

**Supporting Information**

**Stapling of leu-enkephalin analog with bifunctional reagent for prolonged analgesic activity**

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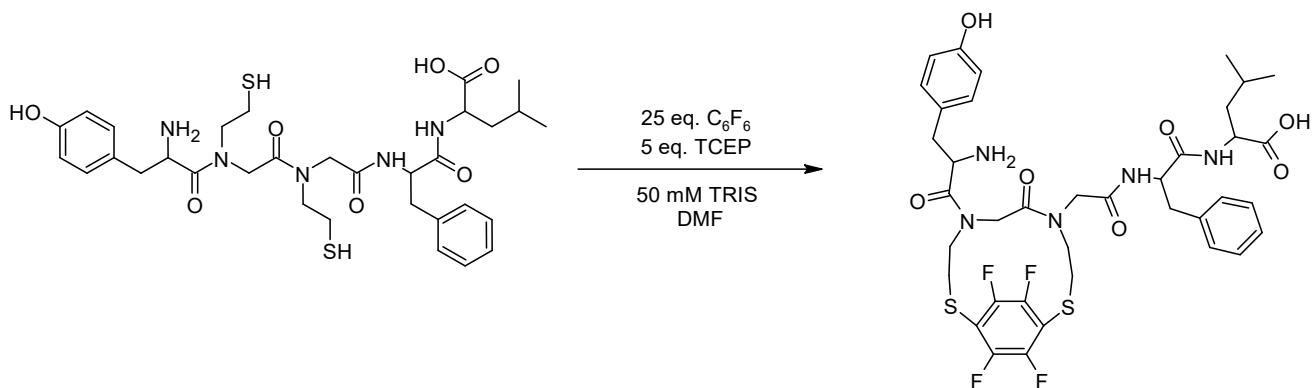


3, 3a, 3b and Leu-Enk. compounds have been done on the DFT level of theory with IEFPCM (integral equation formalism for polarizable continuum model)<sup>3</sup> solvent (water) approach. The IEFPCM approximation describes a solvent as a homogeneous dielectric medium with electrical permeability ( $\epsilon$ ) equal to that of a pure solvent, and the cavity size is modelled for a solvent immersed molecule. The starting structure of the peptides for DFT calculations was generated on the basis of the amino acid sequence after 45 ps simulation at 300 K, without cutoffs using BIO+ implementation of CHARMM force field.



### 2.1.3 Procedure of stapling using hexafluorobenzene

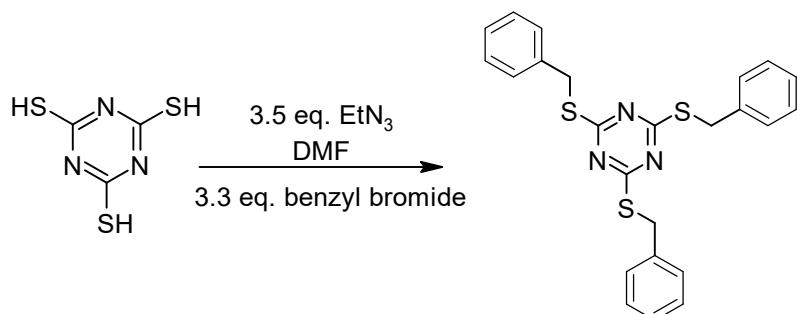
The stapling procedure was based on the modified procedure published by Spokoyny et al.<sup>6</sup> To a solid sample of H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (1) (7.5  $\mu$ moles) in a plastic Eppendorf tube was added 1.9 mL of 100  $\mu$ M solution (~ 25 equiv.) of hexafluorobenzene in DMF containing 5 equiv. of TCEP (tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride) and 1.5 mL of 50 mM solution of TRIS base (tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane) in DMF. The tube was vigorously mixed on a shaker for 30 seconds and left at room temperature for 4.5 hours. Then the solvents were evaporated and the sample was dissolved in water and desalted by SPE, lyophilized. The sample was subjected to purification on HPLC. Fractions containing stapled peptide product (analyzed by LC-MS/MS) were combined and lyophilized. The purity was confirmed by LC-UV. The reaction yield was 65%.



**Scheme S1.** The scheme of the synthesis of stapled analog 2

### 2.1.4 Synthesis of S,S',S''-tris(benzyl) trithiocyanurates – TMT(BzI)<sub>3</sub>

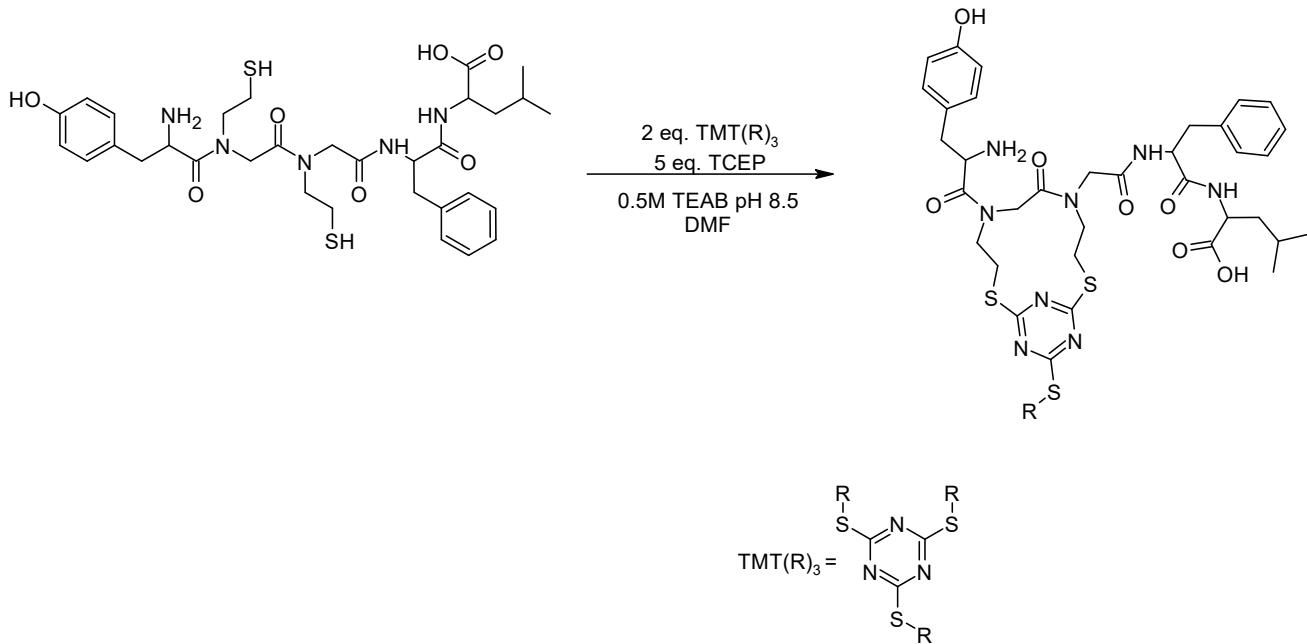
1 mL of triethylamine (about 7 mmol) was added to 352 mg of trithiocyanuric acid (2 mmol) suspended in 10 mL of DMF. The resulted clear yellow solution was filtered through a syringe filter with 0.2  $\mu$ m PES membrane. Then 780  $\mu$ L of benzyl bromide (6.6 mmol) was added to the filtrate. The reaction mixture was stirred on a rotary shaker overnight and diluted with water to 50 mL of the volume. The precipitated product was centrifuged in a falcon tube, washed 3 times with water and lyophilized. Yield 0.86 g (96%).



**Scheme S2.** The scheme of the synthesis of TMT(BzI)<sub>3</sub>

### 2.1.5 Procedure of stapling using trithiocyanuric acid derivative

The original stapling procedure was based on the recently published procedure for tris(alkyl) thiocyanurates transthioesterification.<sup>7</sup> The reaction buffer was prepared freshly before the use by dissolution of 20 mg TCEP x HCl in 1 mL of water, followed by neutralization with 1M NaOH solution added dropwise, and mixing with 1 mL of 1M TEAB buffer at pH 8.5. Simultaneously, about 25 µmoles of TMT(R)<sub>3</sub> (8.7 mg of TMT(AcNH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> or TMT(Bzl)<sub>3</sub>) was dissolved in 2 mL of DMF. The buffer was added to 10 mg of TFA x of H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (1) (12.7 µmoles) weighed in a 15 mL falcon tube, followed by addition of the solution of a thiocyanurate reagent. The resulted suspension was incubated on a rotary shaker at 40°C for an appropriate time (3 hours for TMT(AcNH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> or 24 hours for TMT(Bzl)<sub>3</sub>). The final mixture was diluted to 10 mL by 40% ACN in water. The unreacted thiocyanurate was centrifuged at 5000 rpm at 5°C. The precipitate was washed additionally by 5 mL of 40% ACN in water. Combined supernatants were carefully acidified with TFA, evaporated under nitrogen and lyophilized. The sample was subjected to purification on HPLC. Fractions containing stapled peptide product (analyzed by LC-MS/MS) were combined and lyophilized. The purity was confirmed by LC-UV. The reaction yield was 85%.



**Scheme S3.** The scheme of the synthesis of stapled analogs 3a and 3b

## **2.2. Biological activity assay**

Samples analyzed for analgesic activity were lyophilized from acetic acid three times.

### **2.2.1. Animals**

In the present study, we used adult male Wistar rats (250-270 g) obtained from the Animal House Mossakowski Medical Research Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences. Rats were housed in cages lined with sawdust with elements of environmental enrichment in a temperature-controlled room (approximately 22°C), in a 12 : 12 h light–dark cycle. Food and water were provided *ad libitum*. All experiments were performed according to the recommendations of IASP, the NIH Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, and were approved by the Local Bioethics Committee (Warsaw, Poland).

### **2.2.2 Intrathecal Catheterization**

Analgesic activity of compounds was measured in the tail flick test after intrathecal administration to rats, according to a protocol of Yaksh and Rudy<sup>8</sup> with modifications<sup>9</sup>. Catheters were made of silastic tubing (ID = 0.30 mm; OD = 0.64 mm) with a dead volume of 10 µl. Catheters measured a total of 11.5 cm with 7.5 cm inserted into the intrathecal space to the level of T13-L1. Rats were anesthetized with 2,5% isoflurane. The catheter was inserted through the alanto-occipital membrane and into the intrathecal space using a guide wire. Sutures were used to secure the placement of the catheter. The rats were allowed to recover from the surgery for 2-3 days. Rats exhibiting any sign of neurological or motor impairment, as evidenced by paralysis, abnormal gait, weight loss, or negligent grooming, were excluded from the study. Rats were housed separately to ensure catheter patency.

### **2.2.3 Tail-Flick Assay**

Each experimental group consisted of 7-8 rats. Spinally mediated analgesia was assessed in the tail flick test utilizing the Tail Flick Analgesia Meter apparatus (IITC Life Science Inc., Los Angeles, CA, USA). Withdrawal latency was measured in triplicate. The cut-off latencies were set at 7 s to avoid burns. The measurements were performed before the administration of the tested compound (time 0) and 5, 15, 30, 60, and 120 min. after administration. The control group received saline (0.9% NaCl). The responses were expressed as a percentage of a maximum possible effect (%MPE), calculated as  $((T1 - T0)/(T2 - T0)) \times 100$ , where T0 and T1 are latencies before and after drug injection, respectively, and T2 is the cut-off time. Data from *in vivo* studies are presented as means  $\pm$  SEM and were analyzed using two-way repeated measures of ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test, using GraphPad Prism<sup>10</sup> (3). Significance was defined as \* p < 0.03, \*\* p < 0.001.

## 2.3 Analytical data

**Table S1** The list of obtained peptides

Sequence (name)	Abbreviation
H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH ( <i>N</i> <sup>2</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>3</sup> -bis(2-mercaptoproethyl)[Leu <sup>5</sup> ]enkephalin)	<b>1</b>
H-Tyr- <i>cyclo</i> -4FB([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH ( <i>cyclo</i> -[S <sup>2</sup> ,S <sup>3</sup> -(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenylenyl]- <i>N</i> <sup>2</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>3</sup> -bis(2-mercaptoproethyl)[Leu <sup>5</sup> ]enkephalin)	<b>2</b>
H-Tyr- <i>cyclo</i> -TMT([N-(2-SEt)])Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(Acm)-Phe-Leu-OH ( <i>cyclo</i> -[S <sup>2</sup> ,S <sup>3</sup> -(2-carbamidomethylsulfanyl-1,3,5-triazin-4,6-diy])- <i>N</i> <sup>2</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>3</sup> -bis(2-mercaptoproethyl)[Leu <sup>5</sup> ]enkephalin)	<b>3a</b>
H-Tyr- <i>cyclo</i> -TMT([N-(2-SEt)])Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(Acm)-Phe-Leu-OH ( <i>cyclo</i> -[S <sup>2</sup> ,S <sup>3</sup> -(2-benzylsulfanyl-1,3,5-triazin-4,6-diy])- <i>N</i> <sup>2</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>3</sup> -bis(2-mercaptoproethyl)[Leu <sup>5</sup> ]enkephalin)	<b>3b</b>
H-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OH name: [Leu <sup>5</sup> ]enkephalin	<b>Leu-Enk.</b>

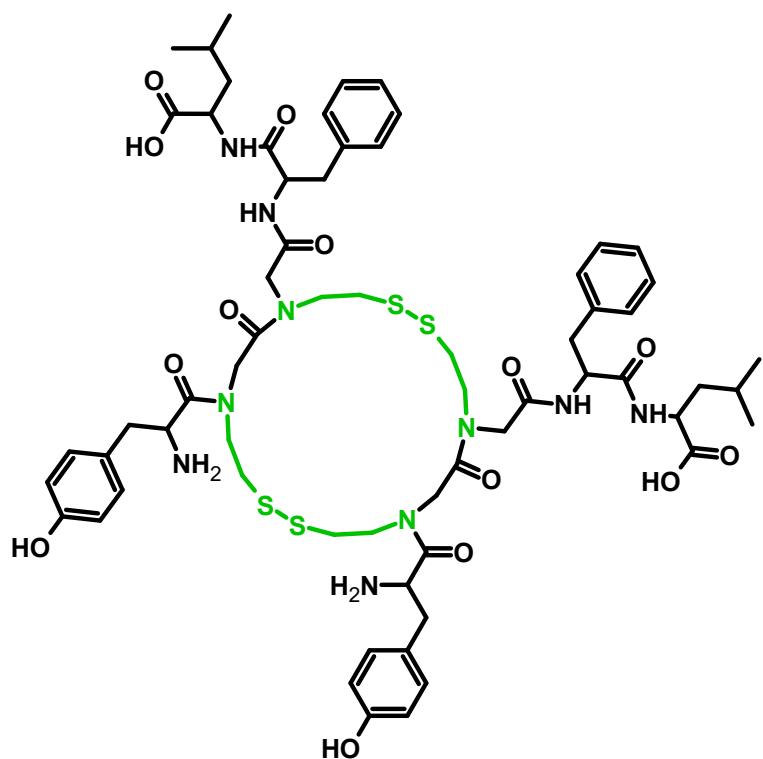








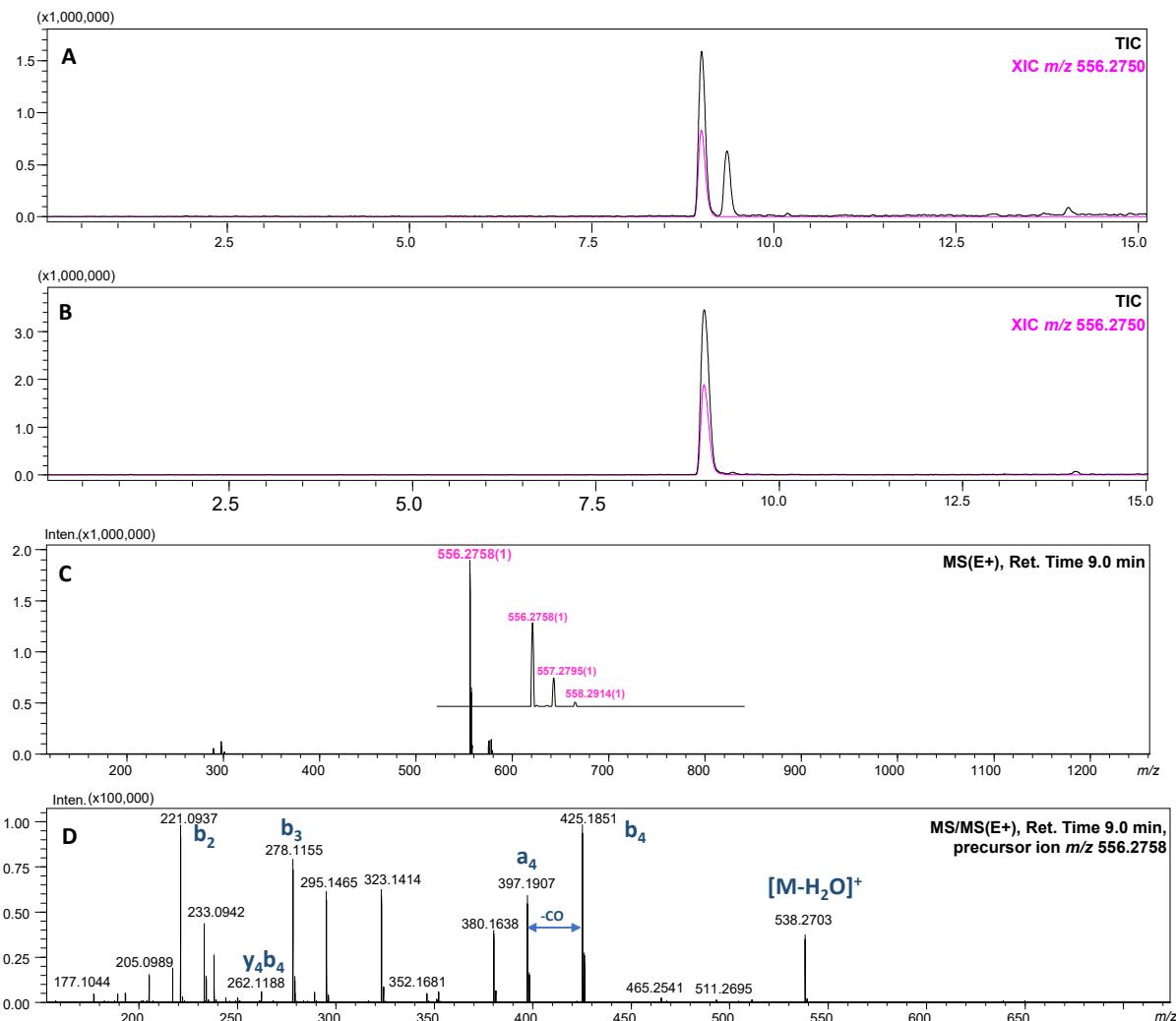
### 2.3.7 Side product - (H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH)<sub>2</sub> (1a)



