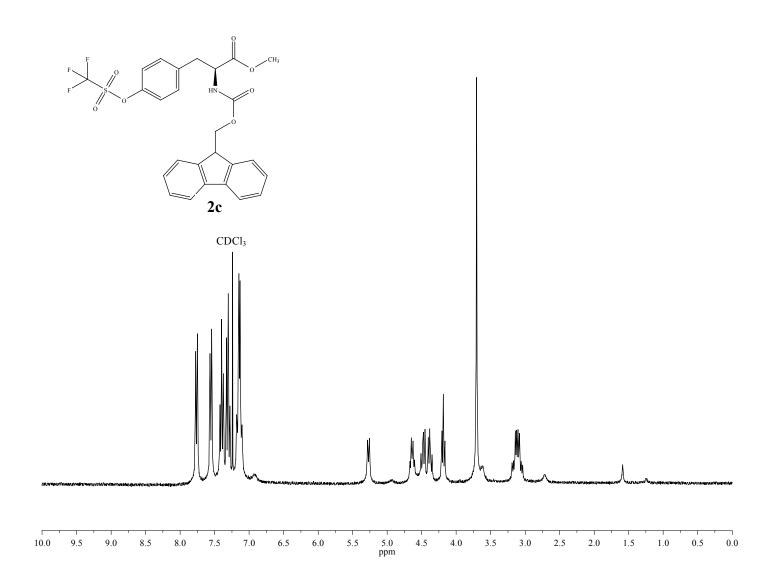


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of **2c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

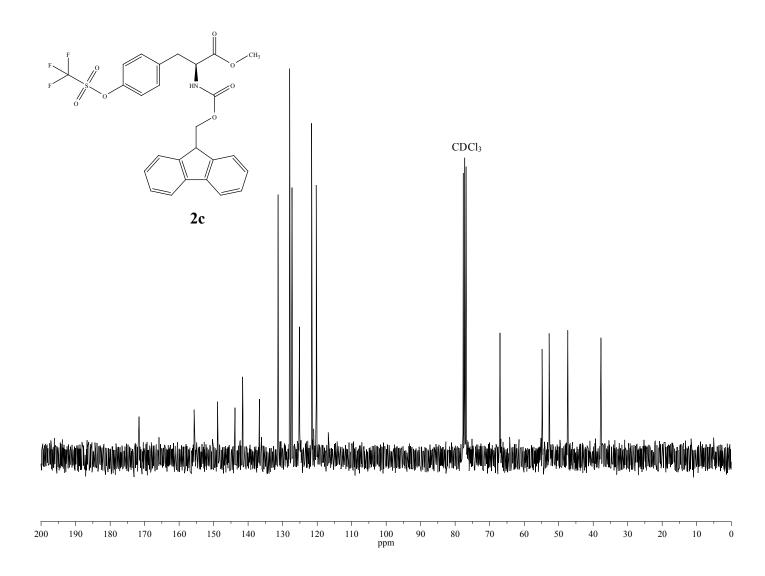


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) spectrum of **2c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

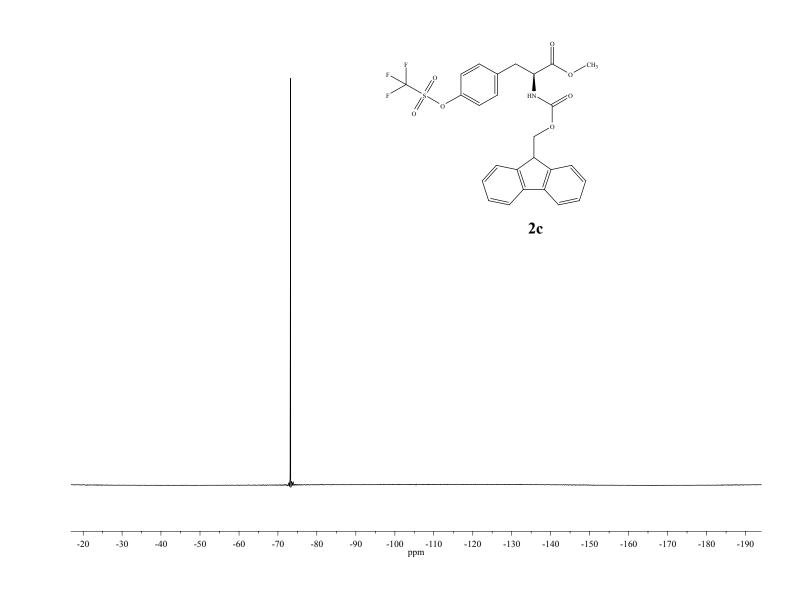


Figure S9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz) spectrum of **2c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

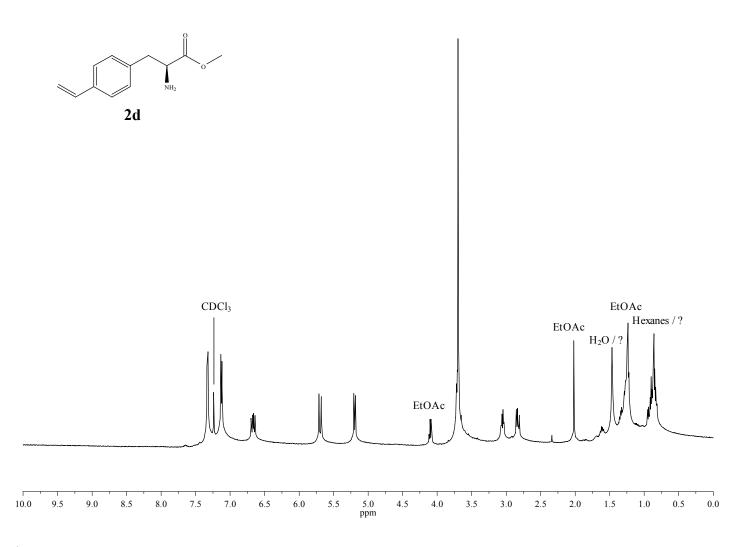


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **2d** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

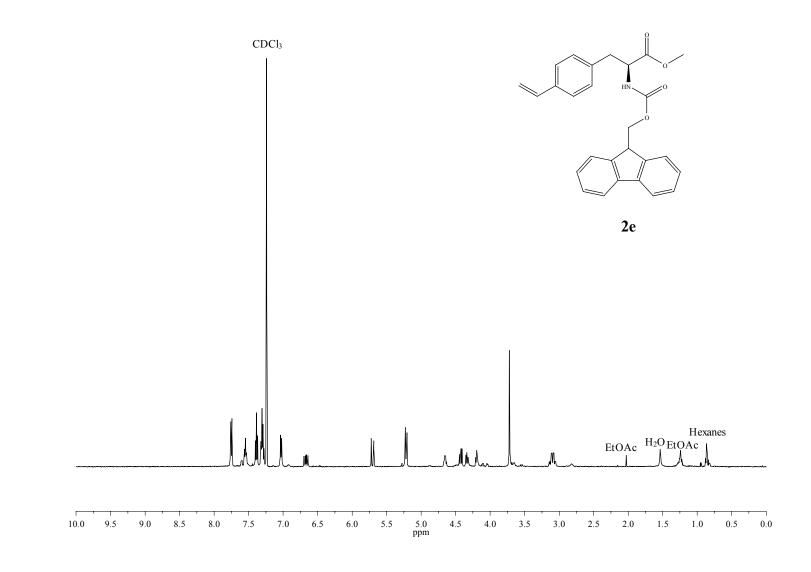


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of **2e** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

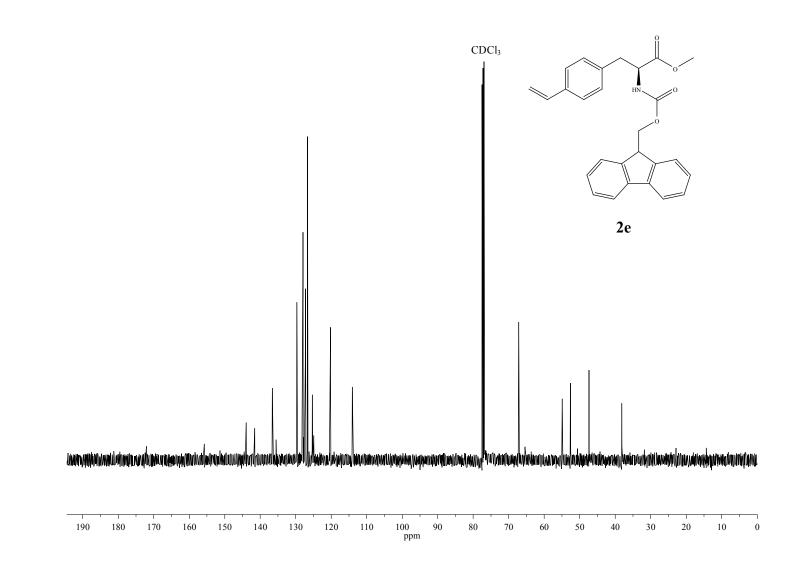


Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of **2e** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

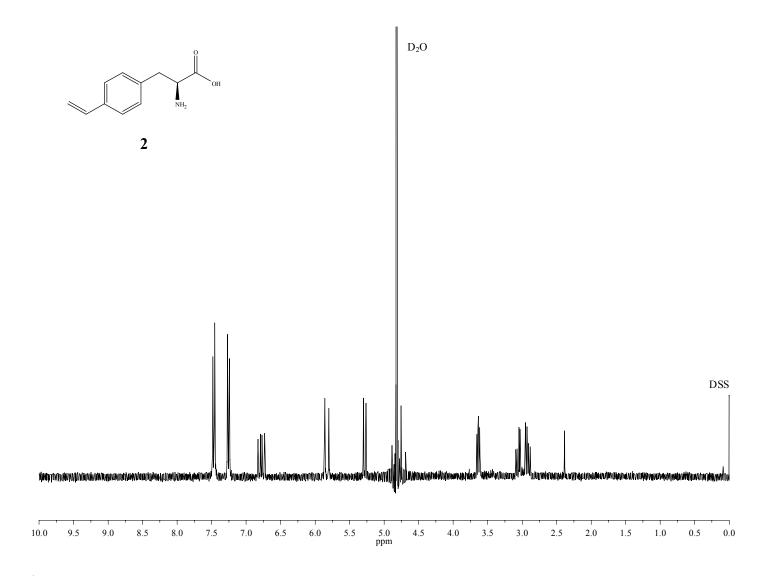


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of 2 in D<sub>2</sub>O with DSS.

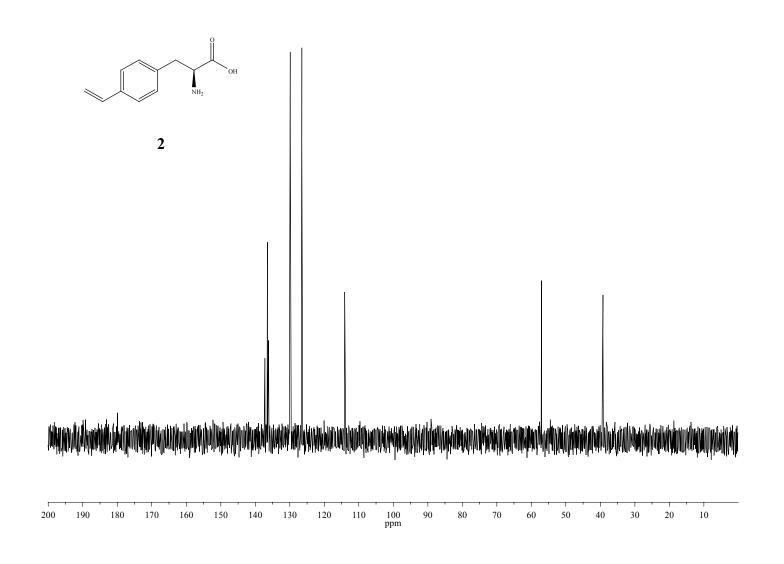


Figure S14.  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz) spectrum of **2** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

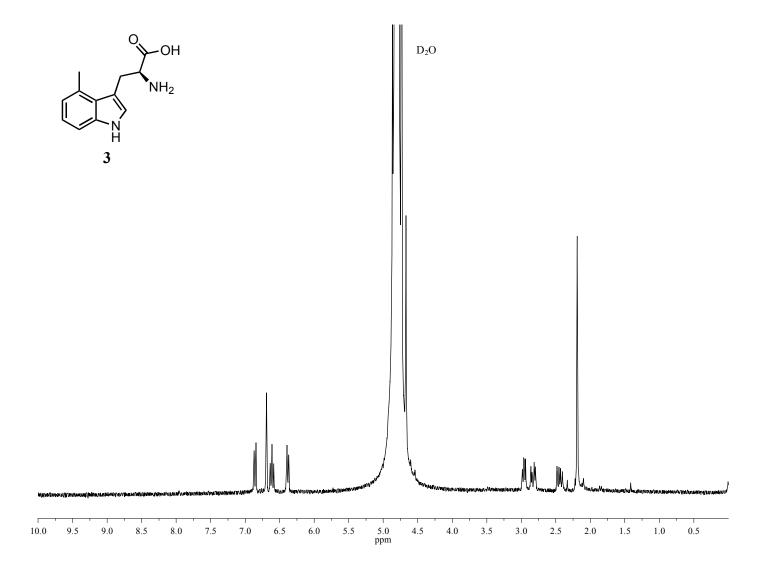


Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of 4-methyl-L-trytpophan (3) in  $D_2O/NaOD$ .

