An *Umpolung* Approach for the Chemoselective Arylation of Selenocysteine in Unprotected Peptides

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Materials

1. Chemicals

Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride (TCEP•HCl) was purchased from Hampton CA). 1-[Bis(dimethylamino)methylene]-1H-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-Research (Aliso Vieio. b]pyridinium 3-oxid hexafluorophosphate (HATU), Fmoc-L-Gly-OH, Fmoc-L-Leu-OH, Fmoc-L-Lys(Boc)-OH, Fmoc-L-Ala-OH, Fmoc-L-Cys(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-L-Asn(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-L-Asp(tBu)-OH, Fmoc-L-Arg(Pbf)-OH, Fmoc-L-Phe-OH, Fmoc-L-Ser(tBu)-OH, Fmoc-L-Tyr(tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Ser-OH, and Fmoc-L-His(Trt)-OH were purchased from Chem-Impex International (Wood Dale, IL). Fmoc-L-4-methoxybenzyl-selenocysteine (Fmoc-L-Sec(Pmb)-OH) was prepared from Fmoc-Ser-OH using standard literature procedure.¹ Peptide synthesisgrade N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF), dichloromethane (DCM), diethyl ether, HPLC-grade acetonitrile, and guanidine hydrochloride were obtained from VWR International (Philadelphia, PA). All reactions were set up on the bench top open to air. Water was deionized and used as is. Ethanol, copper, ligands were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Boronic acids were purchase from commercial sources or prepared according to standard literature procedure.²

2. Reaction Vessels

a) 0.6 mL Axygen Tubes (For 100 μM reaction): Axygen Cat. No. MCT-060-L-C



b) Scintillation Vials (For 1 mM scale-up reactions): <u>VWR Cat.</u> No. VW74510-20



Methods for LC-MS Analysis

LC-MS chromatograms and associated mass spectra were acquired using Agilent 6520 ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer unless noted. Mobile phases are: 0.1% formic acid in water (*solvent* C) and 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile (*solvent* D) Following LC-MS methods were used:

<u>Method A</u> LC conditions: Zorbax SB C3 column: 2.1 x 150 mm, 5 μ m, column temperature: 40 °C, gradient: 0-2 minutes 1% D, 2-11 minutes 1-61% D, 11-12 minutes 61% D, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min. MS conditions: positive electrospray ionization (ESI) extended dynamic mode in mass range 300 – 3000 m/z, temperature of drying gas = 350 °C, flow rate of drying gas = 11 L/min,

pressure of nebulizer gas = 60 psi, the capillary, fragmentor, and octupole rf voltages were set at 4000, 175, and 750, respectively.

<u>Method B</u> LC conditions: Zorbax SB C3 column: 2.1 x 150 mm, 5 μm, column temperature: 40 °C, gradient: 0-1 minutes 5-25% D, 1-5 minutes 25-75% D, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min. 5-6 minutes 75-95% D, flow rate: 1.5 mL/min. MS conditions are same as *Method A*.

<u>Method C</u> LC conditions: Zorbax SB C3 column: 2.1 x 150 mm, 5 µm, column temperature: 40 °C, gradient: 0-2 minutes 1% D, 2-23 minutes 1-61% D, 23-24 minutes 61% D, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min. MS conditions are same as *Method A*.

<u>Method D</u> LC conditions: Zorbax SB C18 column: 2.1 x 150 mm, 5 μ m, column temperature: 40 °C, gradient: 0-2 minutes 1% D, 2-11 minutes 1-61% D, 11-12 minutes 61% D, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min. MS conditions are same as Method A.

All reactions for peptide stability studies were analyzed by Agilent 6550 ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Mobile phases are: 0.1% formic acid in water (*solvent C*) and 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile (*solvent D*). Following LC-MS method was used:

<u>Method E</u> LC conditions: EclipsePlus C18 column: 2.1 x 50 mm, RRHD 1.8 μ m, column temperature: 40 °C, gradient: 0-1 minutes 5% D, 1-6 minutes 5-50% D, 6-8 minutes 50-95% D, 8-10 minutes 95% D, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min. MS conditions: positive electrospray ionization (ESI) extended dynamic mode in mass range 300 – 3000 m/z, temperature of drying gas = 200 °C, flow rate of drying gas = 17 L/min, pressure of nebulizer gas = 35 psi, the capillary, fragmentor, and nozzle voltages were set at 3500, 380, and 500, respectively.

All data were processed using Agilent MassHunter software package. Y-axis in all chromatograms shown represents total ion current (TIC) unless noted; mass spectrum corresponds to the integration of the TIC peak unless noted.

All yields reported were determined by integrating TIC spectra. First, using Agilent MassHunter software package, the peak areas for all relevant peptidic species on the chromatogram were integrated. Then the yield was calculated as following: %yield = S_p/S_{all} where S_p is the peak area of the desired product, and S_{all} is sum of the peak areas of all peptidic species.

General Method for Preparation of Peptides

1) Fast-flow peptide synthesis

All peptide sequences *C*-terminal to selenocysteine were synthesized on a 0.2-mmol scale using manual Fmoc-SPPS (Solid phase peptide synthesis) chemistry under flow using a 3-minute cycle for each amino acid.³ Specifically, all reagents and solvents are delivered to a stainless steel reactor containing resins at a constant flow rate using an HPLC pump; temperature of the reactor was maintained at 60 °C during the synthesis using a water bath. The procedure for each amino acid coupling cycle included a 30 second coupling with 1 mmol Fmoc-protected amino acid, 1 mmol HATU, and 500 μ L of diisopropyl ethyl amine (DIEA) in 2.5 mL of DMF at a flow rate of 6 mL/min (note that for the coupling of cysteine and histidine, 190 μ L of DIEA was used to prevent racemization); 1 min wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; 20 second deprotection with 20% (v/v) piperidine in DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DMF at a flow rate of 20 mL/min; and 1 minute wash with DCM (3X) and dried under vacuum. The dried resins are used in batch synthesis for coupling of selenocysteine and the rest of the peptide sequence.

Peptide sequences synthesized using fast-flow peptide synthesis are highlighted in yellow in Table S1.

2) Solid-phase peptide synthesis (SPPS) in batch

Selenocysteine and amino acids *N*-terminal to selenocysteine were coupled to the resin under batch SPPS conditions on a 0.2-mmol scale. Each amino acid was incorporated into the peptide sequence through a cycle of coupling, washing, deprotection, and washing steps. Procedure for the coupling of selenocysteine included a 20 min coupling with 0.4 mmol Fmoc-L-Sec(Pmb)-OH, 0.4 mmol HATU, and 38 μ L of DIEA in 2 mL of DMF. For other amino acids, coupling was performed for 10 min with 1 mmol Fmoc-protected amino acids, 1 mmol HATU, 500 μ L of DIEA in 2.5 mL of DMF. After coupling, the resin was washed with DMF (3X). Piperidine (20% (v/v) in DMF) was added to the resin for 2X 5 min each. The resin was washed with DMF (3X) and then subjected to coupling of the next amino acid.

Peptide sequences synthesized using batch SPPS are highlighted in green in Table S1.

3) Peptide cleavage and deprotection

Peptides *containing* selenocysteine were cleaved from the resin and the side-chain was simultaneously deprotected by treatment with 5% (v/v) water, 95% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), 0.4 M 2,2'-dithiobis(5-nitropyridine) (DTNP) for 7 min at 60 °C. 5 mL of cleavage cocktail was used for 0.2 mmol of peptide. The resulting solution was triturated and washed with cold diethyl ether (pre-chilled in -80 °C freezer) this was repeated a total of three times. The obtained solids were dissolved in 50% H₂O: 50% acetonitrile containing 0.1% TFA and lyophilized. *These same solvent compositions were used in the majority of experiments and will be referred to as A: 0.1% TFA in H₂O and B: 0.1% TFA in acetonitrile.*

Peptides *without* selenocysteine were cleaved from the resin and the side-chain was simultaneously deprotected by treatment with 2.5% (v/v) water, 2.5% (v/v) 1,2-ethanedithiol (EDT), 1% (v/v) triisopropylsilane (TIPS) in neat TFA for 7 min at 60 °C, 5 ml of cleavage cocktail was used for 0.2 mmol of peptide. The resulting solution was triturated and washed with cold ether (pre-chilled in -80 °C freezer). The trituration was repeated a total of three times. The obtained solids were dissolved in 50% A and 50% B and lyophilized.

Peptide *containing* methionine was cleaved from the resin and the side-chain was simultaneously deprotected by treatment with 1% (v/v) triisopropylsilane (TIPS), 2.5% (v/v) water, 2.5% (v/v) 1,2-ethanedithiol (EDT), 2% (v/v) methyl disulfide, 92% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), and saturated ammonium iodide for 8 min at 60 °C. 5 mL of this cleavage cocktail was used for 0.2 mmol of peptide. The resulting solution was triturated and washed with cold diethyl ether (pre-chilled in -80 °C freezer) this was repeated a total of three times. The obtained solids were dissolved in 50% H₂O: 50% acetonitrile containing 0.1% TFA and lyophilized.

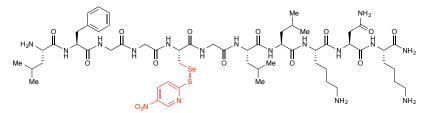
4) **RP-HPLC** purification of peptides

The crude peptide was dissolved in 95% A: 5% B with 6 M guanidinium hydrochloride and purified by semi-preparative RP-HPLC (Agilent Zorbax SB C18 column: 21.2 x 250 mm, 7 μ m, linear gradient: 5-50% B over 90 min, flow rate: 5 mL/min). 1 μ L of each HPLC fraction was mixed with 1 μ L of α -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA) matrix in 75% A: 25% B, spotted with MALDI, and checked for fractions with desired molecular mass. The purity of fractions was confirmed by analytical RP-HPLC (Agilent Zorbax SB C3 column: 2.1 x 150 mm, 5 μ m, gradient: 0-2 minutes 5% B, 2-11 minutes 5-65% B, 11-12 minutes 65% B, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min). HPLC fractions containing only product materials were confirmed by LC-MS analysis, combined, and then lyophilized. Peptides purified by RP-HPLC are listed in Table S1.

Peptide	Sequence
1	NH ₂ -Leu-Phe-Gly-Gly-Sec(TNP)-Gly-Leu-Leu-Lys-Asn-Lys-CONH ₂
1-Ser5	NH ₂ -Leu-Phe-Gly-Gly-Ser-Gly-Leu-Leu-Lys-Asn-Lys-CONH ₂
1-Cys5	NH ₂ -Leu-Phe-Gly-Gly-Cys-Gly-Leu-Leu-Lys-Asn-Lys-CONH ₂
1-Cys5-TNP	NH ₂ -Leu-Phe-Gly-Gly-Cys(TNP)-Gly-Leu-Leu-Lys-Asn-Lys-CONH ₂
1-Met5	NH ₂ -Leu-Phe-Gly-Gly-Met-Gly-Leu-Leu-Lys-Asn-Lys-CONH ₂
7	NH2-Gly-Sec(TNP)-Ala-Asn-Ser-Leu-Arg-Phe-Tyr-His-Asp-Lys-CONH2
9	NH ₂ -Gly-Ser-Ala-Asn-Ser-Leu-Arg-Phe-Tyr-His-Asp-Lys-CONH ₂

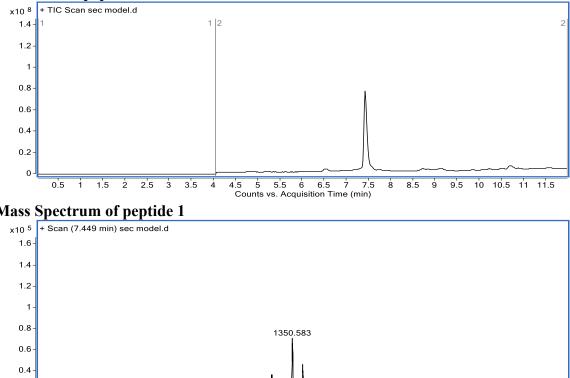
Table S1. Peptide Sequences. Amino acids highlighted in yellow were incorporated through fastflow SPPS; amino acids highlighted in green were synthesized through batch SPPS.

LC-MS analytical data for purified peptides



Peptide 1: LCMS Analysis *Method A*. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for C₅₇H₉₂N₁₇O₁₄SSe [M+H]⁺, 1350.58. Found [M+H]⁺, 1350.58.