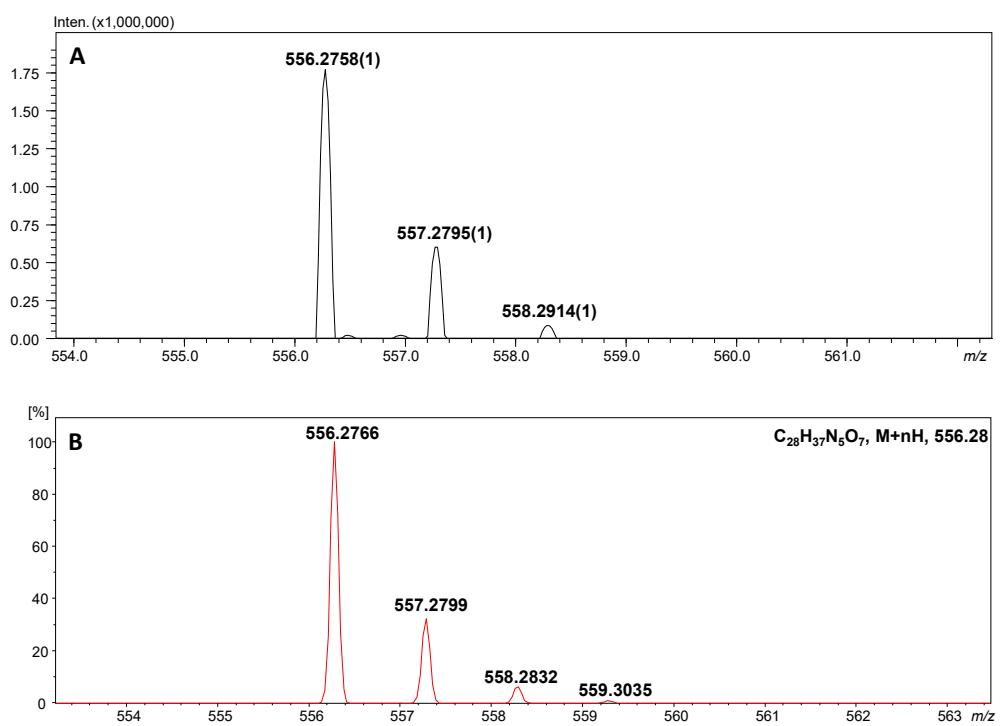
**Table S8** Analytical data of (H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH)<sub>2</sub> (1a)

<b>LC-IT-TOF-MS</b>	$t_R$ : 8.4 min
<b>MS</b>	$m/z$ : <b>674.2727</b> (calc. for C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>86</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>14</sub> S <sub>4</sub> [M+2H] <sup>2+</sup> : 674.2677.)
<b>MS/MS</b>	precursor ion at $m/z$ : <b>674.2727</b> ([M+2H] <sup>2+</sup> )  daughter ions $m/z$ : 1184.4626 (calc. for $y_4$ : 1184.4647); 906.3070 (calc. for $b_3y_4$ : 906.3015); 888.3106 (calc. for $b_3y_4 - H_2O$ : 888.2906); 279.1830 (calc. for $y_2$ : 279.1703)

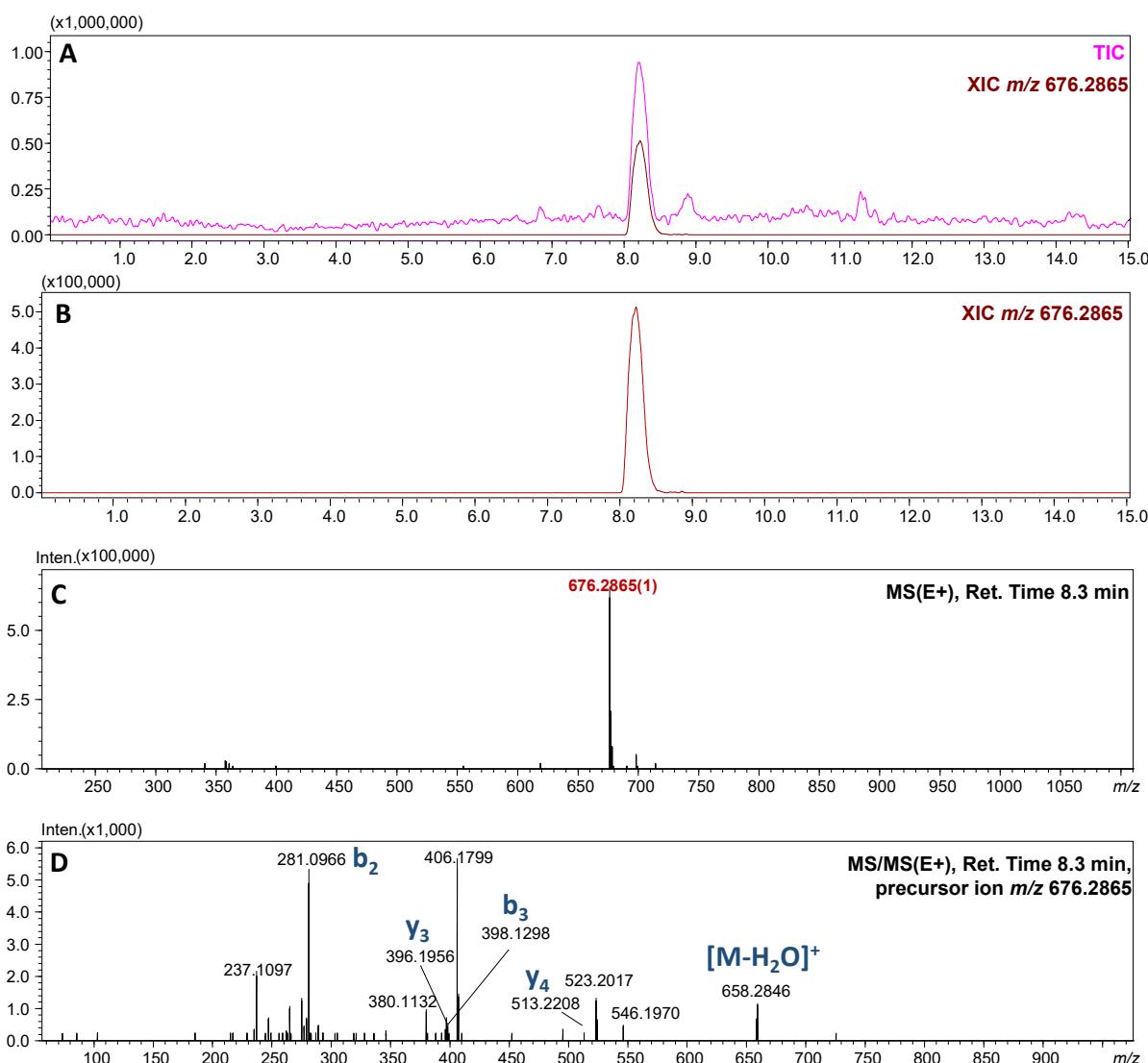
### 3. LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, ESI-MS analysis



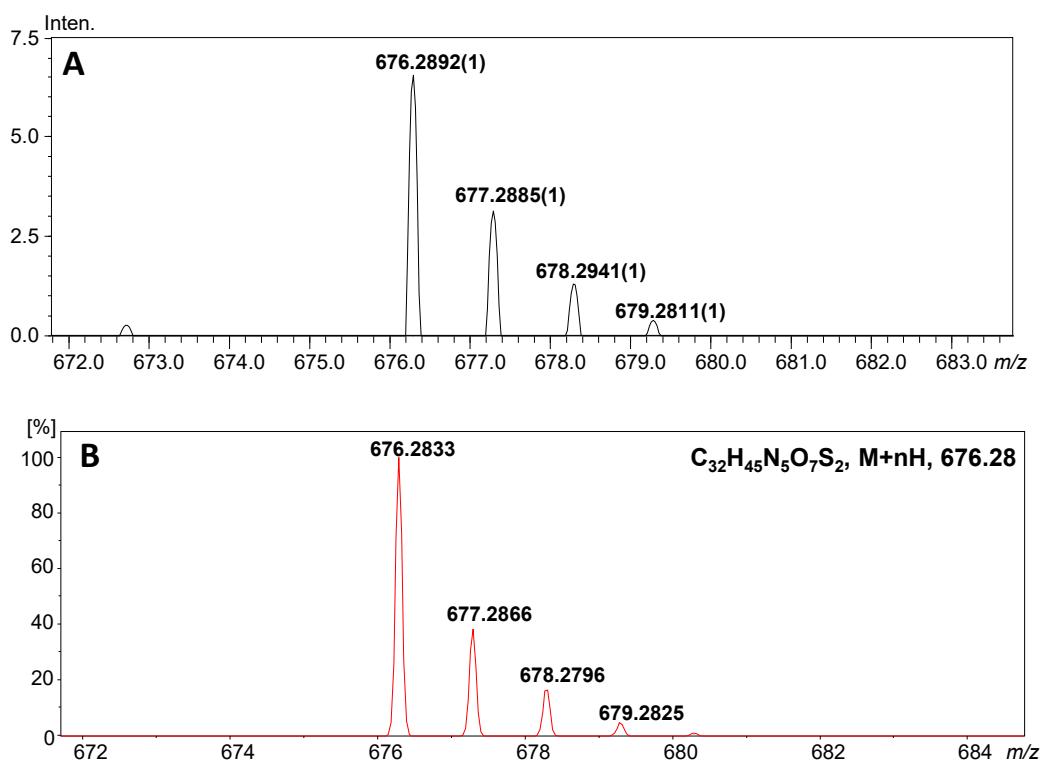
**Fig. S1** LC-MS chromatogram of **H-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (Leu-Enk.)** and XIC  $m/z$  for 556.2750 for crude product (A) and after purification (B); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 9.0 min (B); ESI-MS/MS spectrum of at  $m/z$  556.2750 (C) (*Conditions for LC-MS analysis: RP-Zorbax column (50 × 2.1 mm, 3.5 μm); gradient elution of 0-50% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min); ESI-MS/MS analysis – positive ion mode*).



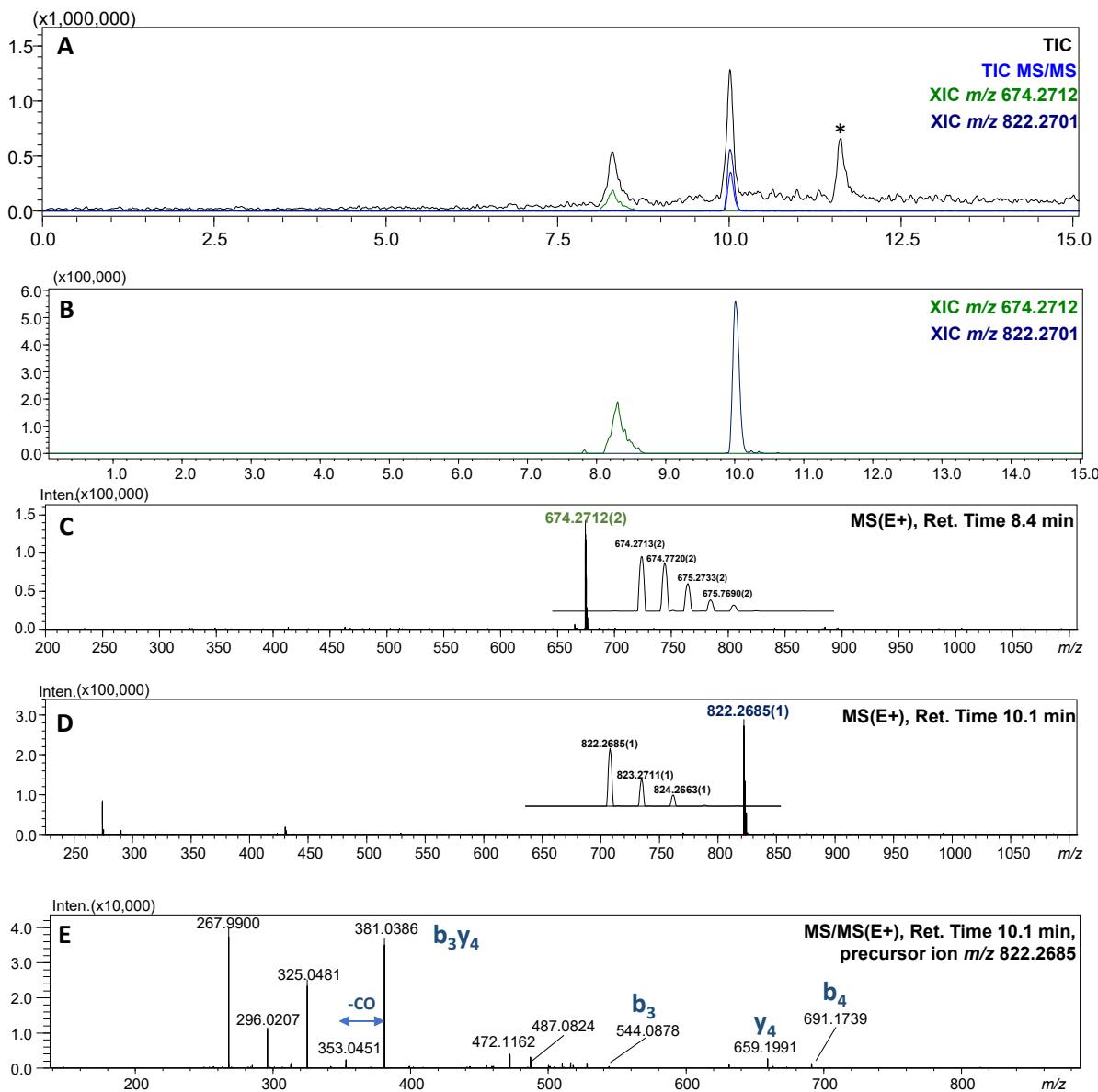
**Fig. S2** ESI-MS of **H-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (Leu-Enk.)** in zoom range at  $m/z$  554-563 (A) and simulated for pseudomolecular ion  $[M+H]^+$  where  $M = C_{28}H_{37}N_5O_7$  (B).



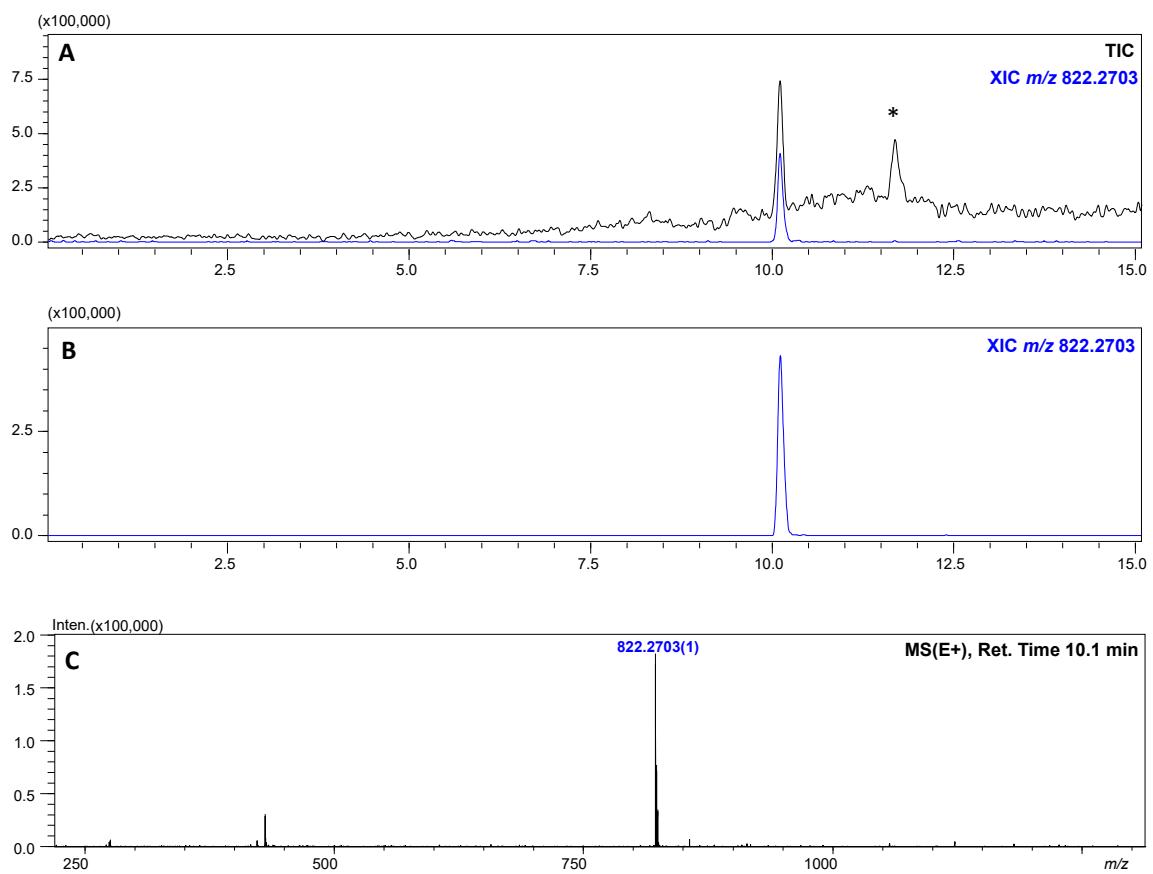
**Fig. S3** LC-MS chromatogram of H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (**1**) and XIC m/z for 676.2865 for crude product (A) and after purification (B); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 8.3 min (C); ESI-MS/MS spectrum of signal at m/z 676.2865 (D) (*Conditions for LC-MS analysis: RP-Zorbax column (50 × 2.1 mm, 3.5 μm); gradient elution of 0–80% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15–20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min); ESI-MS/MS analysis – positive ion mode*).