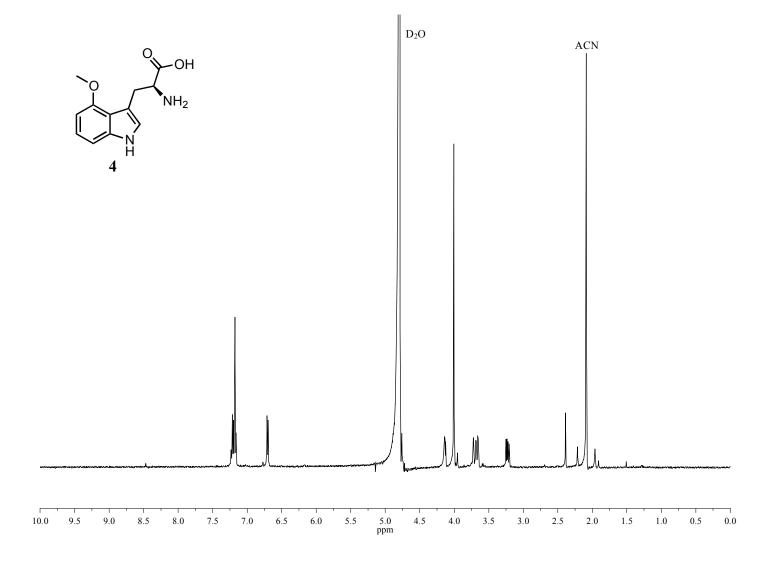


Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of 4-methoxy-L-trytpophan (4) in  $D_2O$ .

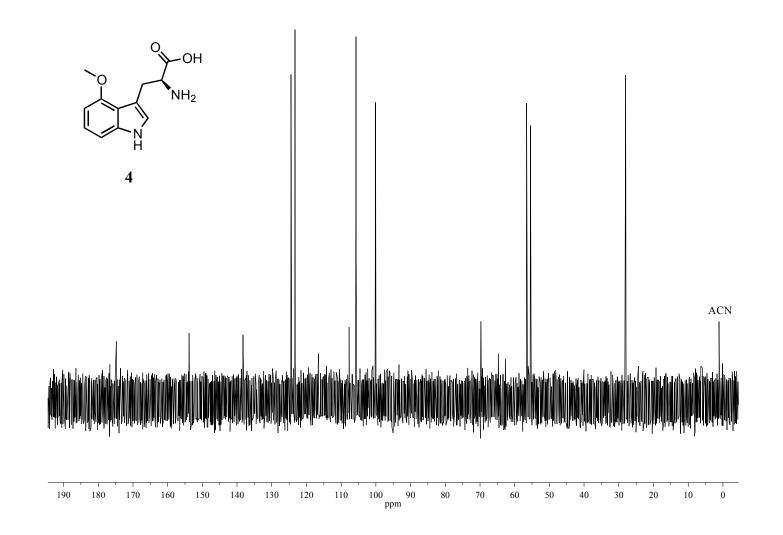


Figure S17.  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of 4-methoxy-L-trytpophan (4) in D<sub>2</sub>O.

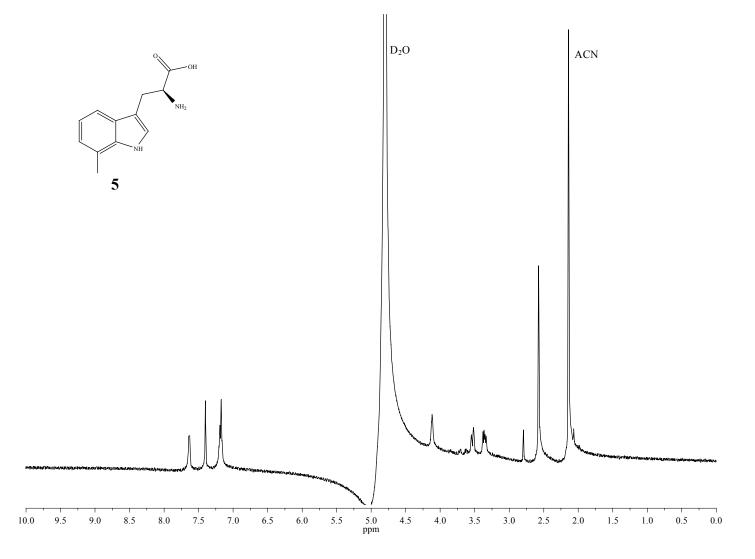


Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of 7-methyl-L-trytpophan (5) in  $D_2O$ 

# NMR spectra of prenylated tyrosine and tryptophan products

After HPLC purification, each prenylated product was lyophilized to dryness, redissolved in D<sub>2</sub>O (D, 99.9%), re-lyophilized, dissolved in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (99.96%) or D<sub>2</sub>O (D, 99.96%) (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.; Andover, MA) and placed in a Norell 3 mm NMR tube (Sigma). NMR experiments were recorded on an INOVA 600 NMR spectrometer equipped with a HCN cryogenic probe. All spectra were visualized with vNMRj and processed with MestReNova 7.1. Any peaks listed in NMR tables, but not seen in spectra shown below (usually HSQC/HMQC or HMBC spectra) were visualized with vNMRj. Methanol was present in all samples due to solvent contamination during HPLC purification.

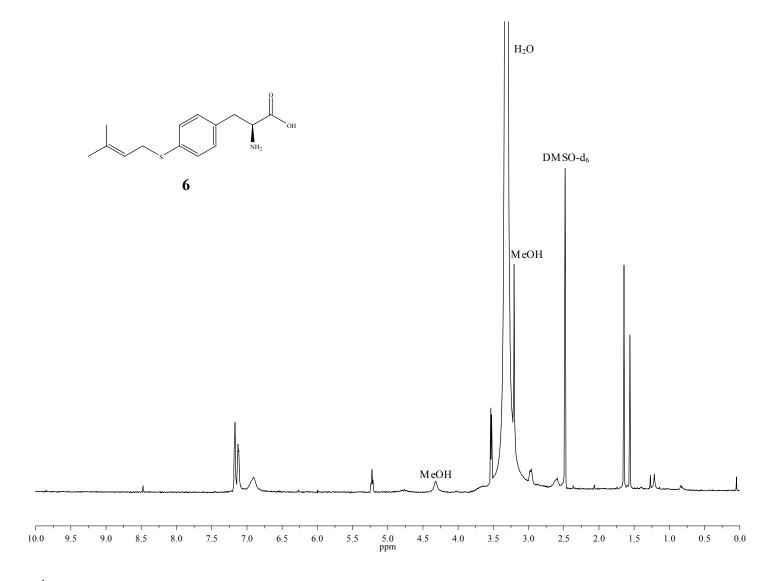


Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of **6** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

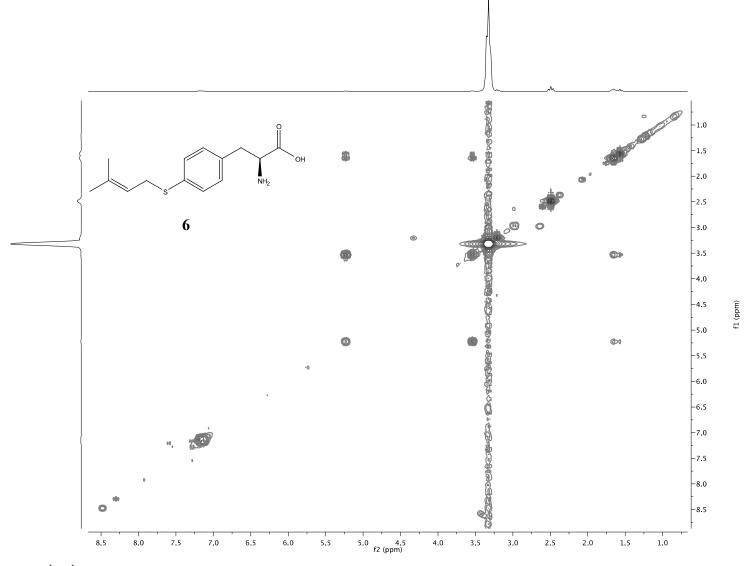


Figure S20. 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectrum of **6** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

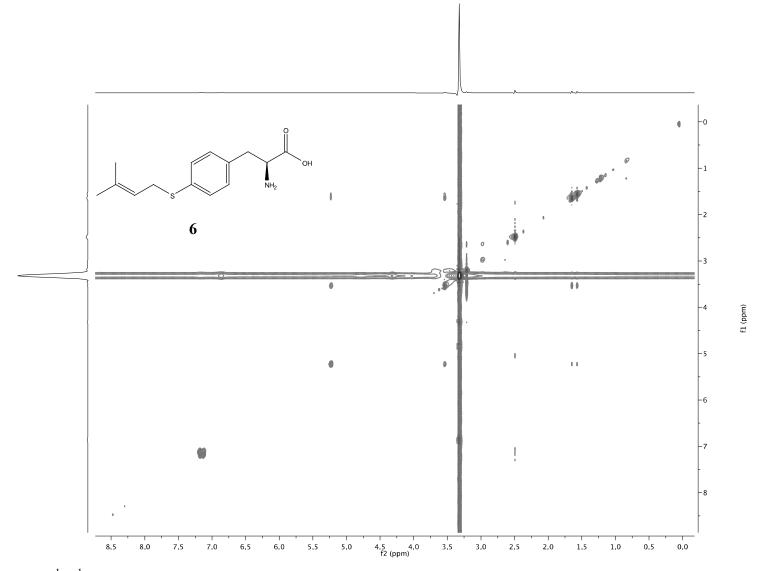


Figure S21. 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H TOCSY NMR spectrum of **6** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

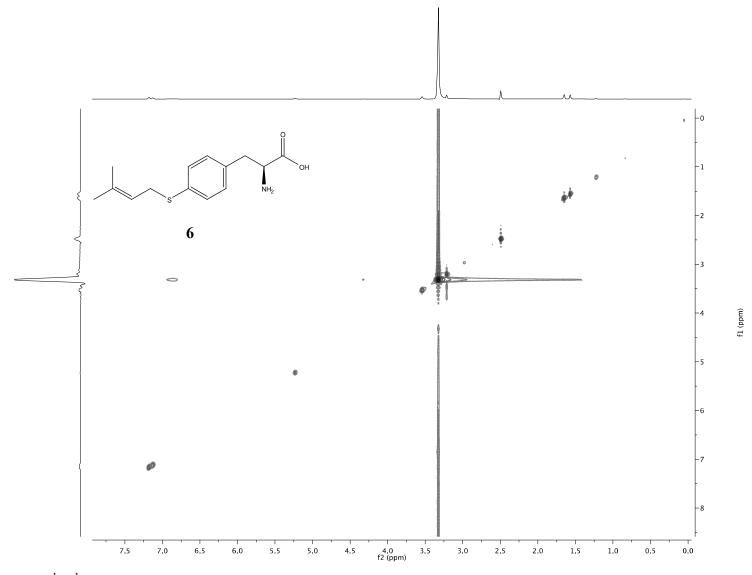


Figure S22. 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H ROESY NMR spectrum of **6** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

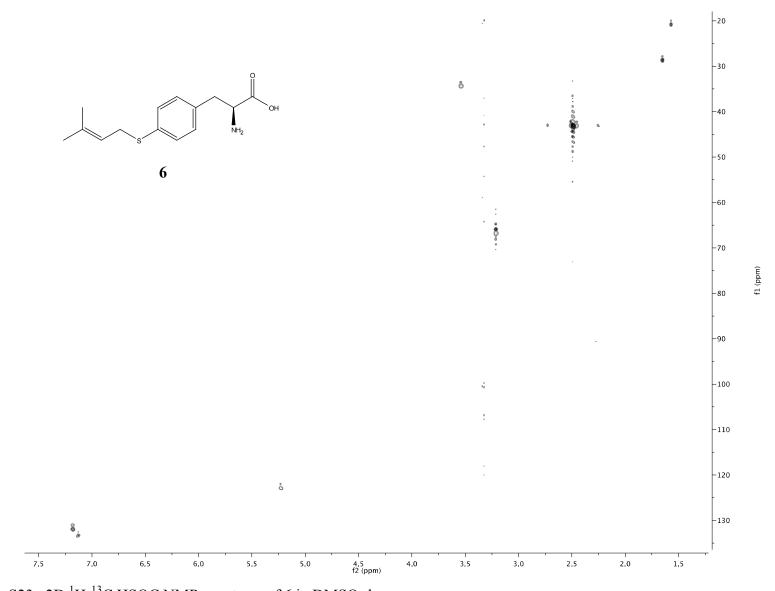


Figure S23. 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR spectrum of **6** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