TIC trace of peptide 1

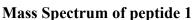


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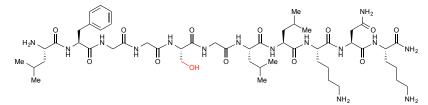
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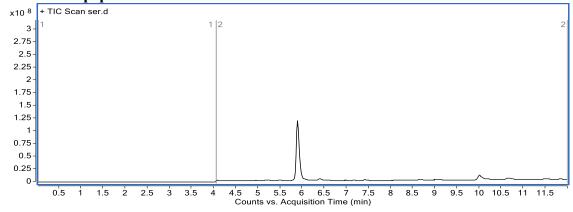


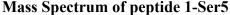
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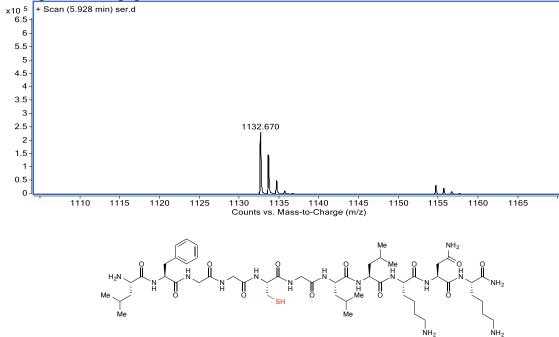


Peptide 1-Ser5: LCMS Analysis *Method A*. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{52}H_{90}N_{15}O_{13}$ $[M+H]^+$, 1132.68. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1132.67.

TIC trace of peptide 1-Ser5

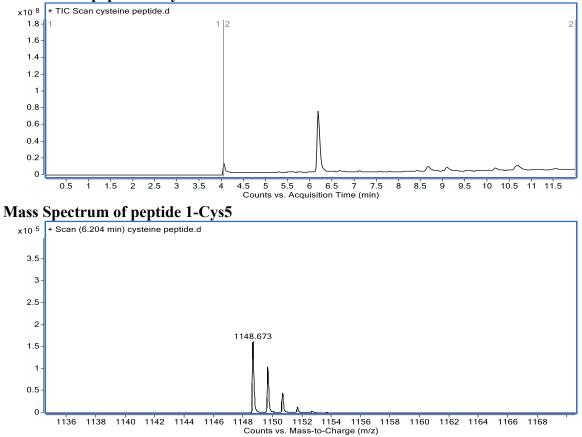


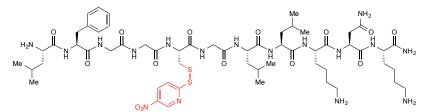




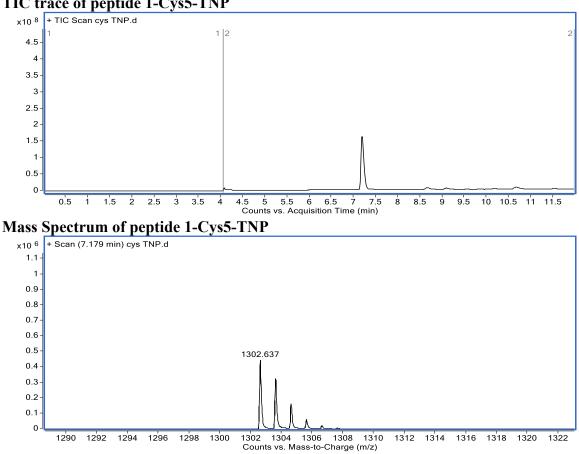
Peptide 1-Cys5: LCMS Analysis *Method A*. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{52}H_{90}N_{15}O_{12}S$ $[M+H]^+$, 1148.66. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1148.67.

TIC trace of peptide 1-Cys5

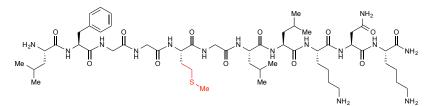




Peptide 1-Cys5-TNP: Peptide was synthesized using fast-flow peptide synthesis procedure. The TNP protecting group was installed using cleavage cocktail: 5% (v/v) H₂O, 95% (v/v) TFA, 0.4 M DTNP, at 60 °C for 5 minutes. LCMS Analysis Method A. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{57}H_{91}N_{17}O_{14}S_2 [M+H]^+$, 1302.64. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1302.64.

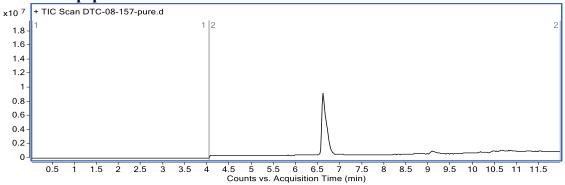


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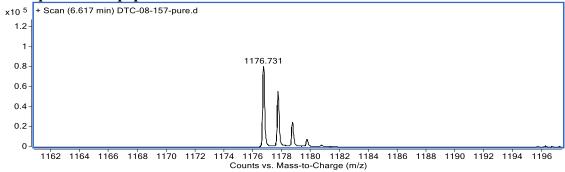


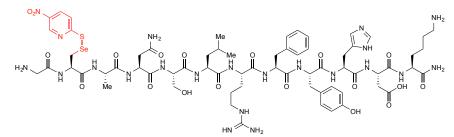
Peptide 1-Met5: LCMS Analysis *Method A*. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{54}H_{94}N_{15}O_{12}S$ $[M+H]^+$, 1176.69. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1176.73.

TIC trace of peptide 1-Met5

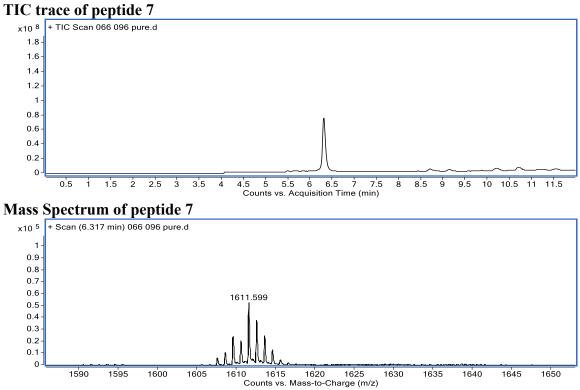


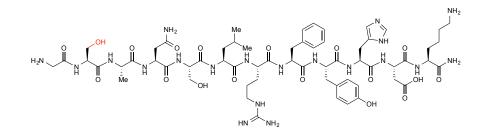
Mass Spectrum of peptide 1-Met5



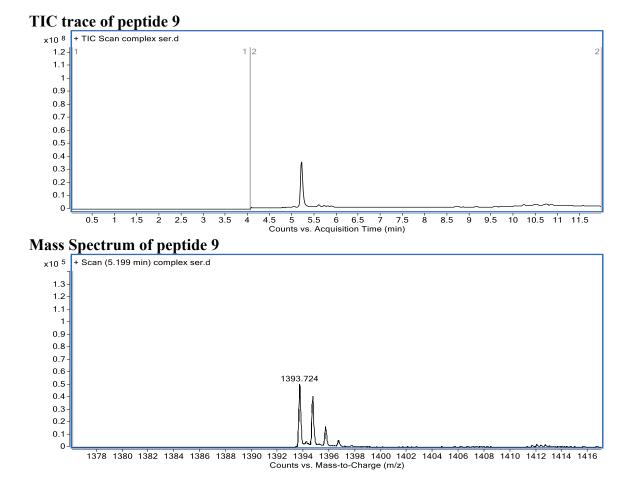


Peptide 7: LCMS Analysis *Method A*. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for C₆₆H₉₅N₂₂O₁₉SSe [M+H]⁺, 1611.60. Found [M+H]⁺, 1611.60.

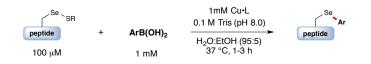




Peptide 9: LCMS Analysis *Method A*. HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{61}H_{93}N_{20}O_{18}$ [M+H]⁺, 1393.69. Found [M+H]⁺, 1393.72.

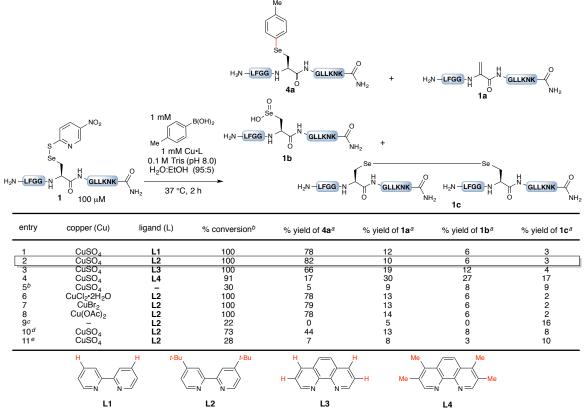


General Procedure (A) for the Synthesis of Arylated Selenocysteine

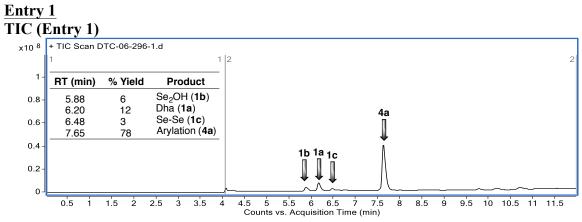


A 0.6 mL Eppendorf tube was charged with 75 μ L of deionized H₂O, 10 μ L of 1.0 M Tris Buffer (pH = 8.0), 10 μ L of peptide (1 mM stock solution in H₂O). A separate 1.7 mL Eppendorf tube was charged with copper (20 μ mol), ligand (20 μ mol), arylboronic acid (20 μ mol), and 1 mL or 0.5 mL of 200 proof EtOH (making a 20 or 40 mM stock solution, respectively). The heterogeneous solution was subjected to sonication for 1 min, vortexed for 30 sec, and 5 μ L of the resulting solution was added to the peptide solution in the 0.6 mL Eppendorf tube. The resulting reaction mixture was capped, vortexed for 30 seconds, and placed in a 37 °C water bath for the indicated time (1-3 h). The reaction mixture was quenched with 5 μ L of EDTA (200 mM in H₂O) and 100 μ L of 50% A: 50% B. The quenched reaction mixture was subjected to LC-MS analysis.

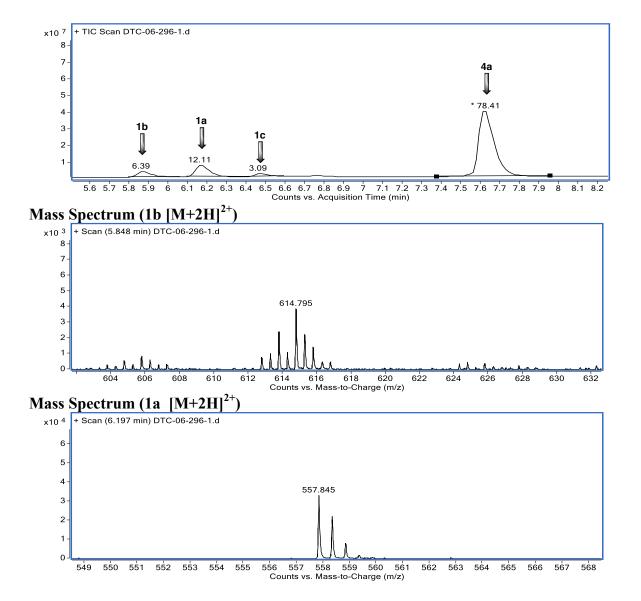
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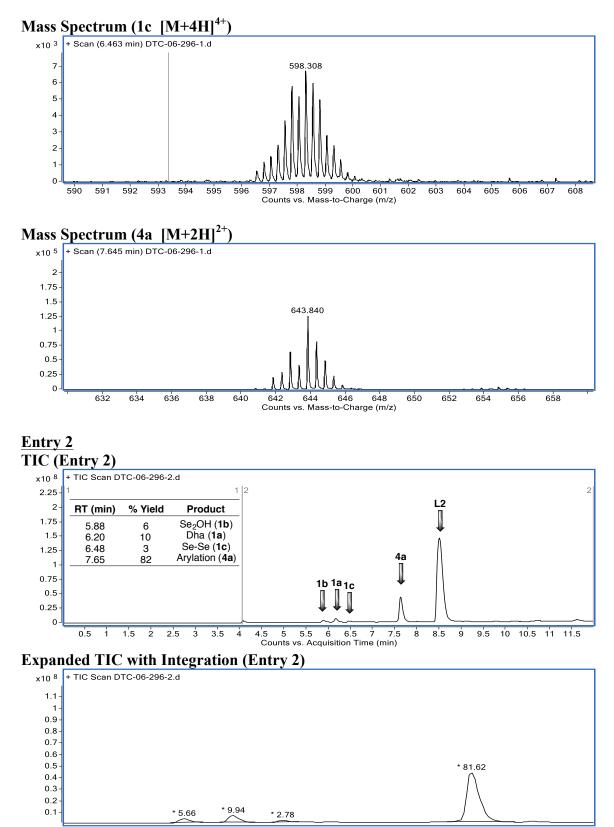


^{*a*}Conversion and yields were determined by measuring the total ion currents (TIC) of LC-MS using *Method A*. ^{*b*}Reaction run without any ligand. ^{*c*}Reaction run without any copper. ^{*d*}0.5 mM CuSO₄, 0.5 mM L2, and 0.5 mM boronic acid were used. ^{*e*}0.25 mM CuSO₄, 0.25 mM L2, and 0.25 mM boronic acid were used.