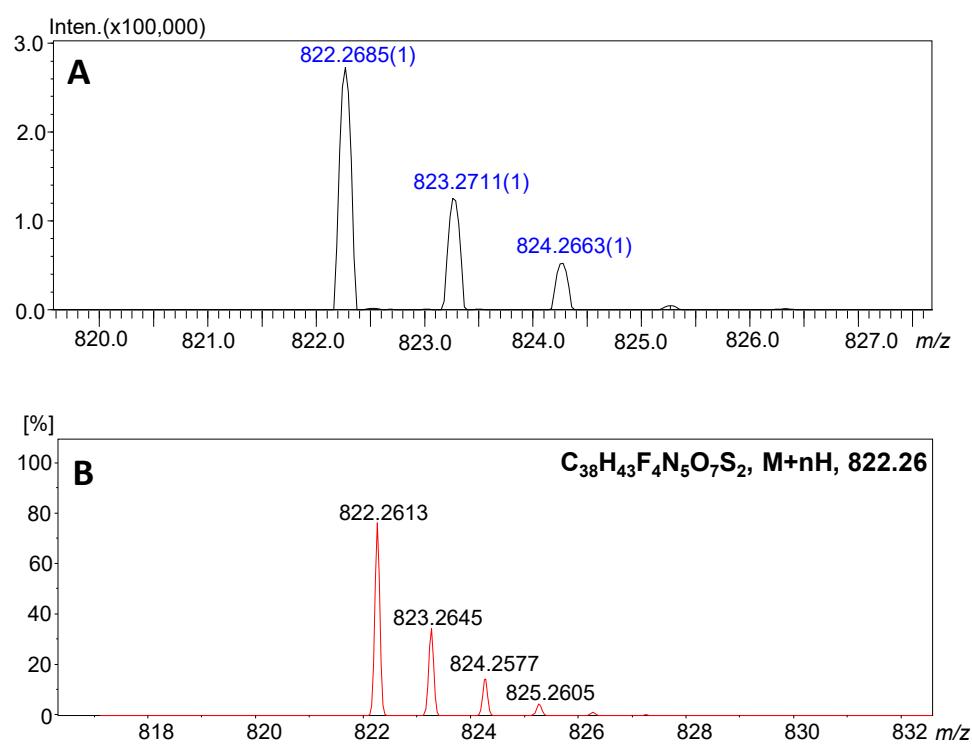
**Fig. S4** ESI-MS of H-Tyr-[*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly-[*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (**1**) in zoom range at  $m/z$  672-684 (A) and simulated for pseudomolecular ion  $[M+H]^+$  where  $M = C_{32}H_{45}N_5O_7S_2$  (B).



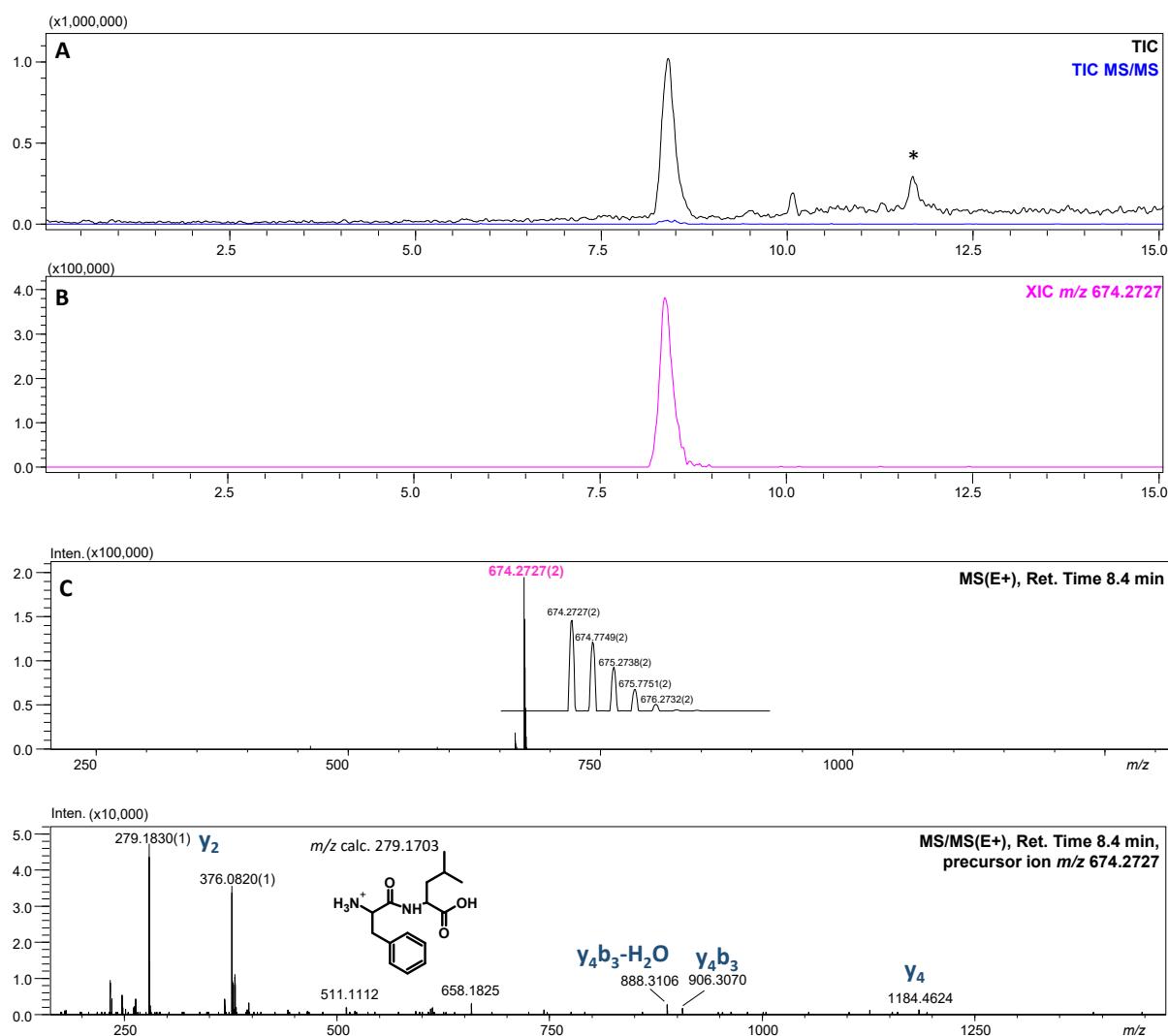
**Fig. S5** LC-MS chromatogram of H-Tyr-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (**1**) after cyclization reaction with hexafluorobenzene and XIC  $m/z$  for 674.2712 for intermolecular dimer (**1a**) of compound **1** and 822.2701 for compound **2** (A,B); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 8.3 min (C); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 10.0 min (D); ESI-MS/MS spectrum of signal at  $m/z$  822.2685 (E) (Conditions for LC-MS analysis: RP-Zorbax column ( $50 \times 2.1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $3.5 \mu\text{m}$ ); gradient elution of 0-80% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min); ESI-MS/MS analysis – positive ion mode; \* - impurities in mobile phase).



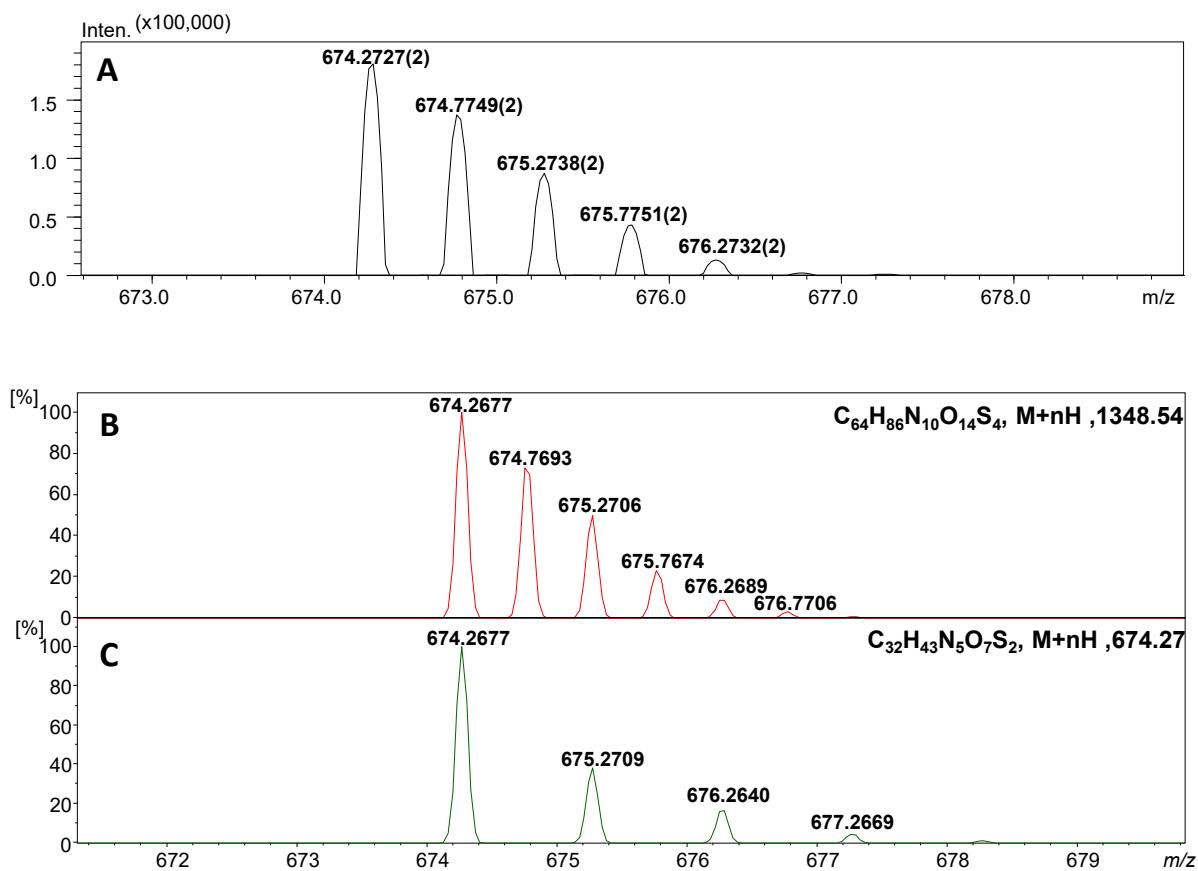
**Fig. S6** LC-MS chromatogram of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (**2**) after purification and XIC  $m/z$  for 822.2703 (A, B); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 10.3 (C); (*Conditions for LC-MS analysis: RP-Zorbax column (50 × 2.1 mm, 3.5 μm); gradient elution of 0-80% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min); ESI-MS analysis – positive ion mode; \* - impurities in mobile phase*).



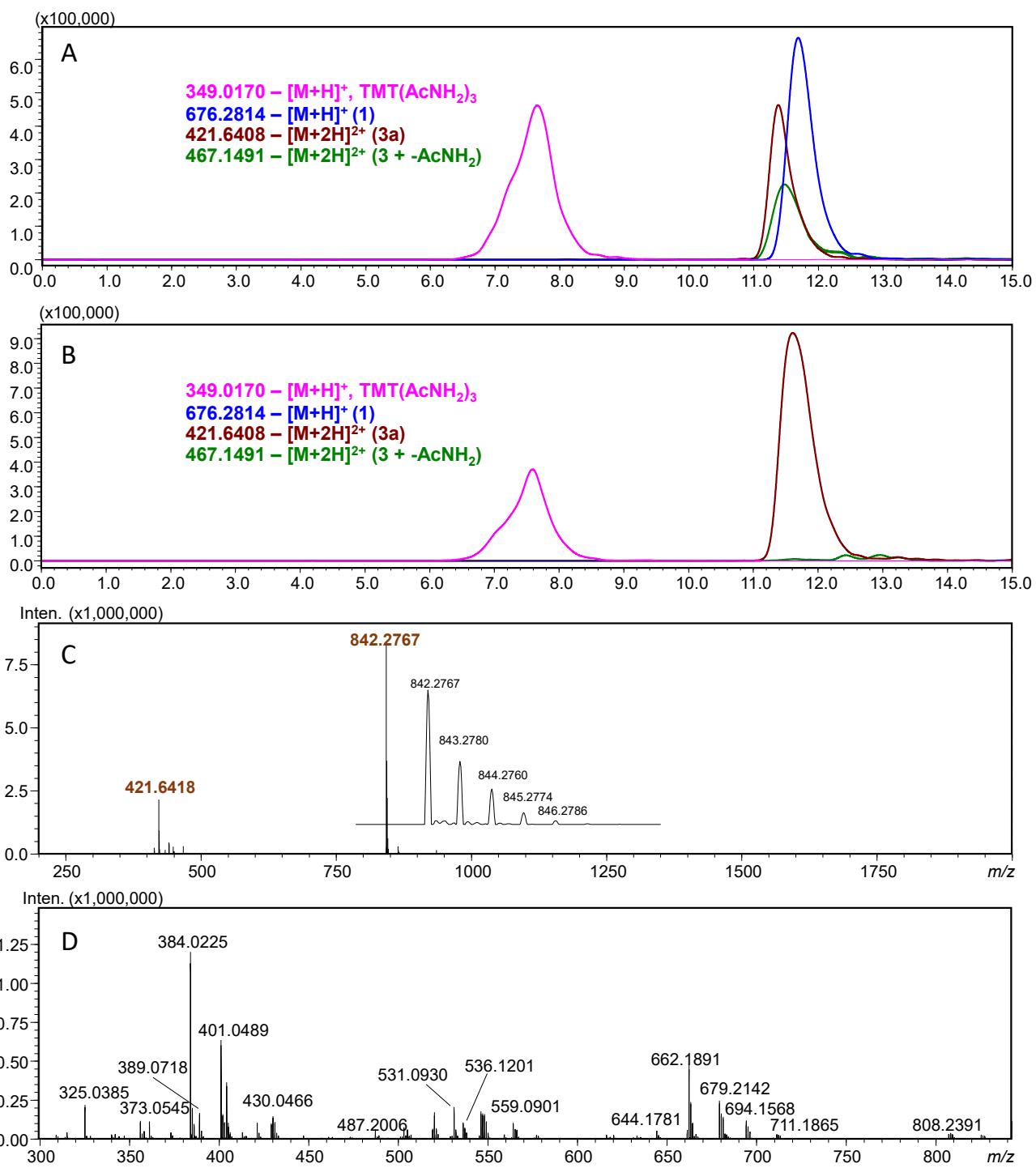
**Fig. S7** ESI-MS of **H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2)** in zoom range at  $m/z$  819-832 (A) and simulated spectrum for pseudomolecular ion  $[M+H]^+$  where  $M = C_{38}H_{43}N_5O_7S_2F_4$ (B).



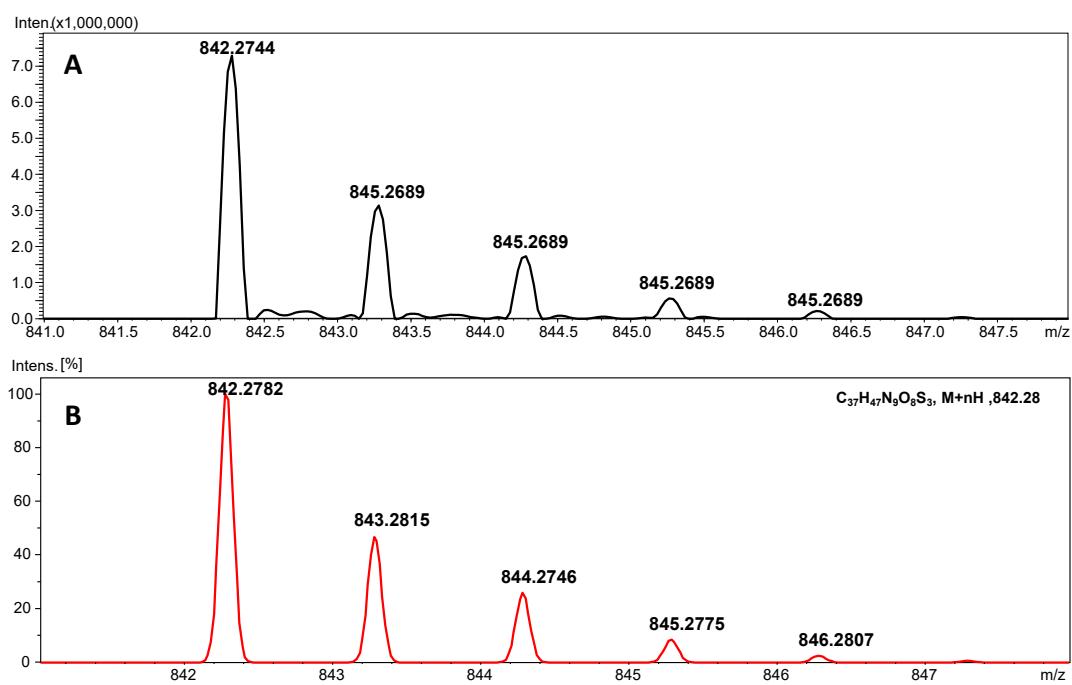
**Fig. S8** LC-MS chromatogram of intermolecular dimer of product 1 (**1a**) after purification and XIC  $m/z$  for 674.2727 (2+) (A, B); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 10.3 (C); (Conditions for LC-MS analysis: RP-Zorbax column (50 × 2.1 mm, 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ); gradient elution of 0-80% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min); ESI-MS/MS analysis – positive ion mode; \* - impurities in mobile phase).



