

Supplementary information

A closer look at ligand specificity for cellular activation of NOD2 with synthetic muramyl dipeptide analogues

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Biochemistry Materials and Methods

***In vitro* HEK-Blue™ h/mNOD2 reporter cell assay**

HEK cells expressing the human or mouse NOD2 receptor and carrying the NF- κ B SEAP reporter gene (InvivoGen) were used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, to the HEK-Blue NOD2 or Null2 cells adhered in 96-well plates, 20 μ L of the tested compounds (i.e., MDP analogues) at various concentrations were added and incubated for 16-18 h at 37 °C (total volume: 200 μ L per well). Endotoxin-free deionized water was used as the negative control. For SEAP detection, 20 μ L of supernatant from each well was collected and added to 180 μ L of QUANTI-blue substrate (InvivoGen) in another 96-well microtiter plate. The mixture was incubated at 37 °C and SEAP activity was assessed by OD650 nm measurement. All MDP analogues were reconstituted in endotoxin-free water. Results are representative of three independent biological triplicates as means \pm standard error (SE).

LC-MS/MS quantification of intracellular uptake of MDP analogues in HEK293T cells

HEK293T cells (American Type Culture Collection; ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA) were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) (Gibco/BRL; Burlington, ON, Canada) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) (Gibco/BRL; Burlington, ON, Canada) and 1% Pen Strep antibiotics (life technologies corporation, Grand Island, NY, USA) in 37 °C at 100% humidity in 5% CO₂.

For cellular uptake assay, the respective MDP analogue (20 μ M) was added to the attached HEK293T cells (2.8 \times 10000 cells/mL) at 37 °C for 6 h or 16 h. At the indicated incubation period, culture media were removed, and cells were washed with PBS twice prior to snap-freeze and stored at -80 °C. To lyse the cells, ice-cold 90% methanol (LC-MS grade Optima, Fisher Scientific) was added to the frozen cell pellets, followed by boiling at 90 °C in a heating block to ensure sufficient lysis. The mixtures were then centrifuged at 15,000 g for 15 min to collect soluble lysates for drying in a SpeedVac concentrator. Dried samples were reconstituted in 50 μ L H₂O (LC-MS grade Optima, Fisher Scientific), and vortexed for 15 min before centrifugation at 15,000 g for 15 min. The soluble fraction was subjected to LC-MS analysis.

LC-MS/MS analysis was performed using Vanquish 3000 HPLC coupled to Orbitrap Exploris 120 MS (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in the positive mode. Separation was performed with a Synergy™ hydro-RP 80 Å LC column (4.6 x 150 mm, 4 μ m, Phenomenex) with solvent A (LC-MS grade water with 0.05% formic acid) and solvent B (LC-MS acetonitrile with 0.05% formic acid) at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min and the following conditions: initial 1% B; 1-5% B for 2.5 min, 5-80% B for 7.5 min, 80% B for 2.5 min, 90-5% B for 1 min and finally, 1% B for 4 min. MS/MS spectra were collected with Data Dependent Acquisition in selective ion monitoring mode targeting the exact mass of MDP analogues at 30% HCD. Peak area (AUC) was extracted from MS raw files using Xcalibur Processing Setup Quan (version 4.2.47, Thermo Scientific). Results are shown as means \pm standard error (SE).

Overexpression and Purification of His-MBP-NAGK protein

E. coli BL21 Rosetta(DE3) for His-MBP-NAGK overexpression was a gift from Veit Hornung's lab.¹ The previous protocol for His-MBP-NAGK overexpression and purification was followed. Briefly, cells were induced with 0.3 mM IPTG at OD₆₀₀ ~1.0 for 4 h at 37 °C before harvesting by centrifugation (5000 g, 20 min, 4 °C). Cell pellets were lysed by resuspension in 20 mL ice-cold lysis buffer (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 1 mM β -Me, 5% glycerol, 1% triton-X) and sonication (30% Amp, 10 s on and 10 s off, 10 min in total). The soluble lysate was collected following centrifugation of the lysate at 12,000 rpm for 20 min at 4 °C, and loaded onto 3 mL pre-equilibrated HisPur™ Cobalt resin (Thermo Fisher Scientific) for affinity purification. The loaded resin was washed sequentially with 30 mL of lysis buffer, 30 mL high-salt buffer (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 1M NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 1 mM β -Me, 5% glycerol), and wash buffer (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 1 mM β -Me, 5% glycerol), followed by eluting His-MBP-NAGK protein with 15 mL of elution buffer (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 250 mM imidazole, 1 mM β -Me, 5% glycerol). Fractions containing the target His-MBP-NAGK protein were pooled and concentrated with a 10 kD MWCO Amicon Ultra Centrifuge Filter Device (Millipore).

Tev protease cleavage of MBP tag in His-MBP-NAGK to afford NAGK protein

TEV protease was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich for MBP cleavage from His-MBP-NAGK protein to yield tag-free NAGK protein. Tev protease was incubated with the His-MBP-NAGK protein (50:1 w/w, 2 mL total) in a dialysis bag (10 kD MWCO)

for overnight dialysis in 2 L buffer (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 50 mM NaCl, 2 mM DTT) at 4 °C. The mixture was then loaded onto 3 mL pre-equilibrated HisPur™ Cobalt resin for collection of the flowthrough fraction that contains the target NAGK protein, which was further concentrated with a 10 kD MWCO Amicon Filter Device to afford NAGK protein at 0.7 mg/mL.

LC-MS analysis of *in vitro* phosphorylation of MDP analogues by NAGK

The respective MDP analogue (2 mM) was incubated with ATP (5 mM) and NAGK (3.6 μM) in a total of 200 μL reaction buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH=8.0, 10 mM MgCl₂) for incubation at 37 °C with shaking at 200 rpm. At the desired time points (i.e., 5, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120 min), 10 μL of the reaction mixture was collected, diluted 100-fold with dH₂O, and subjected to LC-MS analysis.

LC-MS analysis was performed using Vanquish Core HPLC-Orbitrap Exploris 120 system, equipped with a Phenomenex Luna Omega Polar C18 column (100 x 4.6mm, 3 μm, 100 Å) with polar C18 SecurityGuard cartridges. Sample was separated in a 16-min gradient (buffer A: 0.05% formic acid in H₂O, buffer B: 0.05% formic acid in acetonitrile, flow rate at 500 μL/min; 1% B in the first 3 min, 1-50% B from 3-8 min, 50% B maintained for 2 min, increased to 80% in 1 min and maintained for 4 min, then lowered to 1% in 0.5 min, equilibrated for 1.5 min).

ADP-Glo™ kinase luminescence assay

The respective MDP analogue (2 mM) was incubated with ATP (5 mM) and NAGK (3.6 μM) in a total of 200 μL of reaction buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH=8.0, 10 mM MgCl₂) for incubation at 37 °C with shaking at 200 rpm. At the desired time points (i.e., 5, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120, 240 min), 10 μL of the reaction mixture was collected and diluted 5-fold with reaction buffer. ADP-Glo™ kinase assay (Promega, V6930) was used according to the manufacturer's instructions to measure ADP concentration in each sample. Luminescence was measured with Tecan Infinite M Plex pro multimode microplate reader with Tecan i-control 2.0 version software.

***In vitro* RAW264.7 cell-based assay**

RAW264.7 cells (American Type Culture Collection; ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA) were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) (Gibco/BRL; Burlington, ON, Canada) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) (Gibco/BRL; Burlington, ON, Canada) and 1% Pen Strep antibiotics (life technologies corporation, Grand Island, NY, USA) in 37 °C at 100% humidity in 5% CO₂.

For treatment, RAW264.7 cells (1.0 × 10000 cells/well) were plated into 24-well plates for overnight attachment and treated with respective MDP analogues (20 μM) for 24 h with the aid of lipofectamine™ (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Following treatment, cell supernatants were collected for ELISA analysis. Cytokine TNF-α (Biolegend, Cat # 430901) was measured according to the manufacturer's instructions. Results were shown as means ± standard error (SE).

RT-qPCR for cytokine gene expression analysis in THP1

Wildtype and NAGK^{-/-} THP1 cells were obtained from Veit Hornung's lab.¹ For the treatment of either cell lines with MDP or GMDP, cells were seeded in complete RPMI at 1.5 × 10⁵ cells/mL. The cells were treated with 200 μM of MDP or GMDP with Lipofectamine 3000 with modifications to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, for every well with 1 mL of cells, 3 μL of Lipofectamine 3000 reagent was mixed with 20 μL of incomplete RPMI. The compounds to be tested (MDP or GMDP) were each diluted in 20 μL of incomplete RPMI in a separate tube to a final concentration of 200 μM while distilled water added to incomplete RPMI was used as the negative control. The diluted compound was added to the tube containing diluted Lipofectamine 3000 and allowed to complex by incubating at RT for 15 min. The mixture was then added to the seeded cells and incubated for 24 h at 37 °C with 5% CO₂.

The treated cells were harvested for total RNA extraction according to manufacturer's protocol (New England Biolabs, US). RNA amount was normalized to 500 ng and reverse transcribed using ProtoScript II First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (New England Biolabs, US). The synthesized cDNA was used as the qPCR template to determine the expression levels of IL8 and TNFα normalized to housekeeping gene ACTB using the following primer pairs:

hIL8-F: 5'-AACTTTCAGAGACAGCAGAGCA-3'

hIL8-R: 5'-TGGTTCTTTCCGGTGGTTTC-3'

hTNFa-F: 5'-TGGGATCATTGCCCTGTGAG-3'

hTNFa-R: 5'-GGTGTCTGAAGGAGGGGGTA-3'

hACTB-F: 5'-CTCGCCTTTGCCGATCC-3'

hACTB-R: 5'-TCTCCATGTCGTCCCAGTTG-3'

qPCR was performed using SsoAdvanced Universal SYBR Green Supermix (BioRad, US) according to the recommended protocols.

Molecular Docking Using Autodock-Vina

For the docking of MDP and analogues to rabbit NOD2_LRR, the protein sequence (residues S764 to S1010) was downloaded from UniProt (accession number: G1T469) and submitted for homology modeling by AlphaFold2. Molecular dockings were simulated in a 30 × 20 × 30 Å grid box around the concave binding region of the LRR domain according to the rabbit NOD2 crystal structure (PDB: [5IRN](#)).

For GlcNAc kinase (NAGK) docking, the protein model was obtained from UniProt (PDB: 2CH5) and served as the protein receptor for docking simulations of MDP and GMDP. The structures of both MDP and GMDP were derived from their respective SMILES notation and converted into individual PDB files using OpenBabel. MDP or GMDP was allowed to dock flexibly to the human NAGK binding pocket² in a 30 × 30 × 30 Å grid box.

All ligands and receptors used in this study were converted to their respective PDBQT files using OpenBabelGUI after removing water and other atoms (HETATM) and adding hydrogen atoms to the polar atoms. All receptor-ligand complexes were analyzed using BIOVIA Discovery Studio Visualizer.

Statistics

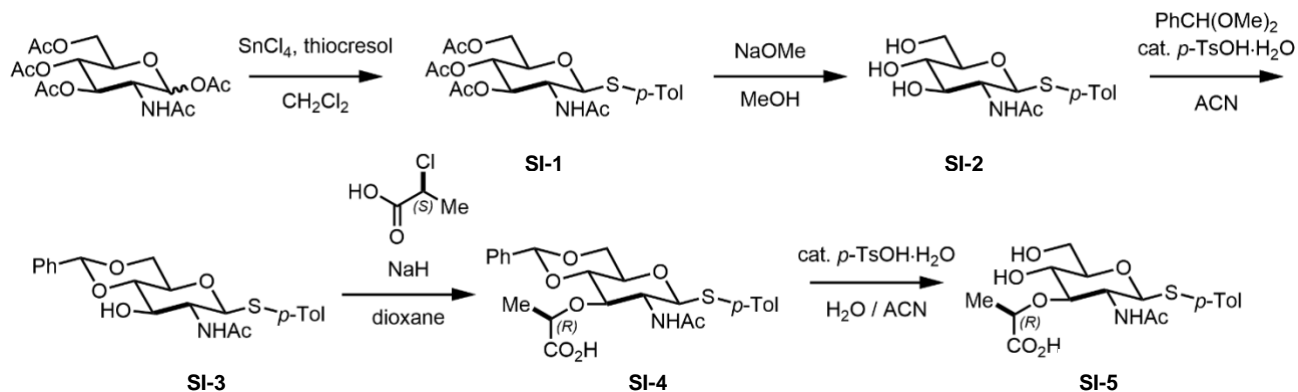
Unless otherwise indicated, statistical significance was determined by one-way. The exact number of replicates (*n*) is indicated within the figure legends. Data plotting and statistical analysis were performed using GraphPad Prism 9.

