Se-(9-Fluorenylmethyl) Selenoesters; Preparation, Reactivity and Use as Convenient Synthons for Selenoacids

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General information

Reactions were performed using oven dried glasswares under an atmosphere of argon. All separations were carried out under flash-chromatographic conditions on silica gel (Interchim Puriflash Silica Std IR 50 UM prepacked column) with use of a CombiFlash Companion. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography on Merck silica gel plates (60 F254 aluminum sheets) which were rendered visible by ultraviolet light and/or spraying with phosphomolybdic acid (10%) in EtOH or ninhydrin in *n*-butanol followed by heating. CH₃CN, THF, DMF, CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH were purchased from Acros Organics at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification.

Reagent-grade chemicals were obtained from diverse commercial suppliers (Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, Merck-Novabiochem and Alfa-Aesar) and were used as received.

¹H NMR (300 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance spectrometers at 298 K unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm and are referenced to the internal solvent signal or to TMS used as an internal standard. Multiplicities are declared as follow: *s* (singlet), *br s* (broad singlet), *d* (doublet), *t* (triplet), *q* (quadruplet), *dd* (doublet of doublet), *dt* (doublet of triplet), *m* (multiplet). Coupling constants *J* are given in Hz.

Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR system using diamond window Dura SamplIR II and the data are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹).

Optical rotations were measured on a Anton Paar MCP 300 polarimeter at 589 nm. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ is expressed in deg.cm³.g⁻¹.dm⁻¹ and *c* is expressed in g/100 cm³.

Melting points were recorded in open capillary tubes on a Büchi B-540 apparatus and are uncorrected.

High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using a Micromass LCT Premier XE instrument (Waters) and were determined by electrospray ionization (ESI).

1,2-bis((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl)diselane (2)



To a cold suspension of elemental selenium (901 mg, 11.41 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in water (8.5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of NaBH₄ (0.864 g, 22.82 mmol, 1 equiv) in water (8.5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, additional selenium (902 mg, 11.41 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) was added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min and then warmed briefly to dissolve selenium. The resulting brown-red Na₂Se₂ solution was ready for further use.

A solution of (9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate¹ **1** (8 g, 22.82 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (50 mL) was added to the previous aqueous solution. The resulting solution was stirred 2 h at room temperature before to be heat 16 h at 40 °C. *tert*-Butylmethylether was added followed by water. The organic layer was extracted and the aqueous layer was washed with MTBE (× 3). Combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/CH₂Cl₂ 8/2) to furnish FmSe-SeFm **2** (4.07 g, 69%) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.47 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, $J^2_{\text{Se-H}} = 19.5$ Hz, 2H); 4.27 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 7.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H); 7.60 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H); 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 34.8 (2 CH₂); 47.9 (2 CH); 120.1 (4 CH); 124.9 (4 CH); 127.2 (4 CH); 127.8 (4 CH); 141.3 (2 Cq); 146.3 (2 Cq).

Mp = 106 °C. IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹) : 1443; 738. HRMS (Maldi): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₂Se₂ [M] 518.00464, found 518.00288.

General procedure for the synthesis of (9*H*-fluoeren-9-yl)methyl *tert*-butoxy carbonylaminoselenoester (Boc-AA-SeFm):

Fm-Se-Se-Fm
$$\frac{1) \text{ NaBH}_{4}, \text{ EtOH},}{2 \text{ Boc-AA-SeFm}} \text{ Boc-AA-SeFm}$$

To a cold solution of Fm-Se-Se-Fm (400 mg, 0.775 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (4 mL) at 0°C were added successively at NaBH₄ (58.6 mg, 1.549 mmol, 2 equiv.) and absolute EtOH (1.2 mL, 20.53 mmol, 26.5 equiv.). The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 10-20 min at room temperature. Then, a solution of Boc-AA-OSu (1.549 mmol, 2 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (4 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc followed by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (\times 3), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuum. A flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAC: 9/1) gave the corresponding Boc-AA-SeFm as a solid.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-phenylpropaneselenoate (Boc-Phe-SeFm) (3)



Yield: 77% (601 mg) as a white solid.

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¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.26 (rotamer) + 1.33 (s, 9H); 2.73 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H); 2.94 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H); 3.51 (dd, J = 11.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H); 3.61 (dd, J = 11.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H); 4.28 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H); 4.38-4.45 (m, 1H); 4.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); 6.99-6.01 (m, 2H); 7.19-7.24 (m, 3H); 7.27 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H); 7.29 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H); 7.37 (br t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.59 (d, 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 28.37 (CH₂); 28.43 (3 CH₃); 37.7 (CH₂); 47.2 (CH); 63.7 (CH); 80.8 (Cq); 119.96 (CH); 120.05 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 124.9 (CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (2 CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.4 (2 CH); 135.6 (Cq); 141.3 (2 Cq); 146.1 (Cq); 146.4 (Cq); 155.2 (Cq); 205.5 (Cq).

Mp = 141 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -38.3 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3345; 1691; 1514; 1162; 750; 704. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₉NNaO₃Se [M + Na] 530.1210 found 530.1226.

(*R*)-*Se*-((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-phenylpropaneselenoate (Boc-D-Phe-SeFm) (4)



Yield: 74% (582 mg) as a yellowish solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) & 1.28 (rotamer) + 1.34 (s, 9H); 2.74 (dd, J = 13.8, 8.9 Hz, 1H); 2.95 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 3.51 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 3.61 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 4.28 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H); 4.39-4.46 (m, 1H); 4.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); 7.19-7.26 (m, 3H); 7.28 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H); 7.29 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H); 7.37 (br t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 28.37 (CH₂); 28.45 (CH₃); 37.8 (CH₂); 47.2 (CH); 63.7 (CH); 80.8 (Cq); 119.96 (CH); 120.05 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 124.9 (CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (2 CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.4 (2 CH); 135.6 (Cq); 141.30 (2 Cq); 141.34 (Cq); 146.1 (Cq); 146.4 (Cq); 155.2 (Cq); 205.5 (Cq).