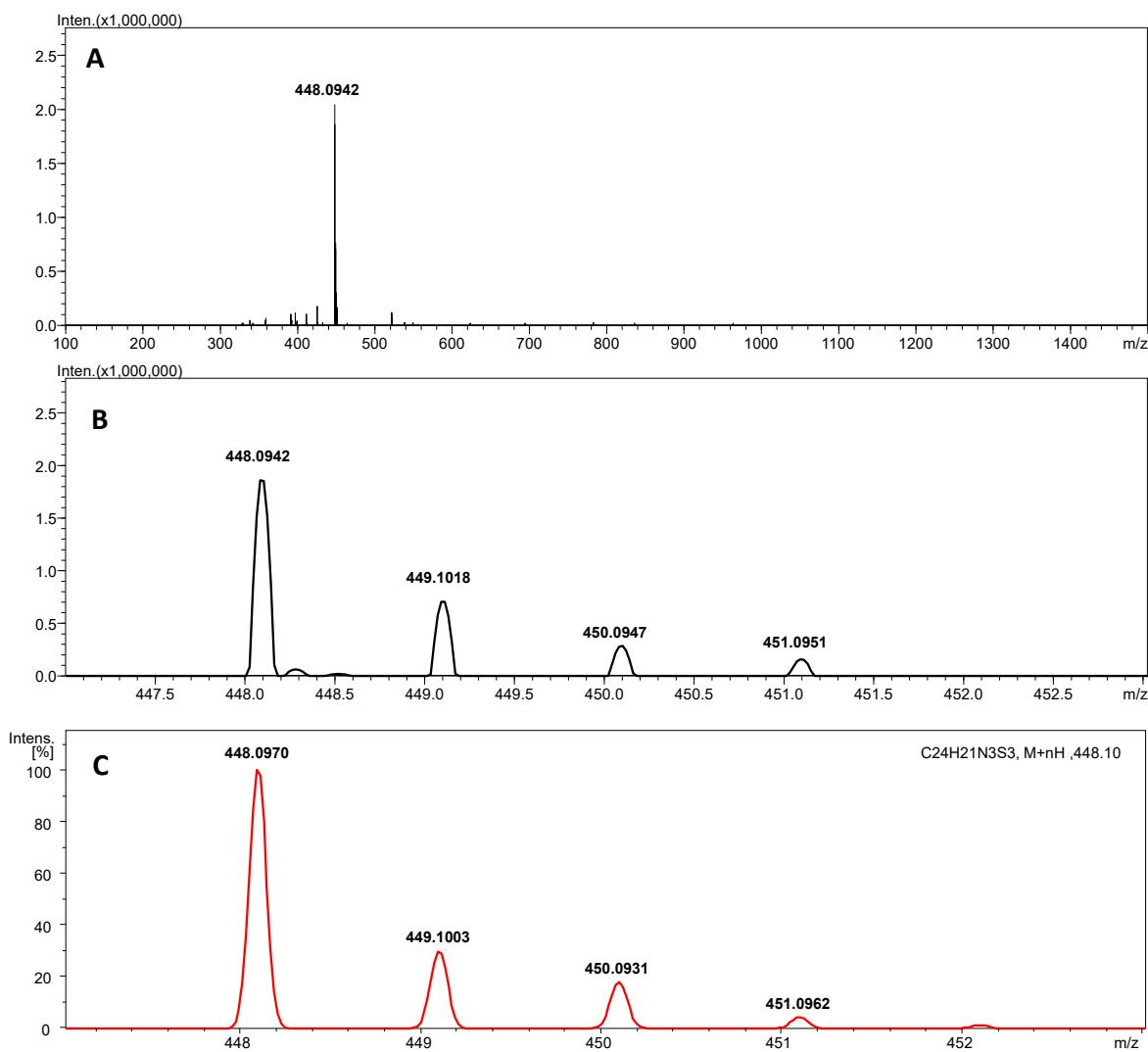
**Fig. S9** ESI-MS of intermolecular dimer of product 1 (1a) in zoom range at  $m/z$  670-680 (A) and simulated for pseudomolecular ions  $[M+nH]^+$  where  $M = C_{64}H_{86}N_{10}O_{14}S_4$  (B) and  $C_{32}H_{43}N_5O_7S_2$  (C).



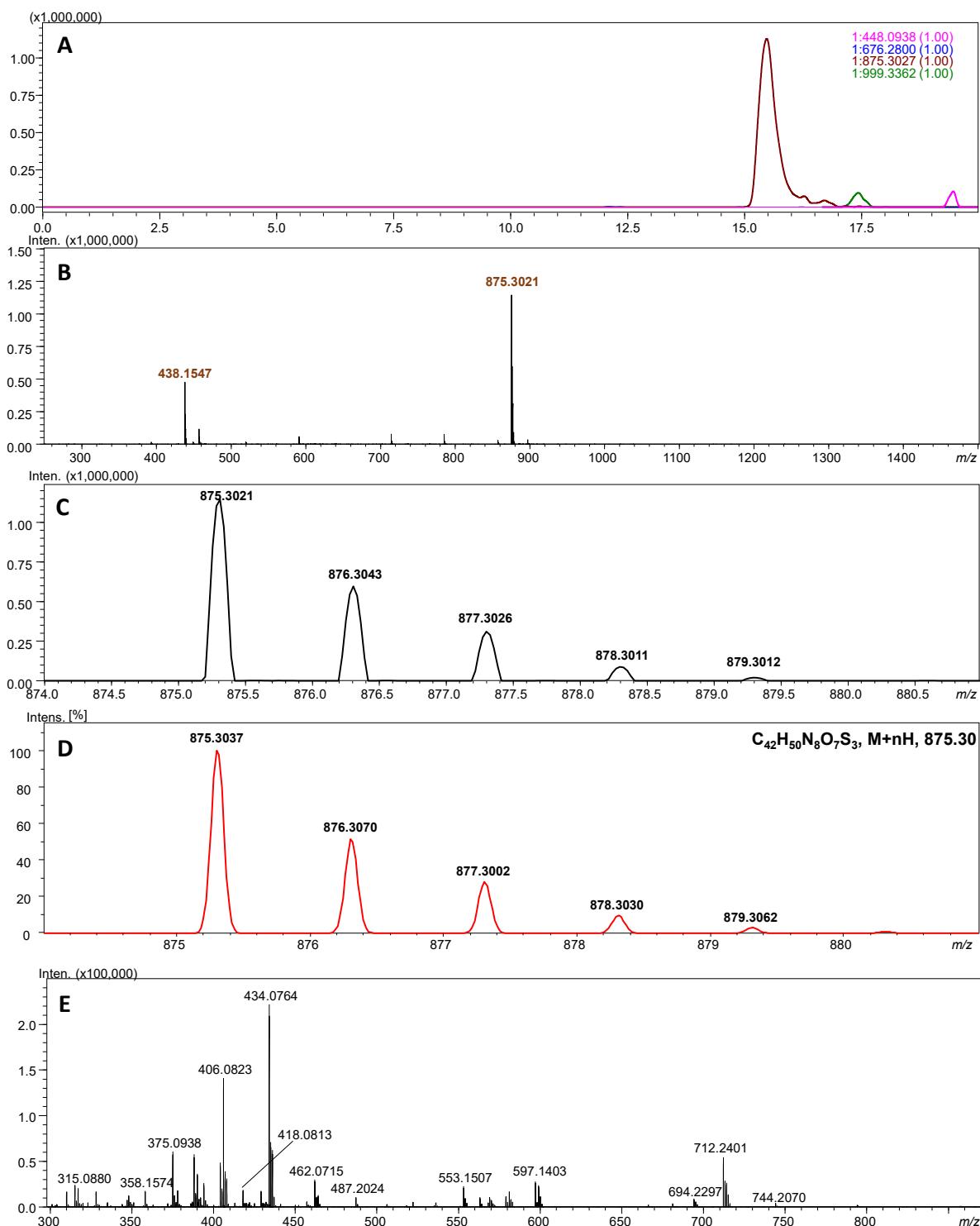
**Fig.S10** Extracted LC-MS chromatograms of the main product - H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SEt)])Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(Acm)-Phe-Leu-OH (**3a**) (brown), the side product TMT(Acm)<sub>2</sub>(1) (green), and substrates – 1 (blue), TMT(Acm)<sub>3</sub> (pink) after 5 minutes (A) or 3 hours (B) of the cyclization reaction; ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 11.5 min (C); MS<sup>2</sup> spectrum of the parent ion with m/z = 842.3 (D) (*Conditions for LC-MS analysis: ReproSil-XR 120 C18-MS (3 µm, 100 x 2 mm); gradient elution of 1-70% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.2 ml/min); ESI-MS/MS analysis – positive ion mode*)



**Fig. S11** ESI-MS of **H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(AcM)-Phe-Leu-OH (3a)** in zoom range at  $m/z$  841 – 848 (A) and simulated spectrum for pseudomolecular ion  $[M+H]^+$ , where  $M = C_{37}H_{47}N_9O_8S_3$  (B).

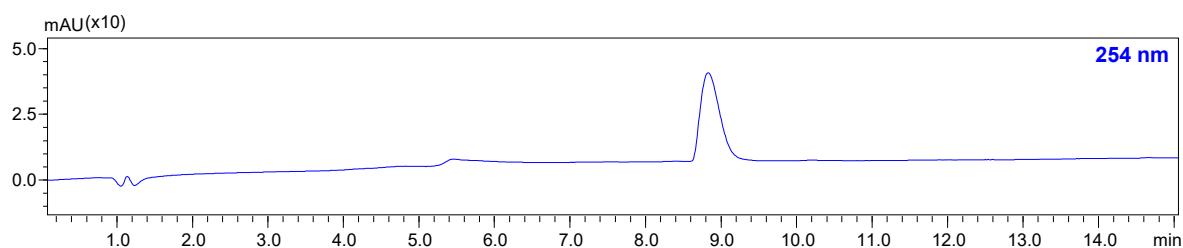
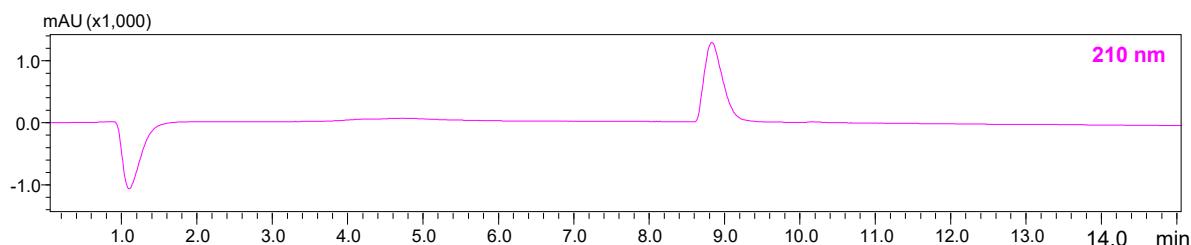


**Fig. S12** ESI-MS spectrum of TMT(Bzl)<sub>3</sub> in a wide range (A), in a zoom range at m/z 447 – 453 (B) and a simulated spectrum for pseudomolecular ion [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, where M = C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (C)

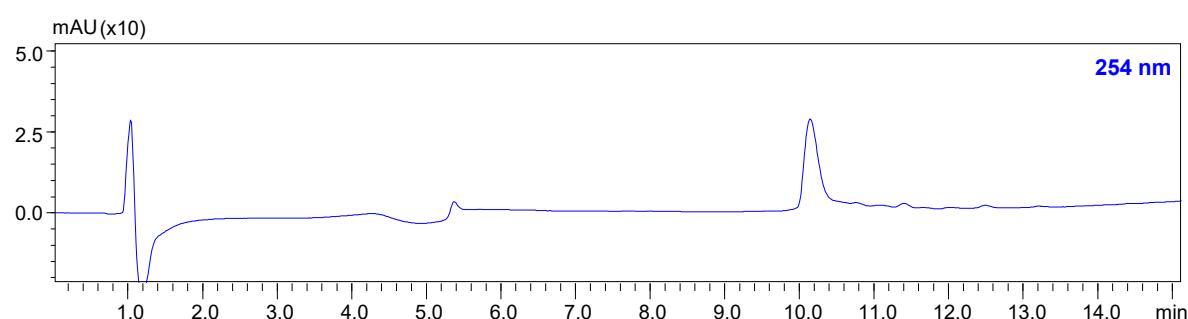
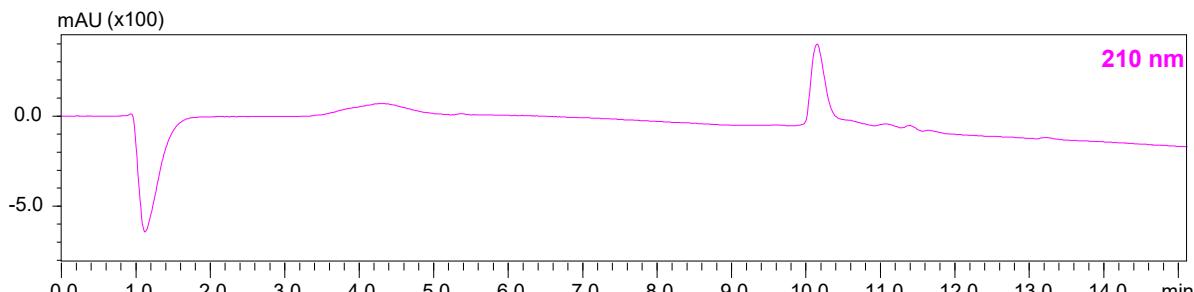


**Fig. S13** Extracted LC-MS chromatograms of the main product - **H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SEt)])Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly(Bzl)-Phe-Leu-OH (3b) (brown)**, the side product TMT(Bzl)<sub>2</sub>(1) (green), and substrates – 1 (blue), TMT(Acm)<sub>3</sub> (pink) after 24 hours of the cyclization reaction (B); ESI-MS spectrum of signal with retention time 16.0 min (C); ESI-MS spectrum in zoom range at  $m/z$  874 – 881 (C); simulated spectrum of pseudomolecular ion  $[M+H]^+$ , where  $M = C_{42}H_{50}N_8O_7S_3$  (D);  $MS^2$  spectrum of the parent ion with  $m/z = 875.3$  (E) (*Conditions for LC-MS analysis: ReproSil-XR 120 C18-MS (3  $\mu$ m, 100 x 2 mm); gradient elution of 1-70% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.2 ml/min); ESI-MS/MS analysis – positive ion mode*)

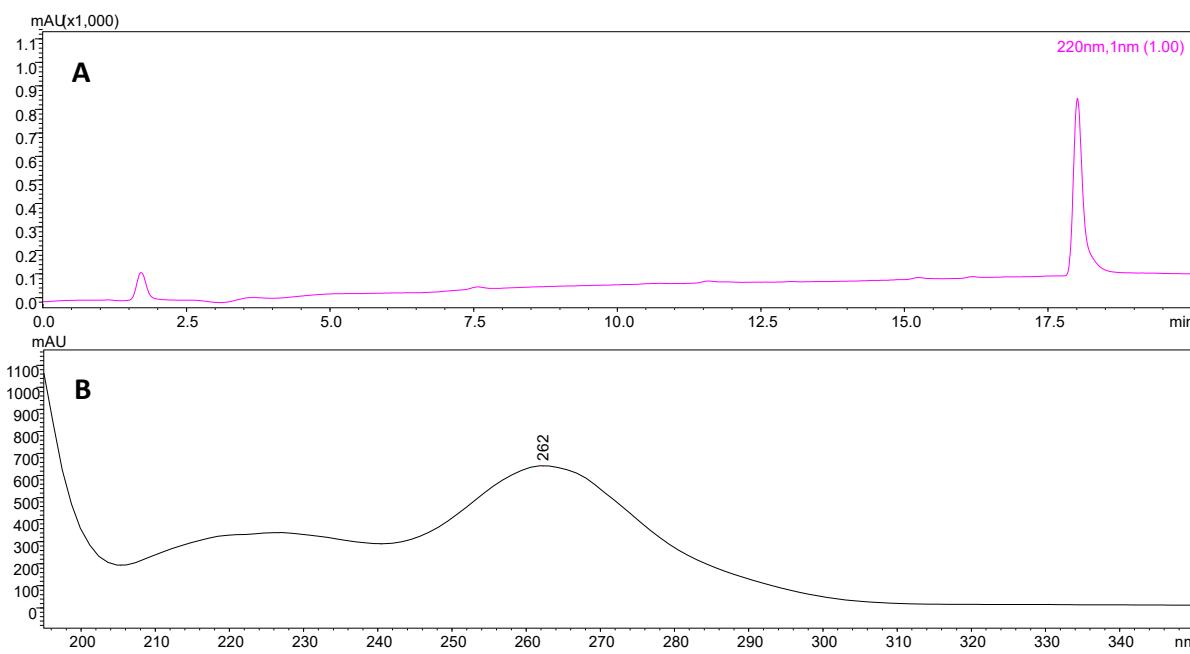
#### 4. LC-UV analysis



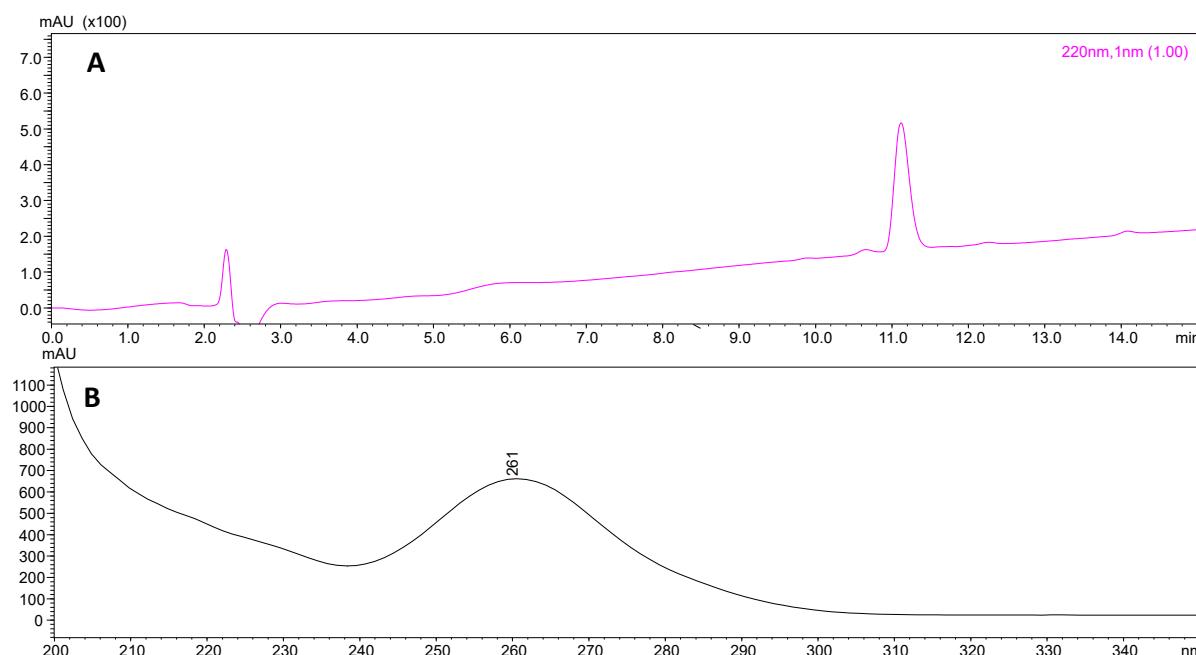
**Fig. S14** LC-UV chromatogram of **H-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Phe-Leu-OH (Leu-Enk.)** (*Conditions for LC-UV analysis: RP-Zorbax column (50 × 2.1 mm, 3.5 µm); gradient elution of 0-50% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min).*)