General Synthetic Procedures

Water was purified with a Millipore Milli-Q system (Merck K. Ga. Co., Darmstadt, Germany). Chemical reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources (Millipore-Sigma, TCI, Alfa-Aesar, or Fluorochem). Cold temperatures were maintained using the following conditions: 0 - 5 °C, ice-water bath; -78 °C, acetone-dry ice bath. Normal phase column chromatography was carried out with Grace Davisil® LC60A 40-63 micron silica gel. Preparative HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1260 Infinity II equipped with a 21.2 x 250 mm C18 column using a 10 mL/min flow rate. Removal of solvents was done with Buchi R-100 rotary evaporator equipped with a Vacuubrand® MD-1C diaphragm vacuum pump and an Eyela CCA-1110 chiller. Final muropeptide products were lyophilized from water/acetonitrile to ensure an accurate weight.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ^1H NMR, 101 MHz for ^{13}C NMR). Spectral measurements of <10 mg muropeptide final products were performed using a Shigemi BMS-005B NMR tube. Spectra were recorded using CDCl_3 , $\text{MeOH-}d_4$, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, or D_2O . ^1H and ^{13}C signal positions (δ) are reported in parts per million from tetramethylsilane (δ 0) and were measured relative to the signal of the solvent (^1H NMR: CDCl_3 δ 7.26, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ δ 2.50; $\text{MeOH-}d_4$ δ 3.31; ^{13}C NMR: CDCl_3 δ 77.16, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ δ 39.52; $\text{MeOH-}d_4$ δ 49.00). When D_2O was used, about 0.2 μL DMSO was spiked in as an internal standard (δ 2.71 for ^1H NMR and δ 39.39 for ^{13}C NMR). Coupling constants (J values) are reported in Hertz (Hz). ^1H NMR spectral data are tabulated in the order: multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br., broad), coupling constant, number of protons. Only selected diagnostic peaks are assigned.

High-resolution mass spectra were measured using a Thermo-Fisher Vanquish Core HPLC-Orbitrap Exploris 120 system.



To a stirred solution of glucosamine pentaacetate (38.76 g, 99.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 350 mL CH₂Cl₂ was charged *p*-thiocresol (14.8 g, 119 mmol, 1.2 eq) followed by SnCl₄ (8.1 mL, 69.7 mmol, 0.7 eq). The mixture was refluxed for 4 days under inert atmosphere and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction was carefully quenched to a stirred biphasic mixture of 1 L sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and 500 mL EtOAc (*note*: upper organic layer contained suspended product solids and lower aqueous layer contained suspended inorganic material; it was not possible to cleanly separate the layers). The aqueous layer was discarded, the organic material was washed with 3 x 100 mL H₂O, and the mixture was concentrated to dryness. The residue was stirred with 180 mL 1 : 1 : 1 v/v hexane : EtOAc : MeOH to obtain a mobile slurry. The slurry was then filtered and the cake was rinsed with 20 mL 1 : 1 v/v Et₂O : hexane. The solids were dried to afford thioglycoside **SI-1** (34.03 g, 75.0 mmol, 75% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 8.08 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 170.0, 169.6, 169.3, 169.2, 137.1, 131.5, 129.6, 129.2, 85.2, 74.5, 73.6, 68.5, 62.0, 52.1, 22.7, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4, 20.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd 454.1530 for C₂₁H₂₈NO₈S ([M + H]⁺); found 454.1533.

To a stirred 0 - 5 °C suspension of 9.70 g thioglycoside **SI-1** (21.4 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 175 mL MeOH and 25 mL CH₂Cl₂ was charged 1 M NaOMe in MeOH (11.8 mL; 11.8 mmol, 0.55 eq) (*note*: reaction became a clear solution and then a hazy white suspension). After 3 hours, the reaction was neutralized by charging 10 g Amberlite IR-120 H⁺. The mixture was filtered, and copious MeOH was applied to rinse forward the gelatinous precipitated product. The filtrate was concentrated and co-evaporated with PhMe to afford triol **SI-2** (6.90 g, 21.1 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = , 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = , 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (br. s, 2H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (br. s, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H) (*note*: peak at 3.46 ppm obscured by H₂O peak).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 169.6, 136.3, 132.1, 130.3, 129.9, 87.1, 81.6, 75.9, 70.8, 61.5, 54.9, 23.5, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₅H₂₂NO₅S⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 328.1213; found 328.1208.

To a rbf was charged triol **SI-2** (7.03 g, 21.5 mmol, 1.0 eq), 90 mL ACN, benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (12.8 mL, 85.9 mmol, 4.0 eq), and *p*-TsOH·H₂O (164 mg, 0.86 mmol, 0.04 eq). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 40 hours under inert atmosphere and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was distilled to about 40 mL pot volume. With stirring, 20 mL Et₂O was charged, and the mixture was cooled to 0 - 5 °C. The resulting mobile slurry was filtered and rinsed with 30 mL

1:1 v/v Et₂O : hexane. The solids were dried to afford benzylidene acetal **SI-3** (8.57 g, 20.6 mmol, 96% yield) as a white solid (*note*: NMR data indicate a ca. 55 :45 mixture of epimers).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 7.98 & 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz & d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.15 & 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, & d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.60 & 5.40 (s & d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (m, 1H) 4.88 & 4.67 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz & d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.59 & 4.19 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz & d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 & 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.45 & 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.28 & 2.26 (s & s, 3H), 1.85 & 1.83 (s & s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 169.3, 169.1, 137.7, 136.5, 135.9, 134.6, 131.7, 130.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 126.4, 100.7, 86.8, 86.7, 81.1, 80.9, 75.5, 71.7, 70.3, 70.0, 67.7, 61.1. 55.0, 54.4, 23.1, 20.6

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₅S⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 416.1526; found 416.1522.

Under inert atmosphere, a stirred suspension of **SI-3** (4.12 g, 9.92 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 200 mL 1,4-dioxane was cooled in an ice-water bath. (S)-2-chloropropionic acid (4.3 mL, 49.6 mmol, 5.0 eq) was charged, and then sodium hydride (2.78 g, 69.4 mmol, 7.0 eq) was carefully charged in portions over 10 minutes (*note*: the solvent partially froze during addition of reagents). The resulting thick paste was heated in a 70 °C bath to obtain a mobile slurry. After 36 hours, the mixture was cooled to room temperature to obtain a thick paste. 50 mL Et₂O was charged, and the resulting mobile slurry was quenched into a stirred solution of 200 mL 10% NaCl + 2% citric acid. The slurry was then filtered, and the solids were rinsed with copious H₂O followed by 50 mL Et₂O. The solids were dried to afford carboxylic acid **SI-4** (4.80 g, 9.85 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid (*note*: although the starting material was an epimeric mixture, NMR data indicate the product is a single isomer).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 174.0, 169.4, 137.6, 136.7, 131.0, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.2, 125.8, 100.0, 86.5, 81.1, 79.0, 75.5, 69.5, 67.6, 53.5, 23.1, 20.6, 18.8.

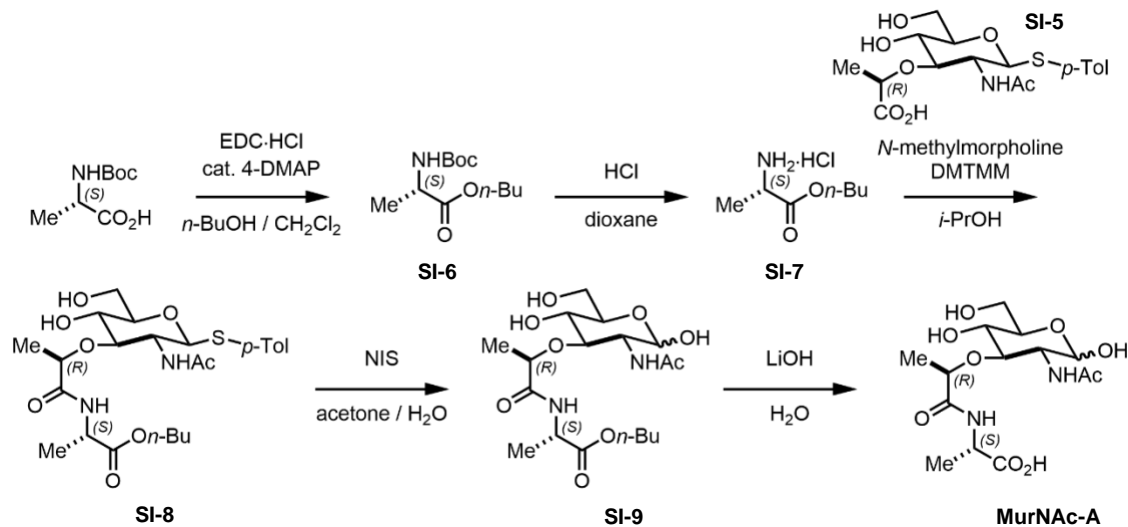
HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₅H₃₀NO₇S⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 488.1737; found 488.1730.

To a rbf was charged **SI-4** (2.42 g, 4.96 mmol, 1.0 eq), *p*-TsOH·H₂O (95 mg, 0.50 mmol, 0.1 eq), 50 mL H₂O, and 50 mL ACN. The resulting slurry was heated in a 85 °C bath for 12 hours and then cooled to room temperature (*note*: changes from slurry to solution as the reaction proceeds; the reaction was accompanied by partial formation of a δ-lactone impurity). The mixture was distilled to about 25 mL pot volume and then diluted with 15 mL H₂O. The mixture was stirred in a 85 °C bath for a further 6 hours (*note*: TLC indicated essentially full hydrolysis of the δ-lactone impurity) and then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was distilled to about 10 mL pot volume to obtain a thick slurry and diluted with 10 mL EtOAc to obtain a mobile slurry. The slurry was filtered and rinsed forward with 15 mL EtOAc. The solids were dried to afford diol **SI-5** (1.51 g, 3.79 mmol, 76% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 12.43 (br s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (br s, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.45 (m, 3H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 174.8, 169.3, 136.0, 131.5, 130.0, 129.5, 86.5, 83.0, 80.9, 75.4, 70.3, 60.7, 53.2, 23.1, 20.6, 19.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₈H₂₆NO₇S⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 400.1424; found 400.1416.



To a stirred 0 - 5 °C solution of Boc-(S)-Ala-OH (620 mg, 3.28 mmol, 1.0 eq), 4-DMAP (40 mg, 0.33 mmol, 0.1 eq), and *n*-BuOH (1.8 mL, 19.7 mmol, 6.0 eq) in 14 mL CH₂Cl₂ was charged EDC-HCl (849 mg, 4.43 mmol, 1.35 eq). After 3 hours, 10 mL 10% NaCl + 2% citric acid was charged and the bulk of the CH₂Cl₂ was distilled off. 20 mL EtOAc was charged, the mixture was extracted, and the aqueous material was discarded. The organic extract was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10 g silica, 15% v/v EtOAc in hexane), to afford ester **SI-6** (789 mg, 3.22 mmol, 98% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 5.08 (m, 1H), 4.27 & 3.61 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz & t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 173.3, 155.0, 79.6, 65.0, 62.5, 49.2, 34.8, 30.5, 28.2, 18.9, 18.8, 18.6, 13.7, 13.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): we were unable to observe the expected H⁺ or Na⁺ adducts by ESI-MS.

To a rbf charged with **SI-6** (789 mg, 3.22 mmol, 1.0 eq) was charged 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (6.4 mL, 25.6 mmol, 8.0 eq), and the flask was swirled to homogenize. After 4 hours, volatiles were removed and the residue was co-evaporated with 1,4-dioxane and then CHCl₃ to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-7** (581 mg, 3.20 mmol, quantitative yield) as an oil which crystallized on standing.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 8.68 (br s, 3H), 4.18 (br m, 2H), 3.75 & 3.63 (m & m, 1H), 1.71 (br, m, 3H), 1.62 (br, m, 2H), 1.36 (br, m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 170.2, 66.4, 49.6, 30.5, 19.1, 16.3, 13.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₇H₁₆NO₂⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 146.1176; found 146.1174.

To a rbf charged with carboxylic acid **SI-5** (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq) was charged a solution of hydrochloride salt **SI-7** (51 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.4 eq) in 2 mL *i*-PrOH, and the mixture was stirred. To the resulting clear solution was charged *N*-methylmorpholine (35 μL, 0.32 mmol, 1.6 eq) and DMTMM (77 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.4 eq) (*note*: a slurry formed as the reaction progressed). After 2.5 hours, 3 mL H₂O was charged and the pot volume was reduced to about 2.5 mL. The resulting thick slurry was filtered and rinsed with 2 mL H₂O. The solids were dried to obtain **SI-8** (60 mg, 0.11 mmol, 57% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (m, 3H), 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (m, 7H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 175.6, 174.1, 173.4, 138.7, 133.0, 131.8, 130.6, 89.0, 85.7, 82.1, 79.4, 70.6, 66.2, 62.8, 55.4, 49.5, 31.7, 23.2, 21.1, 20.1, 19.6, 17.4, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 527.2422; found 527.2408.