Mp = 138 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = +39.1 (*c* 1.02, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3341; 1690; 1511; 1159; 740; 703. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₈H₂₉NNaO₃Se [M + Na] 530.1210, found 530.1217.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutaneselenoate (Boc-Val-SeFm) (5)



Yield: 81% (575 mg) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.59 + 0.66 (rotamer) (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); 0.83 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); 1.34 (rotamer) + 1.41 (s, 9H); 1.99-2.17 (m, 1H); 3.53 (dd, J = 12.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H); 3.62 (dd, J = 12.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H); 4.08 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H); 4.27 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H); 4.80 (br d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H); 7.28 (2 t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); 7.58 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H); 7.60 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H); 7.69 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H); 7.71 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 16.6 (CH₃); 19.6 (CH₃); 28.0 (CH₂); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 30.7 (CH); 47.2 (CH); 68.0 (CH); 80.2 (Cq); 119.9 (CH); 120.0 (CH); 124.6 (CH); 124.9 (CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (CH); 127.7 (2 CH); 141.3 (2 Cq); 146.0 (Cq); 146.4 (Cq); 155.7 (Cq); 205.4 (Cq).

Mp = 95 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -14.5 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3389; 1715; 1679; 1494; 1160; 735. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₄H₂₉NNaO₃Se [M + Na] 482.1210, found 482.1228.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propaneselenoate (Boc-Ala-SeFm) (6)



Yield: 75% (502 mg) as a yellowish solid

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.08 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); 1.32 (rotamer) + 1.41 (s, 9H); 3.48-3.60 (m, 2H); 4.12-4.21 (m, 1H); 4.27 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H); 4.76 (br d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H); 7.24-7.31 (m, 2H); 7.33-7.39 (m, 2H); 7.59 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.73 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 18.0 (CH₃); 28.0 (CH₂); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 47.3 (CH); 59.3 (CH); 80.7 (Cq); 119.9 (CH); 120.0 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 124.9 (CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 141.3 (2 Cq); 146.1 (Cq); 146.4 (Cq); 155.0 (Cq); 206.1 (Cq).

Mp = 139 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -8.3 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3358; 1683; 1501; 1157; 752; 732. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₅NNaO₃Se [M + Na] 454.0897, found 454.0926.

(S)-benzyl 4-(((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl)selanyl)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (Boc-Asp(γSeFm)-OBn) (7)



Yield: 60% (525 mg) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.42 (s, 9H); 3.04 (dd, J = 16.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H); 3.17 (dd, J = 16.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H); 3.55 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); 4.23 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H); 4.44-4.48 (m, 1H); 5.09 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H); 5.12 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H); 5.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 7.26-7.31 (m, 7H); 7.36 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H); 7.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 7.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.57 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.71 (2 d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 28.5 (3 CH₃); 29.1 (CH₂); 47.1 (CH); 49.5 (CH₂); 50.6 (CH); 67.7 (CH₂); 80.4 (Cq); 120.1 (2 CH); 124.64 (CH); 124.71 (CH); 127.3 (2 CH); 127.9 (2 CH); 128.5 (2 CH); 128.6 (CH); 128.7 (2 CH); 135.3 (Cq); 141.2 (2 Cq); 146.01 (Cq); 146.07 (Cq); 155.4 (Cq); 170.6 (Cq); 199.2 (Cq).

 $Mp = 99 \text{ °C. } [\alpha]^{25} = 11.3 \text{ (}c \text{ 1, CHCl}_3\text{). IR } \upsilon_{max} \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{): } 3382\text{; } 1750\text{; } 1714\text{; } 1697\text{; } 1510\text{; } 1337\text{; } 1165\text{; } 738\text{; } 726\text{. } HRMS \text{ (ESI); } m/z \text{ calcd } C_{30}H_{31}NNaO_5Se \text{ [M + Na] } 588.1265\text{, found } 588.1262\text{.}$

Synthesis of (9*H*-flueren-9-yl)methyl aminoselenoester trifluoroacetic salt (TFA.H-AA-SeFm)

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-amino-3-phenylpropaneselenoate trifluoroacetic acid salt (TFA.H-Phe-SeFm) (8)



To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (300 mg, 0.592 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added TFA (0.8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and excess of TFA was azeotroped with CH_2Cl_2 (× 3). Then, the crude oil was triturated with Et_2O to give the ammonium salt TFA.H-Phe-SeFm **8** (290 mg, 94%) as a white solid without further purification.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 2.87 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H); 2.99 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.8 Hz 1H); 3.66 (dd, J = 12.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H); 3.80 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.22 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.30 (t, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.22 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.30 (t, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.22 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.30 (t, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.22 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.30 (t, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.22 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.30 (t, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.22 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.30 (t, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.20 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.20 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.20 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.80 (t, J = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H); 4.8 Hz, 1H]; 4.8

4.7 Hz, 1H); 6.95-7.00 (m, 2H); 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H); 7.25-7.34 (m, 2H); 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.48 (br d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H); 8.20 (br s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 30.1 (CH₂); 37.1 (CH₂); 46.5 (CH); 63.6 (CH); 120.19 (CH); 120.25 (CH); 124.4 (CH); 124.6 (CH); 127.5 (CH); 127.6 (CH); 128.3 (2 CH); 128.6 (CH); 129.5 (2 CH); 129.6 (2 CH); 132.1 (Cq); 141.3 (Cq); 141.5 (Cq); 145.1 (Cq); 145.4 (Cq); 199.1 (Cq).