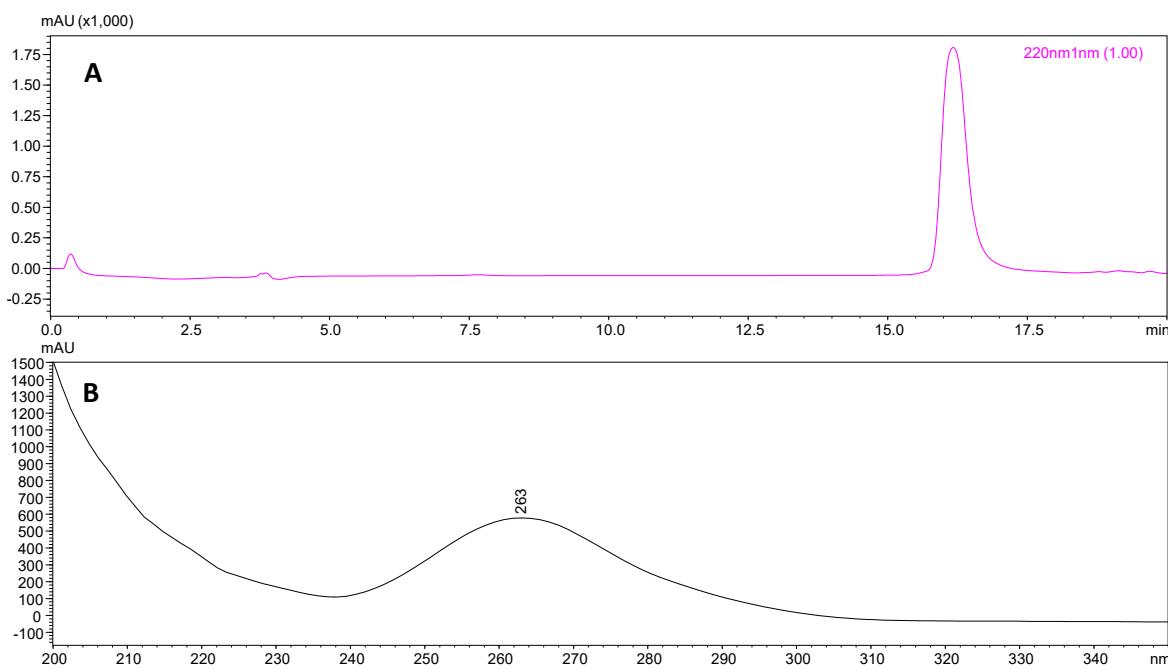
**Fig. S15** LC-UV chromatogram of **H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2)** (*Conditions for LC-UV analysis: RP-Zorbax column (50 × 2.1 mm, 3.5 µm); gradient elution of 0-80% B in A (A = 0.1% HCOOH in water; B = 0.1% HCOOH in MeCN) at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column (flow rate: 0.1 ml/min).*)



**Fig. S16** LC-UV chromatogram (A) and extracted UV absorption spectrum (B) of **TMT(Bzl)<sub>3</sub>** (*Conditions for LC-UV analysis: column -ReproSil-XR 120 C18-MS (3  $\mu$ m, 100 x 2 mm); detection - DAD, 220 nm; gradient elution – 20-100% B in A in 15 min, 100% B for 5 min; eluent A – 0.1% formic acid in the water, eluent B – 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile; flowrate 0.2 mL/min*).

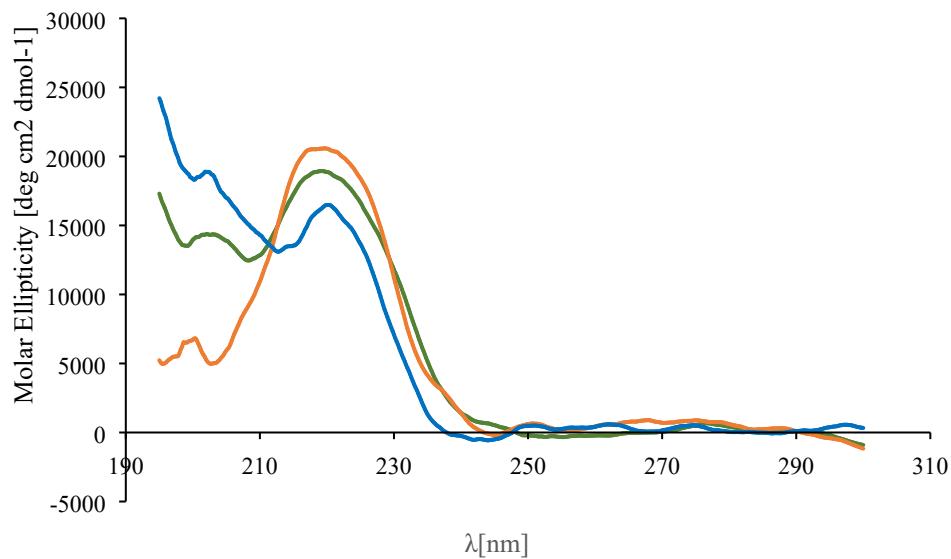


**Fig. S17** LC-UV chromatogram (A) and extracted UV absorption spectrum (B) of **H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SEt)])Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(Acm)-Phe-Leu-OH (3a)** (*Conditions for LC-UV analysis: ReproSil-XR 120 C18-MS (3  $\mu$ m, 100 x 2 mm); gradient elution of 1-70% B in A at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column; eluent A – 0.1% formic acid in the water, eluent B – 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile; flow rate: 0.2 ml/min*).

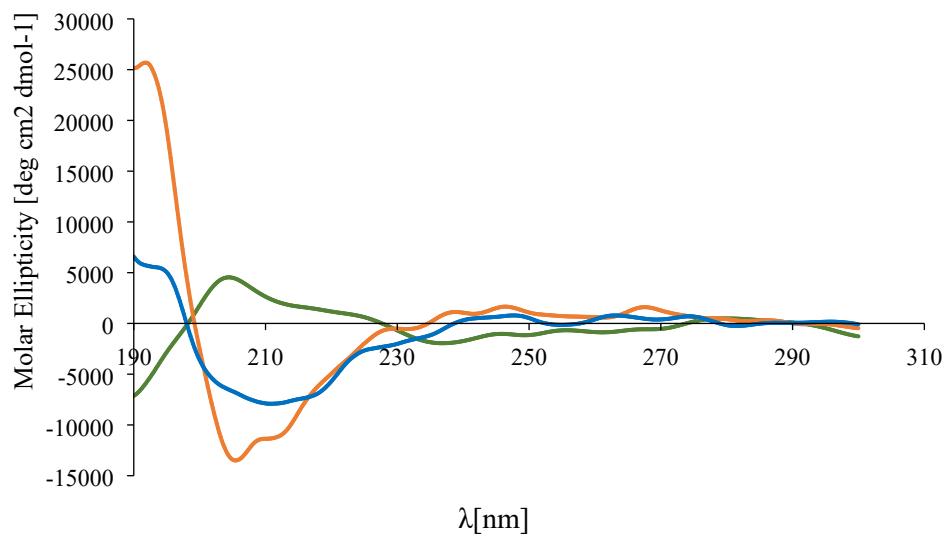


**Fig. S18** LC-UV chromatogram (A) and extracted UV absorption spectrum (B) of **H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SET)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(Bzl)-Phe-Leu-OH (3b)** (*Conditions for LC-UV analysis: ReproSil-XR 120 C18-MS (3  $\mu$ m, 100 x 2 mm); gradient elution of 1-70% B in A at RT in 15 min, 15-20 min washing and stabilizing the column; eluent A – 0.1% formic acid in the water, eluent B – 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile; flow rate: 0.2 ml/min*).

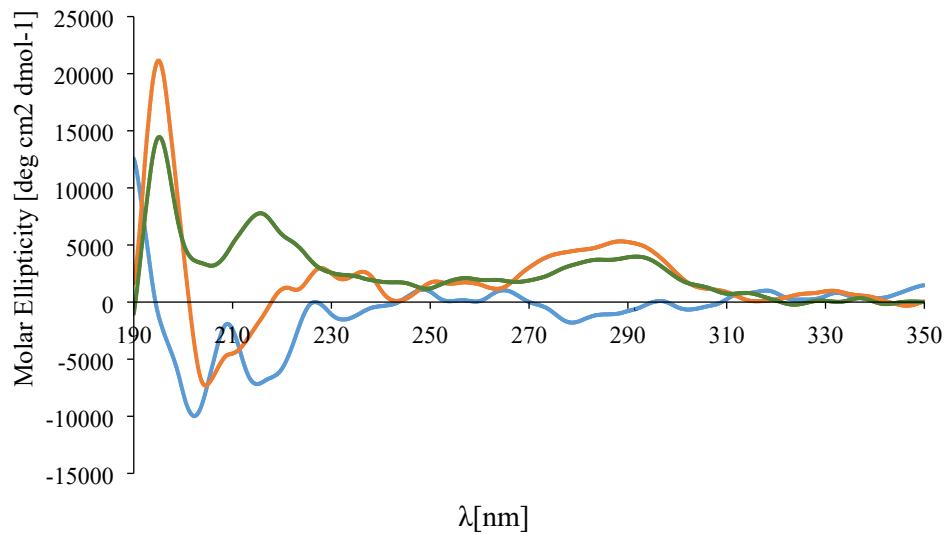
## 5. CD analysis



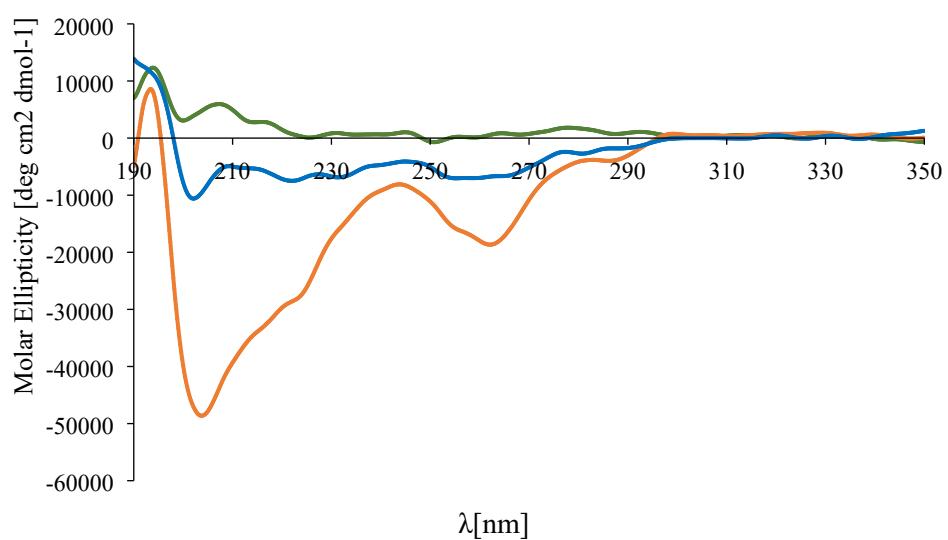
**Fig. S19** CD spectra for Leu-Enkephalin (solvents: H<sub>2</sub>O (blue); TFE (orange), MeCN (green))



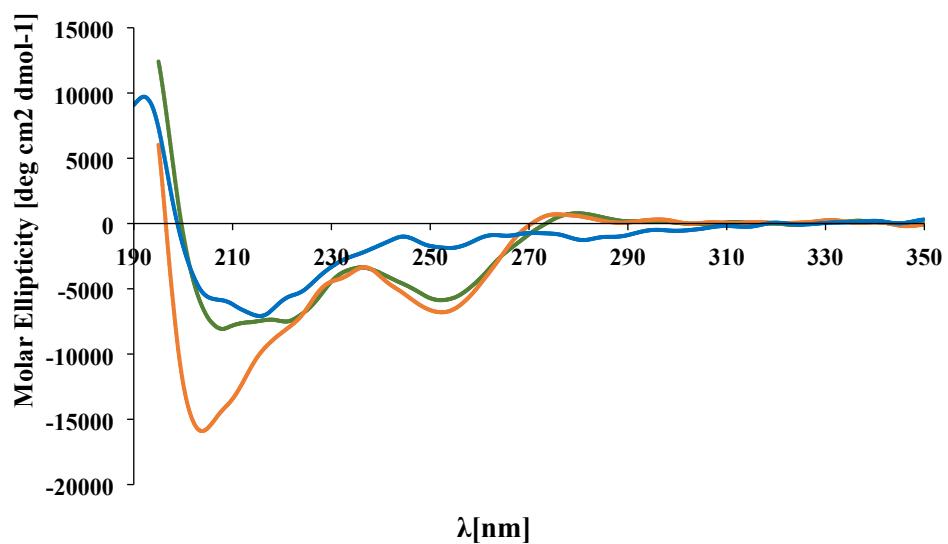
**Fig. S20** CD spectra for 1a (solvents: H<sub>2</sub>O (blue); TFE (orange), MeCN (green))