To a stirred solution of **SI-8** (60 mg, 114 μmol , 1.0 eq) in 2.3 mL 3:1 v/v acetone : H_2O was charged *N*-iodosuccinimide (32 mg, 143 μmol , 1.25 eq) in portions over 1.5 hours. After a further 1 hour, the reaction was treated with aqueous NaHS_2O_3 until the brown colour disappeared. The mixture was then concentrated and co-evaporated with *i*-PrOH. The residue was purified by column chromatography (13% v/v MeOH in EtOAc) to afford lactol **SI-9** (48 mg, 114 μmol , quantitative yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 5.12 (d, J = 3.4 Hz; H-1 α), 4.55 (d, J = 8.3 Hz; H-1 β), 4.37 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, J = 6.7 Hz; lactoyl CH α), 4.26 (q, J = 6.7 Hz; lactoyl CH β), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.90 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.4 Hz; H-2 α), 3.87 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.1 Hz; H-6a β), 3.82 (ddd, J = 10.0, 5.0, 2.2 Hz; H-5 α), 3.80 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.2 Hz; H-6a α), 3.73 (m; H-2 β), 3.72 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.0 Hz; H-6b α), 3.71 (m, H-6b β), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.3, 9.0 Hz; H-3 α), 3.49 (t, J = 9.3 Hz; H-4 α), 3.45 (t, J = 9.0 Hz; H-3 β), 3.39 (t, J = 9.3 Hz; H-4 β), 3.28 (m; H-5 β), 1.95 & 1.94 (s & s, 3H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.41 (m, 8H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) (*note*: the product contained ca. 0.1 eq succinimide as an impurity as indicated by the singlet at 2.69 ppm; the HD_2COD peak partly obscures the H-5 β peak at 3.28 ppm).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 176.1, 176.0, 174.24, 174.18, 174.15, 173.4, 97.2 (C-1 β), 92.5 (C-1 α), 83.9 (C-3 β), 80.9 (C-3 α), 78.8 (lactoyl CH β), 78.5 (lactoyl CH α), 77.9 (C-5 β), 73.2 (C-5 α), 71.5 (C-4 α), 71.1 (C-4 β), 66.2, 62.74 (C-6 β), 62.67 (C-6 α), 58.0 (C-2 β), 55.4 (C-2 α), 49.53, 49.49, 31.74, 31.73, 23.1, 22.9, 20.1, 19.7, 19.6, 17.43, 17.36, 14.0.

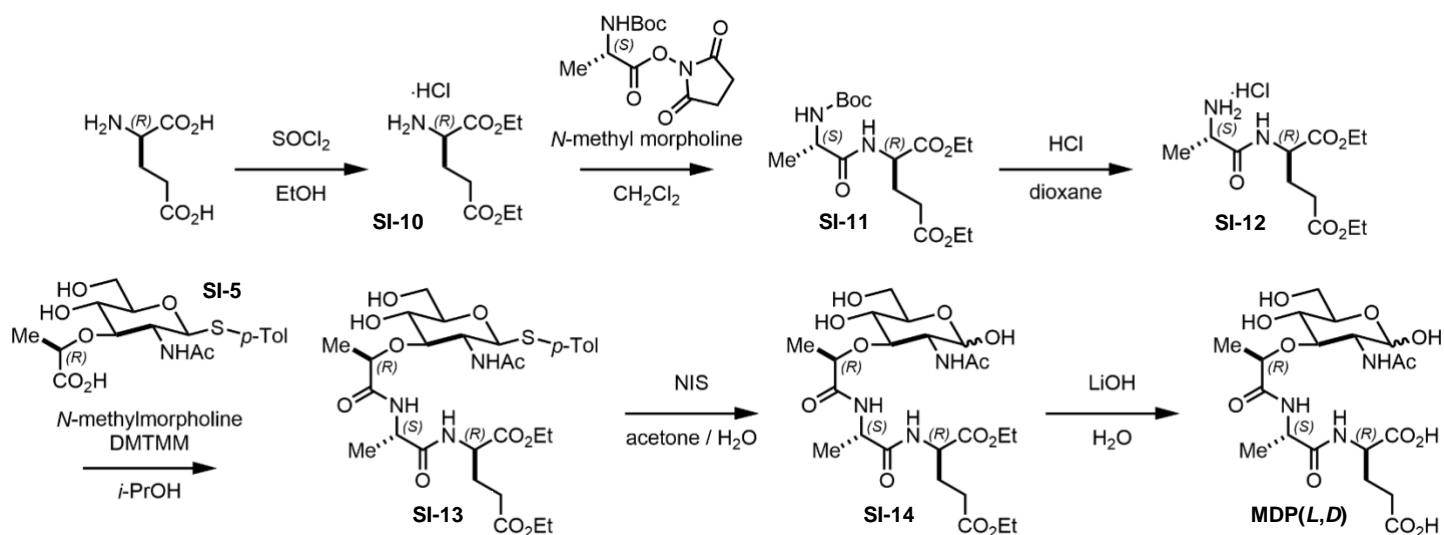
HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 421.2181; found 421.2173.

To a rbf containing **SI-9** (38 mg, 0.090 mmol, 1.0 eq) was charged 100 μL H_2O . The reaction was cooled in an ice/water bath and then 0.5 M LiOH (315 μL , 0.16 mmol, 1.75 eq) was charged and the mixture was swirled to homogenize. After 35 minutes, the mixture was quenched to a final pH of ~ 3 by adding 2 M HCl (85 μL , 0.17 mmol, 1.9 eq). The crude reaction mixture was chromatographed on 5 g C18 silica gel (0 to 50% MeOH in H_2O). Fractions containing the product were lyophilized to afford 12.7 mg of a red solid. This material was further purified by preparative HPLC (0 to 20% ACN in 0.1% TFA) to afford **MurNAc-A** (3.3 mg, 9.1 μmol , 10% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 5.15 (d, J = 3.4 Hz; H-1 α), 4.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz; H-1 β), 4.33 (q, J = 7.4 Hz; 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, lactoyl CH α), 4.21 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, lactoyl CH β), 3.95 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.4 Hz; H-2 α), 3.90 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.1 Hz; H-6a β), 3.87 (ddd, J = 9.9, 5.0, 2.1 Hz; H-5 α), 3.84 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.1 Hz; H-6a α), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.0 Hz; H-6b α), 3.77 (m; H-2 β), 3.75 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.4 Hz; H-6b β), 3.69 (dd, J = 10.0, 9.0 Hz; H-3 α), 3.57 (t, J = 9.7 Hz; H-4 α), 3.52 (m; H-4 β), 3.50 (m; H-3 β), 3.48 (m; H-5 β), 1.972 & 1.968 (s & s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 176.9, 176.8, 176.4, 176.2, 175.0, 174.7, 95.6 (C-1 β), 91.6 (C-1 α), 83.2 (C-3 β), 80.2 (C-3 α), 78.8 (lactoyl CH β), 78.5 (lactoyl CH α), 76.4 (C-5 β), 72.2 (C-5 α), 69.8 (C4- α), 69.5 (C-4 β), 61.4 (C-6 β), 61.2 (C-6 α), 56.8 (C-2 β), 54.3 (C-2 α), 49.1, 22.9, 22.6, 19.2, 19.1, 16.69, 16.67.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 365.1555; found 365.1548.



To a stirred 0 - 5 °C suspension of (R)-glutamic acid (2.21 g, 15 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 40 mL EtOH was carefully charged 8.0 mL thionyl chloride in portions over 5 minutes to afford a clear solution. The mixture was heated in a 40 °C bath for 13 hours and then cooled to room temperature. The residue was co-evaporated with ethanol and then lyophilized from ACN / H_2O to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-10** (3.57 g, 14.9 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 301 K, δ): 8.79 (br. s., 3H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.99 (m, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.07 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 301 K, δ): 171.7, 169.0, 61.8, 60.1, 51.1, 29.1, 25.1, 14.1, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 204.1230; found 204.1227.

To a stirred solution of hydrochloride salt **SI-10** (1.77 g, 7.38 mmol, 1.0 eq) and Boc-(S)-Ala-OSu (2.76 g, 10.3 mmol, 1.4 eq) in 30 mL CH_2Cl_2 was charged N-methylmorpholine (1.22 mL, 11.1 mmol, 1.5 eq). After 3 hours, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with 10% NaCl + 2% citric acid, washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (25 g silica, 1 : 1 v/v EtOAc : hexane) to afford dipeptide **SI-11** (2.67 g, 7.13 mmol, 97% yield) as an oil.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 301 K, δ): 6.87 (br. d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.01 (br. s, 1H), 4.56 (dt, $J = 5.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.35 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 301 K, δ): 172.8, 172.7, 171.8, 155.6, 80.4, 61.8, 60.8, 51.7, 50.3, 30.3, 28.4, 27.4, 18.3, 14.3, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd 375.2126 for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$); found 375.2131.

The rbf containing **SI-11** (2.67 g, 7.13 mmol, 1.0 eq) was cooled in an ice/water bath and 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (18 mL, 71.3 mmol, 10.0 eq) was charged. The mixture was swirled to obtain a clear solution. After 3 hours, the mixture was concentrated and co-evaporated with 1,4-dioxane. The residue was suspended in 20 mL 1 : 1 v/v ACN : H_2O and minor white debris was filtered off (H_2O rinse). The filtrate was lyophilized to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-12** (1.80 g, 5.80 mmol, 81% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 9.05 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (br. s, 3H), 4.27 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 172.1, 171.2, 169.9, 60.9, 60.1, 51.4, 48.2, 29.8, 26.0, 17.4, 14.1, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₂H₂₃N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺ 275.1601; found 275.1598.

To a stirred solution of carboxylic acid **SI-5** (399 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), hydrochloride salt **SI-12** (559 mg, 1.8 mmol, 1.8 eq), and *N*-methylmorpholine (242 μL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 eq) in 10 mL *i*-PrOH was charged DMTMM (415 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq) (*note*: becomes a white suspension as the reaction proceeds). After 5 hours, the slurry was filtered, and the cake was rinsed with 5 mL *i*-PrOH. The solids were dried to afford amide **SI-13** (488 mg, 0.74 mmol, 74% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H) (*note*: the HD₂COD peak obscures the peak at 3.30 ppm).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 175.5, 175.0, 174.2, 173.4, 172.9, 138.7, 132.9, 132.0, 130.6, 89.1, 84.9, 82.1, 78.8, 70.9, 62.8, 62.5, 61.7, 55.4, 53.0, 50.2, 31.2, 27.6, 23.2, 21.1, 19.4, 18.3, 14.5, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₃₀H₄₆N₃O₁₁S [M + H]⁺ 656.2848; found 656.2833.

A stirred 50 mM solution of thioglycoside **SI-13** (47 mg, 72 μmol, 1.0 eq) in 3 : 1 v/v acetone : H₂O was cooled to 0 - 5 °C, and then *N*-iodosuccinimide (18.5 mg, 82 μmol, 1.15 eq) was charged. After 2 hours, the reaction was quenched with 200 μL saturated aqueous NaHS₂O₃, concentrated, and co-evaporated with *i*-PrOH. The residue was purified by column chromatography (17.5 g silica, 10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ then 12.5% MeOH in EtOAc) to afford lactol **SI-14** (23 mg, 41.9 μmol, 58% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 5.13 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz; H-1α), 4.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz; H-1β), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz; lactoyl CH), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz; 1H), 4.21 to 4.07 (m, 4H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.3 Hz; H-2α), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.1 Hz; H-6aβ), 3.81 (ddd; *J* = 9.9, 5.1, 2.2 Hz; H-5α), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 2.2 Hz; H-6α), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 5.1 Hz; H-6β), 3.71 (m; H-2β), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.1 Hz; H-6bβ), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 8.8 Hz; H-3α), 3.49 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz; H-4α), 3.46 (m; H-3β), 3.45 (m; H-4β), 3.32 (m; H-5β), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.97 & 1.956 (s & s, 3H), 1.963 (m, 1H) 1.40 (m, 6H), 1.25 (m, 6H) (*note*: residual EtOAc is present; the HD₂COD peak obscures the C-5β peak at 3.32 ppm).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 176.0, 175.8, 175.1, 175.0, 174.3, 174.2, 173.4, 173.1, 172.9, 97.2 (C-1β), 92.4 (C-1α), 83.0 (C-3β), 80.4 (C-3α), 78.3 (lactoyl CHβ), 78.2 (lactoyl CHα), 77.8 (C-5β), 73.2 (C-5α), 71.5 (C-4α), 71.3 (C-4β), 62.56 (C-6β), 62.53 (C-6α), 61.75, 61.72, 61.5, 57.9 (C-2β), 55.4 (C-2α), 53.0, 50.3, 31.2, 27.6 27.5, 23.2, 22.9, 19.7, 19.6, 18.4, 18.3, 14.49, 14.45 (*note*: the peaks at 77.8 (C-5β) & 57.9 ppm (C-2β) are not clearly visible and are observed indirectly by HSQC correlation).