Mp = 166 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -30.5 (*c* 1, MeOH). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3354; 2935; 1653; 1182; 1142; 740; 721; 703. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₃H₂₂NOSe [M - CF₃CO₂] 408.0867, found 408.0864.

(*R*)-*Se*-((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-amino-3-phenylpropaneselenoate trifluoroacetic acid salt (TFA.H-D-Phe-SeFm) (9)



To a solution of Boc-D-Phe-SeFm **4** (300 mg, 0.592 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added TFA (0.8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and excess of TFA was azeotroped with CH_2Cl_2 (× 3). Then, the crude oil was triturated with Et_2O to give the ammonium salt TFA.H-D-Phe-SeFm **9** (277 mg, 90%) as a yellowish solid without further purification.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 2.97 (br d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H); 3.58 (dd, J = 12.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H); 3.72 (dd, J = 12.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H); 4.16 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H); 4.26 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H); 6.78 (br s, 2H); 6.99-7.02 (m, 2H); 7.19-7.32 (m, 5H); 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 7.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 7.47 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 29.9 (CH₂); 37.3 (CH₂); 46.6 (CH); 63.5 (CH); 120.1 (CH); 120.2 (CH); 124.5 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 127.5 (CH); 127.6 (CH); 128.2 (2 CH); 128.3 (CH); 129.4 (2 CH); 129.7 (2 CH); 132.9 (Cq); 141.3 (Cq); 141.4 (Cq); 145.3 (Cq); 145.6 (Cq); 199.6 (Cq).

Mp = 165 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = +30.8 (*c* 1, MeOH). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2921; 1653; 1191; 1145; 743; 725; 709. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₃H₂₂NOSe [M - CF₃CO₂⁻¹] 408.0867; found 408.0871.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-amino-3-methylbutaneselenoate trifluoroacetic acid salt (TFA.H-Val-SeFm) (10)



To a solution of Boc-Val-SeFm **5** (300 mg, 0.654 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added TFA (0.8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and excess of TFA was azeotroped with CH_2Cl_2 (× 3). Then, the crude oil was triturated with Et_2O to give the ammonium salt TFA.H-Val-SeFm **10** (294 mg, 95%) as a white solid without further purification.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.72 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 0.93 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 0.90-0.96 (m, 1H); 3.65 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H); 3.79-3.85 (m, 1H); 3.84 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H); 4.31 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H); 7.22-7.43 (m, 4H); 7.40 (br s, 3H); 7.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 7.54 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.70 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 7.73 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 16.2 (CH₃); 18.3 (CH₃); 29.5 (CH₂); 30.5 (CH); 46.7 (CH); 67.7 (CH); 120.0 (CH); 120.2 (CH); 124.4 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 127.47 (CH); 127.51 (CH); 128.04 (CH); 128.10 (CH); 141.4 (2 Cq); 145.2 (Cq); 145.8 (Cq); 198.9 (Cq).

Mp = 155 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -49.4 (*c* 1, MeOH). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2959; 1651; 1525; 1188; 1132; 737; 721. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₁₉H₂₂NOSe [M - CF₃CO₂⁻] 360.0867; found 360.0877.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-aminopropaneselenoate trifluoroacetic acid salt (TFA.H-Ala-SeFm) (11)



To a solution of Boc-Ala-SeFm **6** (300 mg, 0.697 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added TFA (0.8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and excess of TFA was azeotroped with CH_2Cl_2 (× 3). Then, the crude oil was triturated with Et_2O to give the ammonium salt TFA.H-Ala-SeFm **11** (288 mg, 94%) as a white solid without further purification.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); 3.60 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 3.70 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 3.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 4.26 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H); 7.21-7.27 (m, 2H); 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 7.47 (2 d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 7.68 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.69 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.96 (br s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 17.1 (CH₃); 29.6 (CH₂); 46.6 (CH); 58.6 (CH); 120.1 (CH); 120.2 (CH); 124.4 (CH); 124.6 (CH); 127.4 (CH); 127.5 (CH); 128.1 (2 CH); 141.3 (2 Cq); 145.2 (Cq); 145.6 (Cq); 200.2 (Cq).

Mp = 136 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -30.3 (*c* 1, MeOH). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2843; 1654; 1521; 1184; 1133; 956; 742; 720. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₁₇H₁₈NOSe [M - CF₃CO₂] 332.0554; found 332.0562.

(S)-benzyl 4-(((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl)selanyl)-2-amino-4-oxobutanoate trifluoroacetic acid salt (TFA.H-Asp(γSeFm)-OBn) (12)



To a solution of Boc-Asp(γ SeFm)-OBn 7 (300 mg, 0.531 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added TFA (0.8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and excess of TFA was azeotroped with CH₂Cl₂ (× 3). Then, the crude oil was triturated with Et₂O to give the ammonium salt TFA.H-Asp(γ SeFm)-OBn 12 (280 mg, 91%) as a white solid without further purification.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.24-3.26 (m, 2H); 3.55 (d, 5.2 Hz, 2H); 4.20 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H); 5.04 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H); 5.09 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H); 5.06 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H); 6.01 (br s, 3H); 7.18-7.28 (m, 7H); 7.31-7.38 (m, 2H); 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H); 7.68 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 29.6 (CH₂); 46.0 (CH); 46.8 (CH); 69.1 (CH₂); 120.1 (2 CH); 124.6 (2 CH); 127.4 (2 CH); 128.0 (2 CH); 128.1 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.1 (CH); 134.1 (Cq); 141.2 (2 Cq); 145.7 (2 Cq); 167.8 (Cq); 200.0 (Cq).