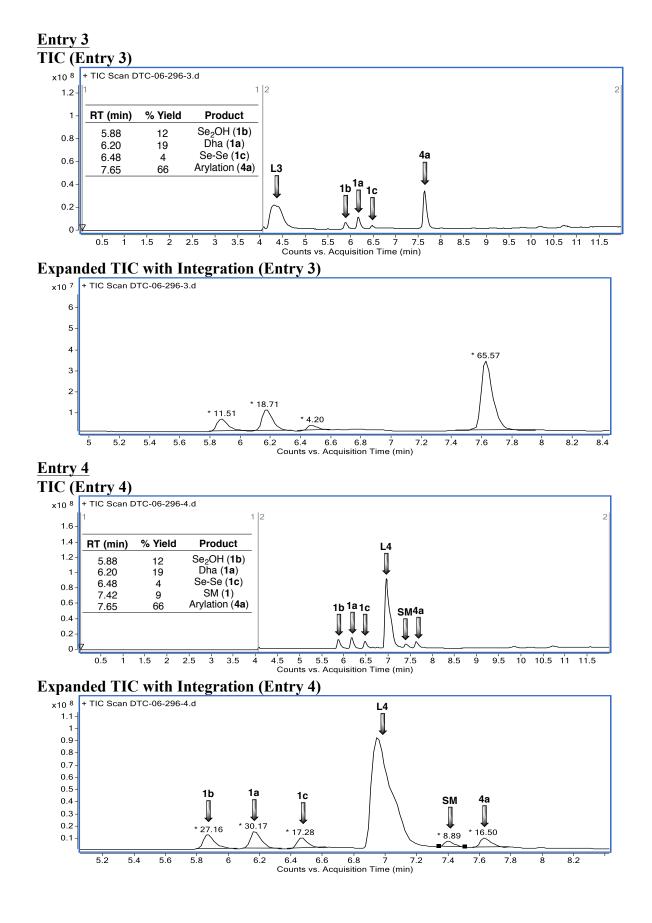


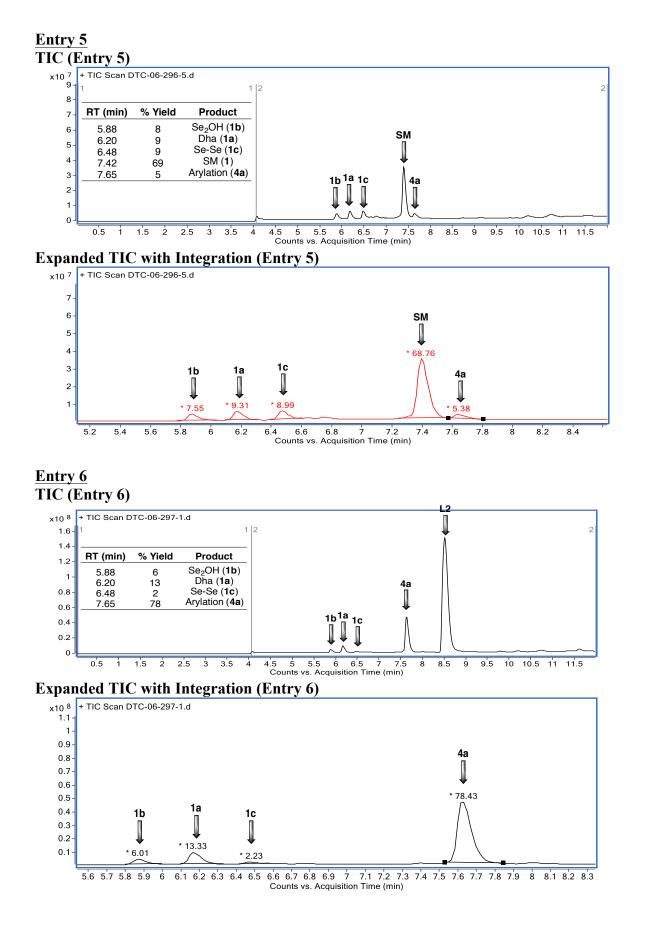
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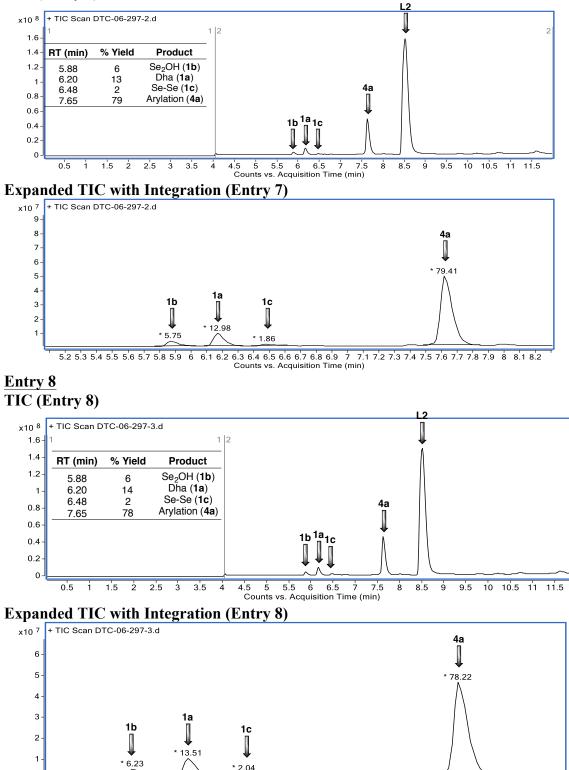


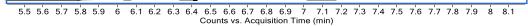
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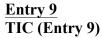


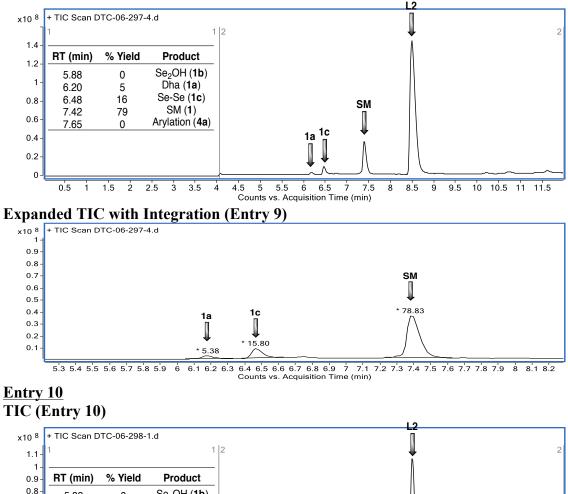


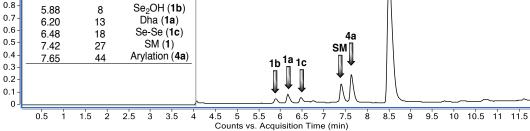
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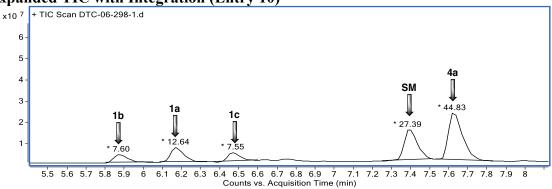


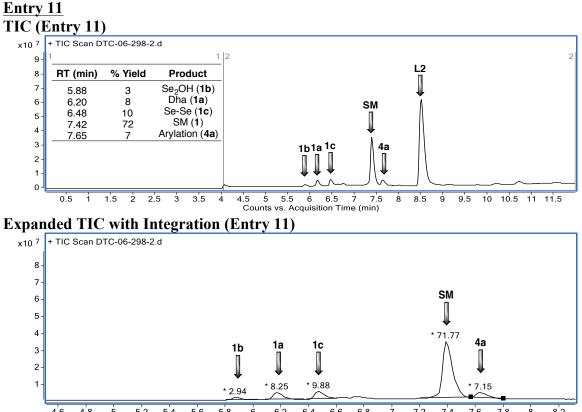






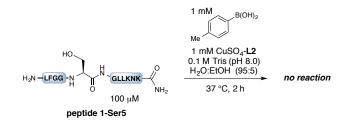




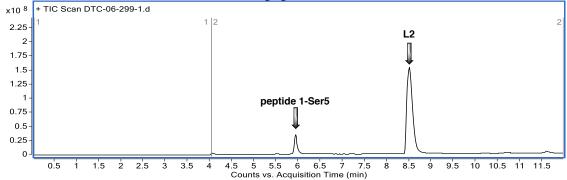


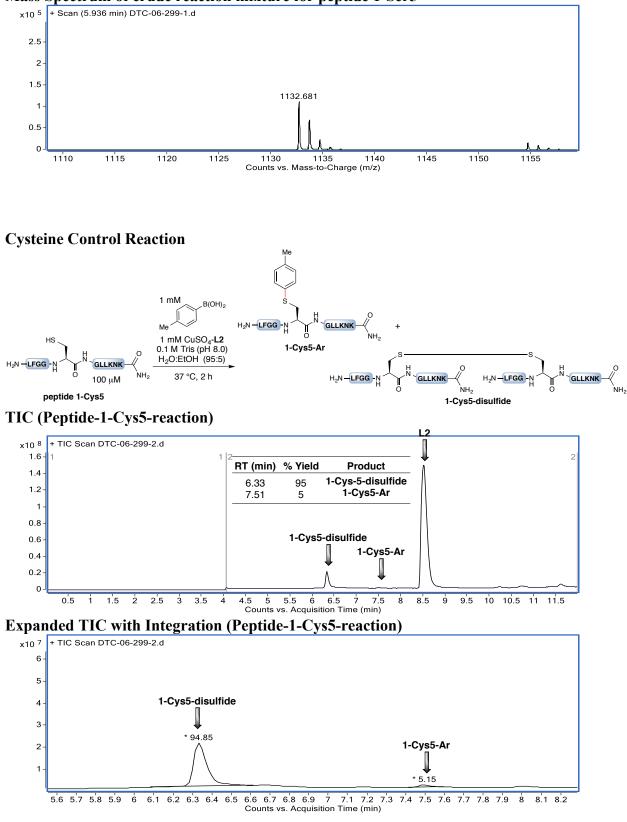
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Serine Control Reaction

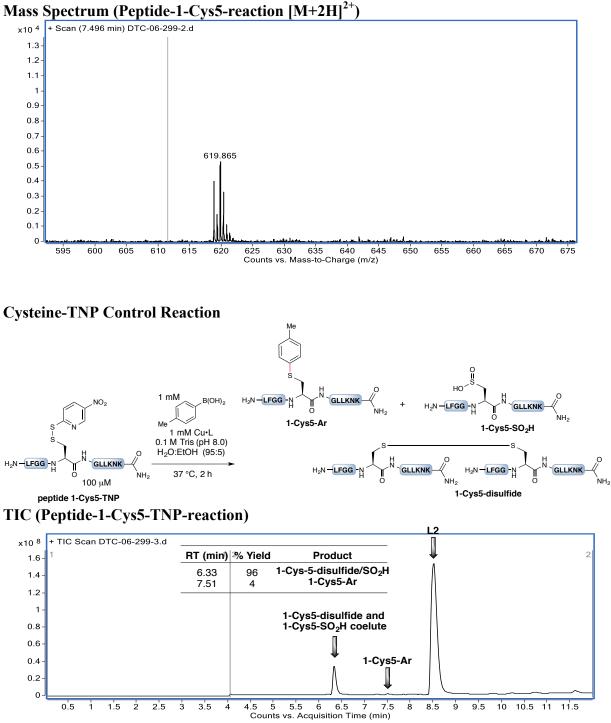


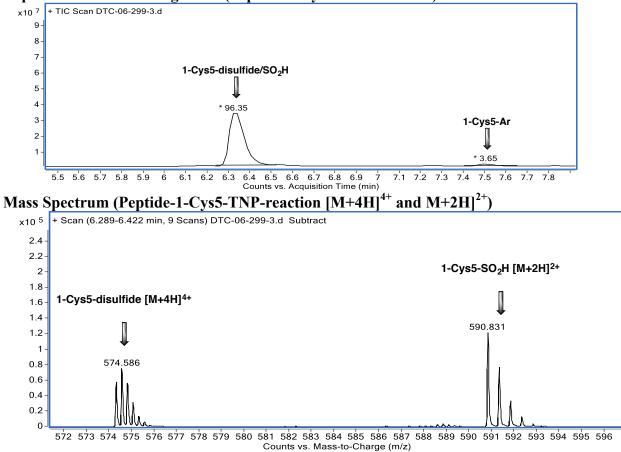






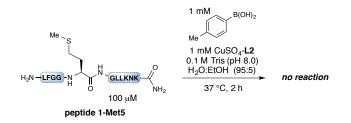




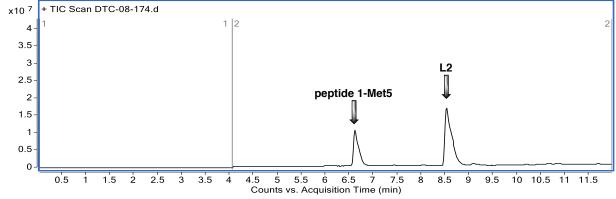


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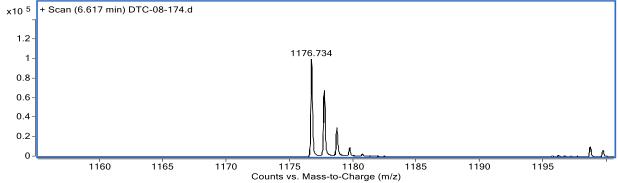
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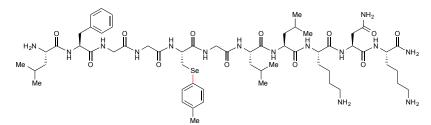