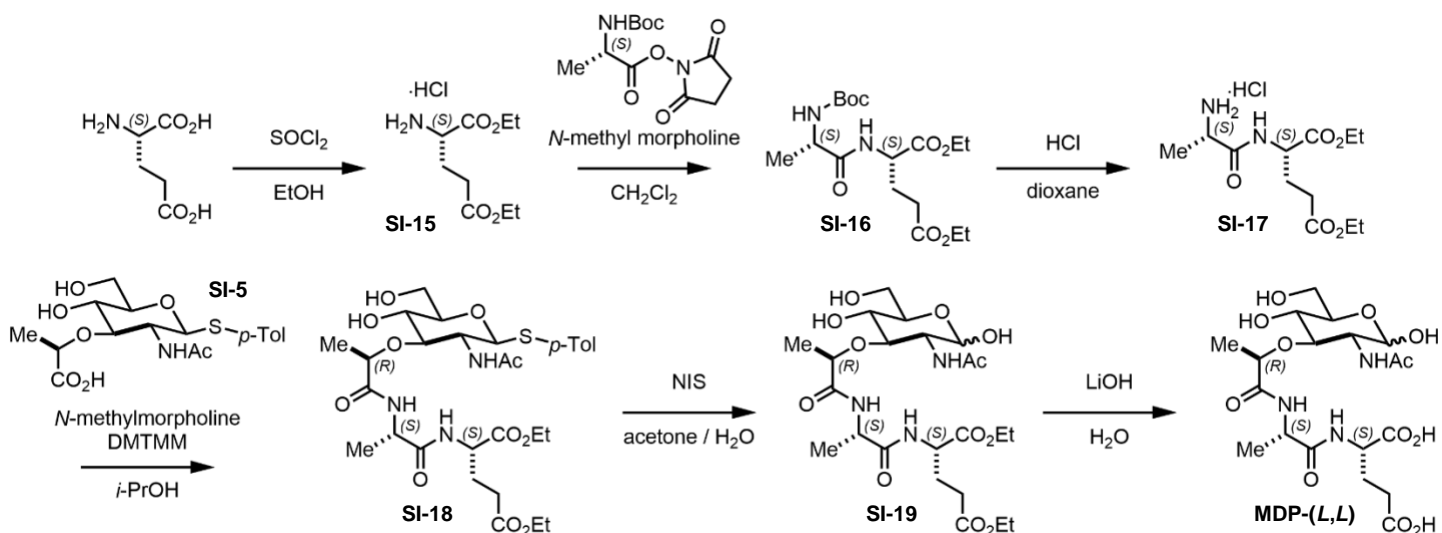
HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₃H₄₀N₃O₁₂⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 550.2607; found 550.2592.

To a rbf charged with **SI-14** (23 mg, 41.9 μmol, 1.0 eq) was charged 419 μL H₂O. The mixture was cooled to 0 - 5 °C, 0.5 M LiOH (335 μL, 168 μmol, 4.0 eq) was charged, and the mixture was swirled to homogenize. After 2 hours, the mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 H⁺, filtered, and concentrated. Purification of the crude material by preparative HPLC (0 to 20% ACN in 0.1% TFA) afforded **MDP(L,D)** (4.9 mg, 9.9 μmol, 24% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 5.16 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz; H-1 α), 4.66 (H-1 β), 4.45 (dd, $J = 9.2, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.293 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H) 4.292 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz; lactoyl CH α), 4.22 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz; lactoyl CH β), 3.95 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.4$ Hz; H-2 β), 3.90 (dd, $J = 12.5, 1.9$ Hz; H-6a β), 3.87 (m; H-5 α), 3.84 (dd, $J = 12.1, 1.9$ Hz; H-6a α), 3.79 (dd; $J = 12.1, 4.7$ Hz; H-6b α), 3.78 (m; H-2 β), 3.75 (dd, $J = 12.5, 5.4$ Hz; H-6b β), 3.69 (t; $J = 9.6$ Hz; H-3 α), 3.57 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz; H-4 α), 3.52 (dd, $J = 11.2, 10.1$ Hz; H-4 β), 3.50 (m; H-3 β), 3.46 (m; H-5 β), 2.46 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.97 & 1.96 (s & s, 3H), 1.42 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 177.68, 177.66, 176.4, 176.1, 175.6, 175.5, 174.9, 174.7, 95.6 (C-1 β), 91.6 (C-1 α), 83.1 (C-3 β), 80.2 (C-3 α), 78.7 (lactoyl CH β), 78.4 (lactoyl CH α), 76.4 (C-5 β), 72.2 (C-5 α), 69.7 (C-4 α), 69.5 (C-4 β), 61.4 (C-6 β), 61.2 (C-6 α), 56.8 (C-2 β), 54.3 (C-2 α), 52.7, 50.3, 50.2, 30.6, 26.5, 22.9, 22.6, 19.2, 17.42, 17.41.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 494.1980; found 494.1970.



To a stirred 0 - 5 °C suspension of (S)-glutamic acid (2.21 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 40 mL EtOH was carefully charged 8.0 mL thionyl chloride in portions over 5 minutes to obtain a clear solution. The mixture was then heated in a 40 °C bath for 21 hours and then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was concentrated and co-evaporated with ethanol and then ACN. The residue was lyophilized from ACN / H_2O to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-15** (3.55 g, 14.8 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 301 K, δ): 8.75 (br. s, 3H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.99 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.06 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 301 K, δ): 171.7, 169.0, 61.8, 60.2, 51.1, 29.1, 25.1, 14.1, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 204.1230; found 204.1228.

To a stirred solution of hydrochloride salt **SI-15** (1.36 g, 5.67 mmol, 1.0 eq) and Boc-(S)-Ala-OSu (2.13 g, 7.94 mmol, 1.4 eq) in 30 mL CH_2Cl_2 was charged *N*-methylmorpholine (940 μL , 8.51 mmol, 1.5 eq). After 3 hours, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with 10% NaCl + 2% citric acid, washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20 g silica, 1:1 v/v EtOAc : hexane) to afford dipeptide **SI-16** (1.85 g, 4.94 mmol, 87% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 6.93 (br. d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (br. s, 1H), 4.52 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 172.8, 171.6, 155.5, 79.9, 61.6, 60.7, 51.6, 50.1, 30.2, 28.3, 27.3, 18.3, 14.1, 14.1 (*note*: based on HMBC correlations, there are two overlapping peaks at 172.8 ppm).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₇H₃₁N₂O₇⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 375.2126; found 375.2123.

The rbf containing 1.85 g **SI-16** (4.94 mmol, 1.0 eq) was cooled in an ice/water bath and 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (12.4 mL, 49.4 mmol, 10.0 eq) was charged. The mixture was swirled to obtain a clear solution. After 3 hours, the mixture was concentrated and co-evaporated with 1,4-dioxane. The residue was suspended in 20 mL 1 : 1 v/v ACN : H₂O and minor white debris was filtered off (H₂O rinse). The filtrate was lyophilized to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-17** (1.43 g, 4.60 mmol, 93% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 8.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 3H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (m, 4H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 172.1, 171.2, 169.9, 60.9, 60.1, 51.5, 48.0, 29.9, 25.9, 17.1, 14.2, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₂H₂₃N₂O₅⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 275.1601; found 275.1597.

To a stirred solution of **SI-5** (200 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq), **SI-17** (272 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.4 eq), and *N*-methylmorpholine (88 μL, 0.80 mmol, 1.6 eq) in 5 mL *i*-PrOH was charged DMTMM (194 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.4 eq) (*note*: becomes a white slurry as the reaction proceeds). After 14 hours, the mixture was concentrated to ~3 mL pot volume, cooled to 0 - 5 °C, and filtered. The solids were rinsed with 1 mL ice-cold *i*-PrOH and dried to afford amide **SI-18** (218 mg, 0.33 mol, 67% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 8.36 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 175.6, 175.2, 174.2, 173.4, 173.0, 138.6, 132.8, 132.0, 130.6, 89.1, 84.9, 82.0, 78.8, 70.9, 62.8, 62.5, 61.7, 55.4, 53.1, 50.3, 31.2, 27.7, 23.2, 21.1, 19.5, 18.1, 14.5, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₃₀H₄₆N₃O₁₁S [*M* + *H*]⁺ 656.2848; found 656.2833.

A stirred 50 mM solution of **SI-18** (62 mg, 95 μmol, 1.0 eq) in 3 : 1 v/v acetone : H₂O was cooled to 0 - 5 °C and then *N*-iodosuccinimide (27 mg, 109 μmol, 1.15 eq) was charged. After 2 hours, the mixture was quenched with 300 μL NaHS₂O₃, concentrated and co-evaporated with *i*-PrOH. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (17.5 g silica, 10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ then 12.5% MeOH in EtOAc) to afford lactol **SI-19** (31 mg, 56 μmol, 59% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 5.12 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz; H-1α), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 8.3 Hz; H-1β), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz; lactoyl *CH*), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 10.5 Hz; H-2α), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 2.2 Hz; H-6aβ), 3.82 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 5.0, 2.2 Hz; H-5α), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 10.4 Hz; H-6αα), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 5.0 Hz; H-6bα), 3.72 (m; H-2β), 3.72 (m; H-6bβ), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 9.0 Hz; H-3α), 3.49 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz; H-4α), 3.48 (m; H-3β), 3.46 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz; H-4β), 3.34 (m; H-5β), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.97 & 1.956 (s & s, 3H), 1.962 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) (*note*: methanol is present as a contaminant and obscures the H-5β peak at 3.34 ppm).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 175.9, 175.0, 174.4, 173.4, 172.9, 97.2 (C-1 β), 92.5 (C-1 α), 82.9 (C-3 β), 80.6 (C-3 α), 78.3 (lactoyl CH α), 77.7 (C-5 β), 73.1 (C-5 α), 71.4, 62.5 (C-6 α), 61.7, 61.6, 57.9 (C-2 β), 55.2 (C-2 α), 53.0, 50.1, 31.2, 27.5, 22.9, 19.6, 18.2, 14.5, 14.4 (*note*: the peaks at 97.2 (C-1 β), 82.9 (C-3 β), 77.7 (C-5 β), and 57.9 (C-2 β) are not clearly visible and are detected indirectly through HSQC correlation; the peaks of C-6 β and lactoyl CH β are presumed to overlap with the corresponding α anomer peaks and are not assigned).

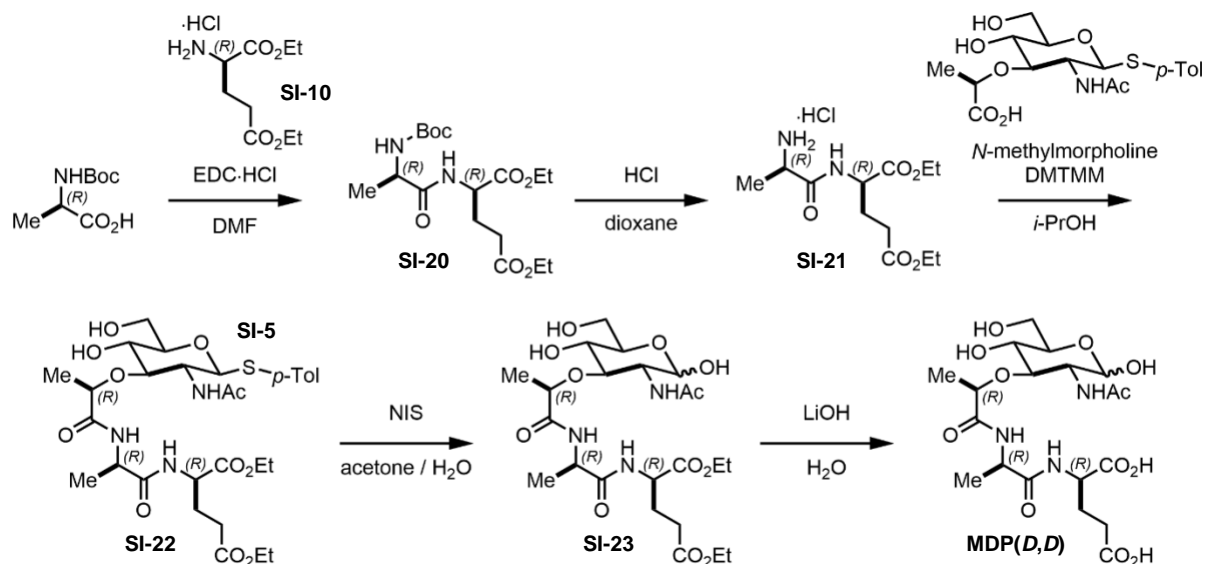
HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 550.2607; found 550.2596.