Mp = 158 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = +4.1 (*c* 1, MeOH). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 2904; 1746; 1693; 1656; 1204; 1139; 740; 721. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₅H₂₄NO₃Se [M - CF₃CO₂⁻] 466.0921; found 466.0923.

Synthesis of dipeptidoselenoester Fm

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((S)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutanamido)-3-phenylpropaneselenoate (Boc-Val-Phe-SeFm) (13)



To a solution of Boc-Val-OH (81 mg, 0.375 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL) were added HBTU (142 mg, 0.375 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and dropwise DIEA (0.121 mL, 0.692 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, a solution of TFA.H-Phe-SeFm **8** (150 mg, 0.288 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, DMF was removed under high vacuum. A flash purification (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1) of the crude gave Boc-Val-Phe-SeFm **13** (139 mg, 80%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.78 (br s, 3H); 0.87 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); 1.41 (s, 9H); 2.05-2.16 (m, 1H); 2.81-2.94 (m, 1H); 3.02 (dd, J = 14.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 3.51-3.64 (m, 2H); 3.83 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H); 4.28 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H); 4.82 (dt, J = 8.0, 5.5 Hz, 2H); 6.25 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H); 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H); 7.21-7.34 (m, 5H); 7.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 17.7 (CH₃); 19.6 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 28.8 (CH₂); 30.3 (CH); 37.9 (CH₂); 47.1 (CH); 60.3 (CH); 62.3 (CH); 80.3 (Cq); 120.02 (CH); 120.07 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 124.8 (CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (CH); 127.4 (CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.4 (2 CH); 135.4 (Cq); 141.2 (Cq); 141.3 (Cq); 146.1 (Cq); 146.2 (Cq); 155.8 (Cq); 172.0 (Cq); 203.5 (Cq).

Mp = 192 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -47.5 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3324; 3270; 1699; 1666; 1525; 1244; 1169; 730. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₃₃H₃₉N₂O₄Se [M + H] 607.2075; found 607.2070.

(*R*)-*Se*-((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((*S*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutanamido)-3-phenylpropaneselenoate (Boc-Val-D-Phe-SeFm) (14)



To a solution of Boc-Val-OH (81 mg, 0.375 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL) were added HBTU (142 mg, 0.375 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and dropwise DIEA (0.121 mL, 0.692 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, a solution of TFA.H-D-Phe-SeFm **9** (150 mg, 0.288 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, DMF was removed under high vacuum. A flash purification (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1) of the crude gave Boc-Val-D-Phe-SeFm **14** (141 mg, 81%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.74 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); 0.78 (br s, 3H); 1.42 (s, 9H); 1.98-2.11 (m, 1H); 2.78 (dd, J = 14.2, 8.6 Hz, 1H); 3.01 (dd, J = 14.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H); 3.56 (dd, J = 12.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H); 3.63 (dd, J = 12.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H); 3.85 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.29 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H); 4.80 (dt, J = 8.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H); 4.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H); 6.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); 7.02-7.05 (m, 2H); 7.21-7.30 (m, 3H); 7.33 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.4, Hz, 2H); 7.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.62 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 17.6 (CH₃); 19.3 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 28.7 (CH₂); 30.5 (CH); 37.8 (CH₂); 47.2 (CH); 60.0 (CH); 62.5 (CH); 80.3 (Cq); 120.0 (CH); 120.1 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 124.9 (CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (CH); 127.4 (CH); 127.9 (2 CH); 129.0 (2 CH); 129.3 (2 CH); 135.4 (Cq); 141.26 (Cq); 141.33 (Cq); 146.0 (Cq); 146.2 (Cq); 156.0 (Cq); 172.0 (Cq); 203.6 (Cq).

Mp = 175 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = +23.4 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3324; 3287; 1699; 1664; 1521; 1164; 735. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₃₃H₃₉N₂O₄Se [M + H] 607.2075; found 607.2073.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((S)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamido)-3-methylbutaneselenoate (Boc-Phe-Val-SeFm) (15)



To a solution of Boc-Phe-OH (110 mg, 0.413 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL) were added HBTU (157 mg, 0.413 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and dropwise DIEA (0.133 mL, 0.762 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, a solution of TFA.H-Val-SeFm

10 (150 mg, 0.318 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, DMF was removed under high vacuum. A flash purification (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1) of the crude gave Boc-Phe-Val-SeFm **15** (170 mg, 88%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.61 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 0.79 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 1.41 (s, 9H); 2.09-2.21 (m, 1H); 3.05 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H); 3.13 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H); 3.53 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H); 3.60 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H); 4.28 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H); 4.34 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 4.44 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H); 4.97 (br s, 1H); 6.53 (br s, 1H); 7.18-7.35 (m, 7H); 7.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 7.40 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 7.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H); 7.61 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.73-7.76 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ*: 16.5 (CH₃); 19.5 (CH₃); 28.36 (CH₂); 28.46 (3 CH₃); 30.8 (CH); 37.2 (CH₂); 47.2 (CH); 56.1 (CH); 66.7 (CH); 80.7 (Cq); 120.00 (CH); 120.04 (CH); 124.6 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 127.1 (CH); 127.22 (CH); 127.28 (CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.5 (2 CH); 136.7 (Cq); 141.3 (2 Cq); 146.0 (Cq); 146.2 (Cq); 155.9 (Cq); 172.0 (Cq); 203.5 (Cq).

Mp = 144 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -41.1 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3320; 1668; 1656; 1520; 1167; 741; 733. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₃₃H₃₉N₂O₄Se [M + H] 607.2075; found 607.2082.