**Fig. S21** CD spectra for 2 (solvents: H<sub>2</sub>O (blue); TFE (orange), MeCN (green))

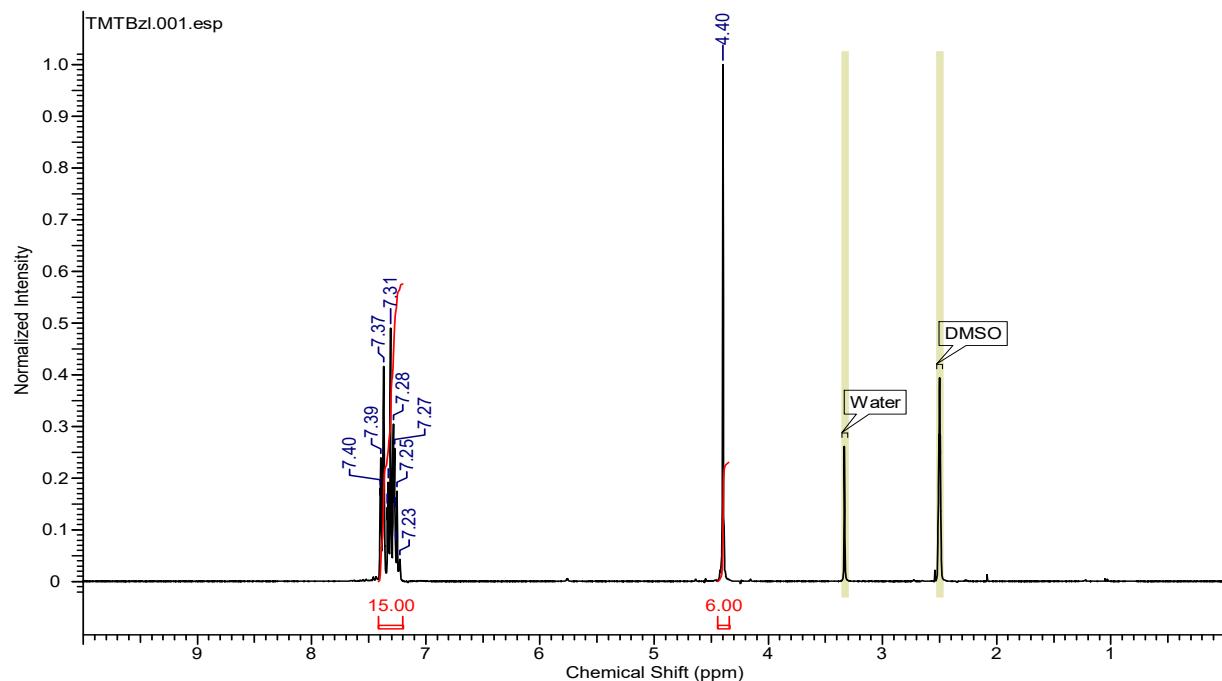


**Fig. S22** CD spectra for 3a (solvents: H<sub>2</sub>O (blue); TFE (orange), MeCN (green))

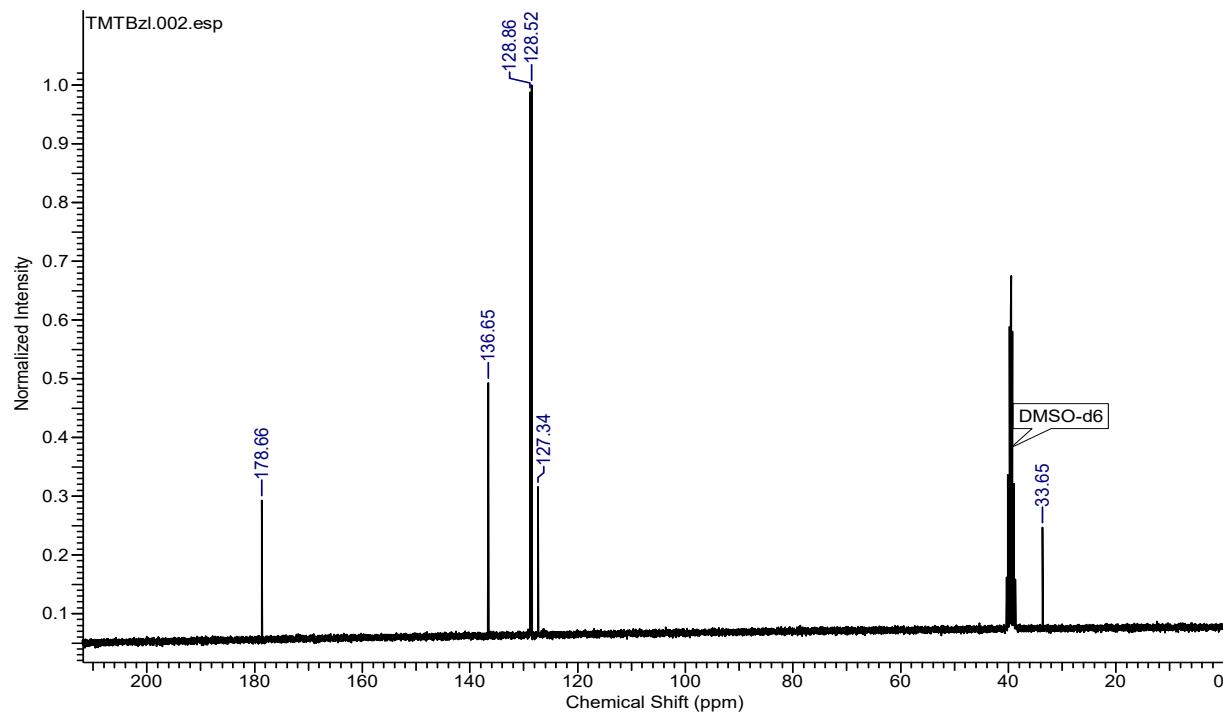


**Fig. S23** CD spectra for 3b (solvents: H<sub>2</sub>O (blue); TFE (orange), MeCN (green))

## 6. NMR spectra



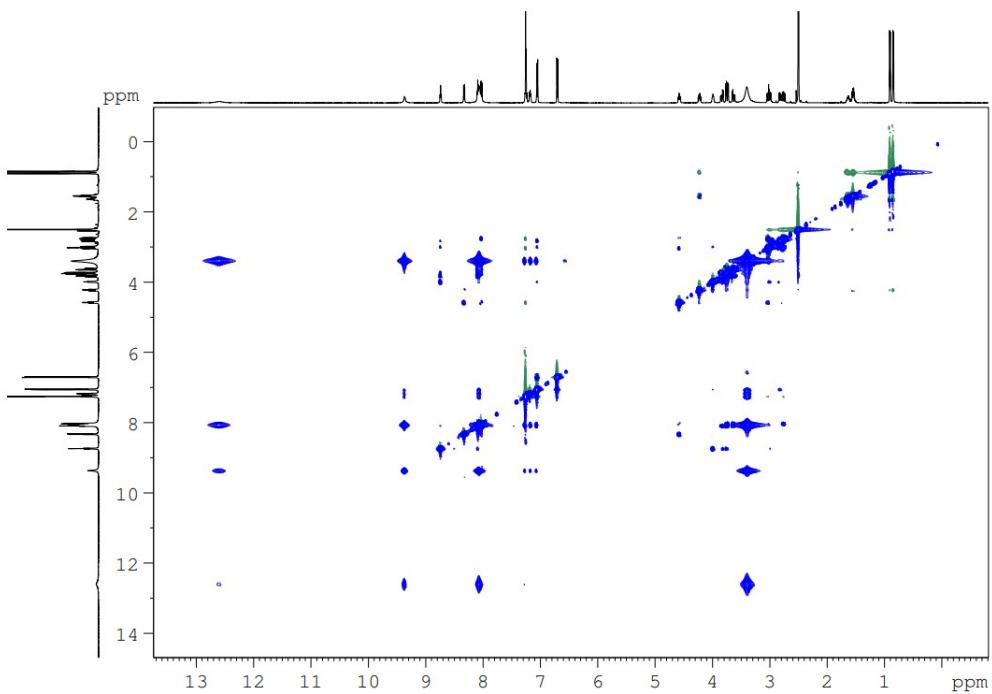
**Fig. S24** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TMT(BzI)<sub>3</sub>



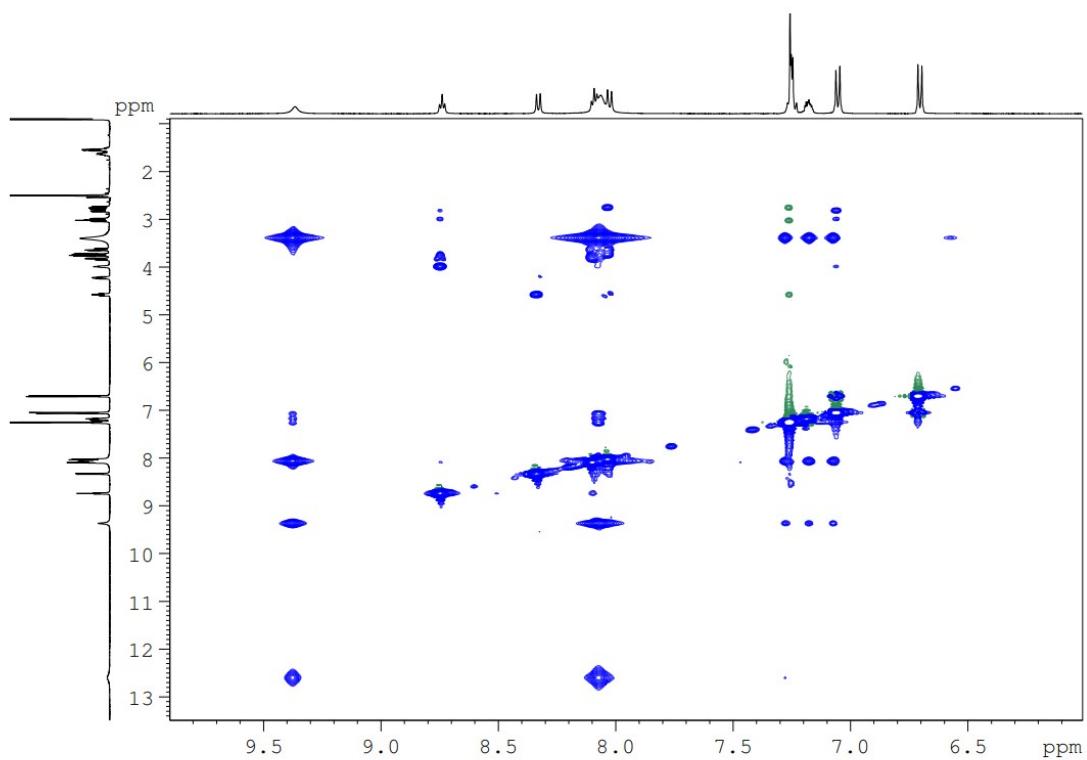
**Fig. S25** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of TMT(BzI)<sub>3</sub>



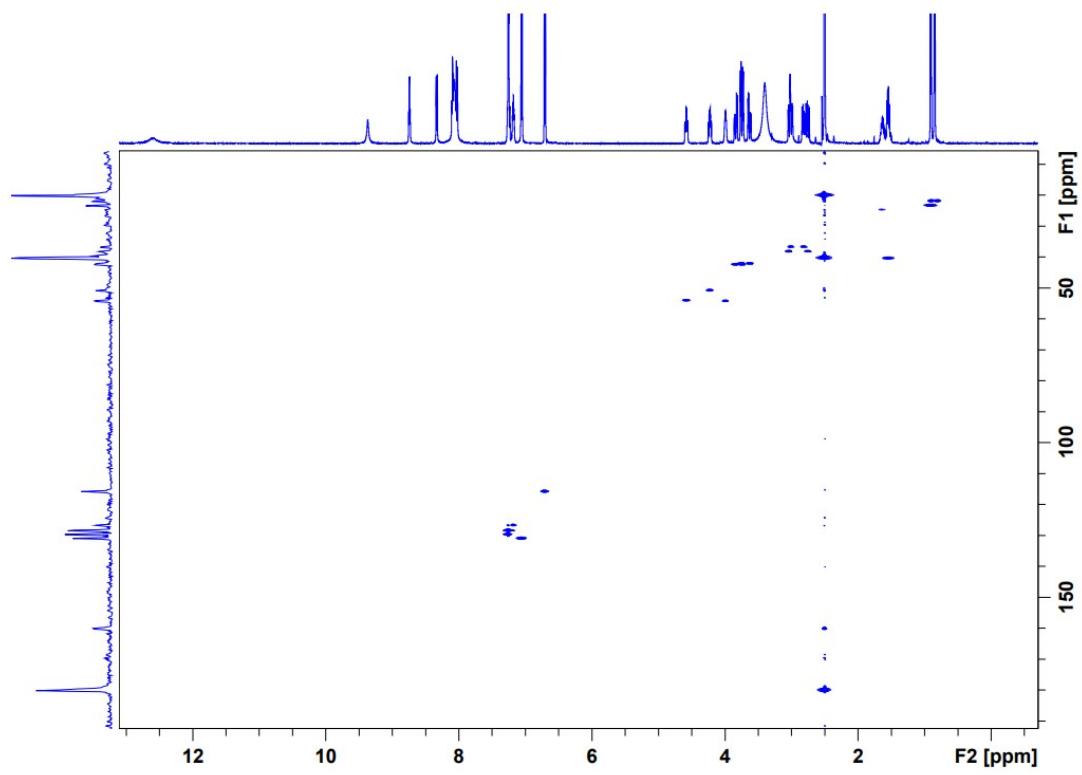




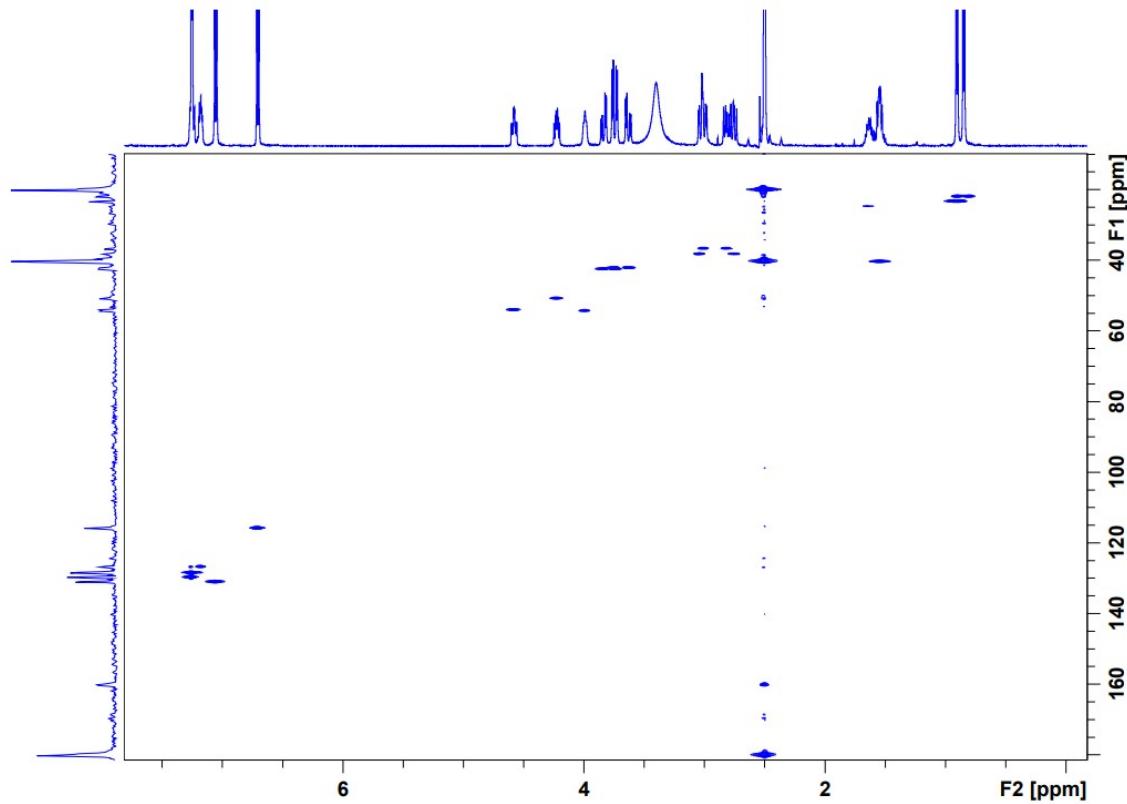
**Fig. S29** 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ -NOESY NMR spectrum of Leu-enkephalin (Leu-Enk.)



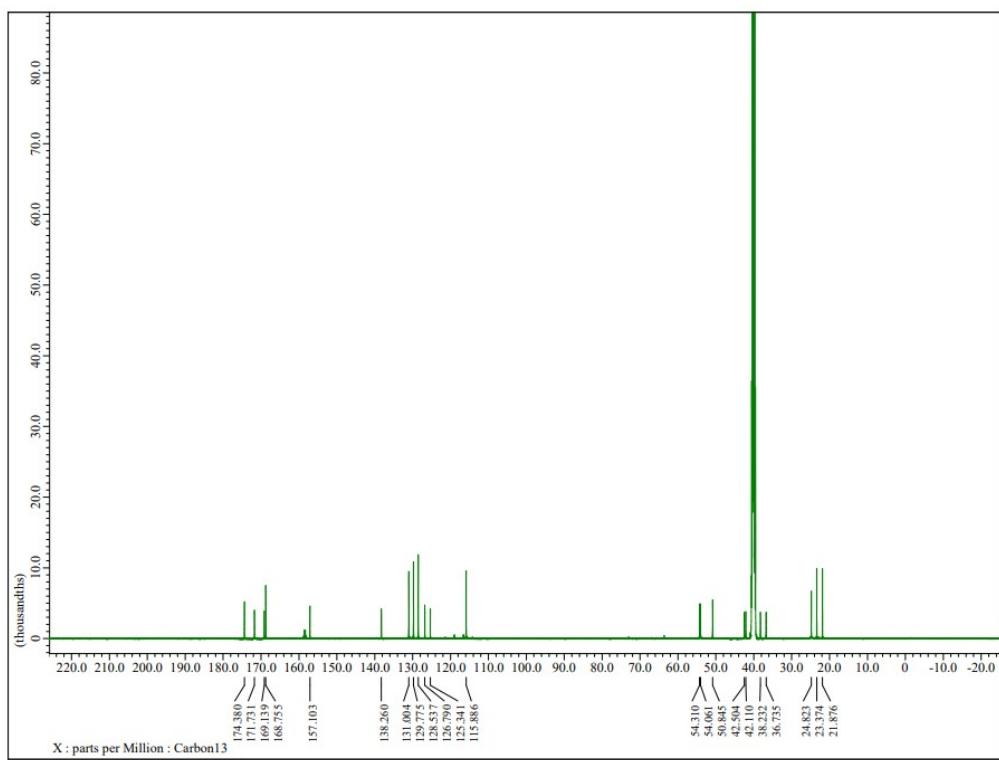
**Fig. S30** 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ -NOESY NMR spectrum of Leu-enkephalin (Leu-Enk.) (zoom)



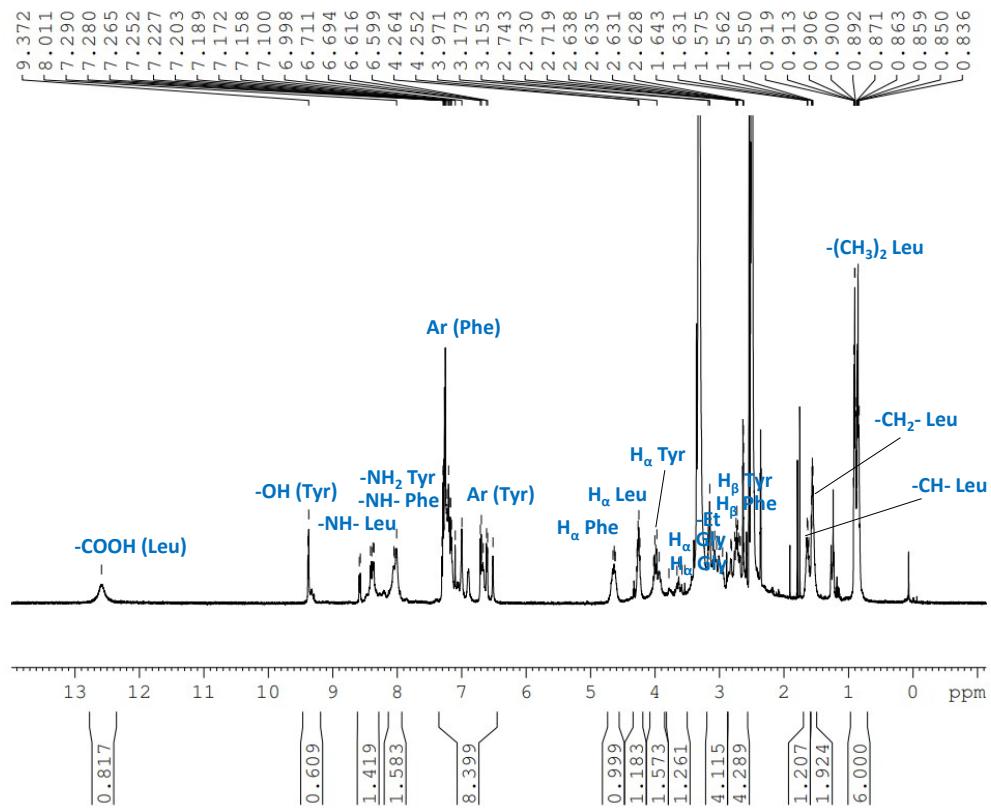
**Fig. S31** HSQC spectrum of Leu-enkephalin (Leu-Enk.)