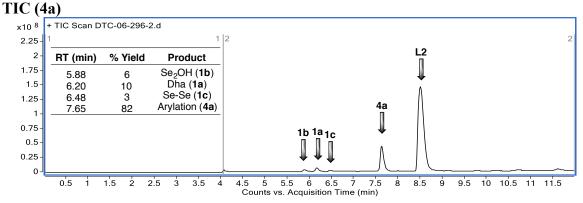




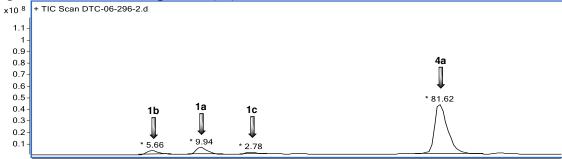
LC-MS Analysis of Arylation Reactions for Substrate Scope

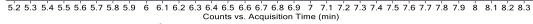


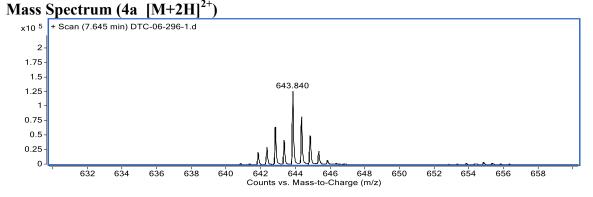
(4a): Prepared according to the general procedure (A) using peptide 1 (100 μ M) and CuSO₄, L2, and *p*-tolylboronic acid stock solution (1 mM) at 37 °C for 2 h. The quenched reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 4a: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for C₅₉H₉₇N₁₅O₁₂Se [M+2H]²⁺, 643.83. Found [M+2H]²⁺, 643.84.

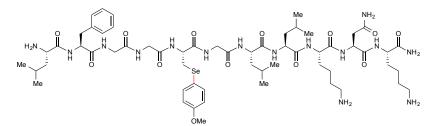


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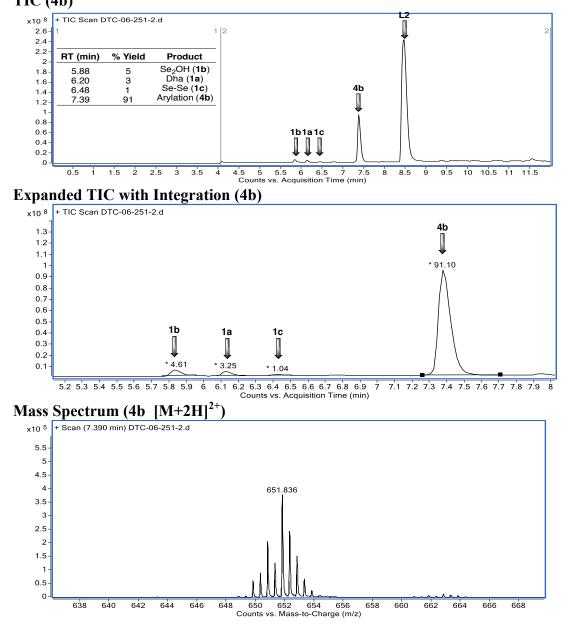


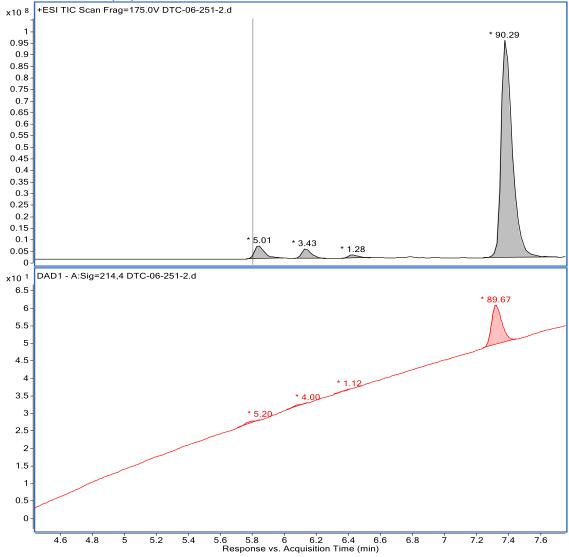




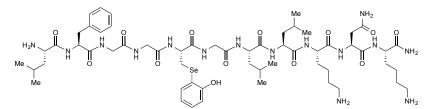


(4b): Prepared according to the general procedure (A) using peptide 1 (100 μ M) and CuSO₄, L2, and (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid stock solution (1 mM) at 37 °C for 1 h. The quenched reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 4b: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for C₅₉H₉₇N₁₅O₁₃Se [M+2H]²⁺, 651.83. Found [M+2H]²⁺, 651.84. **TIC (4b)**



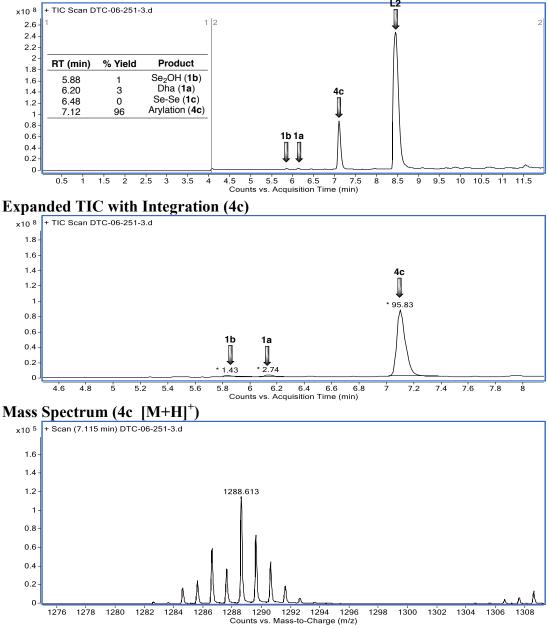


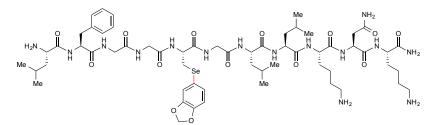
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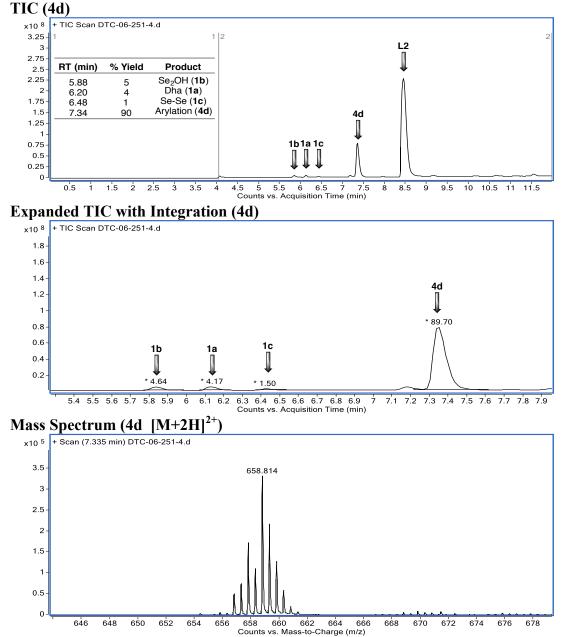
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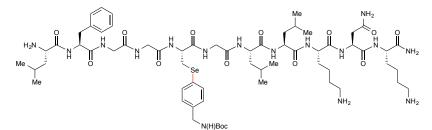
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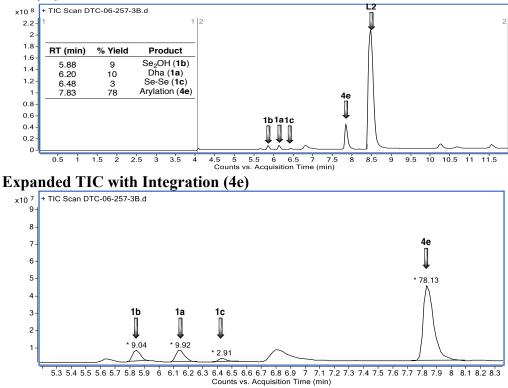
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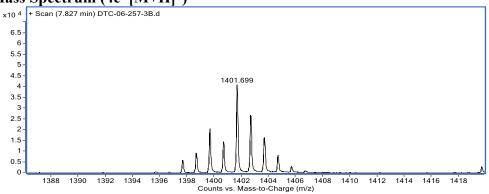


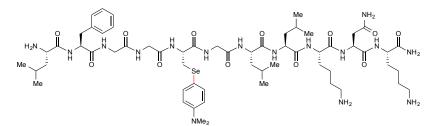
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TIC (4e)

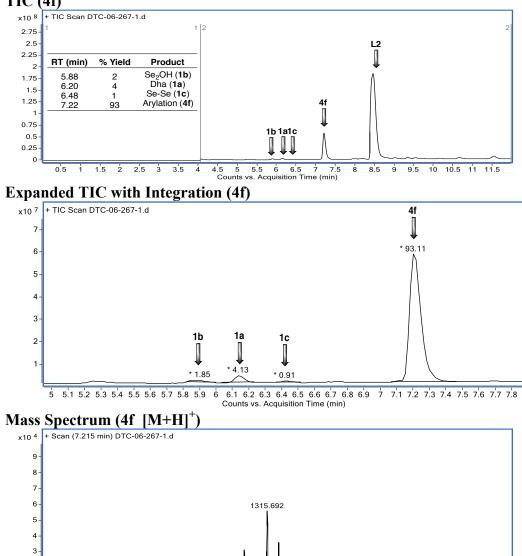






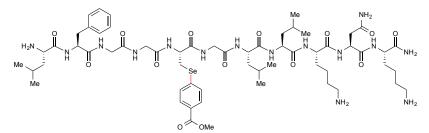


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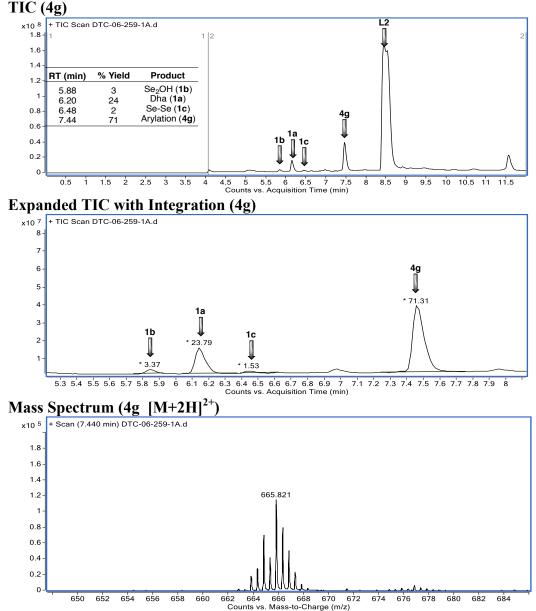