To a rbf charged with **SI-19** (31 mg, 56 μmol , 1.0 eq) was charged 560 μL H_2O and the mixture was cooled to 0 - 5 $^\circ\text{C}$. 0.5 M LiOH (448 μL , 224 μmol , 4.0 eq) was charged, and the mixture was swirled to homogenize. After 2 hours, the mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 H^+ , filtered, and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (0 to 20% ACN in 0.1% TFA) to afford **MDP(L,L)** (4.5 mg, 9.1 μmol , 16% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 5.15 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz; H-1 α), 4.67 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz; H-1 β), 4.43 (dd, $J = 5.1, 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.277 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.275 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz; lactoyl CH α), 4.22 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz; lactoyl CH β), 3.95 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.4$ Hz; H-2 α), 3.90 (dd, $J = 12.4, 2.0$ Hz; H-6a β), 3.87 (m; H-5 α), 3.84 (dd, $J = 12.5, 2.1$ Hz; H-6a α), 3.79 (dd, $J = 12.5, 5.0$ Hz; H-6b α), 3.78 (m; H-2 β), 3.75 (dd, $J = 12.2, 5.2$ Hz; H-6b β), 3.69 (dd, $J = 10.0, 9.0$ Hz; H-3 α), 3.57 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz; H-4 α), 3.52 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz; H-4 β), 3.49 (m; H-3 β), 3.47 (m; H-5 β), 2.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.972 & 1.967 (s & s, 3H), 1.41 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 177.72, 177.71, 176.4, 176.2, 175.6, 175.5, 174.9, 174.6, 95.6 (C-1 β), 91.6 (C-1 α), 83.1 (C-3 β), 80.3 (C-3 α), 78.8 (lactoyl CH β), 78.5 (lactoyl CH α), 76.4 (C-5 β), 72.2 (C-5 α), 69.6 (C-4 α), 69.5 (C-4 β), 61.4 (C-6 β), 61.2 (C-6 α), 56.8 (C-2 β), 54.3 (C-2 α), 52.7, 50.1, 30.6, 26.5, 22.9, 22.6, 19.3, 17.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 494.1980; found 494.1972.



To a stirred solution of Boc-(*R*)-Ala-OH (1.57 g, 8.30 mmol, 1.0 eq), hydrochloride salt **SI-10** (2.47 g, 10.3 mmol, 1.25 eq), and *N*-methylmorpholine (1.28 mL, 11.6 mmol, 1.4 eq) in 40 mL DMF was charged EDC·HCl (2.23 g, 11.6 mmol, 1.4 eq). After 3 hours, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with 10% NaCl + 2% citric acid, washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (40 g silica, 45 to 50% v/v EtOAc in hexane) to afford dipeptide **SI-20** (1.32 g, 3.51 mmol, 42%) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 6.87 (br. s, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (br. m, 1H), 4.55 (dt, *J* = 5.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 172.8, 172.7, 171.6, 155.5, 80.1, 61.7, 60.7, 51.7, 50.1, 30.3, 28.3, 27.4, 18.3, 14.21, 14.17.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd 375.2126 for C₁₇H₃₁N₂O₇ ([M + H]⁺); found 375.2130.

The rbf containing **SI-20** (1.32 g, 3.51 mmol, 1.0 eq) was cooled in an ice/water bath and 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (8.8 mL, 35.1 mmol, 10.0 eq) was charged. The mixture was swirled to obtain a clear solution. After 3 hours, the mixture was concentrated and co-evaporated with 1,4-dioxane. The residue was dissolved in 15 mL 1 : 1 v/v ACN : H₂O and lyophilized to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-21** (695 mg, 2.24 mmol, 64% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 9.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (br. s, 3H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.91 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 301 K, δ): 172.1, 171.2, 169.9, 60.8, 60.0, 51.5, 48.0, 29.9, 25.8, 17.1, 14.1, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₂H₂₃N₂O₅ [M + H]⁺; found 275.1599.

To a stirred solution of carboxylic acid **SI-5** (200 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq), hydrochloride salt **SI-21** (272 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.4 eq), and *N*-methylmorpholine (88 μL, 0.80 mmol, 1.6 eq) in 5 mL *i*-PrOH was charged DMTMM (194 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.4 eq) (*note*: reaction becomes a thick white slurry as the reaction proceeds). After 14 hours, the mixture was concentrated to ~3 mL pot volume, cooled to 0 - 5 °C, and filtered. The solids were rinsed with 1 mL ice-cold *i*-PrOH and dried to afford amide **SI-22** (242 mg, 0.37 mol, 74% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (m, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 5.0, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 4.12 (dq, J = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (dd, J = 2.0, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 5.6, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.42 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 2.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 176.0, 175.3, 174.3, 173.8, 173.0, 138.9, 133.6, 131.1, 130.6, 87.7, 84.5, 82.0, 78.6, 70.8, 62.8, 62.5, 61.7, 56.3, 53.2, 49.9, 31.3, 27.5, 23.4, 21.1, 19.9, 18.2, 14.53, 14.49.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{11}\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 656.2848; found 656.2829.

A stirred 50 mM solution of thioglycoside **SI-22** (76 mg, 116 μmol , 1.0 eq) in 3 : 1 v/v acetone : H_2O was cooled to 0 - 5 $^\circ\text{C}$ and then *N*-iodosuccinimide (30 mg, 133 μmol , 1.15 eq) was charged. After 3 hours, the mixture was quenched with 300 μL NaHS_2O_3 , concentrated, and co-evaporated with *i*-PrOH. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (15 g silica, 10% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 followed by 12.5% MeOH in EtOAc) to afford lactol **SI-23** (29 mg, 53 μmol , 45% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 5.16 (d, J = 3.3 Hz; H-1 α) 4.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz; H-1 β), 4.48 (m; lactoyl $\text{CH}\alpha$), 4.47 (m, 1H), 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 6.8 Hz; lactoyl $\text{CH}\beta$), 4.21 to 4.07 (m, 4H), 3.89 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.3 Hz; H-2 β), 3.86 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.1 Hz; H-6a β), 3.79 (m; H-5 α), 3.78 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.1 Hz; H-6a α), 3.72 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.1 Hz; H-6b α), 3.69 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.1 Hz; H-6b β), 3.67 (m; H-2 β), 3.66 (dd, J = 10.0, 9.0 Hz; H-3 α), 3.59 (dd, J = 9.9, 8.7 Hz; H-3 β), 3.52 (t, J = 9.2 Hz; H-4 α), 3.47 (t, J = 9.2 Hz; H-4 β), 3.34 (m; H-5 β), 2.46 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.987 (m, 1H), 1.985 & 1.97 (s & s, 3H), 1.40 (m, 6H), 1.26 (m, 6H) (*note*: methanol is present as a contaminant and obscures the H-5 β peak at 3.34 ppm).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 176.3, 176.0, 175.2, 175.1, 174.4, 173.6, 173.0, 172.98, 96.7 (C-1 β), 92.3 (C-1 α), 82.9 (C-3 β), 79.7 (C-3 α), 77.8 (lactoyl $\text{CH}\beta$), 77.7 (C-5 β), 77.5 (lactoyl $\text{CH}\alpha$), 73.2 (C-5 α), 71.8 (C-4 α), 71.1 (C-4 β), 62.52, 62.50 (C-6 β), 62.4 (C-6 α), 61.7, 57.9 (C-2 β), 55.0 (C-2 α), 53.1, 49.9, 31.3, 27.4, 23.3, 23.0, 19.90, 19.86, 18.4, 14.5, 14.4.

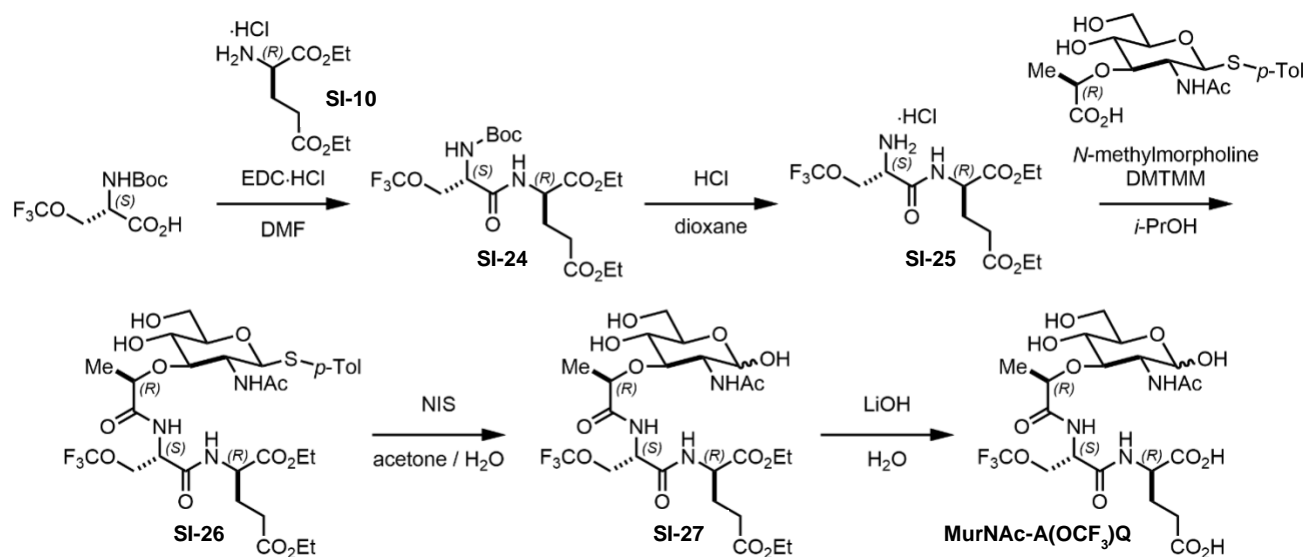
HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ ([$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$) 550.2607; found 550.2598.

To a rbf charged with **SI-23** (29 mg, 53 μmol , 1.0 eq) was charged 530 μL H_2O . The mixture was cooled to 0 - 5 $^\circ\text{C}$, 0.5 M LiOH (424 μL , 212 μmol , 4.0 eq) was charged, and the mixture was swirled to homogenize. After 1 hour, the mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 H^+ , filtered, and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (0 to 20% ACN in 0.1% TFA) to afford **MDP(D,D)** (4.1 mg, 8.3 μmol , 16% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 5.20 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, H-1 α), 4.75 (m; H-1 β), 4.44 (dd, J = 5.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, J = 6.8 Hz; lactoyl $\text{CH}\alpha$), 4.35 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 6.8 Hz; lactoyl $\text{CH}\beta$), 3.91 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.4 Hz; H-2 α), 3.90 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.4 Hz; H-6a β), 3.85 (ddd, J = 9.9, 5.0, 2.1 Hz; H-5 α), 3.83 (dd, J = 12.3, 2.1 Hz; H-6a α), 3.77 (dd, J = 12.3, 5.0 Hz; H-6b α), 3.74 (dd, J = 12.3, 5.4 Hz; H-6b β), 3.69 (dd, J = 10.1, 9.0 Hz; H-3 α), 3.68 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.3 Hz; H-2 β), 3.59 (dd, J = 9.8, 8.3 Hz; H-3 β), 3.58 (dd, J = 9.8, 9.0 Hz; H-4 α), 3.52 (dd, J = 9.9, 8.4 Hz; H-4 β), 3.47 (m, H-5 β), 2.52 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.01 & 1.99 (s & s, 3H), 1.41 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) (*note*: the HDO peak obscures the C-1 β peak at 4.75 ppm).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 177.7, 176.2, 176.0, 175.6, 175.4, 175.3, 175.1, 174.9, 95.2 (C-1 β), 91.4 (C-1 α), 82.2 (C-3 β), 79.1 (C-3 α), 77.6 (lactoyl $\text{CH}\beta$), 77.4 (lactoyl $\text{CH}\alpha$), 76.4 (C-5 β), 72.2 (C-5 α), 70.1 (C-4 α), 69.7 (C-4 β), 61.4 (C-6 β), 61.1 (C-6 α), 56.9 (C-2 β), 54.1 (C-2 α), 52.7, 50.0, 30.6, 26.4, 26.3, 23.0, 22.7, 19.22, 19.21, 17.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ ([$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$) 494.1980; found 494.1971.