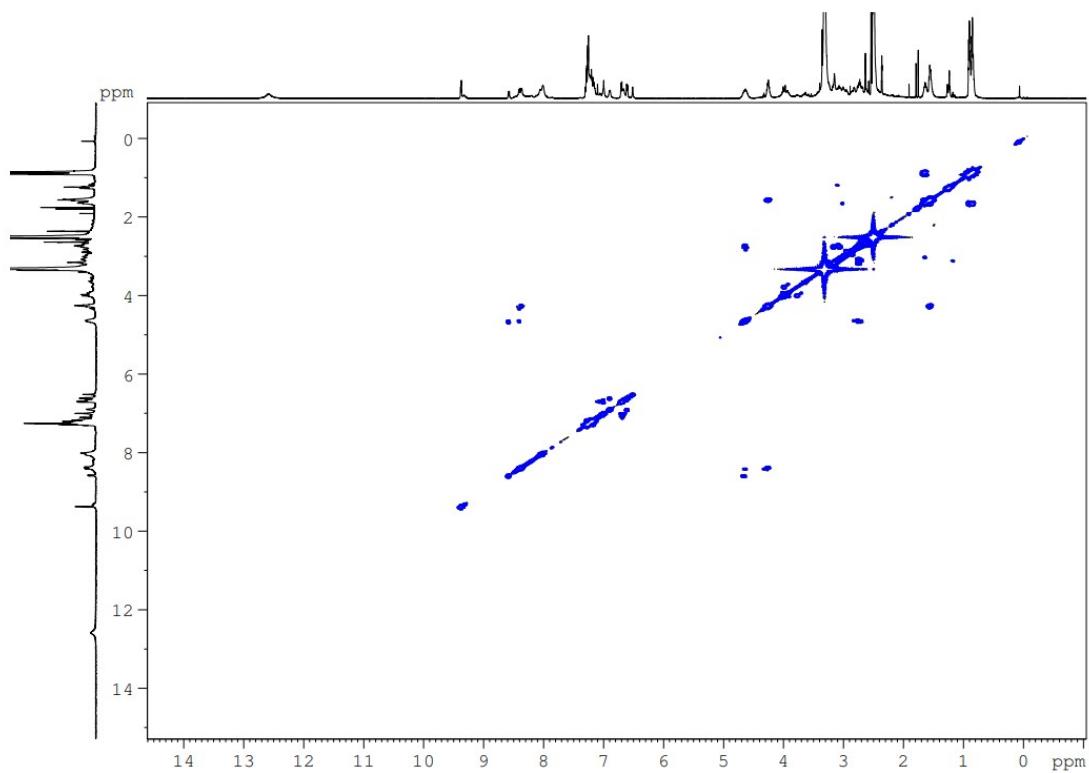
**Fig. S32** HSQC spectrum of Leu-enkephalin (Leu-Enk.) (zoom)



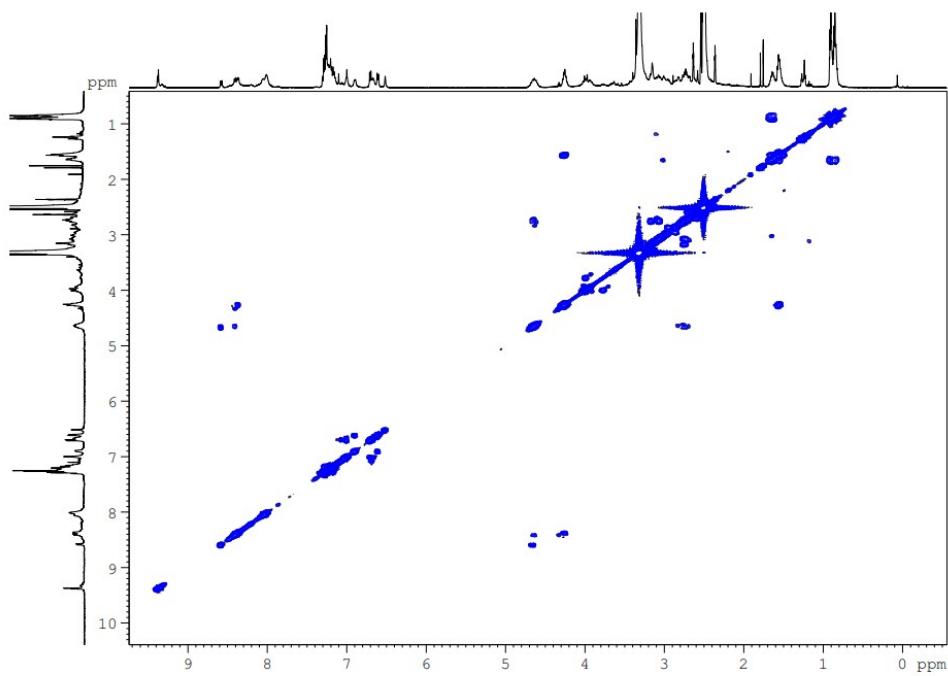
**Fig. S33**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Leu-enkephalin (Leu-Enk.)



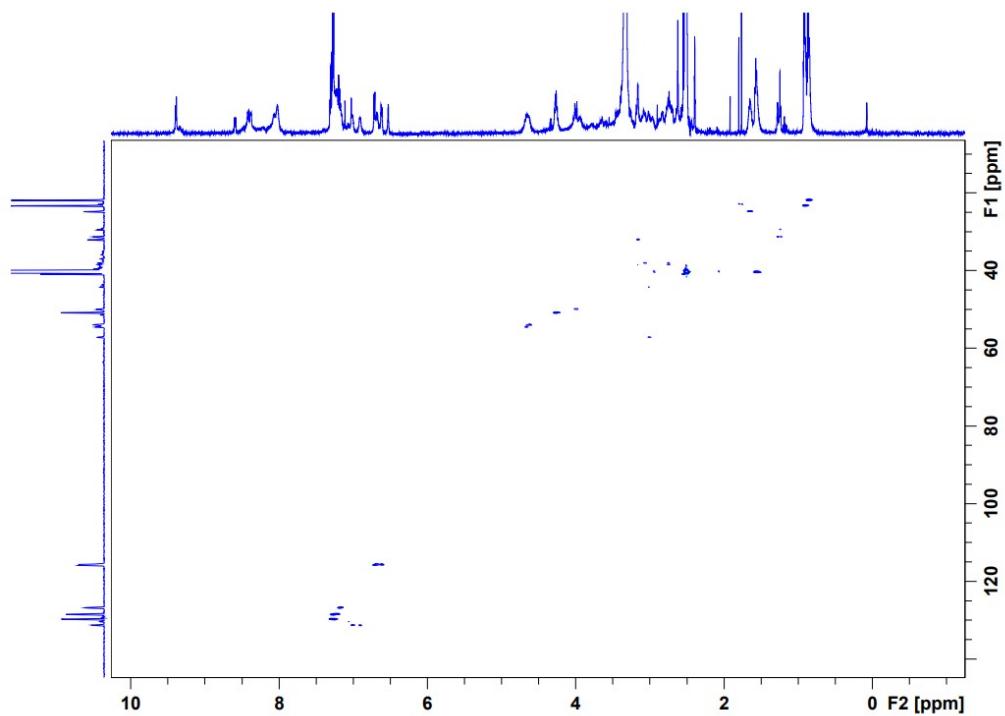
**Fig. S34**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([ $N$ -(2-SEt)]Gly-[ $N$ -(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2)



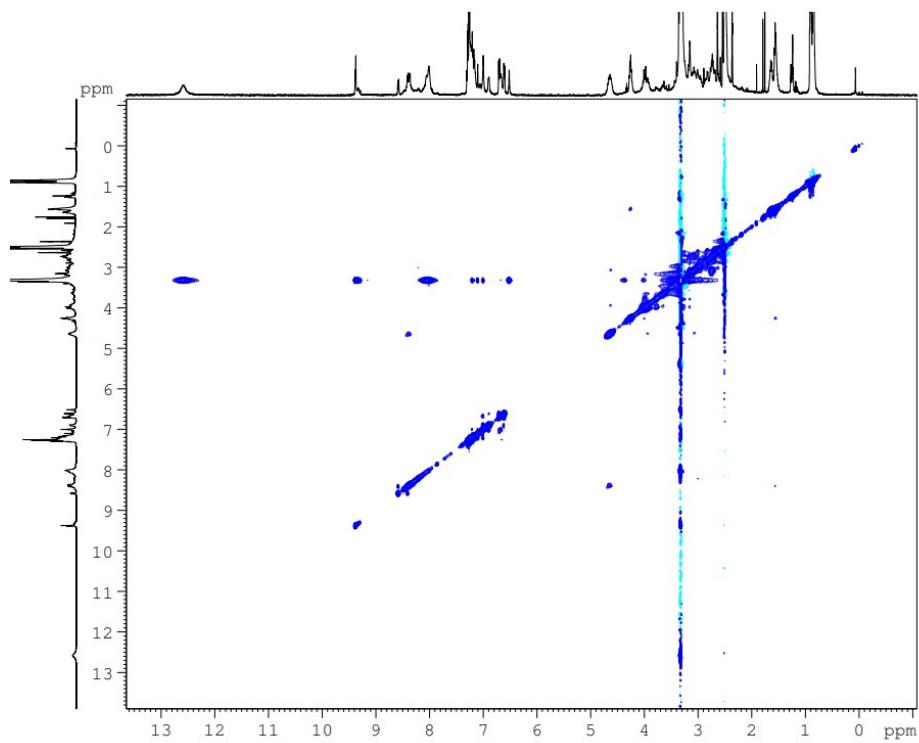
**Fig. S35** COSY spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly-[*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2)



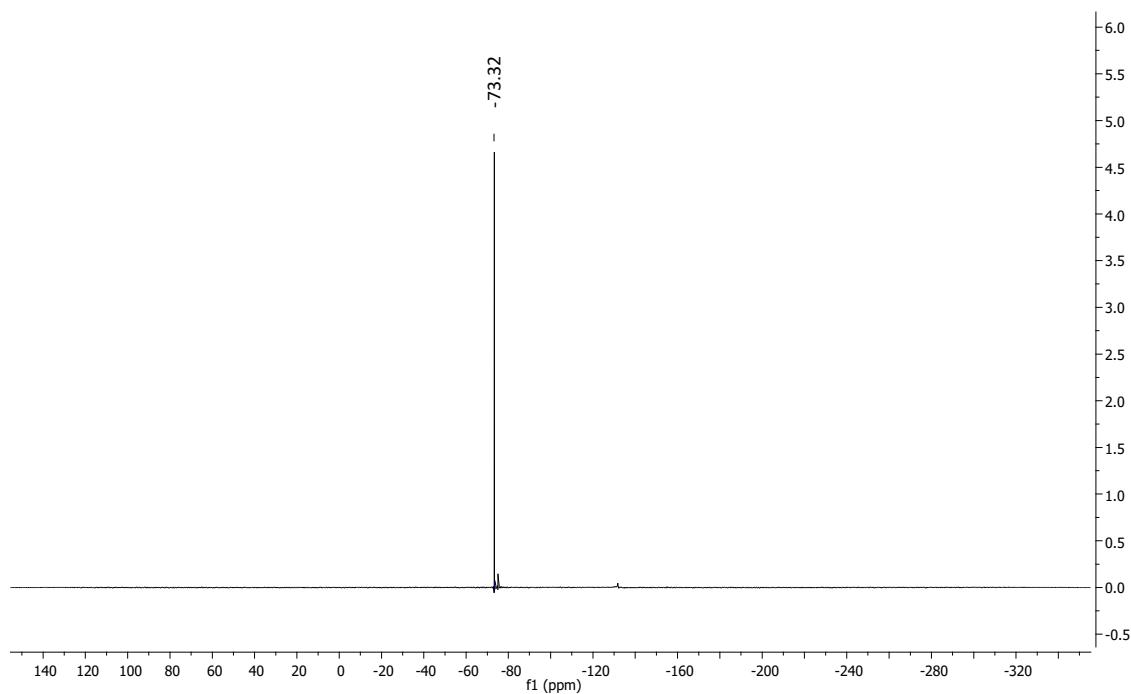
**Fig. S36** COSY spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly-[*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2) (zoom)



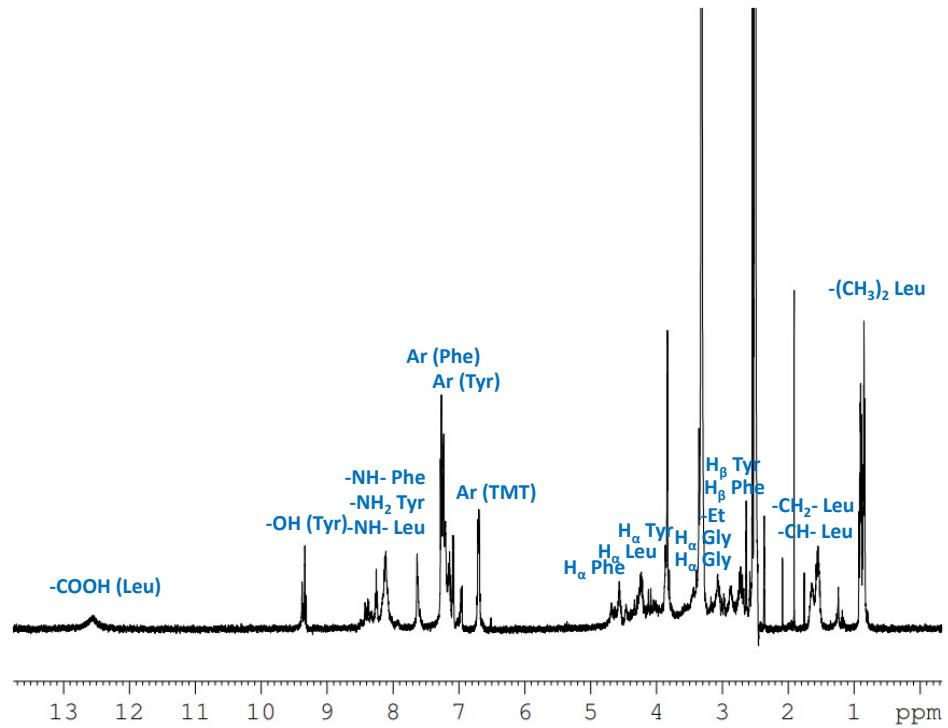
**Fig. S37** HSQC spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly-[*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2)



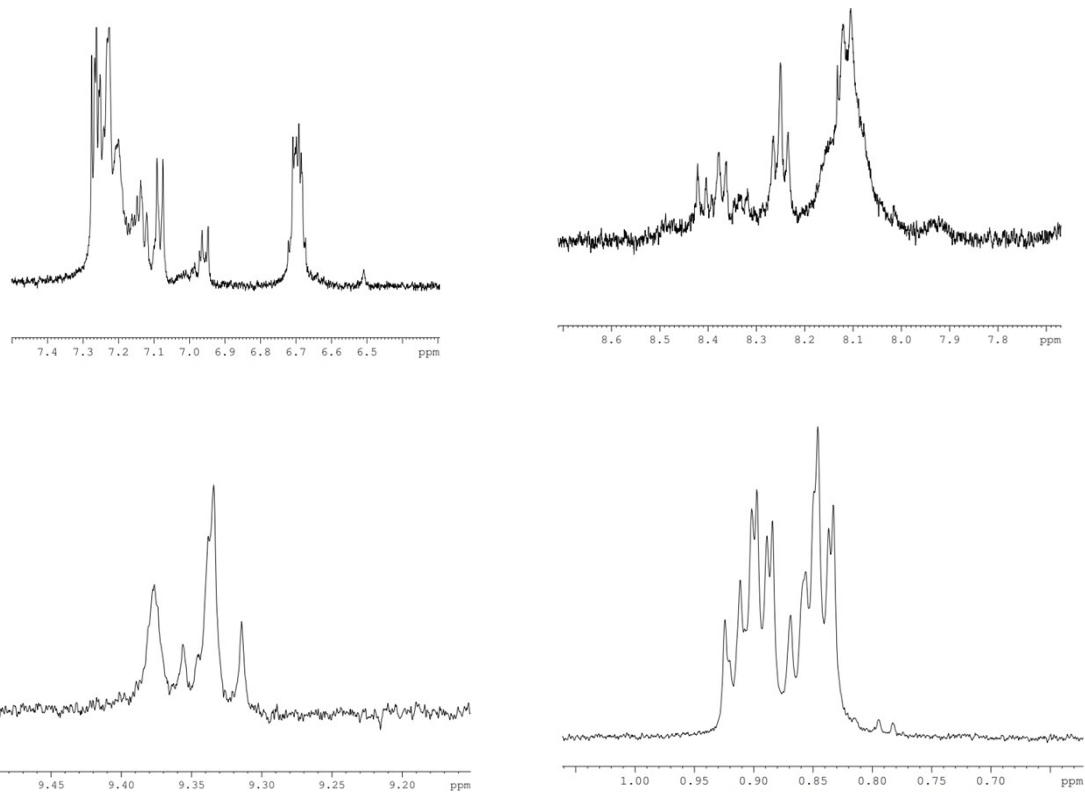
**Fig. S38** NOESY spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly-[*N*-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2)



