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## **Supporting Information**

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# Rapid and efficient syntheses of tryptophans using continuous-flow quaternizationsubstitution reaction of gramines with a chiral nucleophilic glycine equivalent

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3b (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3b (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3c (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3c (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3d (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3e (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3e (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3f (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3g (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)

200 190

170 160



S7

f1 (ppm)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3h (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3h (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3i (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3i (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3j (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3j (126 MHz, DMSO-d6)



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4h (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4h (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)



### HPLC spectra for ee determination of compounds 4a - 4j

#### Methods for HPLC analyses (A-G)

#### Method A

Column: Chiral pak IC 5  $\mu$ m, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.4 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

Gradient program:						
Time (min)	0.00	15.00	20.00	23.00	23.10	30.00
Mobile phase A (%)	60	50	0	0	60	60
Mobile phase B (%)	40	50	100	100	40	40

#### Method B

Column: Chiral pak IC 5  $\mu$ m, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.8 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

#### Gradient program:

Time (min)	0.00	30.00	30.00
Mobile phase A (%)	82	82	STOP
Mobile phase B (%)	18	18	

#### Method C

Column: Chiral pak IC 5  $\mu$ m, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.5 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

#### Gradient program:

Time (min)	0.00	30.00	30.00
Mobile phase A (%)	65	65	STOP
Mobile phase B (%)	35	35	

#### Method D

Column: Chiral pak IC 5  $\mu$ m, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.5 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

Gradient	program:
orautoin	program.

Time (min)	0.00	60.00	60.00
Mobile phase A (%)	65	65	STOP
Mobile phase B (%)	35	35	

#### Method E

Column: Chiral pak IB 5  $\mu$ m, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.5 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

Gradient program:			
Time (min)	0.00	30.00	30.00
Mobile phase A (%)	53	53	STOP
Mobile phase B (%)	47	47	

### Method F

Column: Chiral pak IC 5  $\mu$ m, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.8 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

Gradient program:
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Time (min)	0.00	30.00	30.00
Mobile phase A (%)	80	80	STOP
Mobile phase B (%)	20	20	

### Method G

Column: Chiral pak IC 5 µm, 156 x 4.6 mm, S/N IC00CD-PK013 Eluent: A= 0.1% phosphoric acid in H<sub>2</sub>O, B= 0.1% phosphoric acid in MeCN Flow rate: 0.5 mL/ min Temp: 30 °C

Gradient program:			
Time (min)	0.00	30.00	30.00
Mobile phase A (%)	80	80	STOP
Mobile phase B (%)	20	20	

Mixture of (S) and (R)-4a<sup>30</sup>



The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method A.

## Mixture of (S) and (R)-4b



Totals: 1.76652e4 650.52078





The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method B.



The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method D

## Mixture of (S) and (R)-4d









The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method D.

## Mixture of (S) and (R)-4e



(S)-4e



The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method E.



The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method D.

## Mixture of (S) and (R)-4g



(S)-4g



The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method F.

## Mixture of (S) and (R)-4h







The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method G.

## Mixture of (S) and (R)-4i



(S)-4i



The ee was determined by an HPLC according to the Method B.

Mixture of (S) and (R)-4j



The ee was determined by an HPLC accoring to the Method C.

# Details of the continuous-flow reaction system in Table 5



# Details of the continuous-flow reaction system in Table 6