To a stirred solution of trifluoromethoxy-Boc-(S)-Ala-OH³ (117 mg, 0.428 mmol, 1.0 eq), hydrochloride salt **SI-10** (185 mg, 0.771 mg, 1.8 eq), oxyma (30 mg, 0.214 mmol, 0.5 eq), and *N*-methylmorpholine (94 μ L, 0.856 mmol, 2.0 eq) in 4.3 mL DMF was charged EDC·HCl (115 mg, 0.599 mmol, 1.4 eq). After 14.5 hours, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with pH 2 buffer, washed successively with pH 10 buffer (ensuring complete removal of oxyma by TLC), and washed with brine. The organic extract was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (10 g silica, 20 to 30% v/v EtOAc in hexane) to afford dipeptide **SI-24** (131 mg, 0.286 mmol, 67% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 7.12 (m, 1H), 5.38 (m, 1H), 4.58 (dd, $J = 7.8, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (m, 1H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 9.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.24 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 172.9, 171.5, 168.4, 155.4, 121.5, 81.1, 66.5, 61.9, 60.9, 53.2, 52.0, 30.1, 28.3, 27.2, 14.2, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₁₈H₃₀F₃N₂O₈⁺ [M + H]⁺ 459.1949; found 459.1951.

A rbf charged with **SI-24** (131 mg, 0.286 mmol, 1.0 eq) was cooled in an ice bath and then 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (715 μ L, 2.86 mmol, 10 eq) was charged. After 3 hours, the mixture was concentrated, co-evaporated with 1,4-dioxane, and co-evaporated with CHCl₃ to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-25** (123 mg; nominally 0.311 mmol, 109% yield) (*note*: note some 1,4-dioxane and an unidentified impurity are present as contaminants).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 8.88 (br s, 1H), 8.32 (br s, 1H), 5.02 (br s, 1H), 4.66 (br s, 1H), 4.59 (br s, 1H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 4.08 (m, 2H), 2.38 (br s, 2H), 2.19 (br s, 1H), 2.04 (br s, 1H), 1.22 (m, 6H) (*note*: most peaks have substantial peak broadening).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 172.7, 172.2, 166.0, 121.2 (q, $J = 257$ Hz), 65.9, 62.3, 60.7, 52.5, 52.3, 30.1, 26.8, 14.1, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for C₁₃H₂₂F₃N₂O₆⁺ [M + H]⁺ 359.1424; found 359.1420.

To a stirred solution of carboxylic acid **SI-5** (153 mg, 0.383 mmol, 1.0 eq), hydrochloride salt **SI-25** (143 mg, 0.460 mmol, 1.2 eq), and *N*-methylmorpholine (63 μ L, 0.575 mmol, 1.5 eq) in 4 mL *i*-PrOH was charged DMTMM (149 mg, 0.537 mmol,

1.4 eq) (*note*: the initial clear solution becomes a white suspension). After 13.5 hours, the mixture was concentrated. 7 mL H₂O was charged, and the mixture was stirred to obtain a mobile slurry. The mixture was cooled in an ice bath, filtered, and rinsed with 1 mL H₂O. The solids were dried to obtain amide **SI-26** (230 mg, 0.311 mmol, 81% yield) as a tan solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (m, 3H), 4.13 (m, 4H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48, (m, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 175.8, 174.2, 173.5, 172.7, 170.3, 138.7, 133.0, 131.9, 130.6, 123.0 (q, *J* = 254 Hz), 88.9, 84.5, 82.0, 78.3, 70.8, 67.4, 62.8, 62.6, 61.7, 55.5, 53.2, 53.0, 31.0, 27.5, 23.2, 21.1, 19.4, 14.5, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₃₁H₄₅F₃N₃O₁₂S⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 740.2671; found 740.2658.

To a stirred suspension of thioglycoside **SI-26** (75 mg, 0.102 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 2.0 mL 3:1 v/v acetone : H₂O was charged *N*-iodosuccinimide (26.3 mg, 0.117 mmol, 1.15 eq). After 40 minutes, the reaction was quenched with 250 μL saturated aqueous NaHS₂O₃ and aged overnight in a 4 °C refrigerator. The mixture was concentrated and co-evaporated with *i*-PrOH. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (8 to 15% v/v MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) to afford lactol **SI-27** (23 mg, 36 μmol, 36% yield) as an oil which solidifies on standing.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 5.17 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz; H-1α), 4.76 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz; H-1β), 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.48 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz; lactoyl CHα), 4.41 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz; lactoyl CHβ), 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.4 Hz; H-2α), 3.83 (m; H-6aβ), 3.80 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5.0, 2.2 Hz; H-5α), 3.79 (dd; *J* = 11.6, 2.2 Hz; H-6aα), 3.71 (dd; *J* = 11.6, 5.0 Hz; H-6bα), 3.67 (m; H-6bβ), 3.662 (m; H-2β), 3.660 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 8.8 Hz; H-3α), 3.50 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz; H-4α), 3.463 (m; H-4β), 3.458 (m; H-3β), 3.30 (m; H-5β), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.98 & 1.967 (s & s, 3H), 1.965 (m, 1H), 1.39 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) (*note*: the HD₂COD peak obscures the H-5β peak at 3.30 ppm).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 176.6, 176.3, 174.5, 174.2, 174.2, 173.5, 172.7, 172.7, 170.2, 170.2, 131.2 (q, *J* = 256 Hz), 122.9 (q, *J* = 255 Hz), 97.3 (C-1β), 92.3 (C-1α), 82.7 (C-3β), 79.8 (C-3α), 77.9 (C-5β), 77.8 (lactoyl CHβ), 77.7 (lactoyl CHα), 73.2 (C-5α), 71.7 (C-4α), 71.3 (C-4β), 67.6, 67.5, 62.7 (C-6β), 62.63 (C-6α), 62.62, 61.7, 58.1 (C-2β), 55.4 (C-2α), 53.3, 53.2, 53.03, 53.00, 31.0, 27.5, 23.1, 22.9, 19.7, 19.6, 14.5, 14.4.

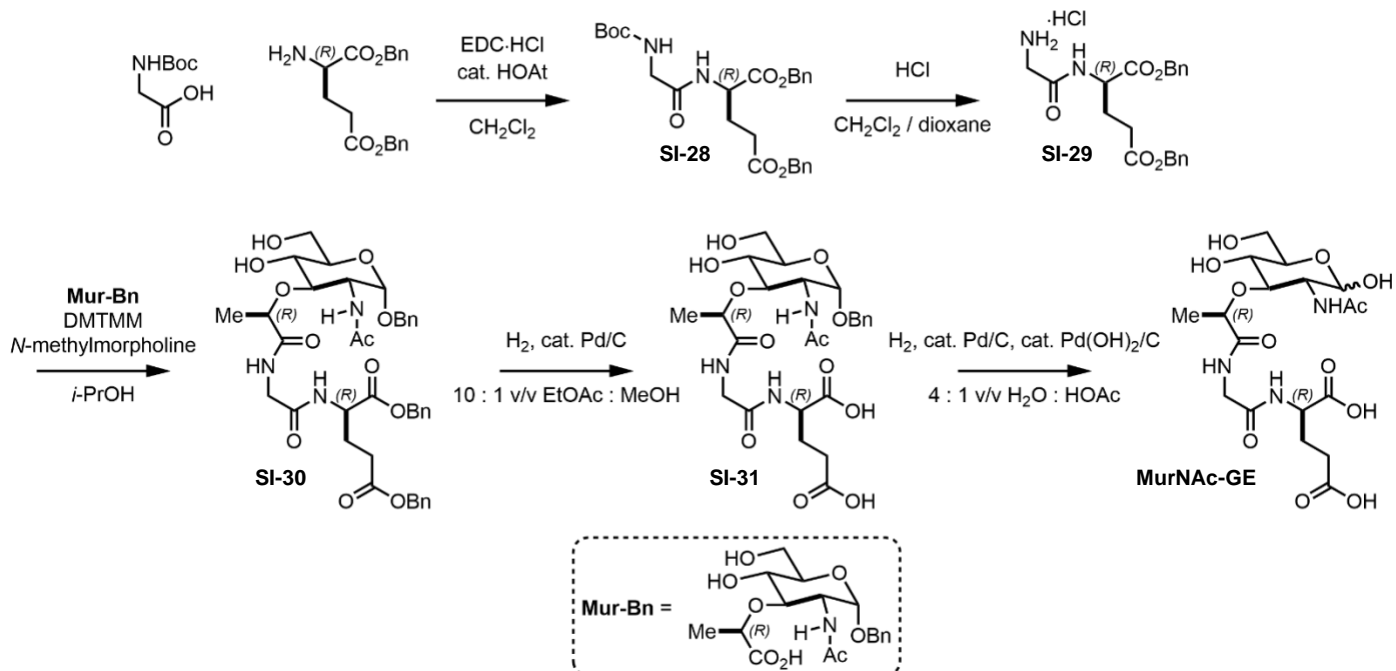
HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₄H₃₉F₃N₃O₁₃⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 634.2429; found 634.2412.

To a solution of **SI-27** (23 mg, 36 μmol, 1.0 eq) in 350 μL H₂O was charged 0.5N aqueous LiOH (288 μL, 144 μmol, 4.0 eq). After 1 hour, the pH was adjusted to 3 with citric acid and the mixture was concentrated. Purification by preparative HPLC (0 to 25% ACN in 0.1% TFA) afforded **MurNac-A(OCF₃)E** (4.6 mg, 8.0 μmol, 22% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 301 K, δ): 5.18 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz; H-1α), 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz; H-1β), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (m, 3H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.4 Hz; H-2α), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.9 Hz; H-6aβ), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 5.0, 2.1 Hz; H-5α), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.1 Hz, H-6aα), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 5.0 Hz; H-6bα), 3.77 (m; H-6bβ), 3.76 (m; H-2β), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 9.3 Hz; H-3α), 3.58 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz; H-4α), 3.54 (m; H-4β), 3.535 (m; H-3β), 3.47 (m; H-5β), 2.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.98 & 1.96 (s & s, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) (*note*: the HDO peak partly obscures the peak at 4.75 ppm).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, D₂O, 301 K, δ): 177.58, 177.57, 176.6, 176.3, 175.1, 175.0, 174.8, 170.6, 121.9 (q, *J* = 255 Hz), 95.6 (C-1β), 91.5 (C-1α), 82.5 (C-3β), 79.6 (C-3α), 78.1 (lactoyl CHβ), 77.9 (lactoyl CHα), 76.4 (C-5β), 72.2 (C-5α), 69.8 (C-4α), 69.6 (C-4β), 66.8, 61.4 (C-6β), 61.2 (C-6α), 56.7 (C-2β), 54.3 (C-2α), 52.82, 52.77, 30.4, 26.3, 22.9, 22.6, 19.2, 19.1 (*note*: the OCF₃ peak of the minor β anomer was too weak to be identified).

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₀H₃₁F₃N₃O₁₃⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 578.1803; found 578.1790.



To a stirred solution of Boc-Gly-OH (64 mg, 0.363 mmol, 1.0 eq), (*R*)-glutamic acid dibenzyl ester (137 mg, 0.418 mmol, 1.15 eq), and HOAt (20 mg, 0.145 mmol, 0.4 eq) in 3.6 mL CH₂Cl₂ was charged EDC·HCl (80 mg, 0.418 mmol, 1.15 eq). After 21 hours, the mixture was concentrated to dryness. The residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed twice with pH 11 buffer, washed with pH 2 buffer, washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (15 then 60% EtOAc in hexane) to afford **SI-28** (60 mg, 0.124 mmol, 34% yield) as an oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 7.33 (m, 10H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (br s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (td, *J* = 7.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (m, 2H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 172.6, 171.5, 169.7, 135.8, 135.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.41, 128.38, 128.37, 80.4, 67.5, 66.6, 51.7, 44.4, 30.2, 28.4, 27.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₂₆H₃₃N₂O₇⁺ [M + H]⁺ 485.2282; found 485.2276.

To a stirred solution of **SI-28** (60 mg, 0.124 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂ was charged 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (0.31 mL, 1.25 mmol, 10 eq). After 15 hours, the mixture was concentrated to dryness and co-evaporated with CHCl₃ to afford hydrochloride salt **SI-29** as an oil. To a stirred solution of α-O¹-benzyl muramic acid⁴ (35 mg, 0.092 mmol, 1.0 eq), **SI-29** (0.124 mmol, 1.35 eq assuming 100% yield in Boc deprotection), *N*-methylmorpholine (25 μL, 0.23 mmol, 2.5 eq) in 1.8 mL *i*-PrOH was charged DMTMM (29 mg, 0.106 mmol, 1.15 eq). After 6 hours, the mixture was concentrated to dryness. The residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed twice with pH 2 buffer, washed twice with sat. aq NaHCO₃, washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The resulting gummy solids were triturated with 3 mL Et₂O to afford **SI-30** (44 mg, 59 μmol, 64% yield) as a semisolid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄, 301 K, δ): 7.33 (m, 17H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.84 (m, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H) (*note*: the H-1 peak at 4.84 ppm is obscured by the HDO peak).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH- d_4 , 301 K, δ): 176.9, 173.9, 173.6, 172.8, 171.6, 138.8, 137.4, 137.1, 129.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 97.5, 80.3, 78.5, 74.1, 72.0, 70.1, 68.0, 67.4, 62.5, 54.4, 53.1, 42.8, 31.1, 27.6, 22.8, 19.7.