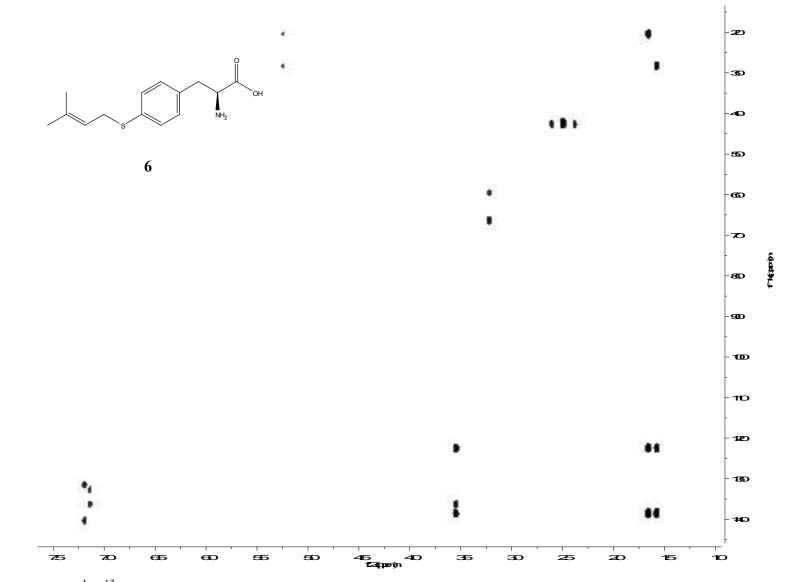


Figure S24. 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC NMR spectrum of **6** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

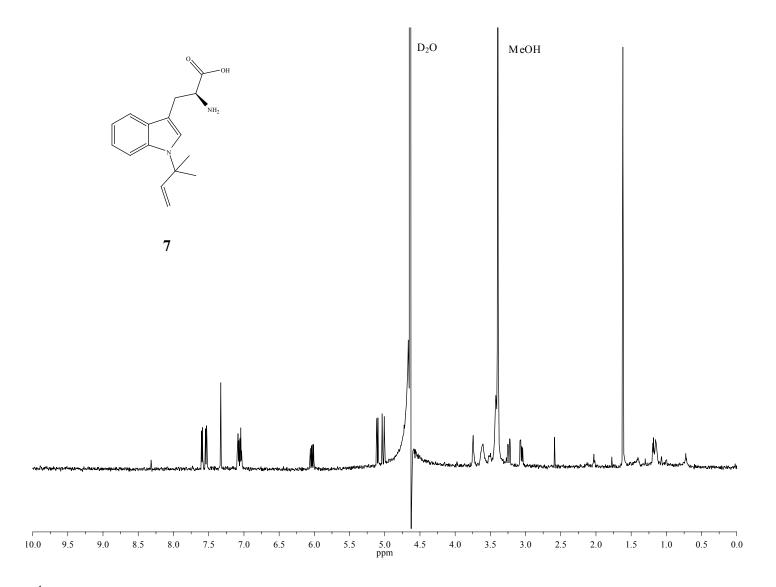


Figure S25.  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of 7 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

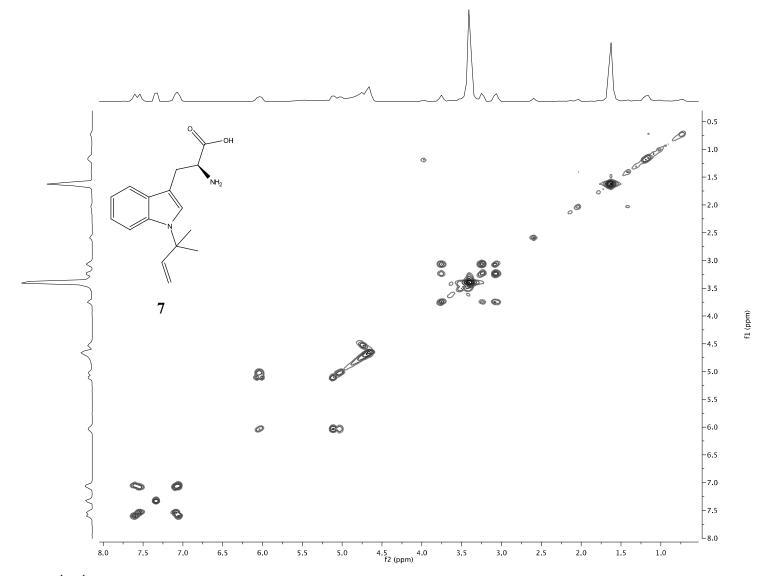


Figure S26. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY NMR spectrum of 7 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

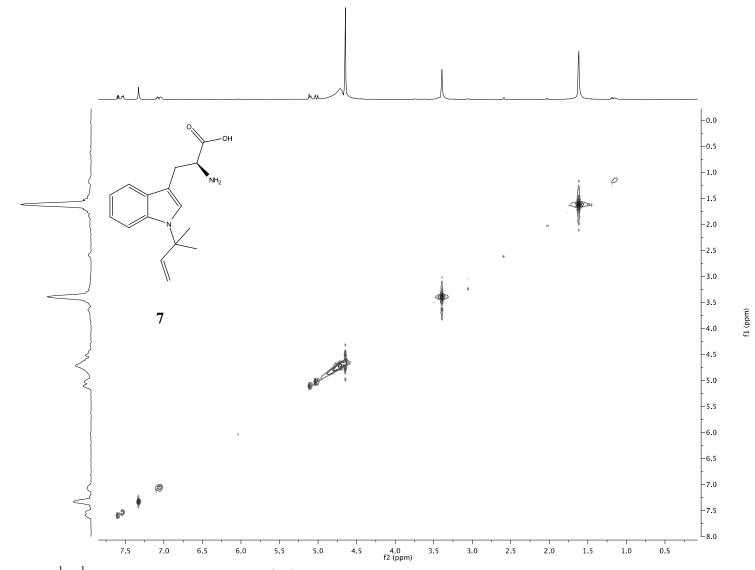


Figure S27. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H TOCSY NMR spectrum of 7 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

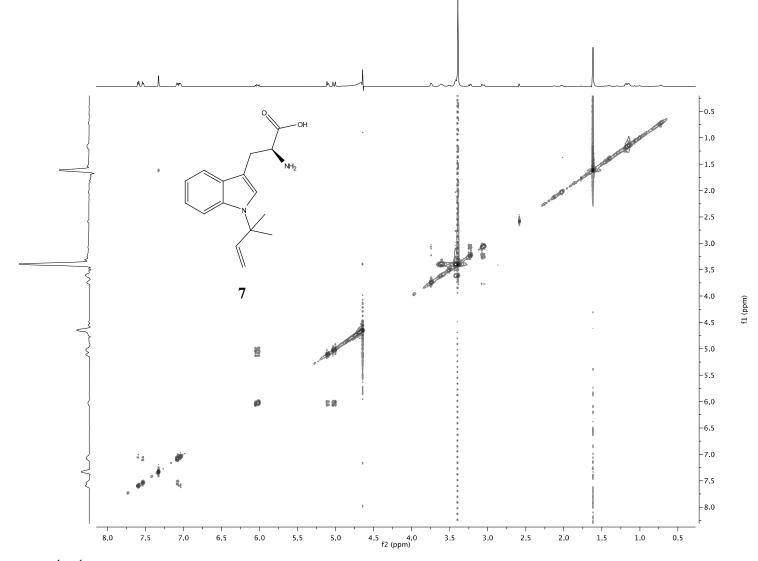


Figure S28. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H ROESY NMR spectrum of 7 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

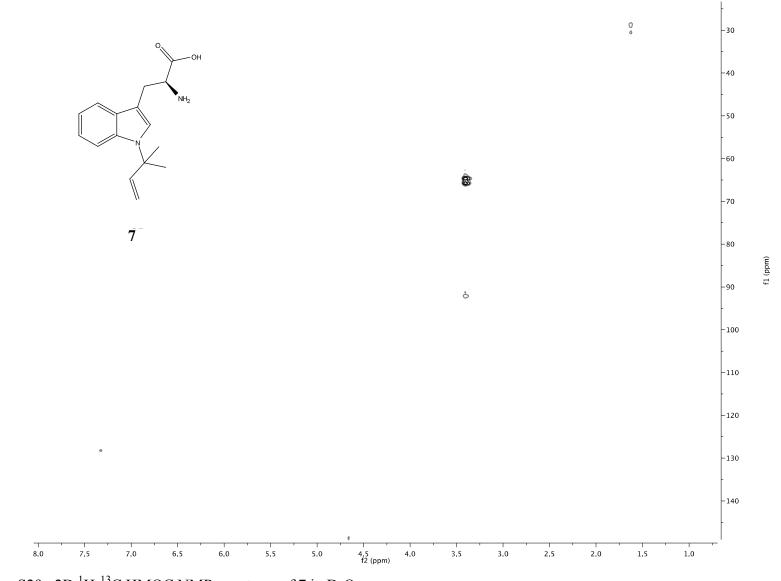


Figure S29. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMQC NMR spectrum of 7 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

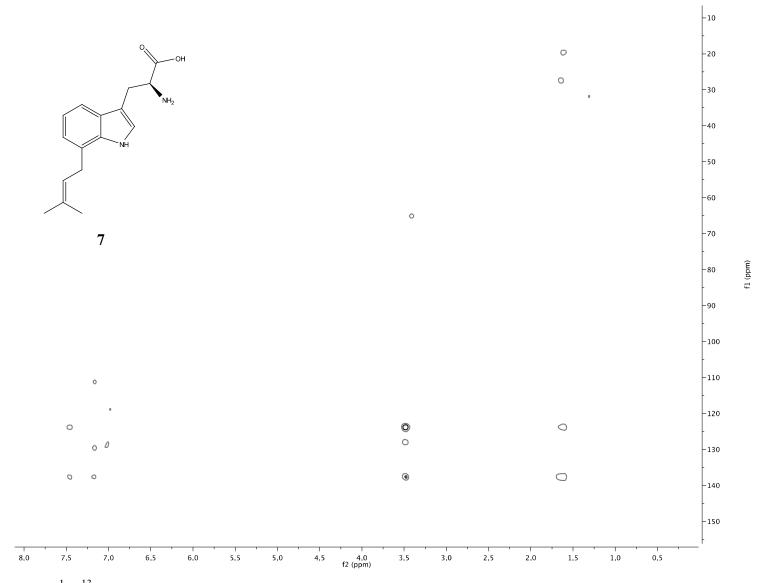


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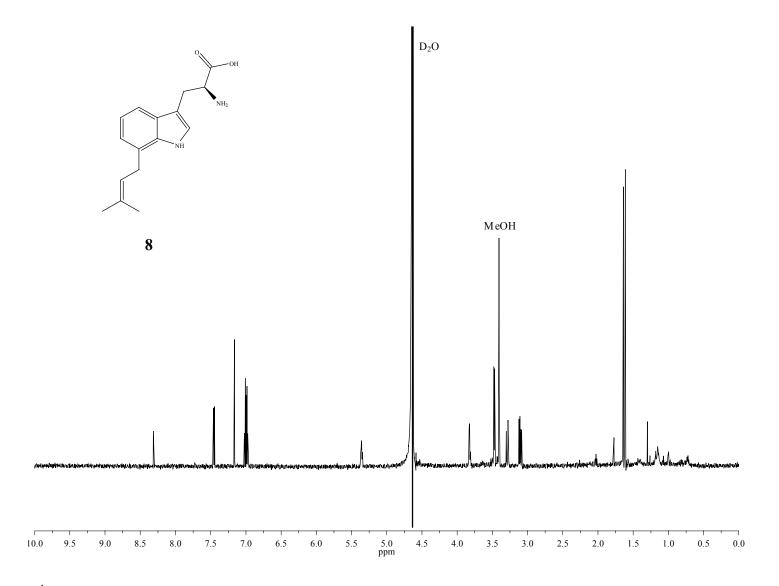


Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of  $\mathbf{8}$  in D<sub>2</sub>O.