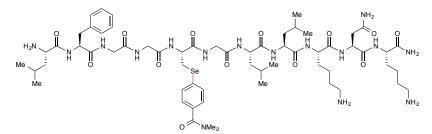
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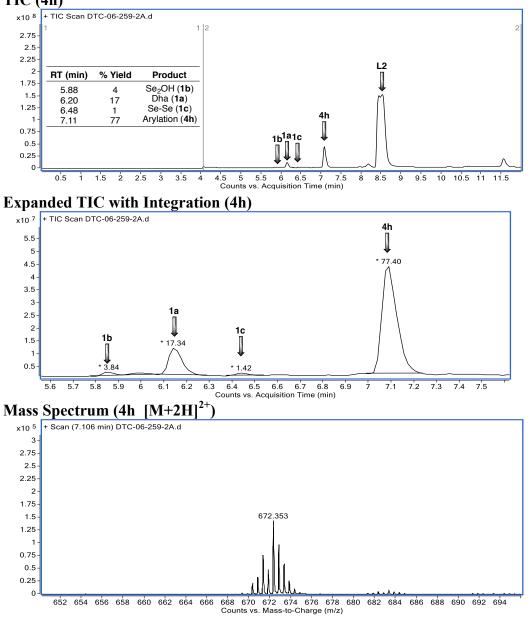


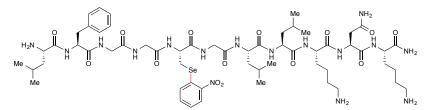
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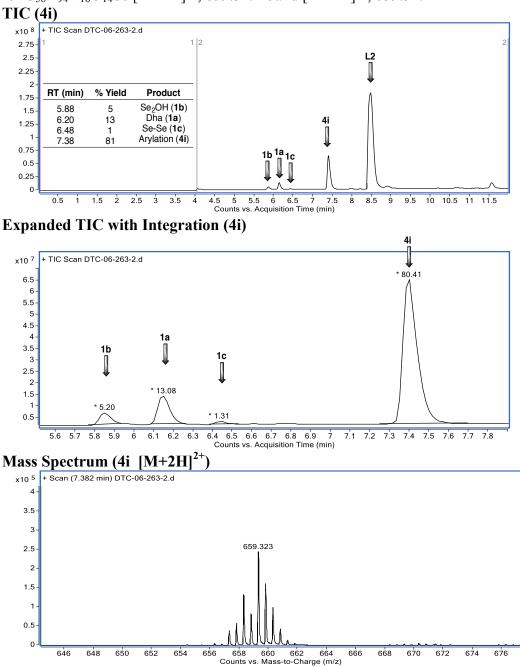


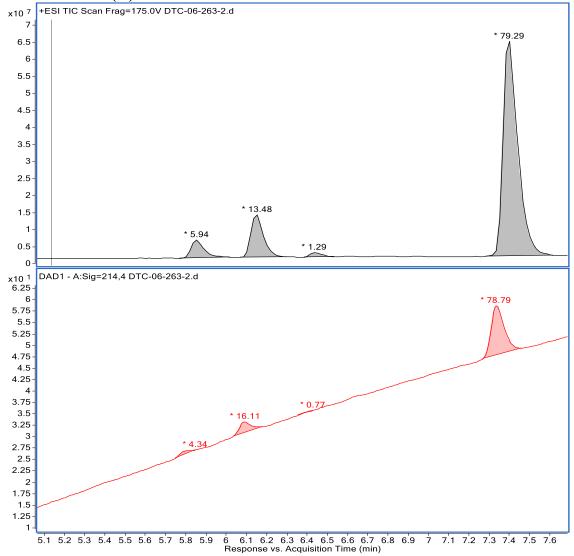
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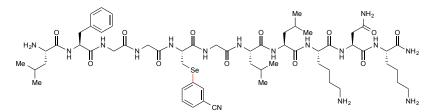


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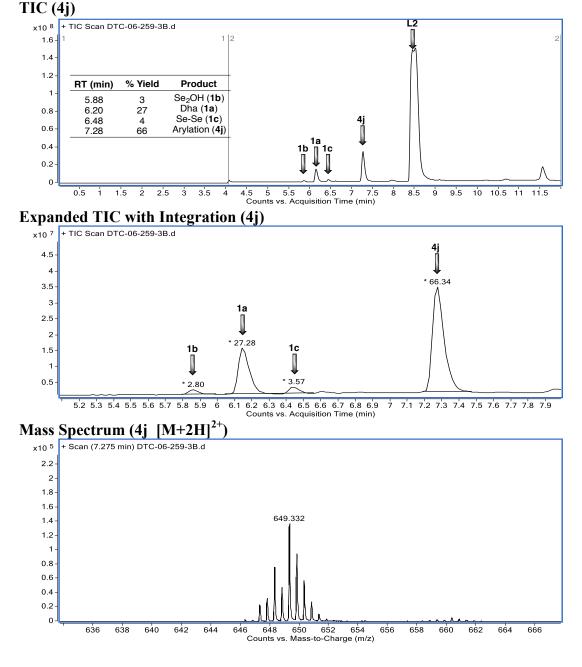




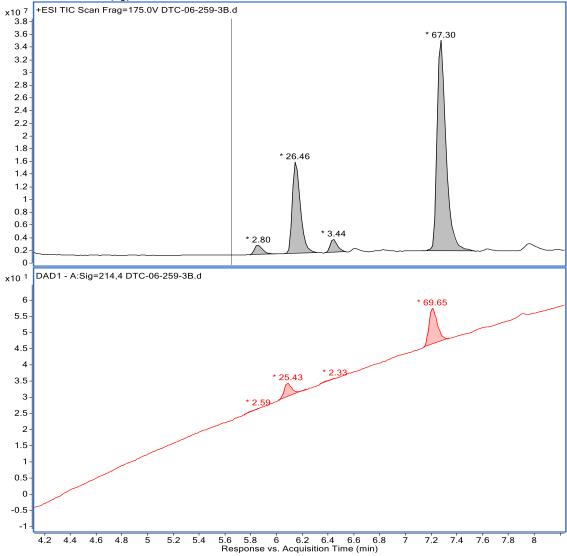
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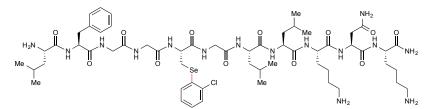


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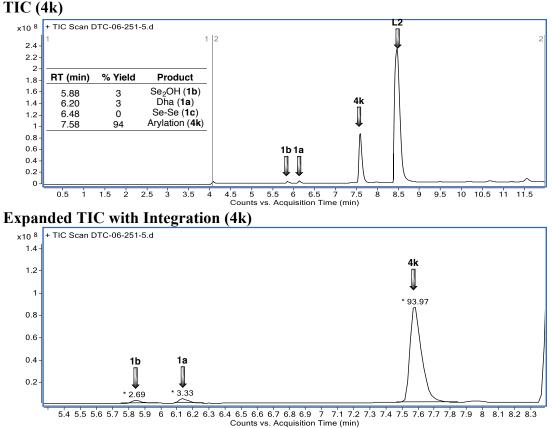


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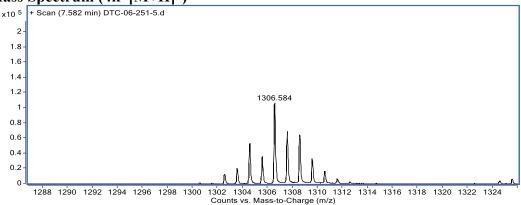


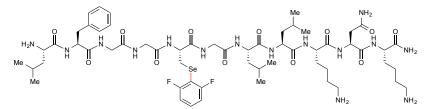


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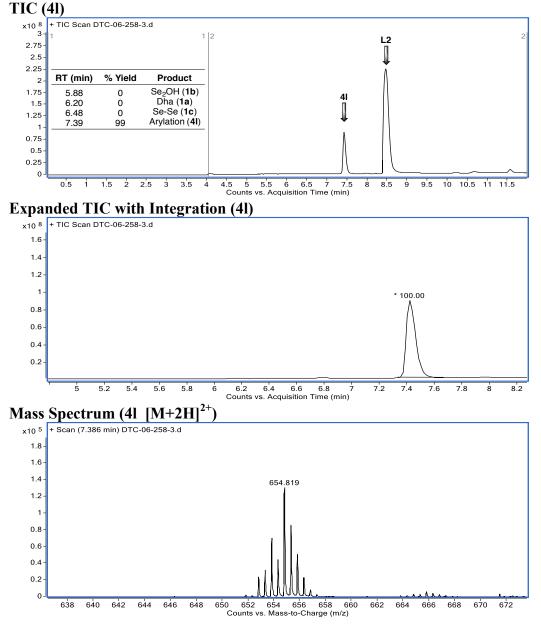


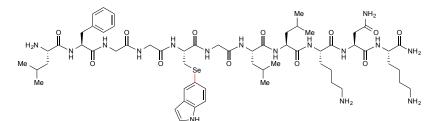




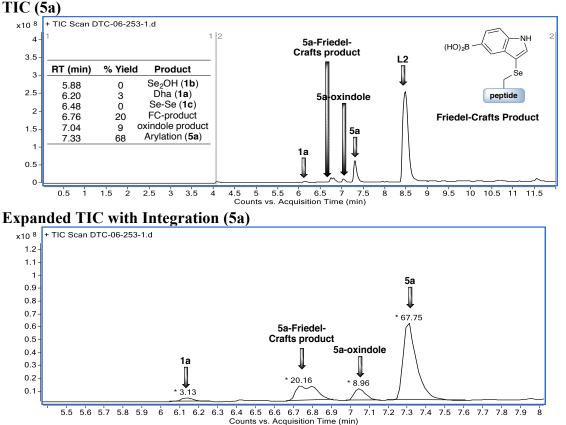


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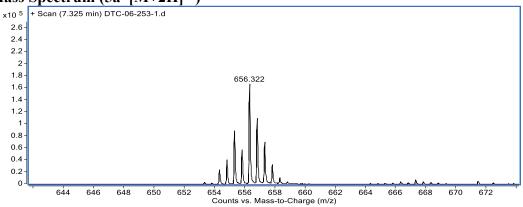


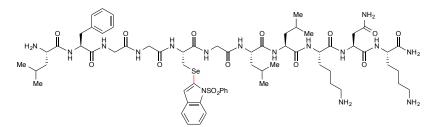


(5a): Prepared according to the general procedure (A) using peptide 1 (100 μ M) and CuSO₄, L2, and (1*H*-indol-5-yl)boronic acid stock solution (1 mM) at 37 °C for 1 h. The quenched reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 5a: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for C₆₀H₉₆N₁₆O₁₂Se [M+2H]²⁺, 656.32. Found [M+2H]²⁺, 656.32.

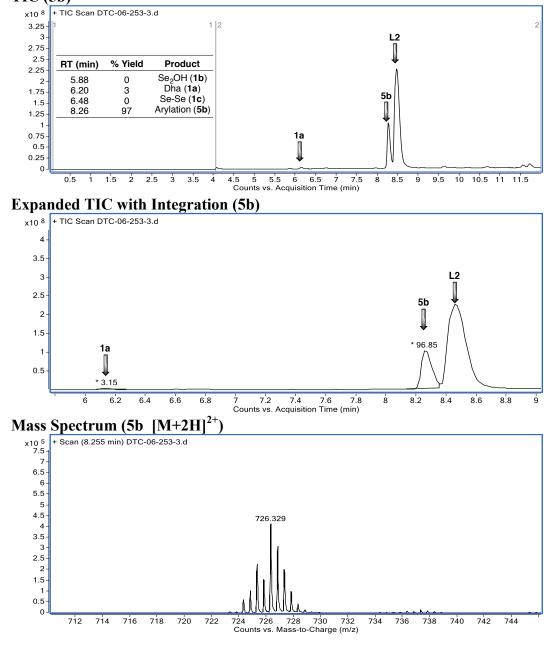


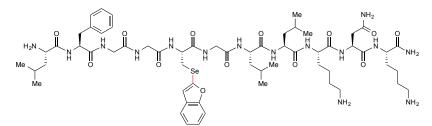




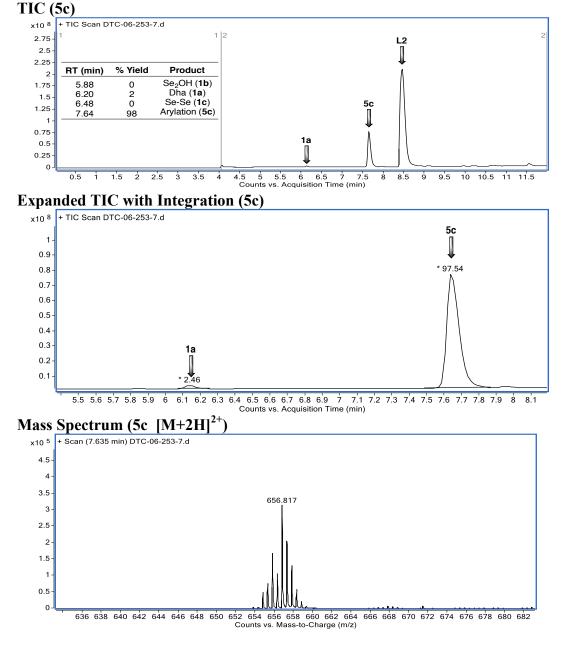


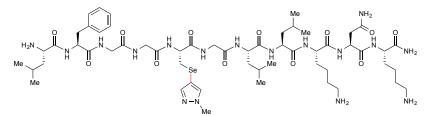
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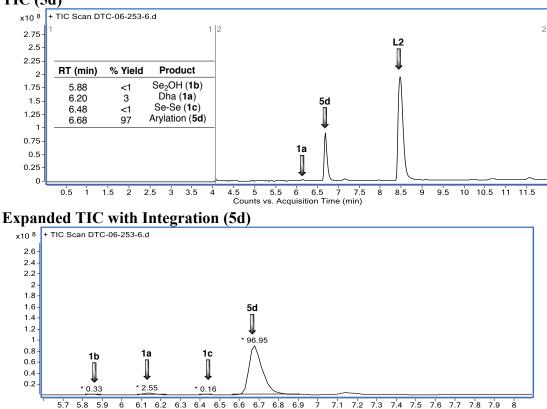