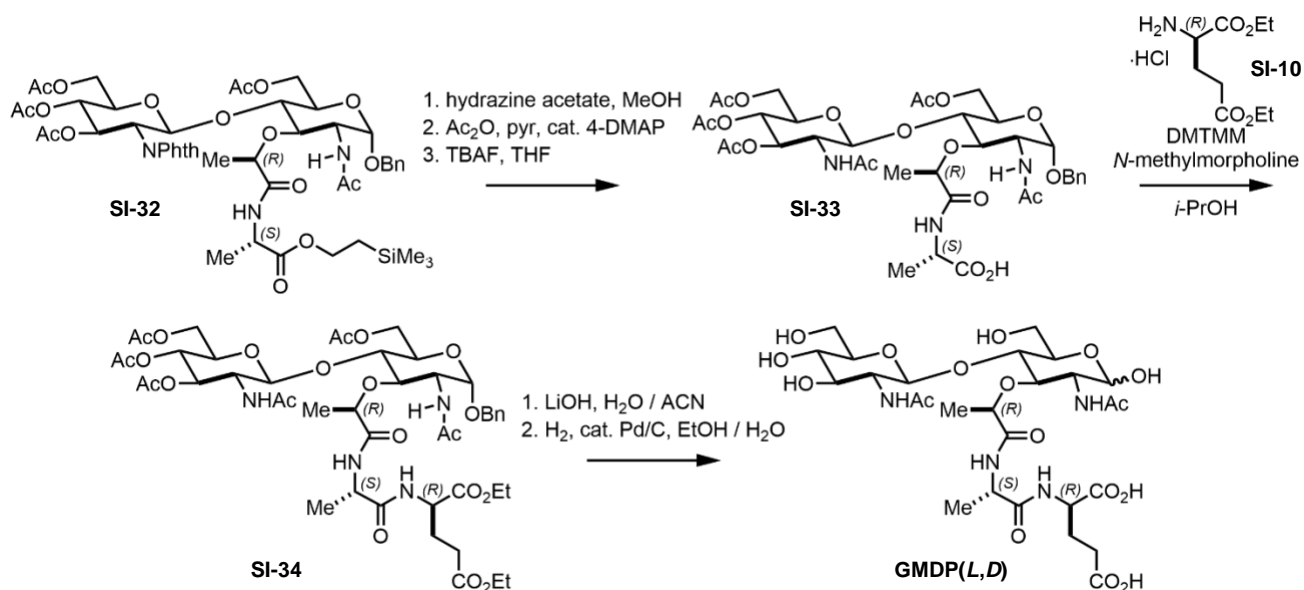
HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ [M + H] $^+$ 750.3233; found 750.3229.

SI-30 (44 mg, 59 μmol , 1.0 eq) was hydrogenated in 5 mL 10 : 1 v/v EtOAc : MeOH with 40 mg Pd/C and H_2 (balloon) with vigorous agitation. After 2 hours, MS indicated complete cleavage of the two benzyl ester groups to afford **SI-31**. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, rinsed forward with MeOH, and concentrated. The residue was hydrogenated in 2 mL 4 : 1 v/v H_2O : HOAc with 20 mg Pd/C, 20 mg Pd(OH) $_2$ /C, and H_2 (balloon) with vigorous agitation. After 2.5 hours, the mixture was filtered through a syringe filter, rinsed forward with MeOH, and concentrated. Purification of the crude by preparative HPLC (0 to 20% v/v ACN in 0.1% aq. TFA) afforded **MurNac-GE** (11.5 mg, 24 μmol , 41% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 5.15 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz; H-1 α), 4.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz; H-1 β), 4.49 (dd, $J = 9.1, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz; lactoyl CH α), 4.26 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz; lactoyl CH β), 4.04 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.4$ Hz; H-2 α), 3.91 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (m; H-6a β), 3.87 (m; H-5 α), 3.84 (dd, $J = 12.3, 2.2$ Hz; H-6a α), 3.79 (dd, $J = 12.3, 5.0$ Hz, H-6b α), 3.75 (m; H-6b β), 3.73 (H-2 β), 3.72 (dd, $J = 10.2, 8.9$ Hz; H-3 α), 3.57 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz; H-4 α), 3.56 (m; H-3 β), 3.53 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz; H-4 β), 3.47 (ddd; $J = 9.7, 5.3, 2.0$ Hz; H-5 β), 2.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.97 & 1.96 (s & s, 3H), 1.40 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, D_2O , 301 K, δ): 177.7, 177.2, 177.0, 175.4, 175.1, 174.8, 171.71, 171.68, 95.4 (C-1 β), 91.6 (C-1 α), 82.9 (C-3 β), 80.1 (C-3 α), 78.6 (lactoyl CH β), 78.3 (lactoyl CH α), 76.3 (C-5 β), 72.2 (C-5 α), 69.9 (C-4 α), 69.6 (C-4 β), 61.4 (C-6 β), 61.2 (C-6 α), 57.0 (C-2 β), 54.2 (C-2 α), 52.6, 42.61, 42.57, 30.6, 26.4, 22.9, 22.6, 19.3, 19.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}^+$ [M + H] $^+$ 480.1824; found 480.1819.



To a stirred solution of disaccharide **SI-32**⁵ (6.66 g, 6.58 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 150 mL MeOH was charged 2 M hydrazine acetate in MeOH (17 mL, 34 mmol, 5.2 eq), and the mixture was heated in a 71 °C bath. After 3 hours, additional 2 M hydrazine acetate solution (6 mL, 12 mmol, 1.8 eq) was charged. After 7 hours, the heating bath was adjusted to 45 °C, and the mixture was aged an additional 11 hours. The mixture was then concentrated to dryness and co-evaporated with toluene and then pyridine. The residue was stirred with 75 mL pyridine. 25 mL Ac₂O was charged followed by 50 mg 4-DMAP. After 6 hours, the mixture was concentrated to dryness and co-evaporated with toluene. The residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed twice with pH 2 buffer, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated to dryness. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (150 mg silica, 60 then 80% EtOAc in hexane) to afford a white solid (6.67 g; nominally 113% yield) (*note*: ¹H NMR indicated a mixture of the product and EtOAc). This material was stirred in 150 mL THF to obtain a clear solution and then 1 M TBAF in THF was charged (16.4 mL, 16.4 mmol, 2.5 eq). After 1.5 hours, the mixture was concentrated to dryness and diluted with EtOAc. To remove *n*-Bu₄N salts, the mixture was washed five times with 0.5% aqueous citric acid (*note*: the first two washes were back-extracted with EtOAc to minimize product loss). The pooled organic extract was washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated to dryness. The crude solids were suspended in 20 mL Et₂O and stirred to obtain a mobile slurry. The slurry was filtered and the cake was washed with 20 mL Et₂O. The solids were dried under vacuum to obtain carboxylic acid **SI-33** (3.31 g, 4.01 mmol, 61% yield over 3 steps) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 6.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 174.5, 174.4, 171.7, 171.6, 171.5, 171.0, 170.8, 169.5, 137.4, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 100.3, 96.6, 77.0, 76.3, 75.6, 72.7, 72.0, 70.2, 69.6, 68.4, 62.6, 61.8, 54.6, 53.8, 48.3, 23.1, 23.0, 21.1, 20.73, 20.71, 20.67, 18.9, 17.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₃₇H₅₂N₃O₁₈⁺ [M + H]⁺ 826.3240; found 826.3229.

To a stirred solution of carboxylic acid **SI-33** (46 mg, 56 μmol, 1.0 eq), hydrochloride salt **SI-10** (27 mg, 111 μmol, 2.0 eq) and *N*-methylmorpholine (18 μL, 167 μmol, 3.0 eq) in 1.25 mL *i*-PrOH was charged DMTMM (19 mg, 70 μmol, 1.25 eq).

After 30 minutes a thick slurry had formed, so an additional 0.6 mL *i*-PrOH was charged. After 12 hours, kicker charges of hydrochloride salt **SI-10** (20 mg, 84 μ mol, 1.5 eq), *N*-methylmorpholine (15 μ mol, 2.5 eq), DMTMM (12 mg, 42 μ mol, 0.75 eq), and 0.4 mL *i*-PrOH were added. After an additional 22 hours, the mixture was concentrated to dryness. The residue was diluted with EtOAc. The mixture was washed twice with pH 2 buffer, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, and washed with brine. The organic extract was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude material was purified by chromatography (8 g silica, 6% v/v MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) to obtain amide **SI-34** (47 mg, 47 μ mol, 83% yield) as a semisolid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 7.38 to 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.04 to 3.89 (m, 3H), 3.77 (m, 2H), 3.60 (dt, *J* = 10.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 4.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 to 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.901 (m, 1H), 1.897 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 301 K, δ): 174.3, 172.7, 172.4, 171.7, 171.3, 171.2, 171.0, 170.8, 170.6, 169.4, 137.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 99.7, 96.7, 76.6, 75.9, 75.8, 72.5, 72.0, 70.0, 69.2, 68.5, 62.7, 61.8, 61.6, 60.7, 54.8, 53.2, 51.8, 49.1, 30.3, 27.2, 23.2, 23.1, 21.0, 20.72, 20.71, 20.65, 19.1, 18.1, 14.3, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₄₆H₆₇N₄O₂₁⁺ [M + H]⁺ 1011.4292; found 1011.4287.

To a stirred suspension of SI-34 (47 mg, 47 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in 400 μ L ACN was charged 0.5 M aq. LiOH (930 μ L, 465 μ mol, 10 eq). After 1.5 hours, the pH was adjusted to 4 by charging 2 M aq. HCl (419 μ L, 419 μ L, 9.0 eq). The mixture was concentrated to dryness and co-evaporated with EtOH. The residue was hydrogenated in 1.5 mL 1 : 1 v/v EtOH : H₂O with 40 mg Pd/C and H₂ (balloon). After 14 hours, the mixture was filtered through Celite, rinsed forward with MeOH, and concentrated to dryness. The crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (0 to 30% v/v ACN in 0.1% aq. TFA) to afford GMDP(L, D) (20.7 mg, 29.7 μ mol, 64% yield over 2 steps) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 301 K, δ): 5.26 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz; H-1 α), 4.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz; H-1 β), 4.61 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz; lactoyl CH α), 4.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz; H-1'), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz; lactoyl CH β), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz; H-6a'), 3.870 (m; H-4 α), 3.863 (m; H-5 α), 3.862 (m; H-6a β), 3.85 (m; H-4 β), 3.804 (m; H-6a α), 3.798 (m; H-2 α), 3.76 (m; H-6b'), 3.74 (m; H-2'), 3.724 (m; H-3 α), 3.717 (m; H-6b α), 3.70 (m; H-6b β), 3.58 (m; H-3 β), 3.558 (m; H-2 β), 3.5555 (m; H-3'), 3.47 (m; H-5 β), 3.43 (m; H-5'), 3.42 (m; H-4'), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.97 & 1.95 (s & s, 3H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, D₂O, 301 K, δ): 177.6, 177.56, 176.3, 175.62, 175.60, 175.57, 175.55, 175.3, 175.2, 174.8, 101.11 (C-1' α), 101.07 (C-1' β), 95.8 (C-1 β), 90.8 (C-1 α), 79.9 (C-3 β), 78.6 (lactoyl CH β), 78.1 (lactoyl CH α), 76.8 (C-3 α), 76.7 (C-5'), 76.2 (C-4 α), 75.83 (C-5 β), 75.80 (C-4 β), 74.22 (C-3' α), 74.19 (C-3' β), 71.7 (C-5 α), 70.9 (C-4'), 61.8 (C-6'), 60.6 (C-6 β), 60.4 (C-6 α), 56.7 (C-2' α), 56.6 (C-2' β), 56.4 (C-2 β), 54.3 (C-2 α), 52.7, 50.6, 50.3, 30.7, 26.8, 26.7, 22.9, 22.8, 22.7, 18.9, 18.6, 17.5, 17.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, *m/z*): calc'd for C₁₇H₄₅N₄O₁₇⁺ [M + H]⁺ 697.2774; found 697.2764.

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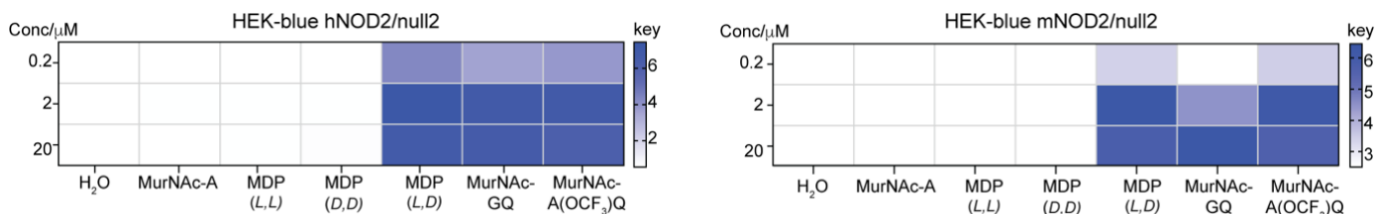


Figure S1. Evaluation of MDP analogues in HEK-blue hNOD2 and mNOD2 reporter assay. OD650nm was measured and normalized against the background in Null2 parental cells.