(S)-Se-((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) 2-((S)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamido) propaneselenoate (Boc-Phe-Ala-SeFm) (16)



To a solution of Boc-Phe-OH (116 mg, 0.439 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL) were added HBTU (166 mg, 0.439 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and dropwise DIEA (0.142 mL, 0.810 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, a solution of TFA.H-Ala-SeFm **11** (150 mg, 0.338 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, DMF was removed under high vacuum. A flash purification (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1) of the crude gave Boc-Phe-Val-SeFm **16** (154 mg, 79%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) & 1.10 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); 1.38 (s, 9H); 3.01 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H); 3.09 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H); 3.50-3.61 (m, 2H); 4.27 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H); 4.34 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 4.44-4.54 (m, 1H); 4.93 (br s, 1H) ; 6.45 (br s, 1H); 7.16-7.33 (m, 7H); 7.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); 7.57 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 7.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); 7.73 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 18.1 (CH₃); 28.4 (3 CH₃ + CH₂); 37.8 (CH₂); 47.2 (CH); 55.8 (CH); 58.1 (CH); 80.6 (Cq); 120.0 (CH); 120.03 (CH); 124.66 (CH); 124.74 (CH); 127.2 (2 CH); 127.3 (CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.5 (2 CH); 136.6 (Cq); 141.3 (2 Cq); 146.01 (Cq); 146.15 (Cq); 155.6 (Cq); 171.5 (Cq); 203.9 (Cq).

Mp = 97 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -21.0 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3283; 1693; 1656; 1525; 1164; 737. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₃₁H₃₅N₂O₄Se [M + H] 579.1762; found 579.1767.

(S)-benzyl 4-(((9*H*-fluoren-9-yl)methyl)selanyl)-2-((S)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methyl butanamido)-4-oxobutanoate (Boc-Val-Asp(γSeFm)-OBn (17)



To a solution of Boc-Val-OH (73.2 mg, 0.337 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL) were added HBTU (128 mg, 0.337 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and dropwise DIEA (0.109 mL, 0.622 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, a solution of TFA.H-Asp(γ SeFm)-OBn **12** (150 mg, 0.259 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added. After stirring

overnight at room temperature, DMF was removed under high vacuum. A flash purification (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1) of the crude gave Boc-Val-Asp(γSeFm)-OBn **17** (121 mg, 70%) as white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.85 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 0.96 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 1.47 (s, 9H); 2.07-2.18 (m, 1H); 3.09 (dd, J = 16.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H); 3.27 (dd, J = 17.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H); 3.59 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H); 3.99 (dd, J = 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H); 4.27 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H); 4.76 (dt, J = 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H); 5.03 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H); 5.11 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H); 5.17 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H); 6.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); 7.28-7.37 (m, 7H); 7.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); 7.59 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H); 7.62 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H); 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 7.76 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 17.6 (CH₃); 19.3 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 29.1 (CH₂); 31.4 (CH); 47.1 (CH); 49.0 (CH); 49.1 (CH₂); 59.7 (CH); 68.0 (CH₂); 80.1 (Cq); 120.1 (2 CH); 124.6 (CH); 124.7 (CH); 127.29 (CH); 127.32 (CH); 128.0 (2 CH); 128.68 (2 CH); 128.73 (CH); 128.77 (2 CH); 135.1 (Cq); 141.24 (Cq); 141.27 (Cq); 146.0 (2 Cq); 155.9 (Cq); 170.0 (Cq); 171.4 (Cq); 199.4 (Cq).

 $Mp = 154 \text{ °C. } [\alpha]^{25}{}_{\rm D} = +19.1 \ (c \ 1, \text{ CHCl}_3). \text{ IR } \upsilon_{\text{max}} \ (\text{cm}^{-1}): 3331; 1734; 1694; 1651; 1518; 1276; 1186; 740. \text{ HRMS (ESI): } m/z \ \text{calcd } C_{35}H_{41}N_2O_6\text{Se} \ [M + H] \ 665.2130; \text{ found } 665.2125.$

(S)-tert-butyl (1-oxo-3-phenyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)propan-2-yl)carbamate (18)^{2,3}



To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (100 mg, 0.197 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added piperidine (0.2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, diluted with EtOAc and hydrolyzed with a saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution. After filtration through a pas of celite, the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuum. A flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 8/2) of the crude furnished amide **18** (45.9 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.87-0.97 (m, 1H); 1.34 (s, 9H); 1.39-1.49 (m, 5H); 2.88 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 2.88-2.98 (m, 1H); 3.12-3.21 (m, 1H); 3.41 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H); 4.78 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 5.39 (br d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); 7.11-7.23 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 24.5 (CH₂); 25.3 (CH₂); 25.9 (CH₂); 28.3 (3 CH₃); 40.3 (CH₂); 43.0 (CH₂); 46.6 (CH₂); 50.9 (CH); 79.5 (Cq); 126.80 (CH); 128.4 (2 CH); 129.6 (2 CH); 136.6 (Cq); 155.0 (Cq); 169.7 (Cq).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +22.6 \text{ (c 1, CHCl}_3)$. IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3290; 1702; 1630; 1447; 1166. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₁₉H₂₉N₂O₃ [M + H] 333.2178; found 333.2181.

(S)-tert-butyl (1-(benzylamino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate (19)^{4,5}



From Benzylamine

To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (100 mg, 0.197 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was added benzylamine (54 μ L, 0.494 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. EtOAc was added and the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc. The

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filtrate was evaporated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1 to 8/2) to give **19** (61 mg, 87%) as white solid.