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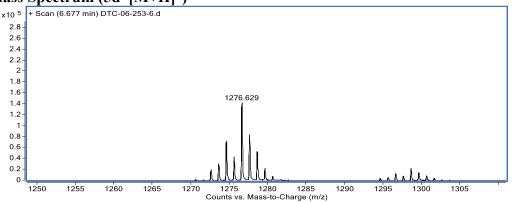


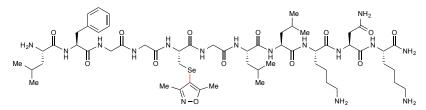
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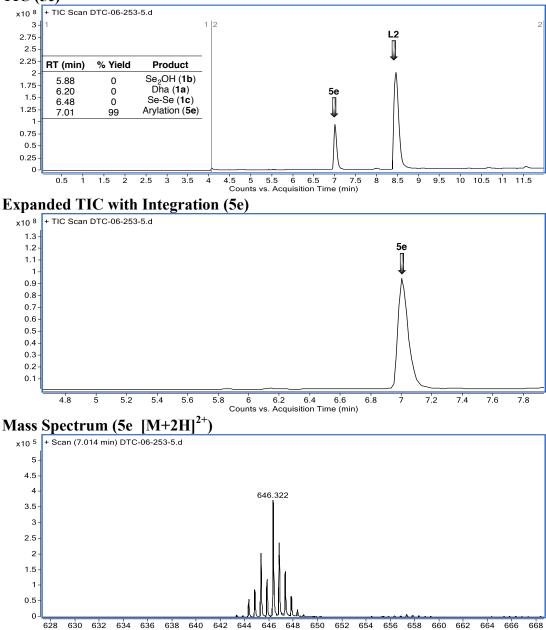
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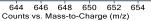


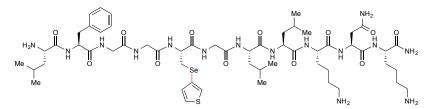




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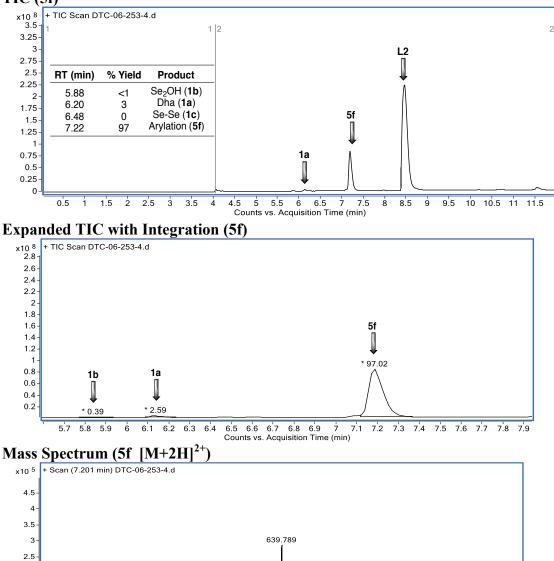




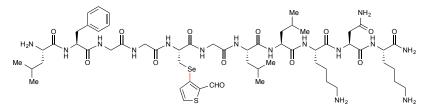
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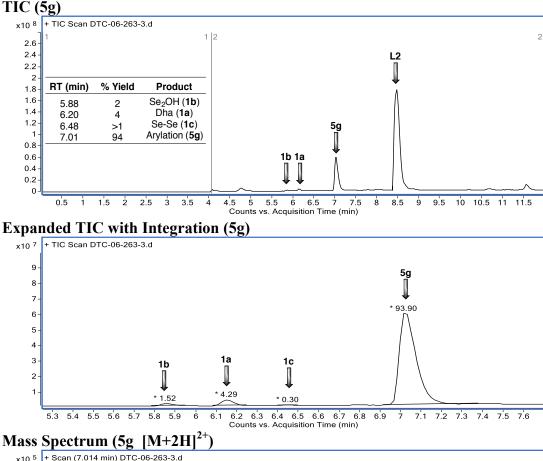
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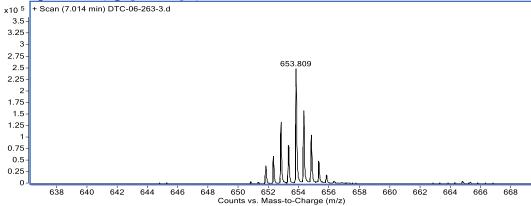


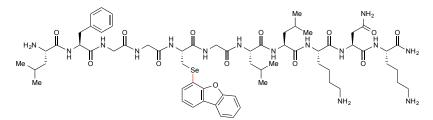
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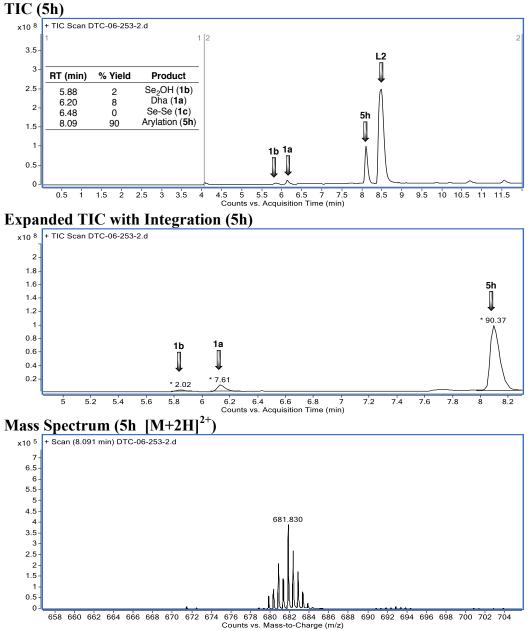
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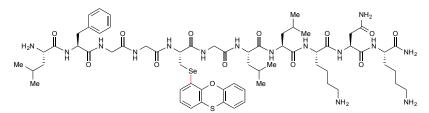




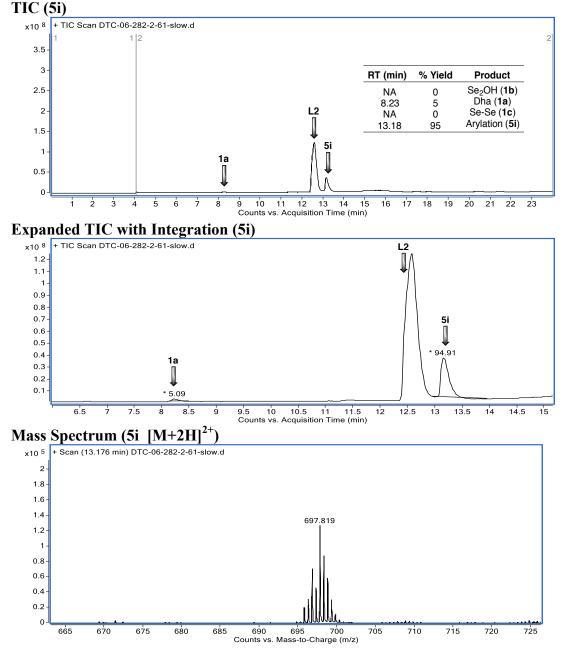


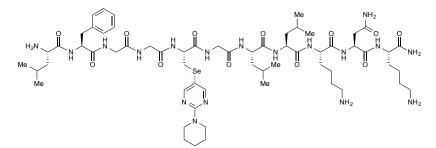
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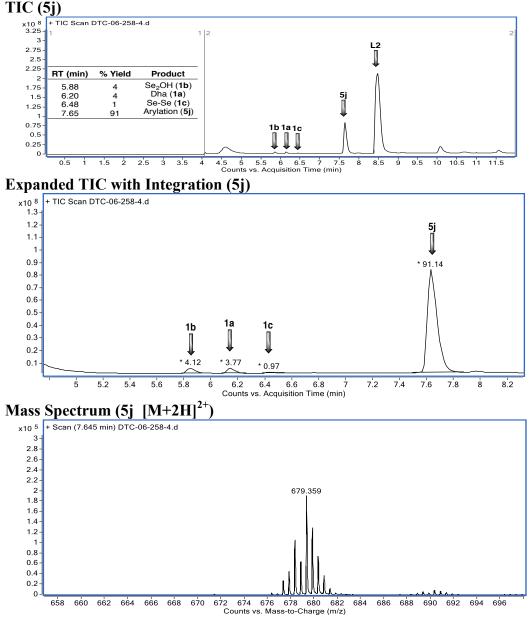


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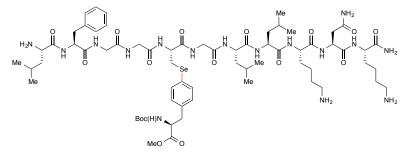




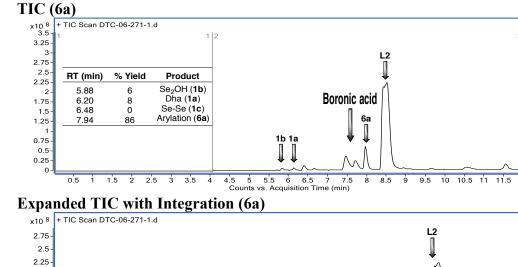
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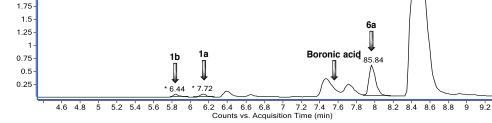


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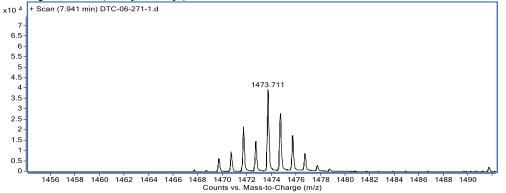
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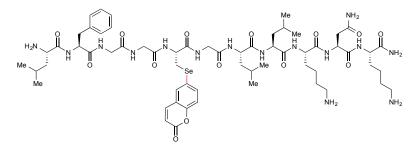




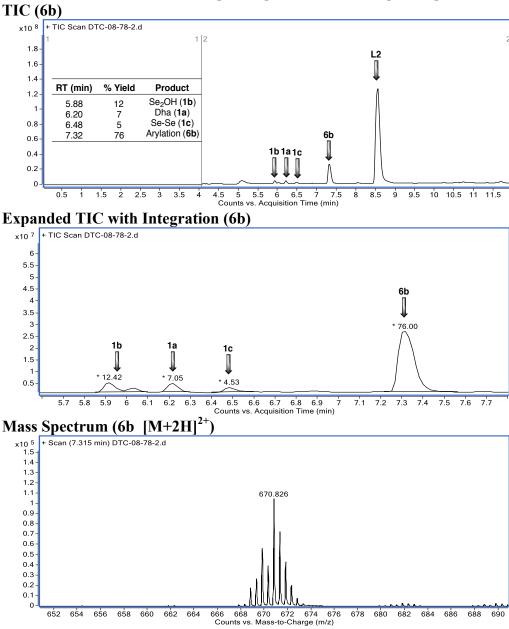


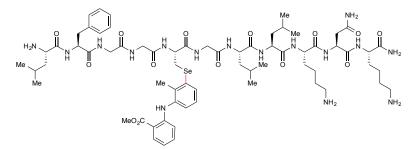
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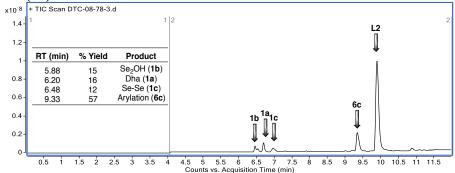
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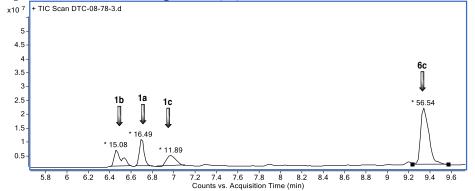