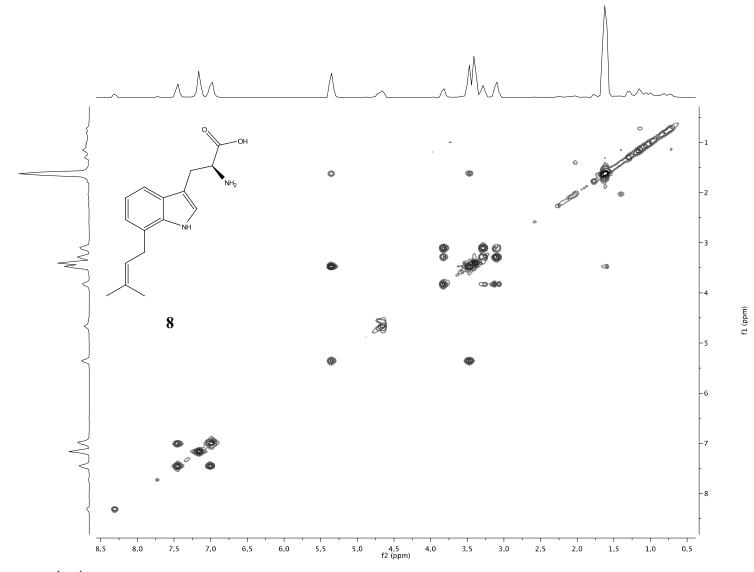


Figure S32. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY NMR spectrum of **8** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

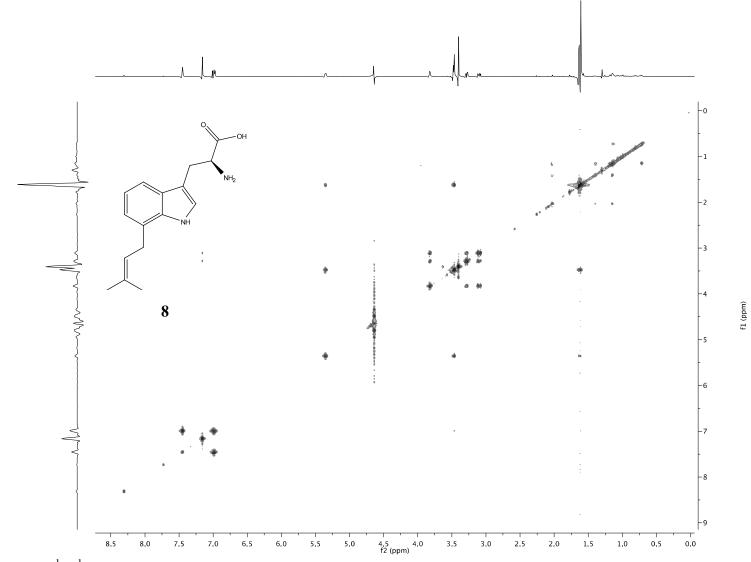


Figure S33. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H TOCSY NMR spectrum of **8** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

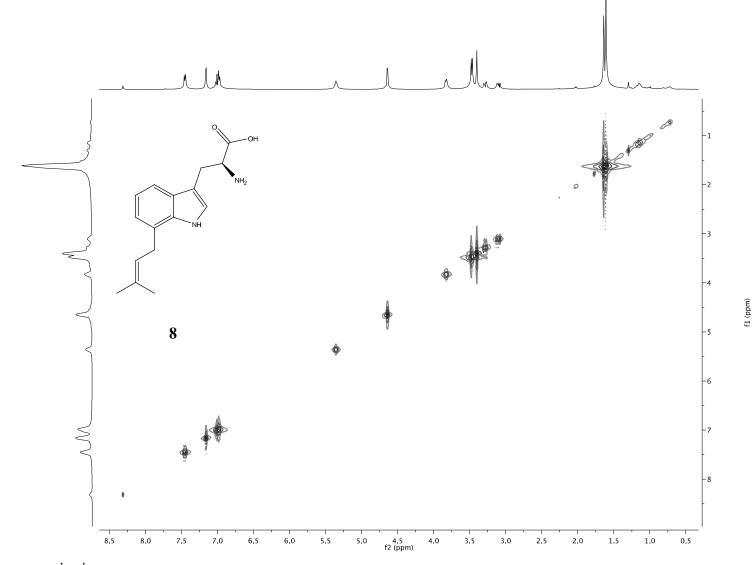


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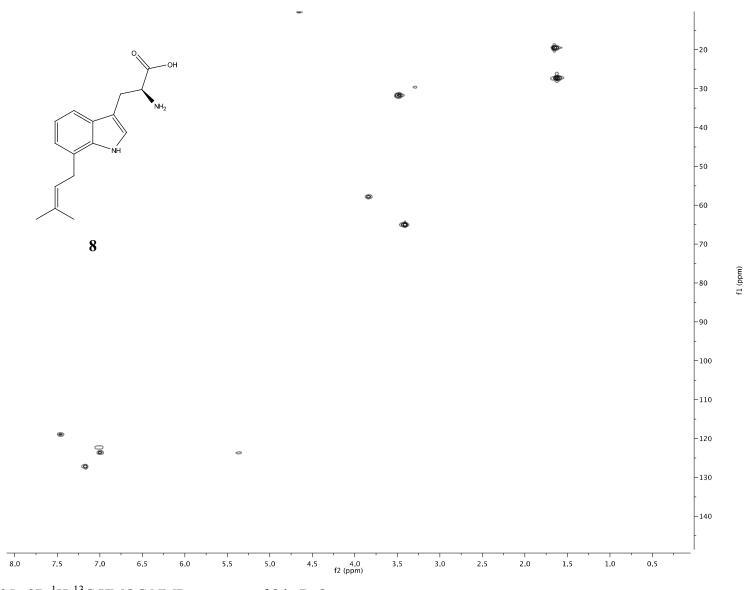


Figure S35. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMQC NMR spectrum of **8** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

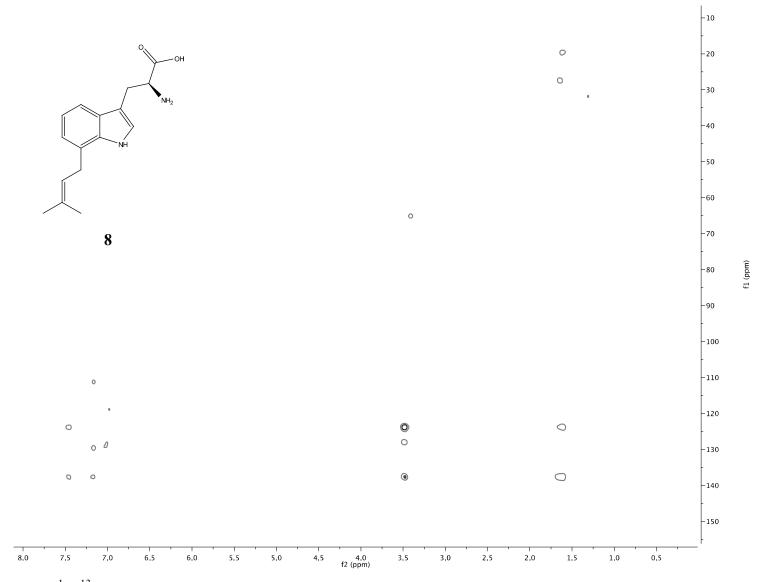


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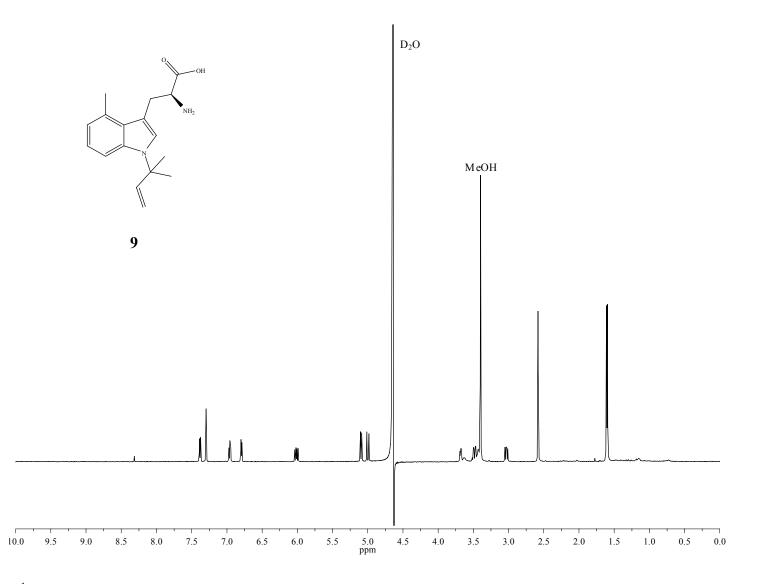


Figure S37. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of  $\mathbf{9}$  in  $D_2O$ .

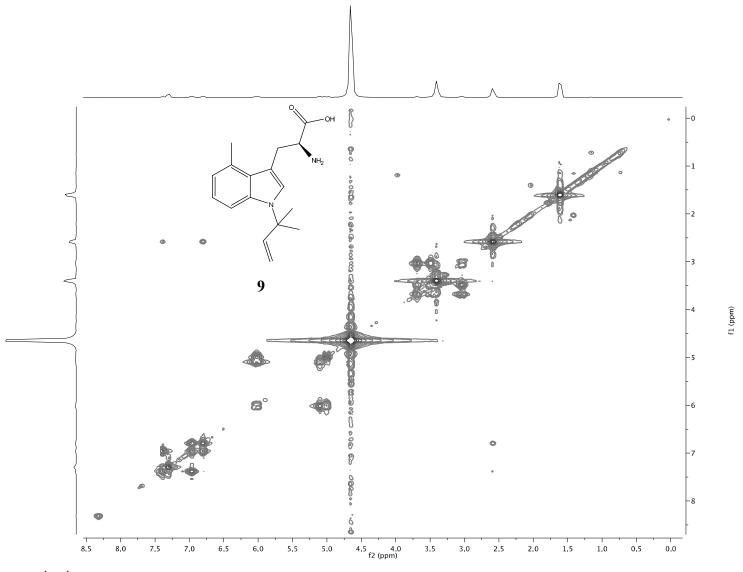


Figure S38. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY NMR spectrum of **9** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

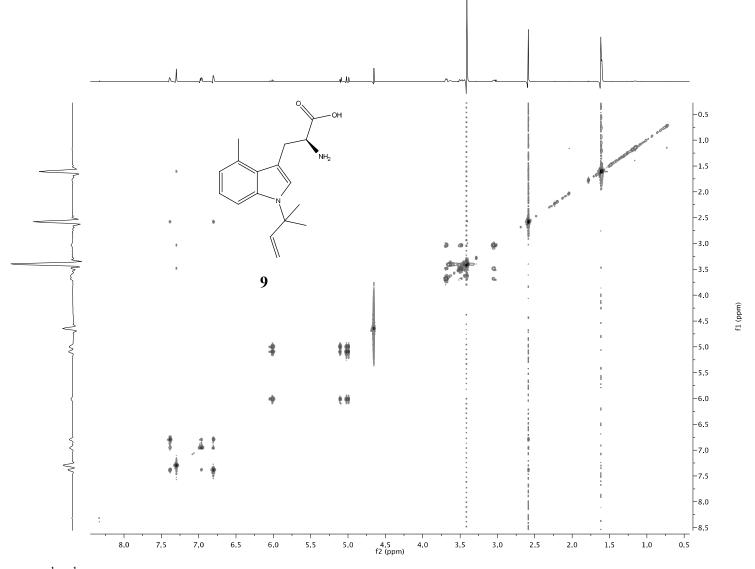


Figure S39. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H TOCSY NMR spectrum of **9** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

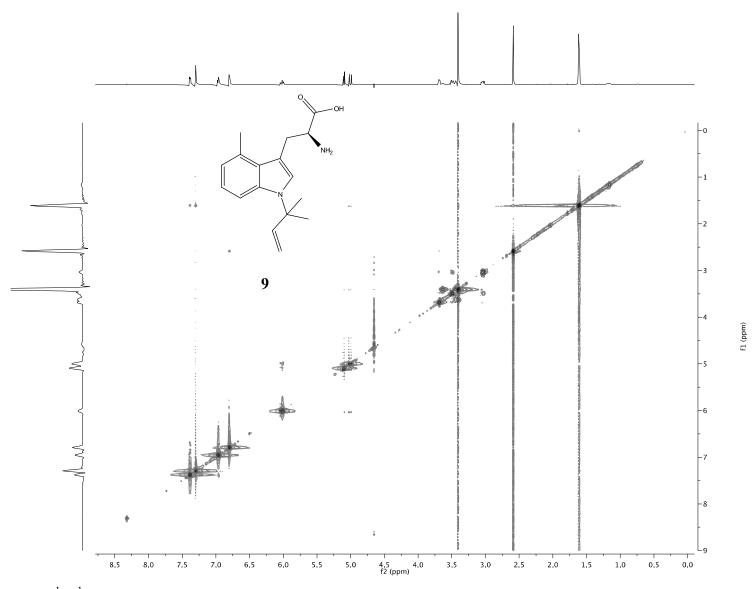


Figure S40. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H ROESY NMR spectrum of **9** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