From Benzylazide

To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (200 mg, 0.395 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added added DBU (63 μ L, 0.421 mmol, 1.07 equiv.). After stirring for 3 min at room temperature, benzylazide (71 mg, 0.534 mmol, 1.35 equiv.) was added. The resulting solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. EtOAc was added and the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1 to 8/2) to give **19** (37 mg, 26%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.39 (s, 9H); 3.02-3.15 (m, 2H); 4.30-4.41 (m, 1H); 4.35 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H); 5.11 (br s, 1H); 6.20 (br t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H); 7.10 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H); 7.18-7.31 (m, 7H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 28.4 (3 CH₃); 38.8 (CH₂); 43.6 (CH₂); 56.2 (CH); 80.4 (Cq); 127.1 (CH); 127.6 (CH); 127.8 (2 CH); 128.8 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.5 (2 CH); 136.9 (Cq); 137.9 (Cq); 155.6 (Cq); 171.3 (Cq).

mp = 127 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = +3.5 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3338; 3304; 1676; 1658; 1520; 1169; 694. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₁H₂₇N₂O₃ [M + H] 355.2022; found 355.2023.

(S)-tert-butyl (1-(benzylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)carbamate (20)^{6,7}



To a solution of Boc-Val-SeFm **5** (100 mg, 0.218 mg) in DMF (1.5 mL) was added benzylamine (60 μ L, 0.545 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. EtOAc was added and the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1 to 8/2) to give **20** (48 mg, 72%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.93 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); 0.97 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); 1.42 (s, 9H); 2.12-2.23 (m, 1H); 3.94 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H); 4.41 (dd, J = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.48 (dd, J = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 2H); 5.12 (br d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H); 6.47 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H); 7.24-7.35 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 18.0 (CH₃); 19.6 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 30.9 (CH); 43.6 (CH₂); 60.4 (CH); 80.1 (Cq); 127.7 (CH); 127.9 (2 CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 138.2 (Cq); 156.1 (Cq); 171.8 (Cq). Mp = 117 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -9.6 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3307; 1683; 1646; 1520; 1244; 1162. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₁₇H₂₇N₂O₃ [M + H] 307.2022; found 307.2018.

(S)-methyl 2-((S)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamido)-3-methylbutanoate (Boc-Phe-Val-OMe) (25)⁸



To a solution of HCl.H-Val-OMe (39.7 mg, 0.237 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added Et_3N (36 μ L, 0.257 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min to obtain a solution of H-Val-OMe.

To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (100 mg, 0.197 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (36 μ L, 0.237 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, the previous prepared solution of H-Val-OMe in DMF was added. After stirring overnight at room

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temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 8/2 to 7/3) to furnish Boc-Phe-Val-OMe **25** (48 mg, 64%) as a yellowish solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.85 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 0.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 1.43 (s, 9H); 2.04-2.20 (m, 1H); 309 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 3.71 (s, 3H); 4.37 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H); 4.48 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H); 5.04 (br s, 1H); 6.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H); 7.22-7.34 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 17.9 (CH₃); 19.0 (CH₃); 28.4 (3 CH₃); 31.5 (CH); 38.2 (CH₂); 52.3 (CH₃); 56.1 (CH); 57.4 (CH); 80.4 (Cq); 127.1 (CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.5 (2 CH); 136.8 (Cq); 155.6 (Cq); 171.3 (Cq); 172.0 (Cq).

 $Mp = 116 \text{ °C. } [\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -7.1 \text{ (c 1.02$, CHCl}_3$). IR <math>\upsilon_{max}$ (cm⁻¹): 3291; 1741; 1680; 1654; 1528; 1253; 1167; 1145; 1018; 694. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd $C_{20}H_{31}N_2O_5$ [M + H] 379.2233; found 379.2228.

(S)-methyl 2-((S)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutanamido)-4-methylpentanoate (Boc-Val-Leu-OMe) (26)⁹



To a solution of HCl.H-Leu-OMe (47.5 mg, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added Et_3N (40 μ L, 0.284 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min to obtain a solution of H-Leu-OMe.

To a solution of Boc-Val-SeFm **5** (100 mg, 0.218 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (39 μ L, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, the previous prepared solution of H-Leu-OMe in DMF was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 8/2 to 7/3) to furnish Boc-Val-Leu-OMe **26** (42 mg, 56%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.90 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 9H); 0.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); 1.42 (s, 9H); 1.49-1.67 (m, 3H); 2.03-2.14 (m, 1H); 3.70 (s, 3H); 3.85 (dd, J = 6.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H); 4.60 (td, J = 6.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H); 5.03 (br d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H); 6.22 (br d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 18.1 (CH₃); 19.4 (CH₃); 21.0 (CH₃); 23.0 (CH₃); 25.0 (CH); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 31.0 (CH); 41.7 (CH₂); 50.8 (CH); 52.5 (CH₃); 60.2 (CH); 80.1 (Cq); 156.0 (Cq); 171.6 (Cq); 173.3 (Cq).

Mp = 130 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -23.0 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3324; 3266; 1753; 1685; 1649; 1520; 1246; 1159. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₁₇H₃₂N₂NaO₅ [M + Na] 367.2209; found 367.2208.

(*R*)-methyl 2-((*S*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutanamido)-3-phenylpropanoate (Boc-Val-D-Phe-OMe) (27)¹⁰



To a solution of HCl.H-D-Phe-OMe (56.5 mg, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added Et_3N (40 μ L, 0.284 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min to obtain a solution of H-D-Phe-OMe.

To a solution of Boc-Val-SeFm **5** (100 mg, 0.218 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (39 μ L, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, the previous prepared solution of H-D-Phe-OMe in DMF was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated

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in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 8/2 to 7/3) to furnish Boc-Val-D-Phe-OMe **27** (53 mg, 64%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.80 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 0.88 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); 1.43 (s, 9H); 2.05-2.19 (m, 1H); 3.04-3.17 (m, 1H); 3.71 (s, 3H); 3.98 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H); 4.89 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 4.96 (br d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 6.43 (br d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 7.11 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 7.23-7.31 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 17.3 (CH₃); 19.5 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 30.8 (CH); 38.2 (CH₂); 52.5 (CH₃); 53.2 (CH); 59.8 (CH); 80.1 (Cq); 127.4 (CH); 128.9 (2 CH); 129.4 (2 CH); 135.9 (Cq); 156.0 (Cq); 171.4 (Cq); 172.0 (Cq).