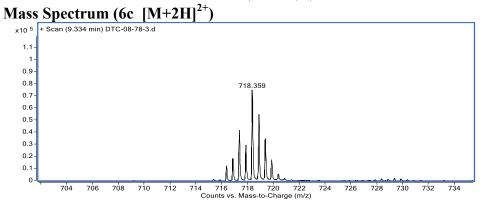
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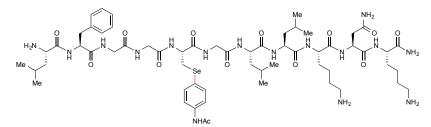
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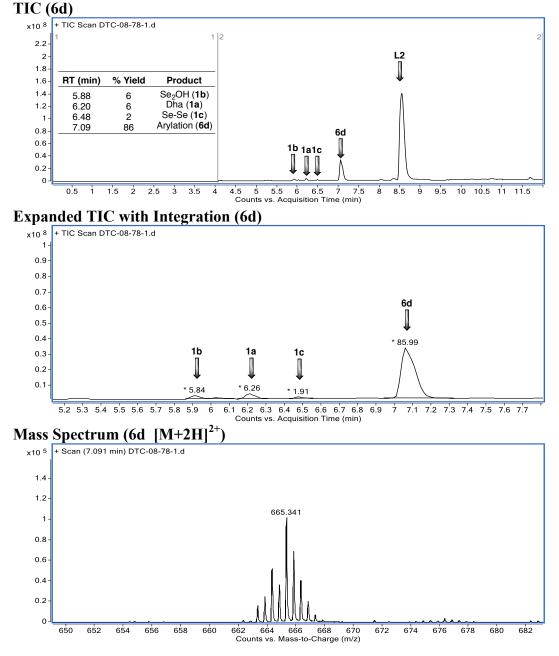


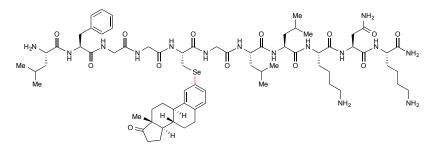




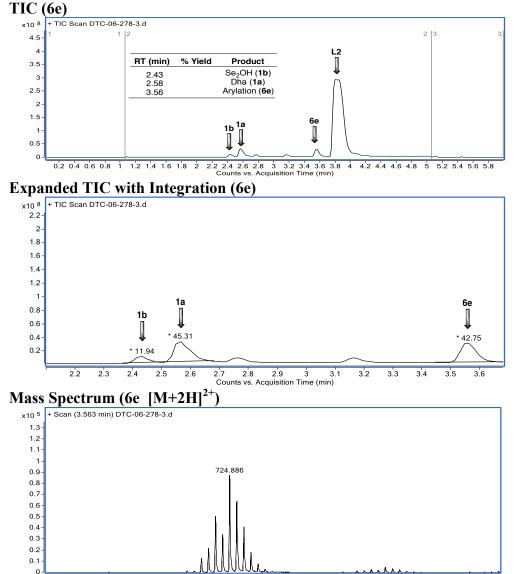


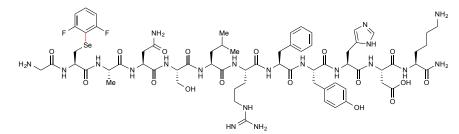
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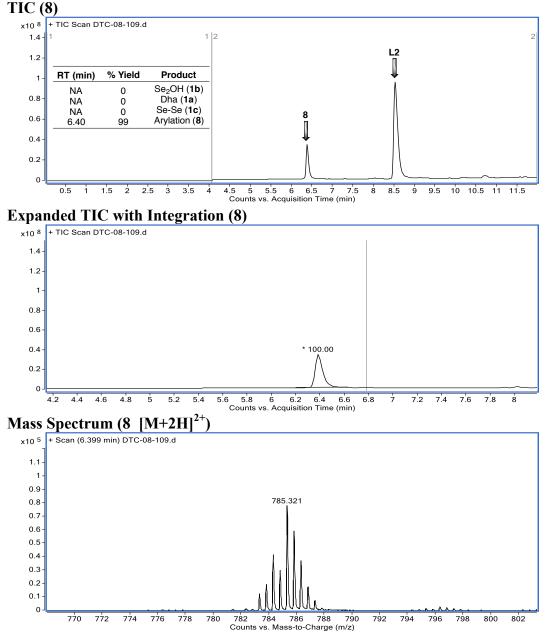


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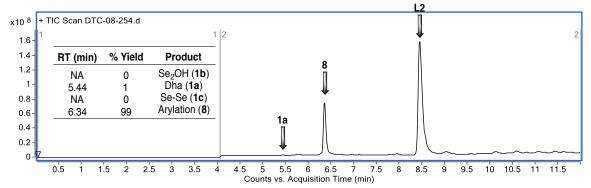


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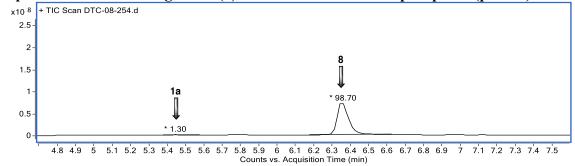
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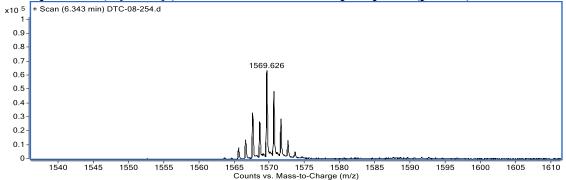
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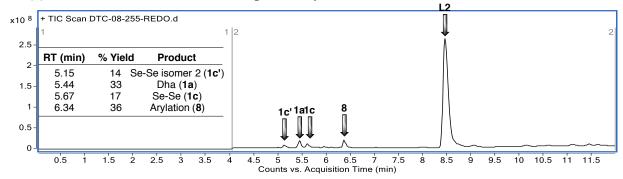
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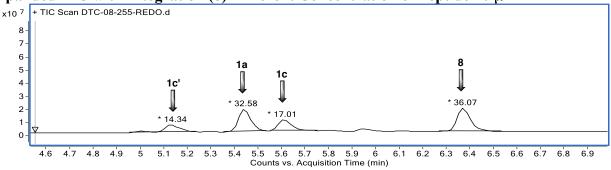
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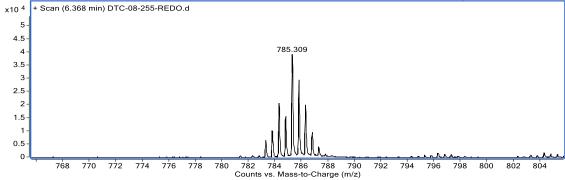
TIC (8)-Different Concentration of Peptide 10 µM



Expanded TIC with Integration (8)-Different Concentration of Peptide 10 µM

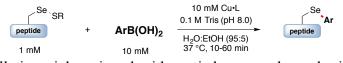






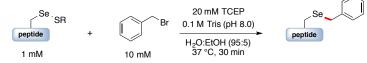
Procedure for 1mM Reactions

General Procedure (B) for arylation reactions with arylboronic acids

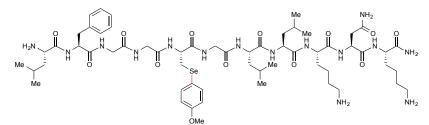


A 20 mL scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with 3 mL of deionized H_2O , 400 µL of 1.0 M Tris Buffer (pH = 8.0), 400 µL of peptide 1 (10 mM stock solution). A separate 1.7 mL Eppendorf tube was charged with copper (200 µmol), ligand (200 µmol), arylboronic acid (200 µmol), and 1 mL of 200 proof EtOH. The heterogeneous solution was subjected to sonication for 1 min, vortexed for 30 sec, and 200 µL of the resulting solution was added to the peptide solution in the 20 mL scintillation vial. The resulting reaction mixture was capped, and stirred at 800 rpm in 37 °C water bath for the indicated time (10-60 min). The reaction mixture was quenched with 4 mL of 100 mM aqueous ETDA. The resulting mixture was centrifuged at 4,000 rpm for 10 min. The supernatant was filtered through a 0.22 µm nylon filter and was subjected to purification by HPLC. *We found that the ligands were completely removed after filtering through nylon filter*. For copper removal efficiency using this protocol see ICP-MS analysis below.

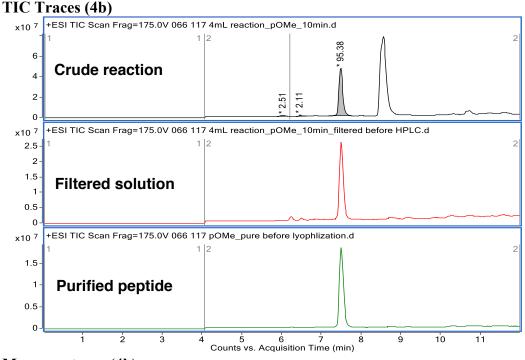
General Procedure for alkylation of selenocysteine



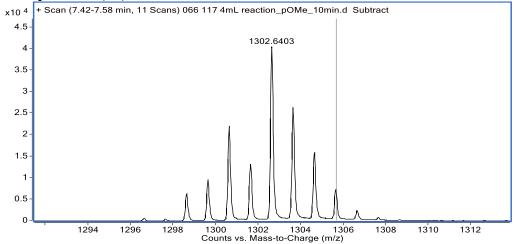
A 20 mL scintillation vial was charged with 3 mL of deionized H₂O, 400 μ L of 1.0 M Tris Buffer with 200 mM TCEP (pH = 8.0), 400 μ L of peptide 1 (10 mM stock solution). A separate 1.7 mL Eppendorf tube was charged with benzylbromide (200 μ mol) and 1 mL of 200 proof EtOH. 200 μ L of the resulting solution was added to the peptide solution in the 20 mL scintillation vial. The resulting reaction mixture was capped, and stirred at 800 rpm in 37 °C water bath for 30 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with 4 mL of deionized water. The resulting solution was filtered through a 0.22 μ m nylon filter and was subjected to purification by HPLC.

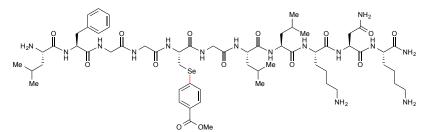


(4b): Prepared according to the general procedure (B) using peptide 1 (1 mM) and CuSO₄, L2, and (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (10 mM) at 37 °C for 10 minutes. The quenched reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 4b: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{59}H_{97}N_{15}O_{13}Se [M+H]^+$, 1302.64. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1302.64. 4b was obtained as white power (3.55 mg, 68%) after HPLC purification and lyophlization.



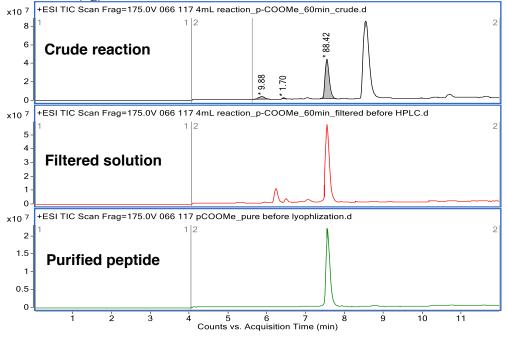


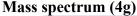


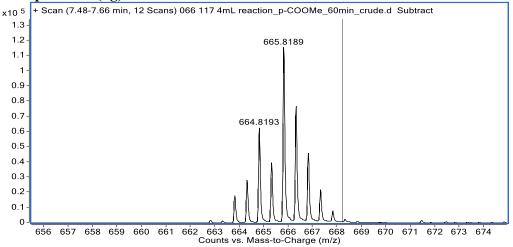


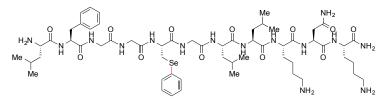
(4g): Prepared according to the general procedure (B) using peptide 1 (1 mM) and CuSO₄, L2, and (4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)boronic acid (10 mM) at 37 °C for 1 h. The quenched reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 4g: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{61}H_{100}N_{16}O_{13}$ Se [M+2H]²⁺, 665.82. Found [M+2H]²⁺, 665.82. 4g was obtained as white power (3.91 mg, 74%) after HPLC purification and lyophlization.