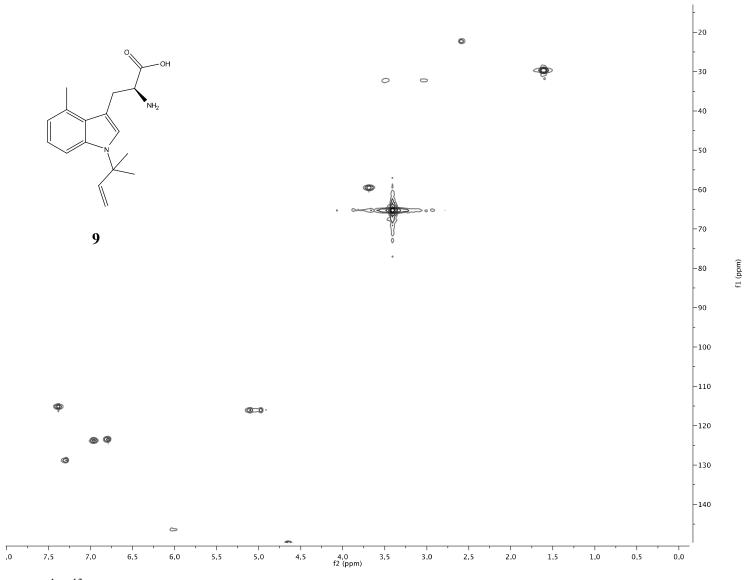


Figure S41. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HSQC NMR spectrum of **9** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

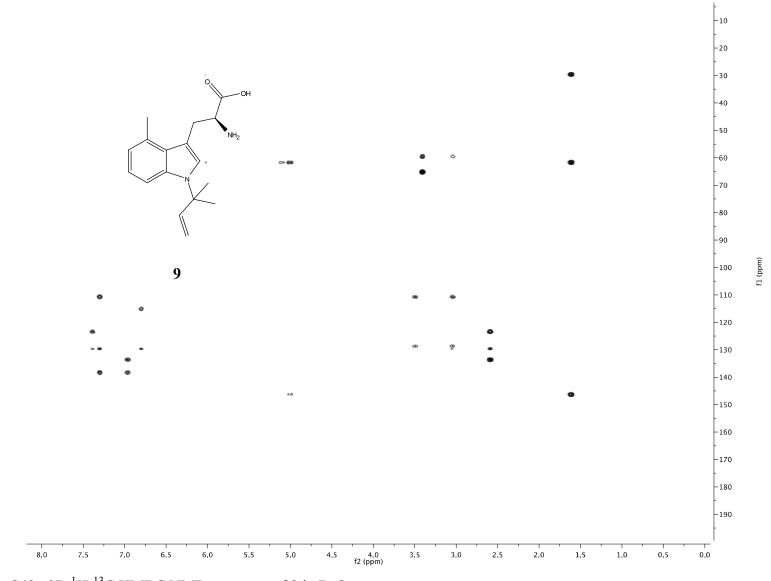


Figure S42. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMBC NMR spectrum of **9** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

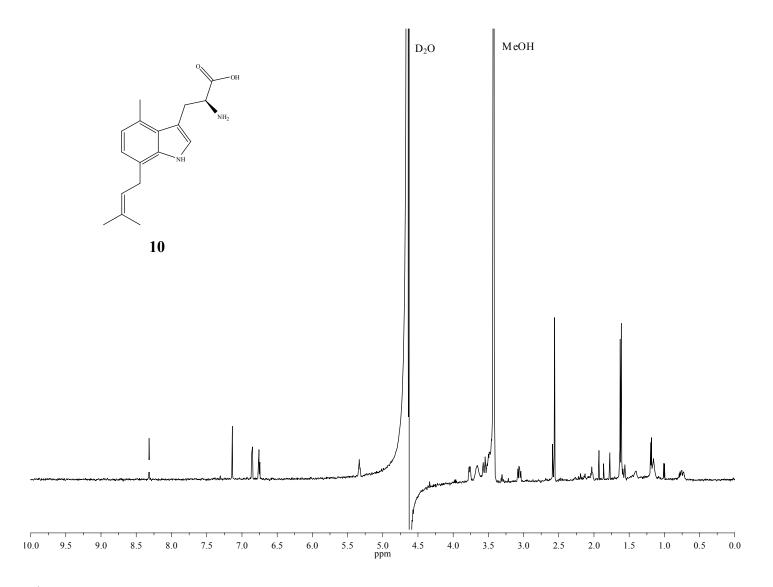


Figure S43. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of 10 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

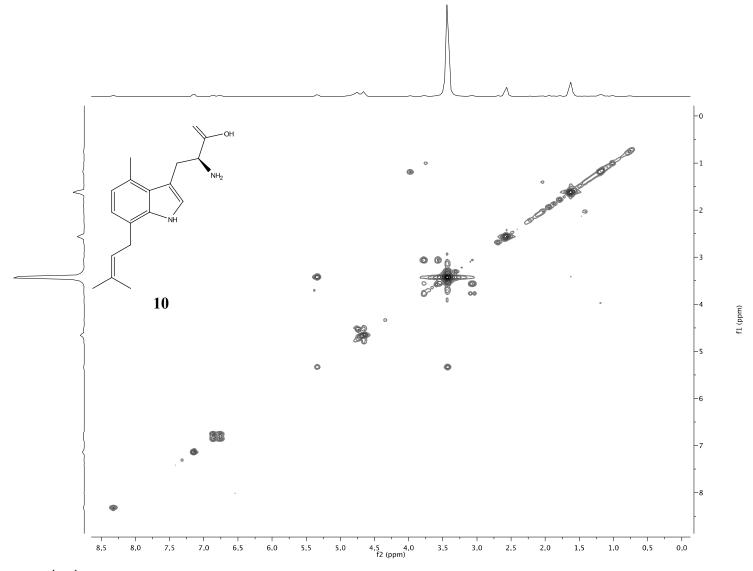


Figure S44. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY NMR spectrum of **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

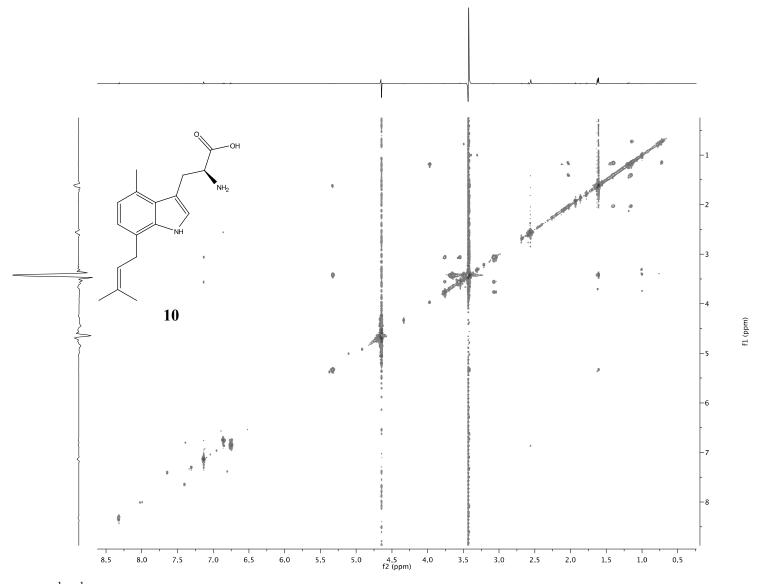


Figure S45. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H TOCSY NMR spectrum of **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

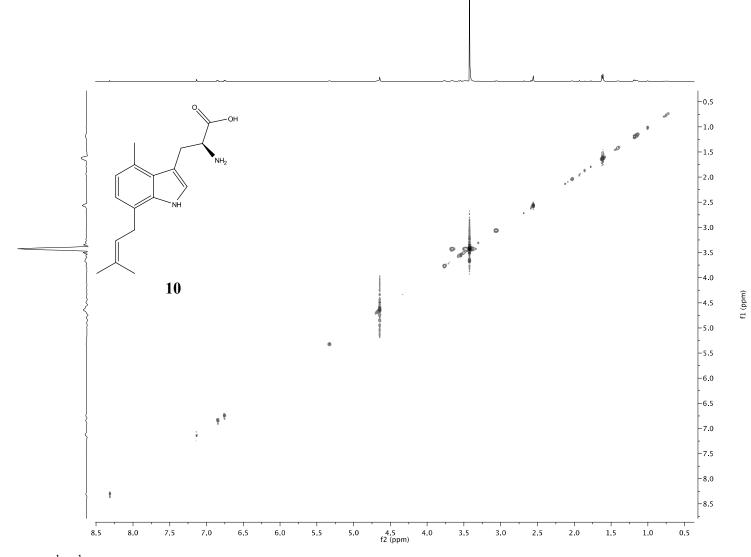


Figure S46. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H ROESY NMR spectrum of **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

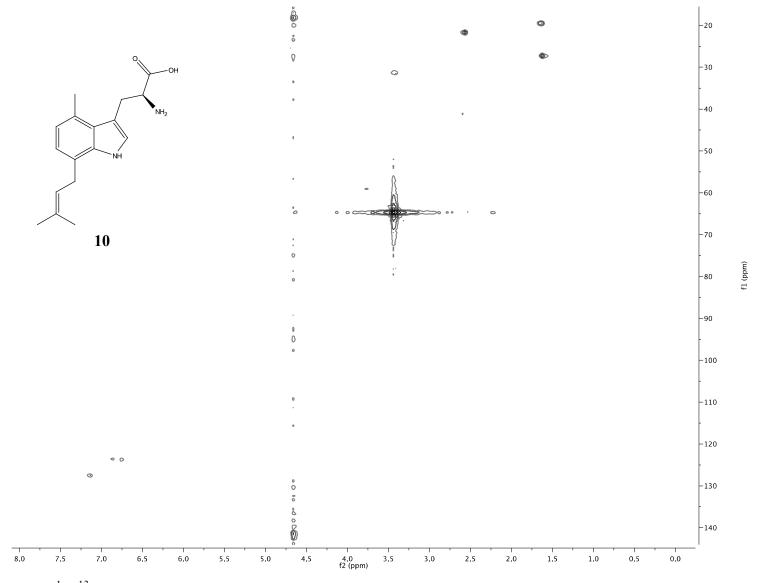


Figure S47. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMQC NMR spectrum of **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

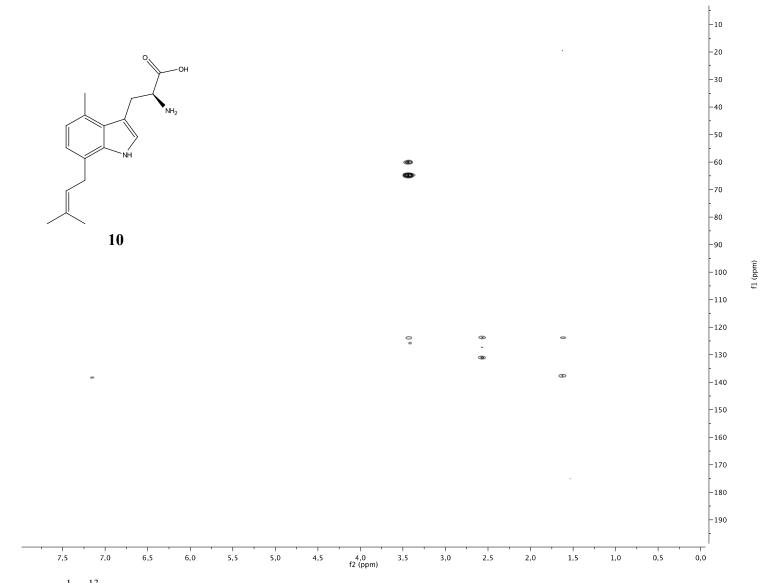


Figure S48. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMBC NMR spectrum of **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