Mp = 174 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = 39.6 (*c* 1.02, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3314; 1728; 1683; 1648; 1522; 1242; 1162; 696. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₀H₃₁N₂O₅ [M + H] 379.2233; found 379.2241.

(S)-benzyl 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(((S)-1-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (Boc-Asp-(γ -Val-OMe)-OBn) (28)¹¹



To a solution of HCl.H-Val-OMe (35.6 mg, 0.213 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added Et_3N (35 μ L, 0.248 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min to obtain a solution of H-Val-OMe.

To a solution of Boc-Asp(γ SeFm)-OBn 7 (100 mg, 0.177 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a degassed DMF (1 mL) was added DBU (32 µL, 0.213 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, the previous prepared solution of H-Val-OMe in DMF was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 8/2) to furnish Boc-Asp-(γ -Val-OMe)-OBn **28** (60 mg, 78%) as a yellowish solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.79 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); 0.81 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); 1.34 (s, 9H); 1.98-2.09 (m, 1H); 2.68 (dd, J = 15.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H); 2.91 (dd, J = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H); 3.66 (s, 3H); 4.44 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H); 4.46-4.53 (m, 1H); 5.09 (s, 2H); 5.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); 6.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H); 7.22-7.28 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 17.9 (CH₃); 19.0 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 31.5 (CH); 38.0 (CH₂); 50.7 (CH); 52.4 (CH₃); 57.3 (CH); 67.5 (CH₂); 80.1 (Cq); 128.3 (2 CH); 128.4 (CH); 128.7 (2 CH); 135.6 (Cq); 155.8 (Cq); 170.0 (Cq); 171.5 (Cq); 172.4 (Cq).

 $Mp = 95 \text{ °C. } [\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = +13.3 \text{ (c 1, CHCl_3$). IR } \upsilon_{max} \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{): } 3382\text{; } 1750\text{; } 1714\text{; } 1697\text{; } 1510\text{; } 1338\text{; } 1166\text{; } 738\text{; } 727\text{. } HRMS \text{ (ESI): } m/z \text{ calcd } C_{22}H_{33}N_2O_7 \text{ [M + H] } 437.2288\text{; found } 437.2277\text{. }$

(6*S*, 9*S*, 12*R*)-methyl 6,12-dibenzyl-9-isopropyl-2,2-dimethyl-4,7,10-trioxo-3-oxa-5,8,11-triazatridecan-13-oate (Boc-Phe-Val-D-Phe-OMe) (29)



To a solution of HCl.H-D-Phe-OMe (42.7 mg, 0.198 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added Et_3N (30 mL, 0.215 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min to obtain a solution of H-D-Phe-OMe in DMF.

To a solution of Boc-Phe-Val-SeFm **15** (100 mg, 0.165 mmol, 1 equiv.) in a degassed DMF (1 mL) was added DBU (30 μ L, 0.198 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, the previous prepared solution of H-D-Phe-OMe in DMF was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated

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in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 8/2 to 7/3) to furnish tripeptide Boc-Phe-Val-D-Phe-OMe **29** as a white solid (51 mg, 59 %).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.77 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 0.81 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 1.42 (s, 9H); 2.06-2.19 (m, 1H); 3.05 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H); 3.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); 3.16 (dd, J = 13.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H); 3.71 (s, 3H); 4.27 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H); 4.34 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H); 4.84 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 5.05 (br d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H); 6.50 (br d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H); 6.71 (br d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 7.13-7.33 (m, 10H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 17.4 (CH₃); 19.4 (CH₃); 28.4 (3 CH₃); 30.7 (CH); 37.9 (CH₂); 38.1 (CH₂); 52.5 (CH₃); 53.6 (CH); 56.2 (CH); 58.4 (CH); 80.8 (Cq); 127.2 (CH); 127.3 (CH); 128.8 (2 CH); 129.0 (2 CH); 129.38 (2 CH); 129.43 (2 CH); 136.2 (Cq); 136.6 (Cq); 155.9 (Cq); 170.6 (Cq); 171.4 (Cq); 172.0 (Cq).

Mp = 173 °C. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -35.1 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3287; 1736; 1690; 1639; 1520; 1220; 1249; 1167; 698. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₉H₄₀N₃O₆ [M + H] 526.2917; found 526.2915.

(S)-Se-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl) 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutaneselenoate (30)



To a solution of Boc-Val-SeFm **5** (100 mg, 0.218 mmol) in degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (39 μ L, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, 2-bromoacetophenone (52 mg, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 9/1) to furnish **30** (74 mg, 85%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.84 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 0.96 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); 1.45 (s, 9H); 2.26-2.37 (m, 1H); 4.18-4.25 (m, 2H); 4.34 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H); 4.94 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H); 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); 7.52-7.58 (m, 1H); 7.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 16.9 (CH₃); 19.6 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 30.7 (CH); 31.0 (CH₂); 68.0 (CH); 81.1 (Cq); 128.9 (4 CH); 133.7 (CH); 135.7 (Cq); 155.7 (Cq); 195.8 (Cq); 204.6 (Cq).