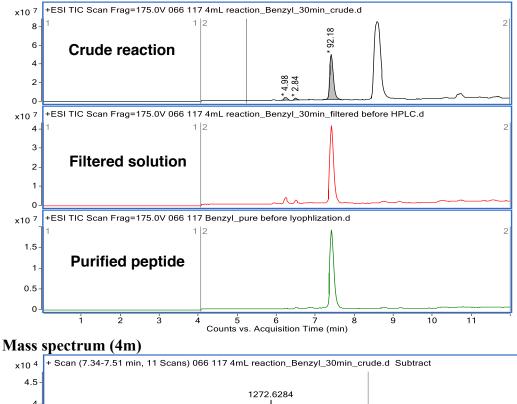


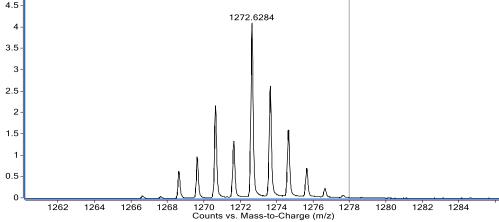


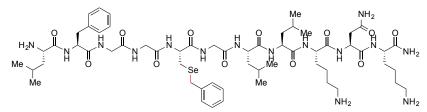


(4m): Prepared according to the general procedure (B) using peptide 1 (1 mM) and CuSO₄, L2, and phenylboronic acid (10 mM) at 37 °C for 30 minutes. The quenched reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 4m: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{58}H_{93}N_{15}O_{12}Se [M+H]^+$, 1272.63. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1272.63. 4m was obtained as white power (3.54 mg, 70%) after HPLC purification and lyophlization.

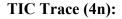
TIC Traces (4m)

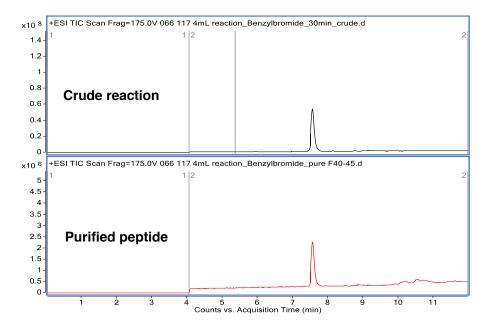




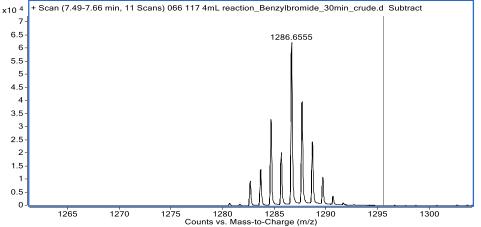


(4n): Prepared according to the alkylation procedure using peptide 1 (1 mM) and benzylbromide (10 mM) at 37 °C for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was analyzed using LC-MS *Method A*. Analytical data for 4n: HRMS (ESI) Mass. calcd. for $C_{59}H_{95}N_{15}O_{12}Se [M+H]^+$, 1286.65. Found $[M+H]^+$, 1286.65. 4n was obtained as white power (3.63 mg, 71%) after HPLC purification and lyophlization.



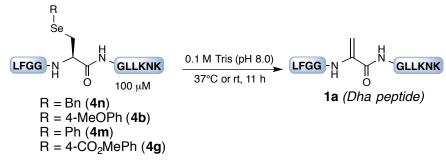


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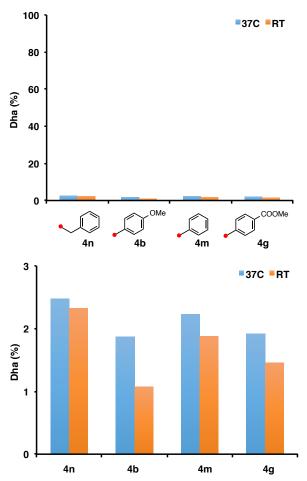


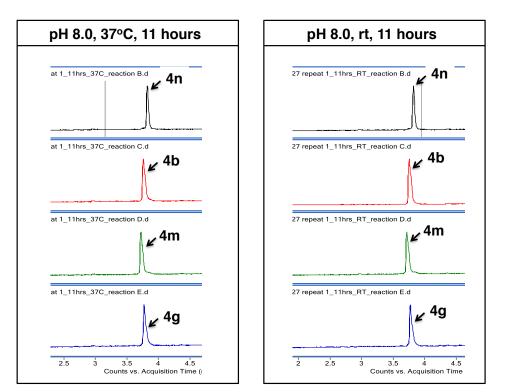
Stability Studies of Functionalized Selenocysteine Peptides

1) Stability in pH = 8.0 buffer

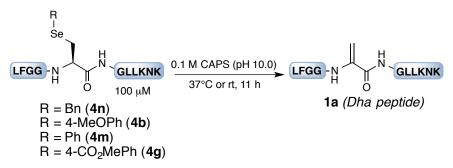


A 0.6 mL tube was charged with 178 μ L of deionized H₂O, 20 μ L of 1.0 M Tris Buffer (pH 8.0, 2 μ L of peptide (10 mM stock solution). The resulting reaction mixture was capped and incubated in 37 °C water bath or was left at room temperature for 11 hours. 5 μ L of the crude reaction mixture was quenched by addition of 200 μ L of 50% A: 50% B and was subjected to LC-MS analysis *Method E*.

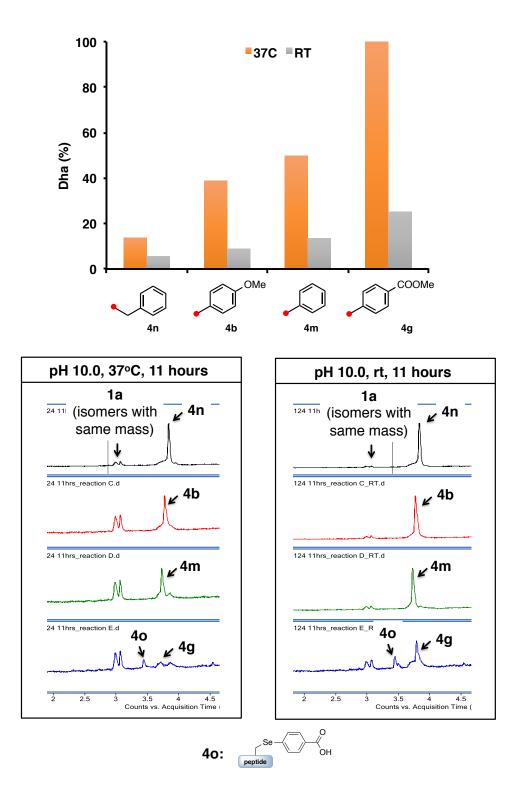




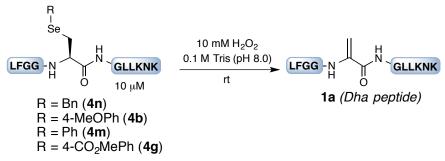
2) Stability in pH = 10.0 buffer



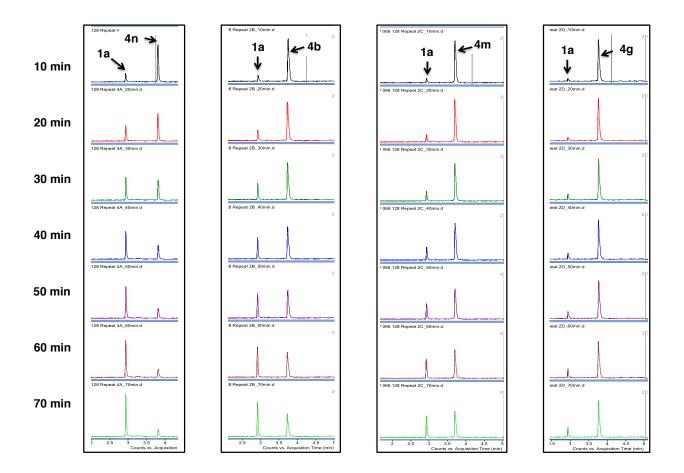
A 0.6 mL tube was charged with 178 μ L of deionized H₂O, 20 μ L of 1.0 M CAPS Buffer (pH 10.0), 2 μ L of peptide (10 mM stock solution). The resulting reaction mixture was capped and incubated in 37 °C water bath or was left at room temperature for 11 hours. 5 μ L of the crude reaction was quenched by addition of 200 μ L of 50% A: 50% B and was subjected to LC-MS analysis *Method E*.



3) Stability under oxidative conditions



A 300 μ L LC-MS vial was charged with 158 μ L of deionized H₂O, 20 μ L of 1.0 M Tris Buffer (pH = 8.0), 2 μ L of peptide (1 mM stock solution), 20 μ L of H₂O₂ (100 mM stock solution in water). The resulting reaction mixture was capped and was monitored by LC-MS (*Method E*).



ICP-MS

We thank Aldo Rancier (Merck) for the copper ICP-MS analysis of purified peptides **4b**, **4m**, and **4g**. The analysis was run on an Aglient 7700 series ICP-MS. This evaluation helped quantify the copper concentration (ppm) in each of the purified Sec arylation products. For each of the purified peptides, a 20 μ L of stock solution (10 mM in water) was diluted with 1 mL of phosphate buffer saline (PBS). The sample was lyophilized, re-dissolved in 80% nitric acid, and analyzed by ICP-MS. The results obtained are summarized in the following table.

Sample	Lyophilized Mass	Cu concentration
4b	10.4 mg	38 ppm
4m	10.3 mg	34 ppm
4g	10.3 mg	34 ppm

Listed below are the calculations for the copper removal efficiency.

4b

[Mass of Cu in the lyophilized sample] = $(10.4 \text{ mg})^*(38 \text{ ppm}) = 0.40 \text{ }\mu\text{g}$

[Mass of peptide in the lyophilized sample] = $(20 \ \mu L)^*(10 \ mM)^*(1301.64 \ g/mol) = 0.26 \ mg$

Copper concentration in the lyophilized sample (per peptide mass) is:

[Cu concentration in the lyophilized sample] = $(0.40 \ \mu g)/(0.26 \ mg) = 1538 \ ppm$

Copper remaining in the total purified peptide is:

[Mass of Cu remaining] = $(3.55 \text{ mg})*(1538 \text{ ppm}) = 5.46 \text{ }\mu\text{g}$

Total copper added into the crude reaction is:

[Mass of total Cu] = $(40 \ \mu mol)*(63.546 \ g/mol) = 2.54 \ mg$

Copper removal efficiency = 1-[Mass of copper remaining]/[Mass of total Cu] = 1-(5.46 μ g)/(2.54 mg) = 99.8%

4m

[Mass of Cu in the lyophilized sample] = $(10.3 \text{ mg})^*(34 \text{ ppm}) = 0.35 \text{ }\mu\text{g}$ [Mass of peptide in the lyophilized sample] = $(20 \text{ }\mu\text{L})^*(10 \text{ }\text{mM})^*(1271.63 \text{ }\text{g/mol}) = 0.26 \text{ }\text{mg}$ Copper concentration in the lyophilized sample (per peptide mass) is: [Cu concentration in the lyophilized sample] = $(0.35 \text{ }\mu\text{g})/(0.26 \text{ }\text{mg}) = 1346 \text{ }\text{ppm}$ Copper remaining in the total purified peptide is: [Mass of Cu remaining] = $(3.54 \text{ mg})*(1346 \text{ ppm}) = 4.76 \mu \text{g}$

Total copper added into the crude reaction is:

[Mass of total Cu] = $(40 \ \mu mol)*(63.546 \ g/mol) = 2.54 \ mg$

Copper removal efficiency = 1-[Mass of copper remaining]/[Mass of total Cu] = 1-(4.76 μ g)/(2.54 mg) = 99.8%

4g

[Mass of Cu in the lyophilized sample] = $(10.3 \text{ mg})^*(34 \text{ ppm}) = 0.35 \mu \text{g}$

[Mass of peptide in the lyophilized sample] = $(20 \ \mu L)^*(10 \ mM)^*(1329.64 \ g/mol) = 0.27 \ mg$

Copper concentration in the lyophilized sample (per peptide mass) is:

[Cu concentration in the lyophilized sample] = $(0.35 \ \mu g)/(0.27 \ mg) = 1296 \ ppm$

Copper remaining in the total purified peptide is:

[Mass of Cu remaining] = $(3.91 \text{ mg})*(1296 \text{ ppm}) = 5.07 \mu \text{g}$

Total copper added into the crude reaction is:

[Mass of total Cu] = $(40 \ \mu mol)*(63.546 \ g/mol) = 2.54 \ mg$

Copper removal efficiency = 1-[Mass of copper remaining]/[Mass of total Cu] = 1-(5.07 μ g)/(2.54 mg) = **99.8%**

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