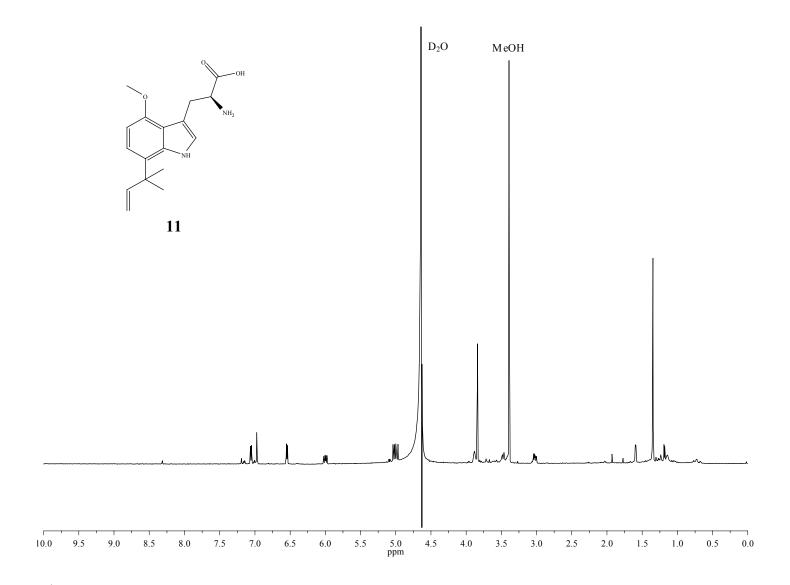


Figure S49. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of 11 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

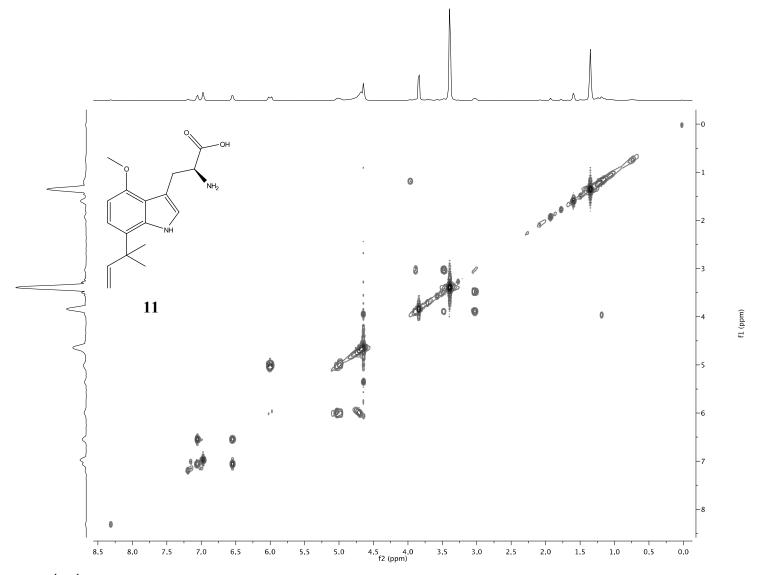


Figure S50. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY spectrum of **11** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

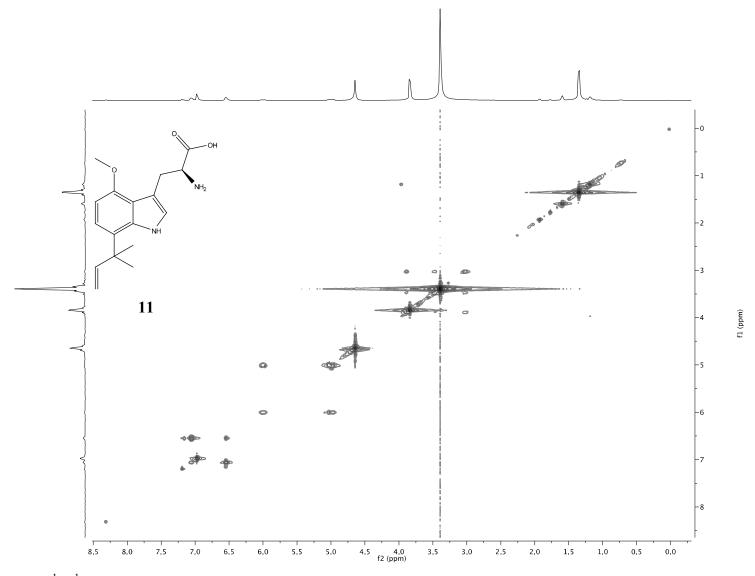


Figure S51. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H TOCSY spectrum of **11** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

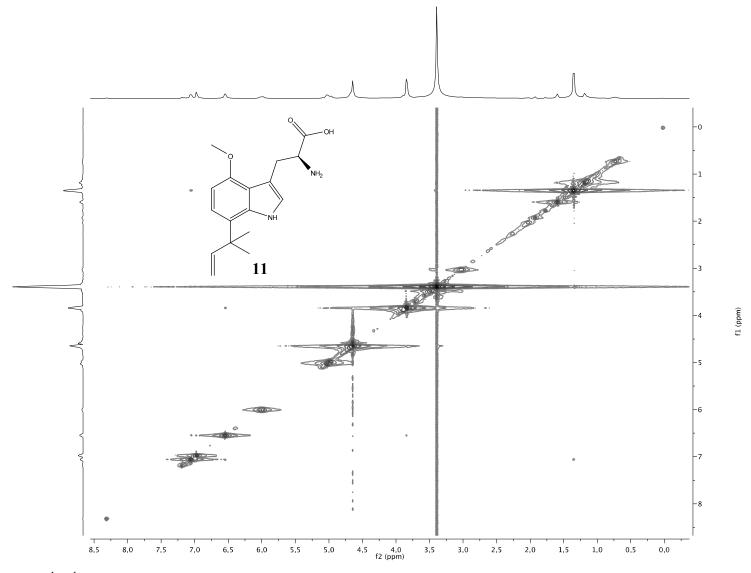


Figure S52. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H ROESY spectrum of **11** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

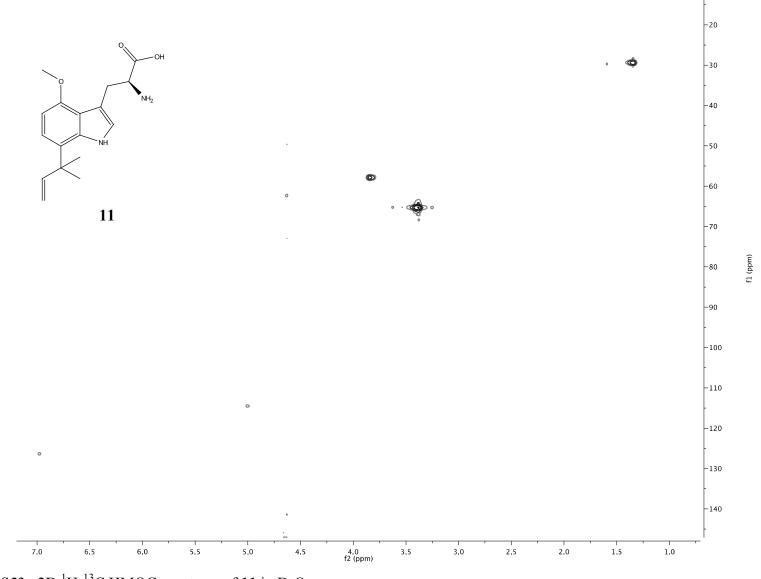


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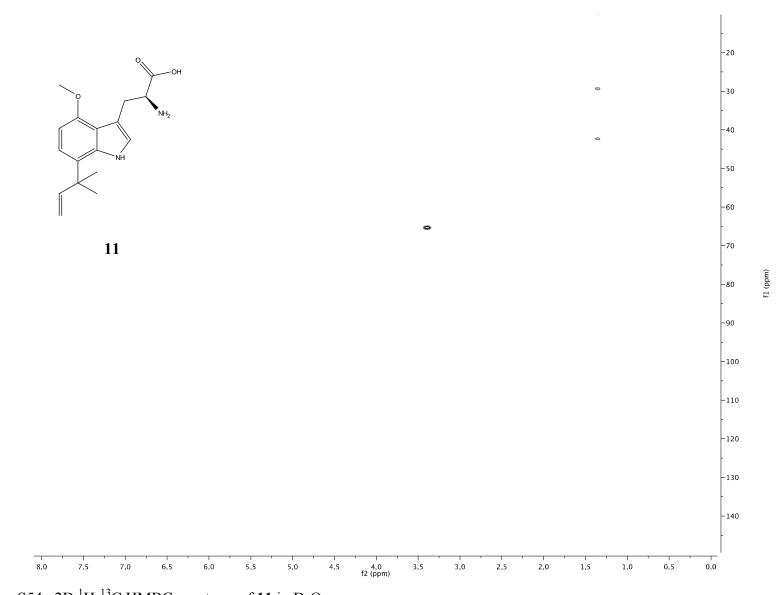


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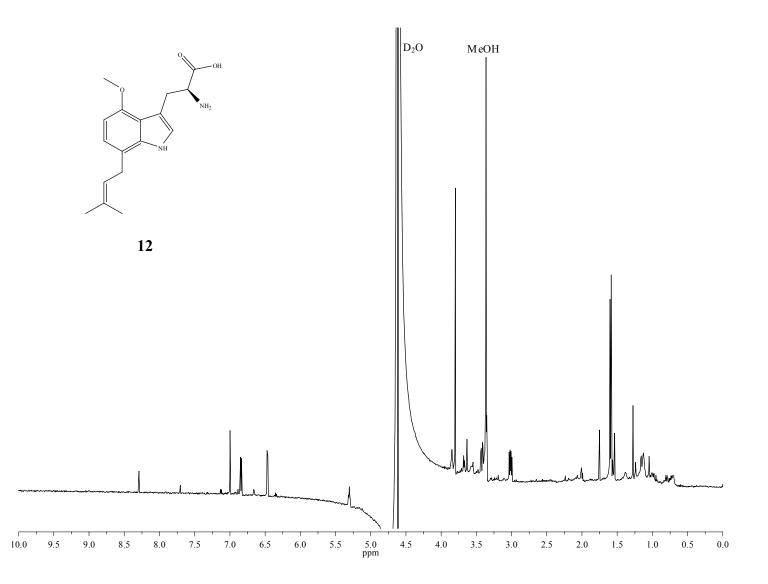


Figure S55. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of 12 in  $D_2O$ .

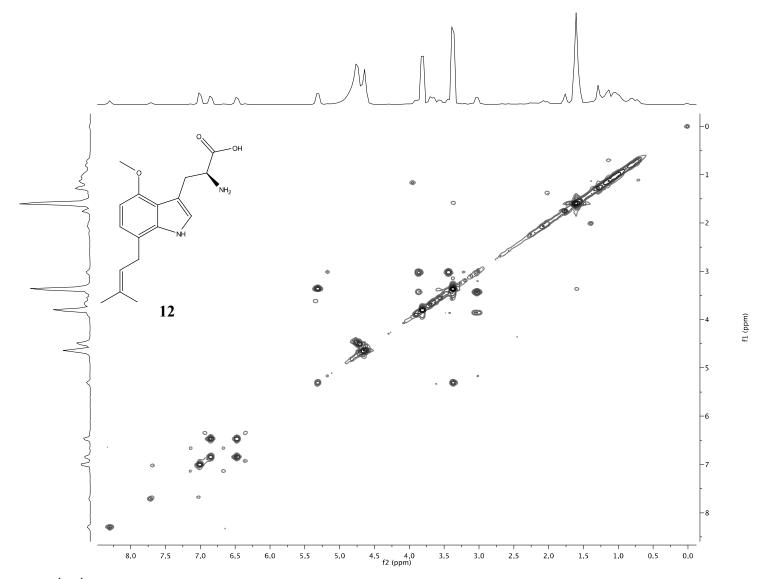


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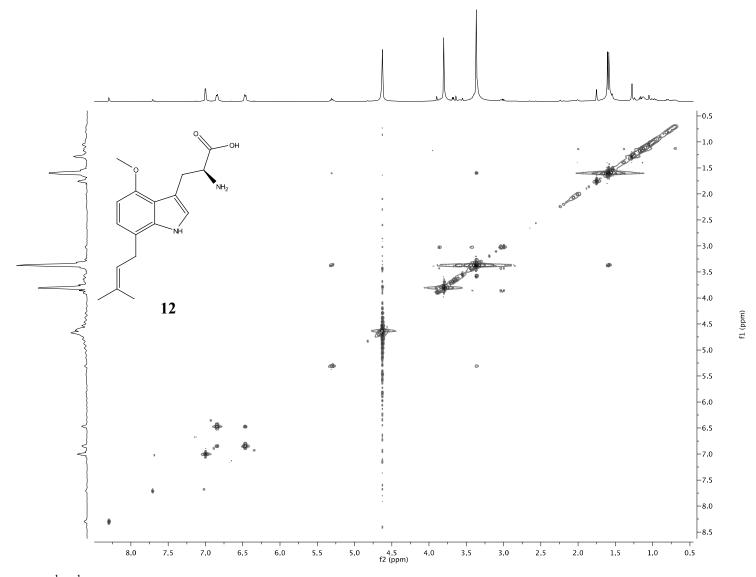


Figure S57. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H TOCSY NMR spectrum of **12** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