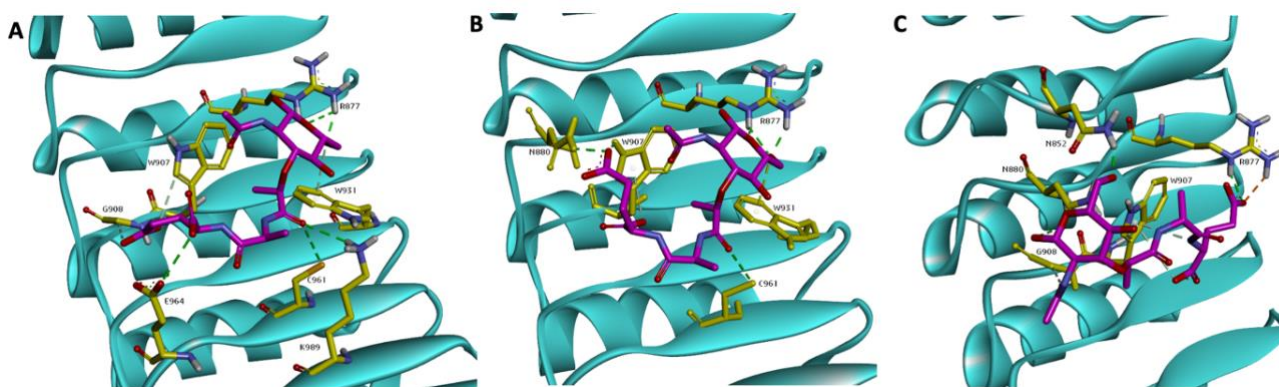


Figure S2. Molecular docking of NOD2-LRR with MDP-(L,D) (A), MDP-(L,L) (B), and MDP-(D,D) (C). Carbon atoms of the amino acid residues that interact with MDP analogues are highlighted in yellow.

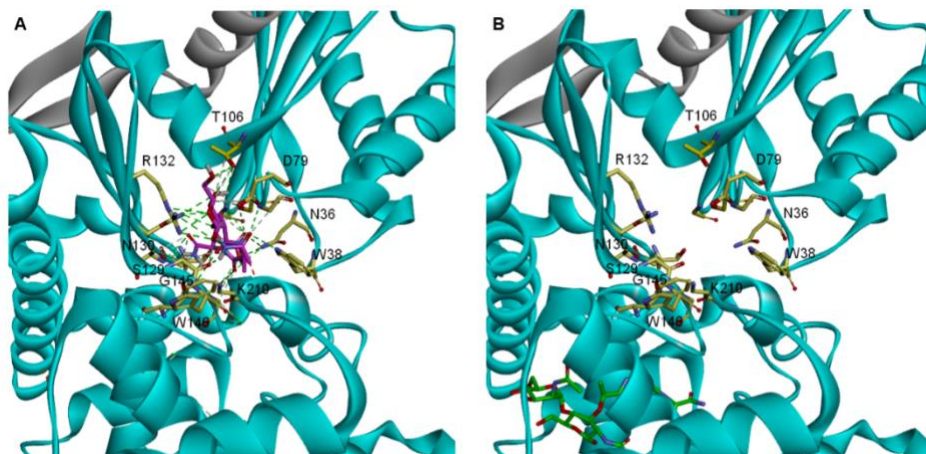


Figure S3. Molecular docking shows binding of MDP (A, magenta) at the GlcNAc binding pocket of human NAGK protein model (cyan & grey ribbons) but GMDP (B, green) is unable to bind at the same site. Carbon atoms of the amino acid residues that interact with MDP are highlighted in yellow.

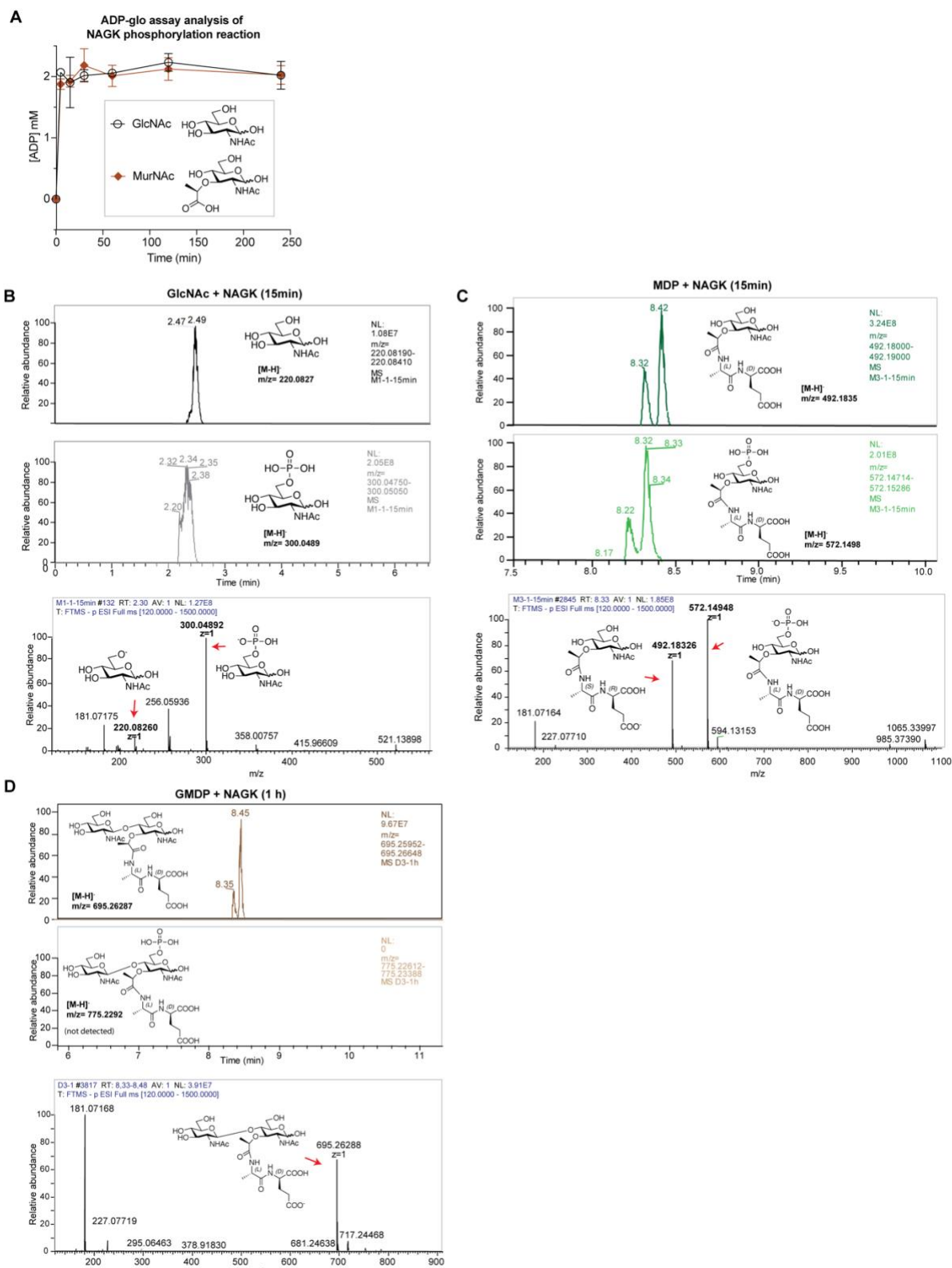


Figure S4. In vitro assays to evaluate NAGK phosphorylation. The respective substrate (2 mM) was incubated with ATP (5 mM) and NAGK (3.6 μ M) at 37 $^{\circ}$ C. At the desired time points (i.e., 5, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120, 240 min) samples were collected for subsequent analysis. Triplicates were performed for each time point of each substrate. A) ADP-GloTM assay shows that

GlcNAc and MurNAc are efficiently phosphorylated by NAGK in vitro; B-D) LC-MS analysis revealed that GMDP is not a suitable substrate for NAGK phosphorylation. Extracted ion chromatogram (EIC) and MS1 spectra were shown.

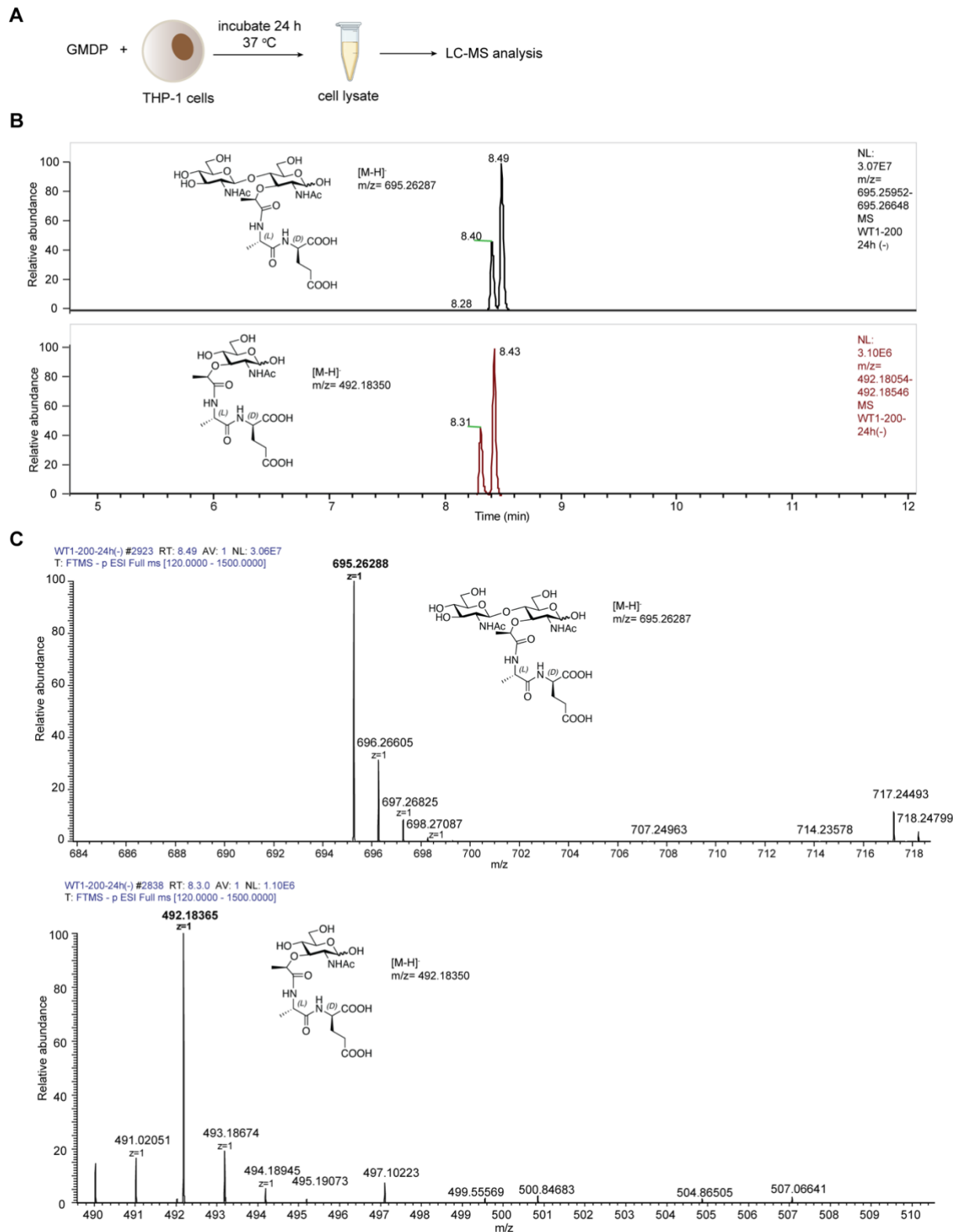


Figure S5. LC-MS analysis identified cytosolic MDP in THP-1 cells treated with GMDP. Wildtype THP-1 cells were treated with GMDP (200 μM) via lipofectamine delivery and subsequently incubated at 37°C for 24h before harvested and lysed for LC-MS analysis. Duplicates were performed. The result suggests potential host glycosidase cleavage of disaccharide

muropeptide GMDP that yields monosaccharide MDP, a suitable substrate for subsequent NAGK phosphorylation and NOD2 activation.