 $Mp = 104 \text{ °C. } [\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -1.4 \text{ (}c \text{ 1, CHCl}_3\text{). IR } \upsilon_{max} \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{): } 3338\text{; } 1717\text{; } 1683\text{; } 1668\text{; } 1505\text{; } 1271\text{; } 1154\text{; } 1055\text{; } 1009\text{; } 710\text{; } 663\text{. } HRMS \text{ (ESI): } m/z \text{ calcd } C_{18}H_{25}NNaO_4Se \text{ [M + Na] } 422.0846\text{; found } 422.0854\text{. }$

(S)-tert-butyl (1-((4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate (31)



To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (150 mg, 0.296 mmol) in degassed DMF (2 mL) was added DBU (54 μ L, 0.355 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, 4-azido-*N*,*N*-dimethylaniline (57.6 mg, 0.355 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was stirred. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 8/2) to furnish amide **31** (49 mg, 43%) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.45 (s, 9H); 2.93 (s, 6H); 3.08-3.22 (m, 2H); 4.44 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); 5.19 (br s, 1H); 6.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); 7.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); 7.26-7.36 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 28.5 (3 CH₃); 38.9 (CH₂); 41.2 (CH₂); 56.8 (CH); 80.6 (Cq); 113.4 (2 CH); 122.2 (2 CH); 127.2 (CH); 127.4 (CH); 129.0 (2 CH); 129.6 (2 CH); 137.0 (Cq); 148.1 (Cq); 155.8 (Cq); 169.2 (Cq).

Mp = 178 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -1.5 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3321; 3297; 1687; 1651; 1518; 1247; 1162; 703. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₂₂H₃₀N₃O₃ [M + H] 384.2287; found 384.2250.

(S)-tert-butyl (1-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate (32)^{12,13}



To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (100 mg, 0.197 mmol) in degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (36 μ L, 0.237 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide 15% w/w in toluene (0.346 mL, 0.237 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 10/1) to furnish **32** (54 mg, 65%, purity > 95%) as a white foam.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.40 (s, 9H); 2.48 (s, 3H); 2.97 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H); 3.08 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H); 4.29 (br s, 1H); 4.81 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 7.06 (m, 2H); 7.25-7.28 (m, 3H); 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 9.15 (br s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.9 (CH₃); 28.3 (3 CH₃); 36.9 (CH₂); 56.2 (CH); 81.7 (Cq); 127.5 (CH); 128.8 (2 CH); 129.1 (2 CH); 129.4 (2 CH); 129.7 (2 CH); 135.6 (Cq); 145.3 (Cq); 156.0 (Cq); 169.5 (Cq).

IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3232; 1678; 1448; 1346; 1157; 1087; 812; 733; 699. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd $C_{21}H_{26}N_2NaO_5S$ [M + Na] 441.1460; found 441.1449.

Synthesis of (S)-tert-butyl (1-oxo-3-phenyl-1-(phenylamino)propan-2-yl)carbamate (33)^{14,15}



From phenyl isocyanate:

To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (100 mg, 0.197 mmol) in degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (36 μ L, 0.237 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, phenyl isocyanate (26 μ L, 0.237 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was stirred. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 7/3) to furnish **33** (32 mg, 48%) as a white solid.

From phenyl isothiocyanate:

To a solution of Boc-Phe-SeFm **3** (184 mg, 0.363 mmol) in degassed DMF (3 mL) was added DBU (66 μ L, 0.436 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, phenyl isothiocyanate (52 μ L, 0.436 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was stirred. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 7/3) to furnish **33** (104 mg, 84%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.38 (s, 9H); 3.04-3.20 (m, 2H); 4.61 (br s, 1H); 5.53 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H); 7.05 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.18-7.29 (m, 7H); 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H); 8.42 (br s, 1H).

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¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 28.4 (3 CH₃); 38.8 (CH₂); 56.9 (CH); 80.6 (Cq); 120.2 (2 CH); 124.5 (CH); 127.1 (CH); 128.8 (2 CH); 129.0 (2 CH); 129.5 (2 CH); 136.9 (Cq); 137.6 (Cq); 156.2 (Cq); 170.7 (Cq).

$$\begin{split} Mp &= 125 \ ^{\circ}C. \ [\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -13.0 \ (c \ 1, \ CHCl_{3}). \ IR \ \upsilon_{max} \ (cm^{-1}): \ 3283; \ 1659; \ 1533; \ 1496; \ 1442; \ 1246; \ 1162; \\ 750; \ 691. \ HRMS \ (ESI): \ m/z \ calcd \ C_{20}H_{25}N_{2}O_{3} \ [M + H] \ 341.1865; \ found \ 341.1857. \end{split}$$

(S)-tert-butyl (3-methyl-1-oxo-1-(phenylamino)butan-2-yl)carbamate (34)¹¹



To a solution of Boc-Val-SeFm **5** (100 mg, 0.218 mmol) in degassed DMF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (39 μ L, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred for 2-3 min. Then, phenyl isothiocyanate (31 μ L, 0.262 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution was filtered through celite, which was washed with EtOAc and concentrated in vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (Heptane/EtOAc: 7/3) to furnish **34** (55 mg, 86%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 1.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 1.46 (s, 9H); 2.17-2.28 (m, 1H); 4.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 5.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H); 7.07 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); 7.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 8.51 (br s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 18.4 (CH₃); 19.6 (CH₃); 28.5 (3 CH₃); 31.0 (CH); 61.2 (CH); 80.4 (Cq); 120.2 (2 CH); 124.5 (CH); 129.0 (2 CH); 137.8 (Cq); 156.6 (Cq); 170.7 (Cq).

Mp = 174 °C. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -73.1 (*c* 1, CHCl₃). IR υ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3307; 1683; 1646; 1520; 1244; 1162. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd C₁₆H₂₅N₂O₃ [M + H] 293.1865; found 293.1870.



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