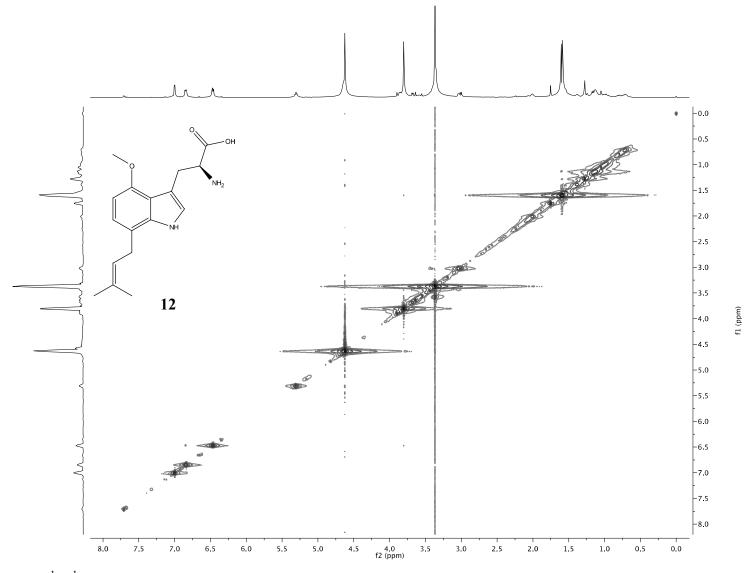


Figure S58. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H ROESY NMR spectrum of **12** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

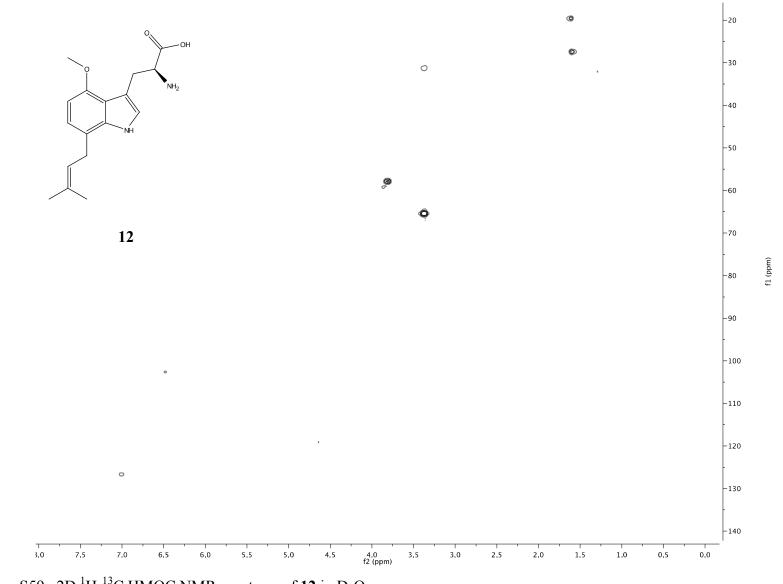


Figure S59. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMQC NMR spectrum of **12** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

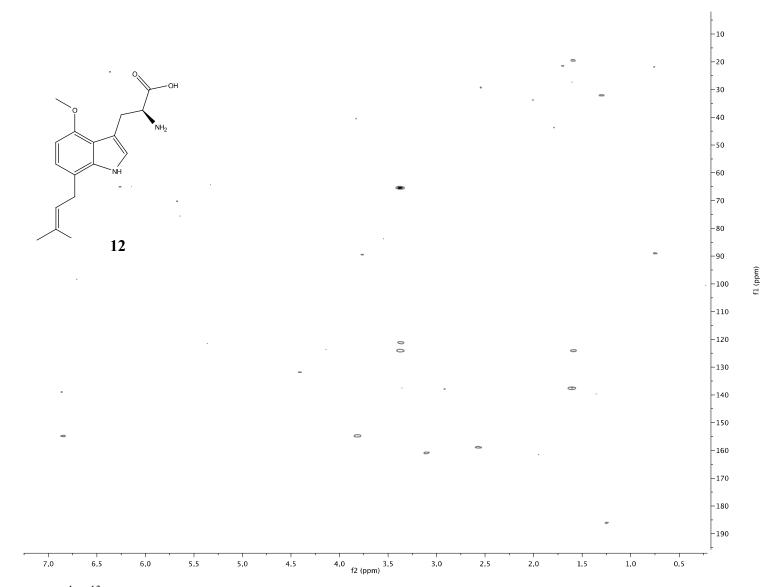


Figure S60. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMBC NMR spectrum of **12** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

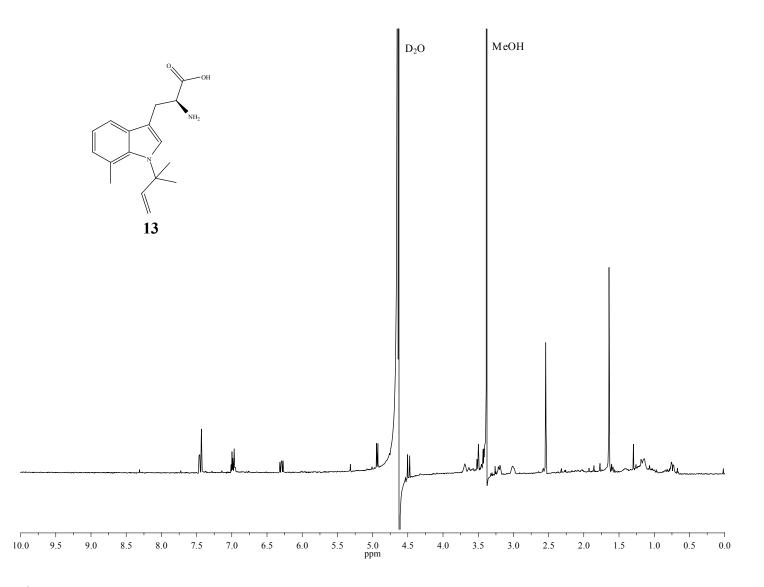


Figure S61. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of 13 in D<sub>2</sub>O.

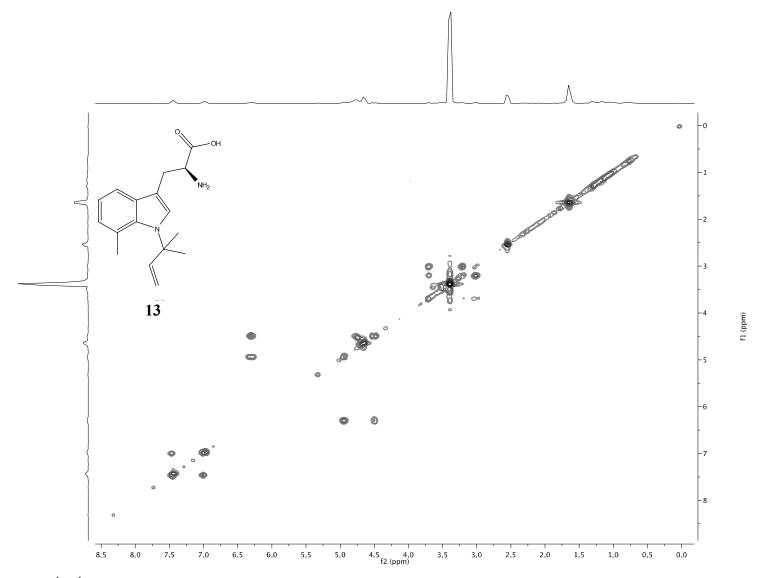


Figure S62. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{1}$ H COSY spectrum of **13** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

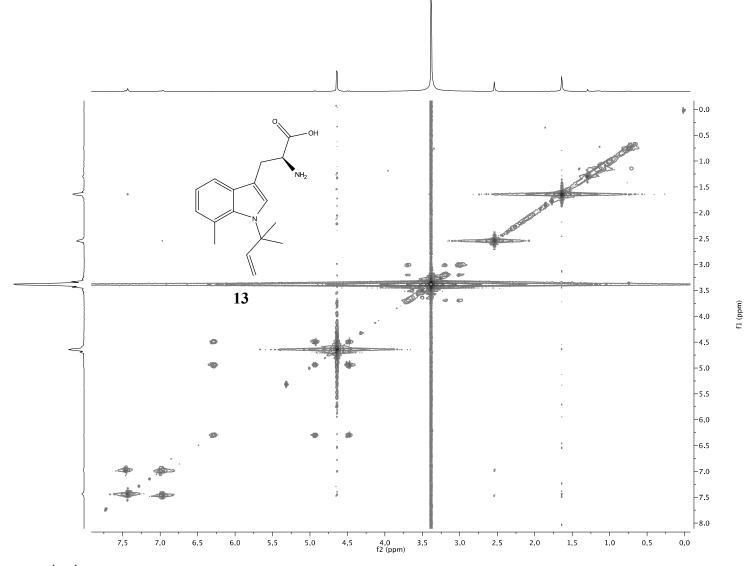


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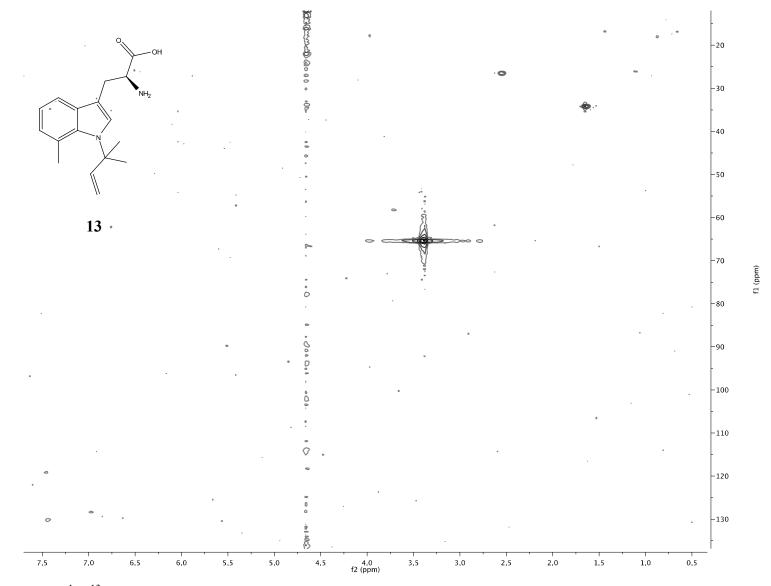


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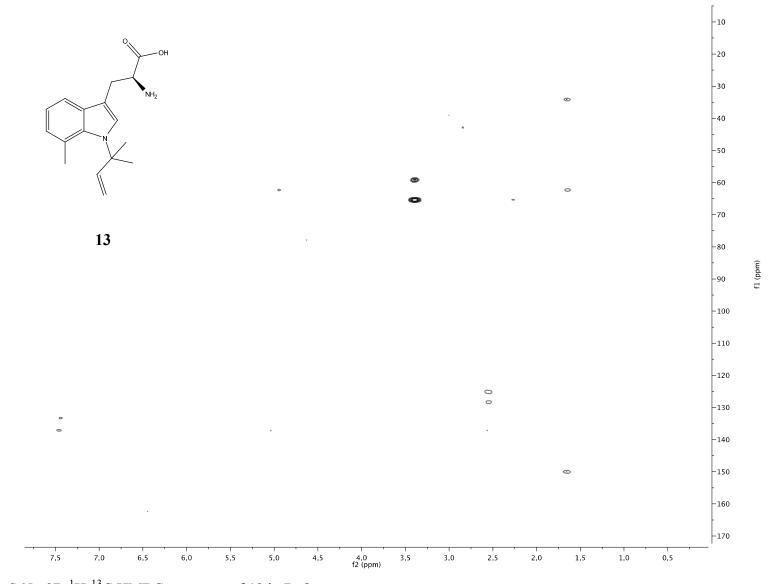


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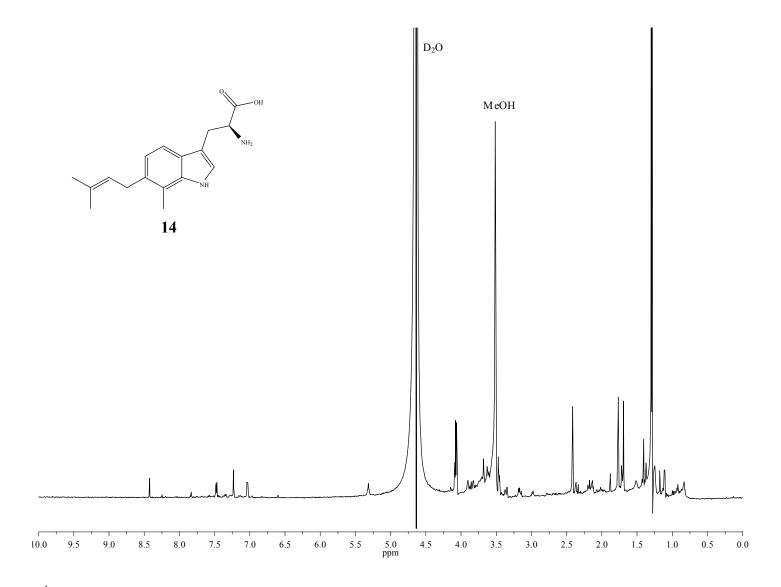


Figure S66.  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of **14** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

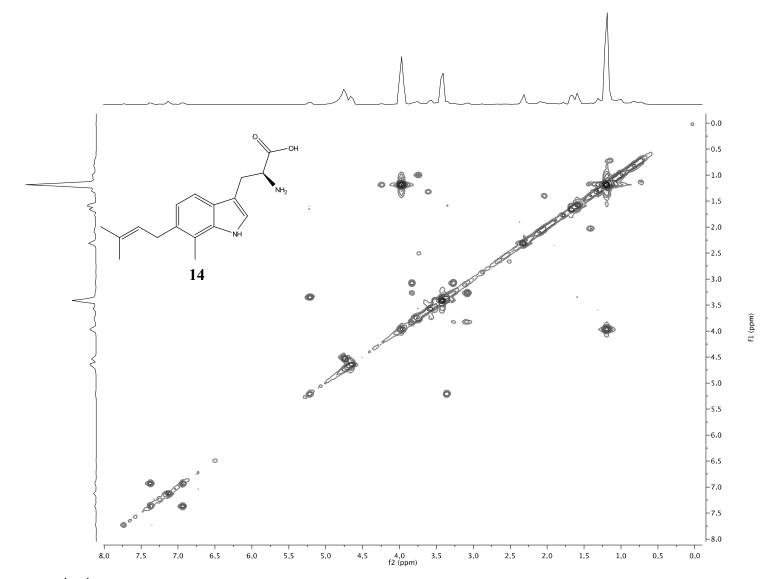


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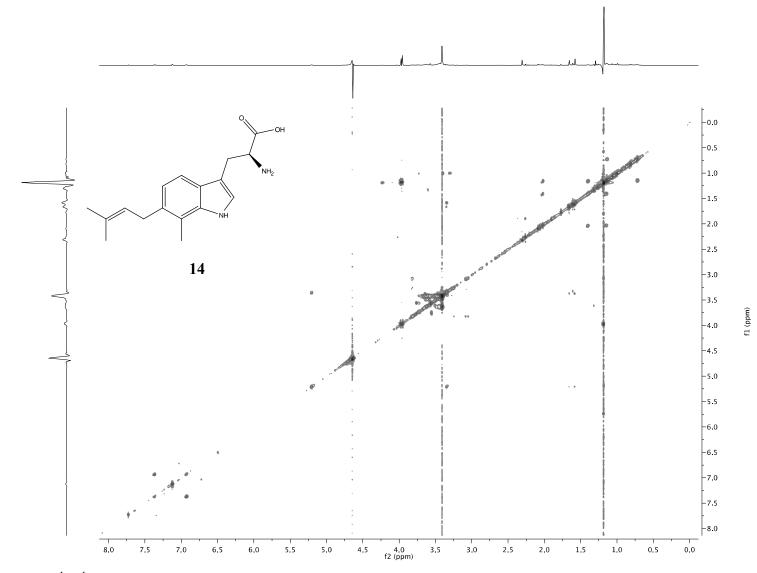


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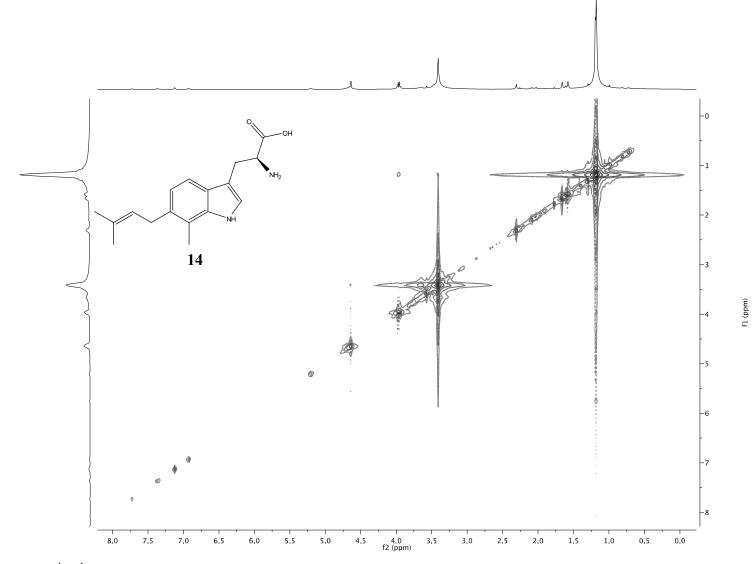


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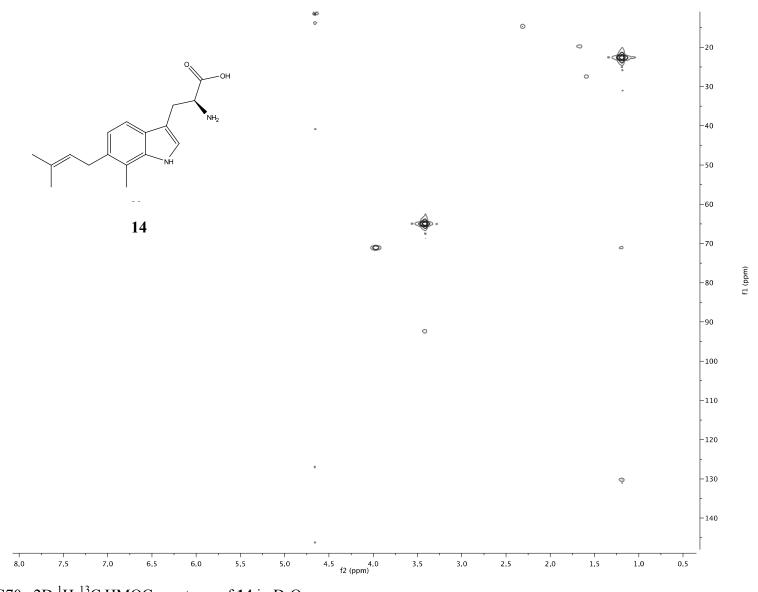


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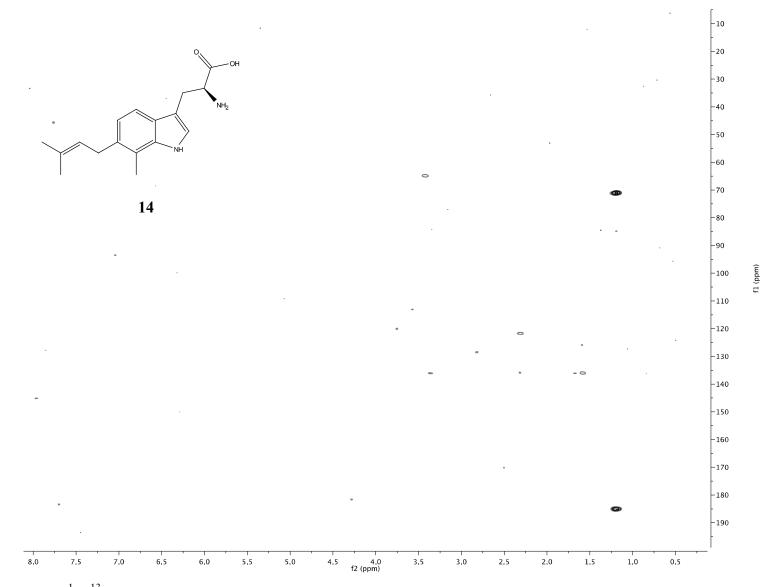


Figure S71. 2D  $^{1}$ H- $^{13}$ C HMBC spectrum of **14** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

## Structures of products with pertinent 2D NMR correlations

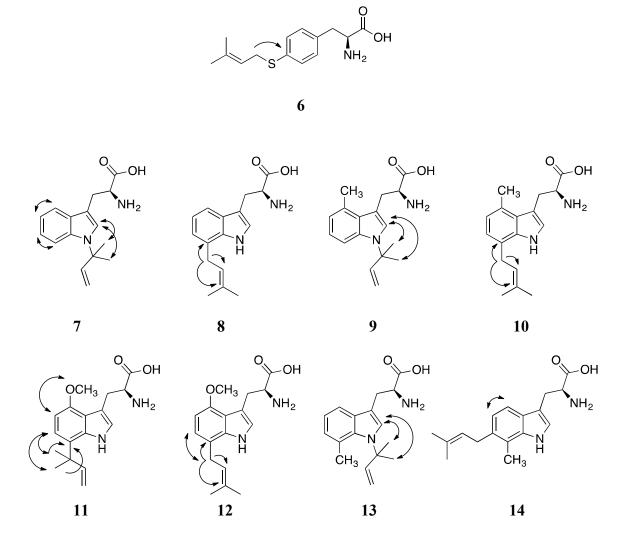


Figure S72. Structures of enzymatic products **6-14** showing the pertinent HMBC (single arrow) and COSY/ROESY (double arrow) correlations.

Compound	<b>Chemical Formula</b>	Calculated	Found	Deviation (ppm)
1	$C_{18}H_{21}N_2O_4S_2\\$	$393.0943 (M + H)^+$	393.0945	0.5
2c	$C_{26}H_{22}NO_7NaSF_3$	$572.0967 (M + Na)^+$	572.0970	0.5
2e	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> Na	$450.1681 (M + Na)^+$	450.1688	1.6
2	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> Na	$214.0838 (M + Na)^+$	214.0838	-2.8
6	$C_{14}H_{19}NO_2NaS$	$288.1034 (M + Na)^{+}$	288.1041	2.4
7	$C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_2Na$	$295.1422 (M + Na)^+$	295.1428	2.0
8	$C_{16}H_{21}N_2O_2$	$273.1603 (M + H)^+$	273.1609	2.2
9	$C_{17}H_{23}N_2O_2$	$287.1760 (M + H)^+$	287.1762	0.7
10	$C_{17}H_{23}N_2O_2$	$287.1760 (M + H)^+$	287.1763	1.0
11	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_3Na$	$325.1528 (M + Na)^+$	325.1532	1.2
12	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_3Na$	$325.1528 (M + Na)^+$	325.1532	1.2
13	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_2Na$	$309.1579 (M + Na)^+$	309.1579	0.0
14	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_2Na$	$309.1579 (M + Na)^+$	309.1576	-1.0

 Table S1. HRMS data of synthetic and enzymatic products

## Michaelis-Menten analysis of kinetic data

All kinetic assays were performed as described in the article. Product turnovers were blanked with a 0 mM substrate assay and were calculated from the reaction completion percentage. Concentrations resulting in  $\geq 15\%$  reaction completion were not used in kinetic calculations and plots. Each kinetic assay was performed in triplicate or quadruplicate. Specific activities of SirD vs. substrate concentration were plotted and fit using a nonlinear regression enzyme kinetic plot by GraFit 5.0.11.

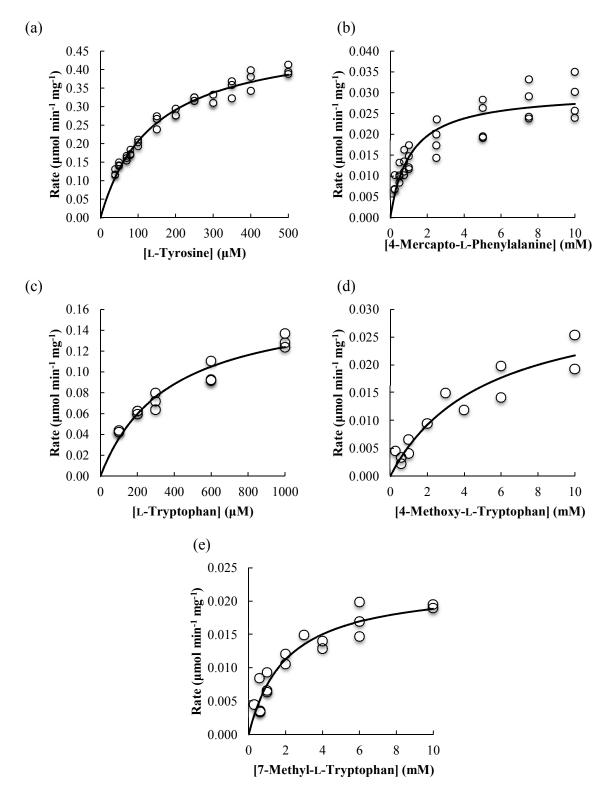


Figure S73. Michaelis-Menten curves for (a) L-tyrosine; (b) 4-mercapto-L-phenylalanine; (c) L-tryptophan; (d) 4-methoxy-L-tryptophan; and (e) 7-methyl-L-tryptophan. All curves were generated by GraFit 5.0.11.

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