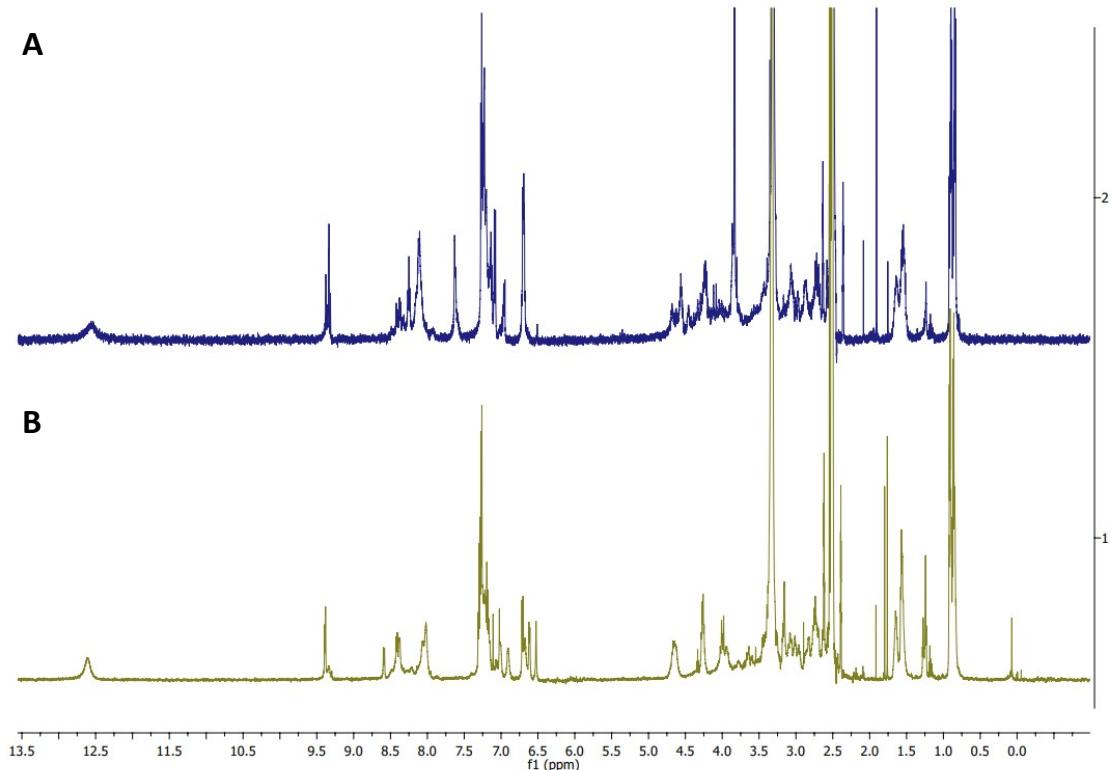
**Fig. S39**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-4FB([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)-Phe-Leu-OH (2) (zoom)



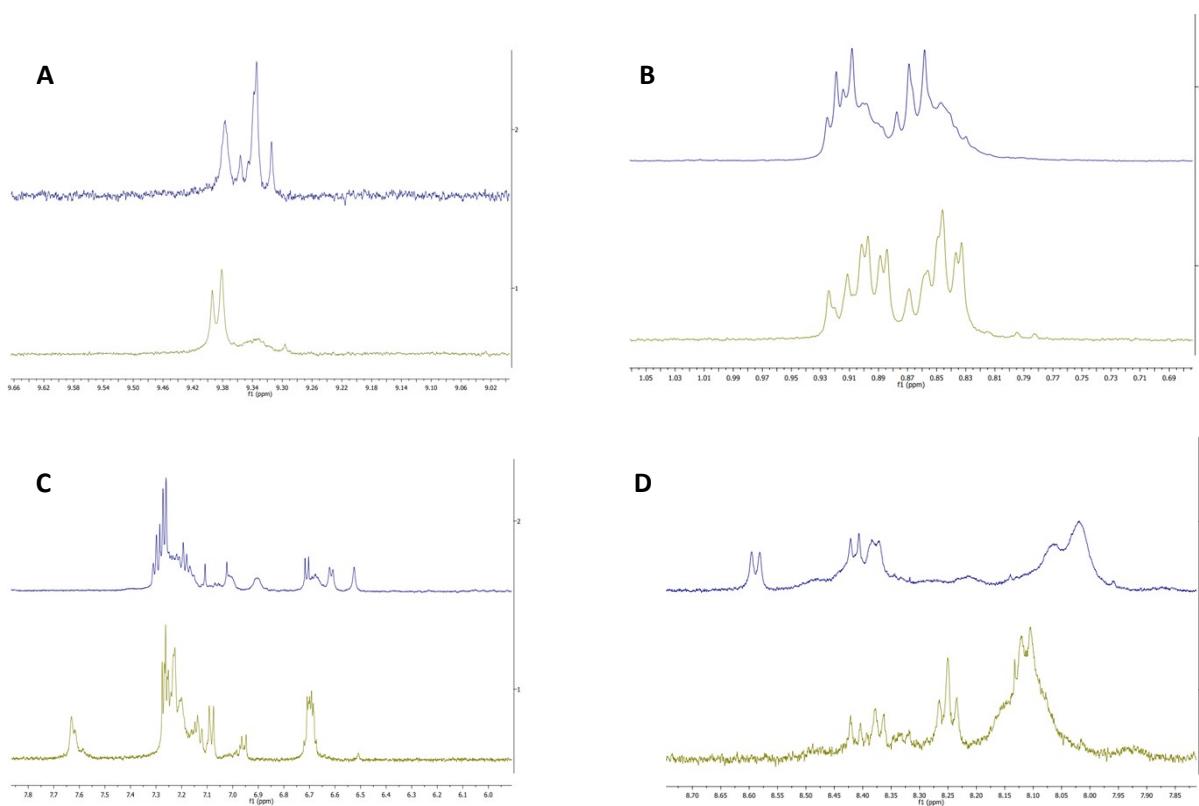
**Fig. S40**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SEt)]Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(AcM)-Phe-Leu-OH (3a)



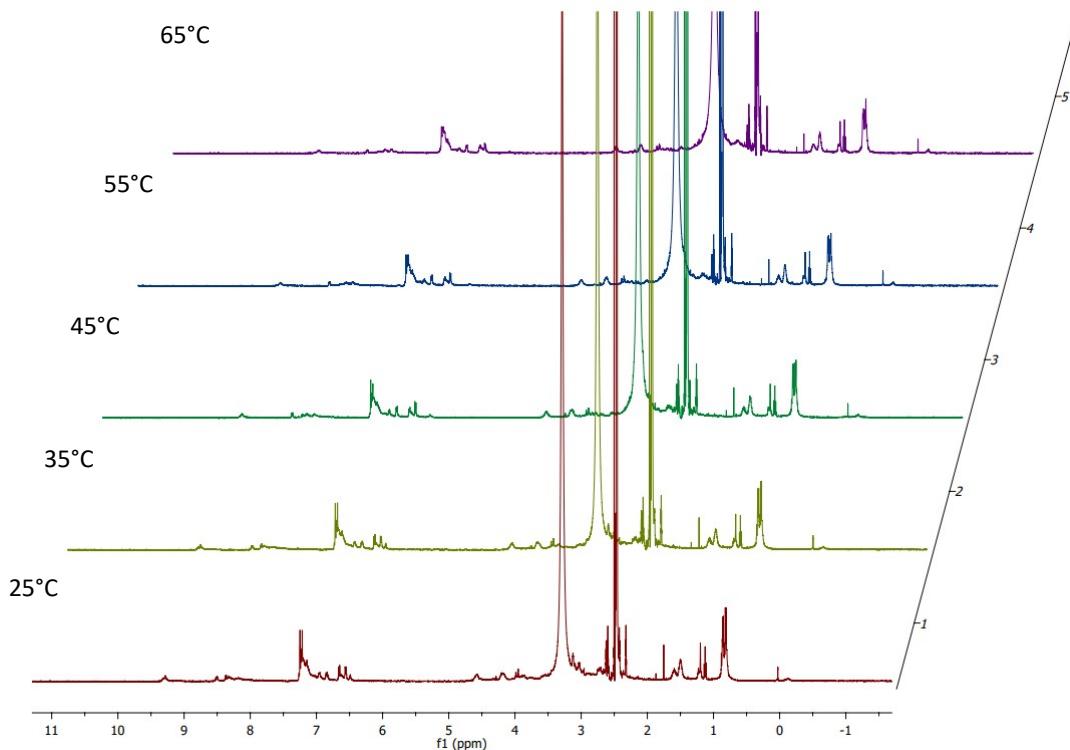
**Fig. S41**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of H-Tyr-cyclo-TMT([N-(2-SEt)])Gly-[N-(2-SEt)]Gly)(Acm)-Phe-Leu-OH (3a) (zoom regions)



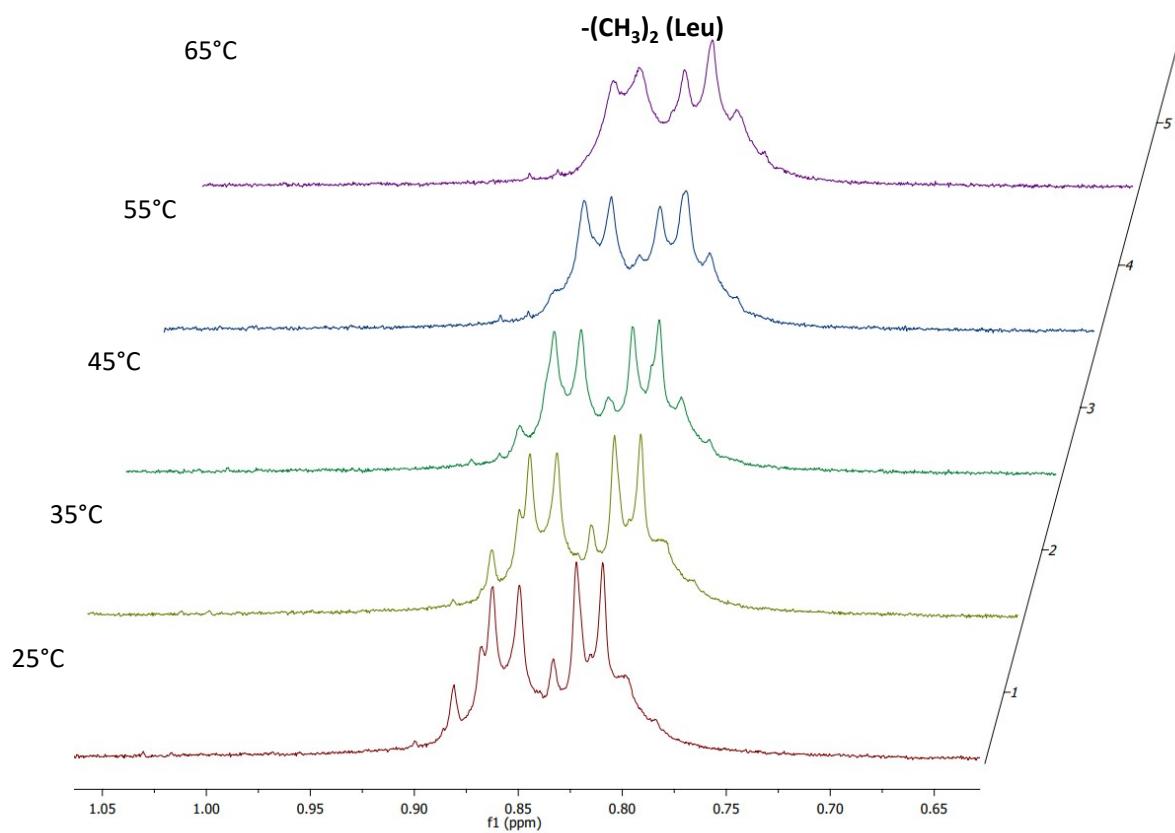
**Fig. S42** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for stapled analogs 3a (A - navy) and 2 (B - green)



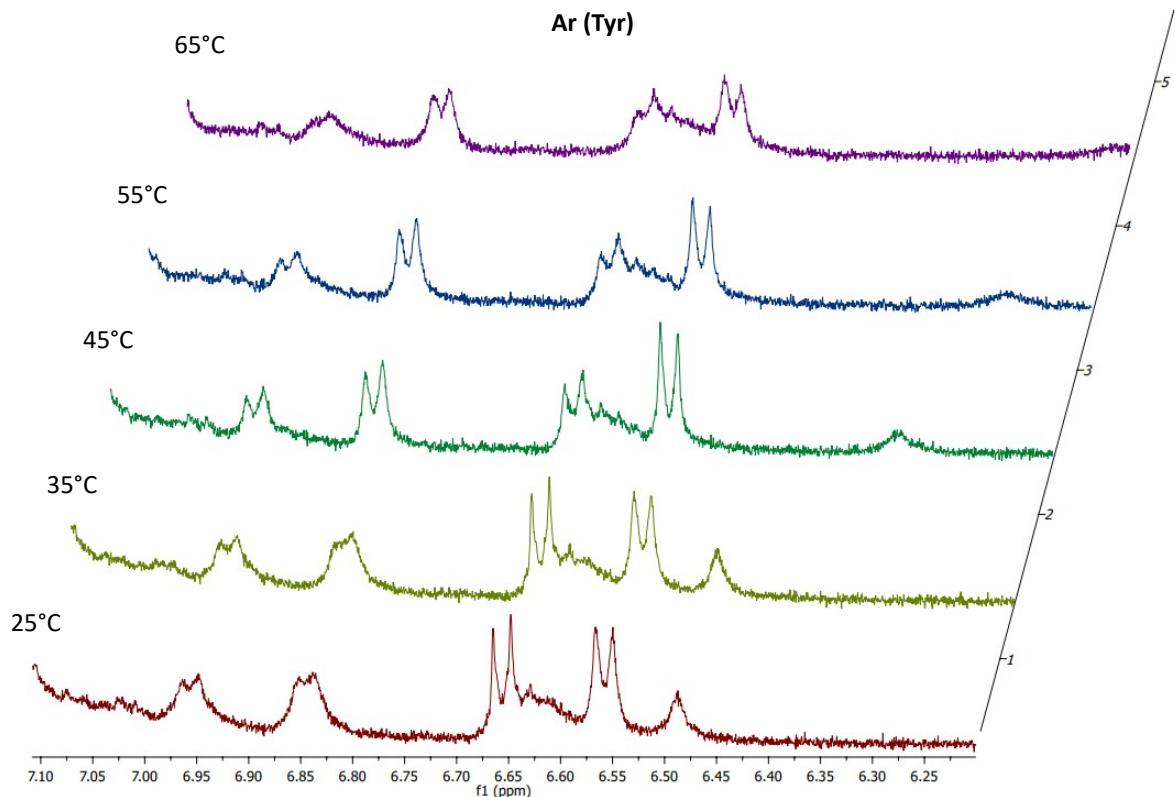
**Fig. S43** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for stapled analogs 3a (navy) and 2 (green) (zoom regions: A – -OH (Tyr); B –  $(-\text{CH}_3)_2$  (Leu); C – Aromatic Phe and Tyr; D – amide region)



**Fig. S44** VT  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for stapled analog 2

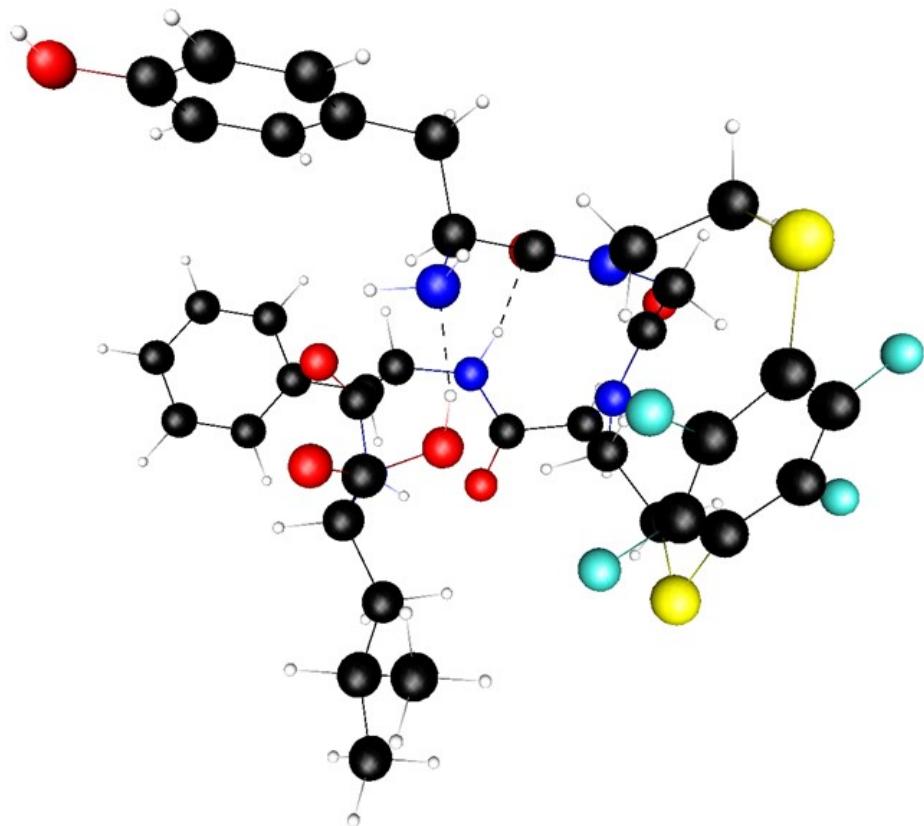


**Fig. S45** VT  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for stapled analog 2 (zoom)

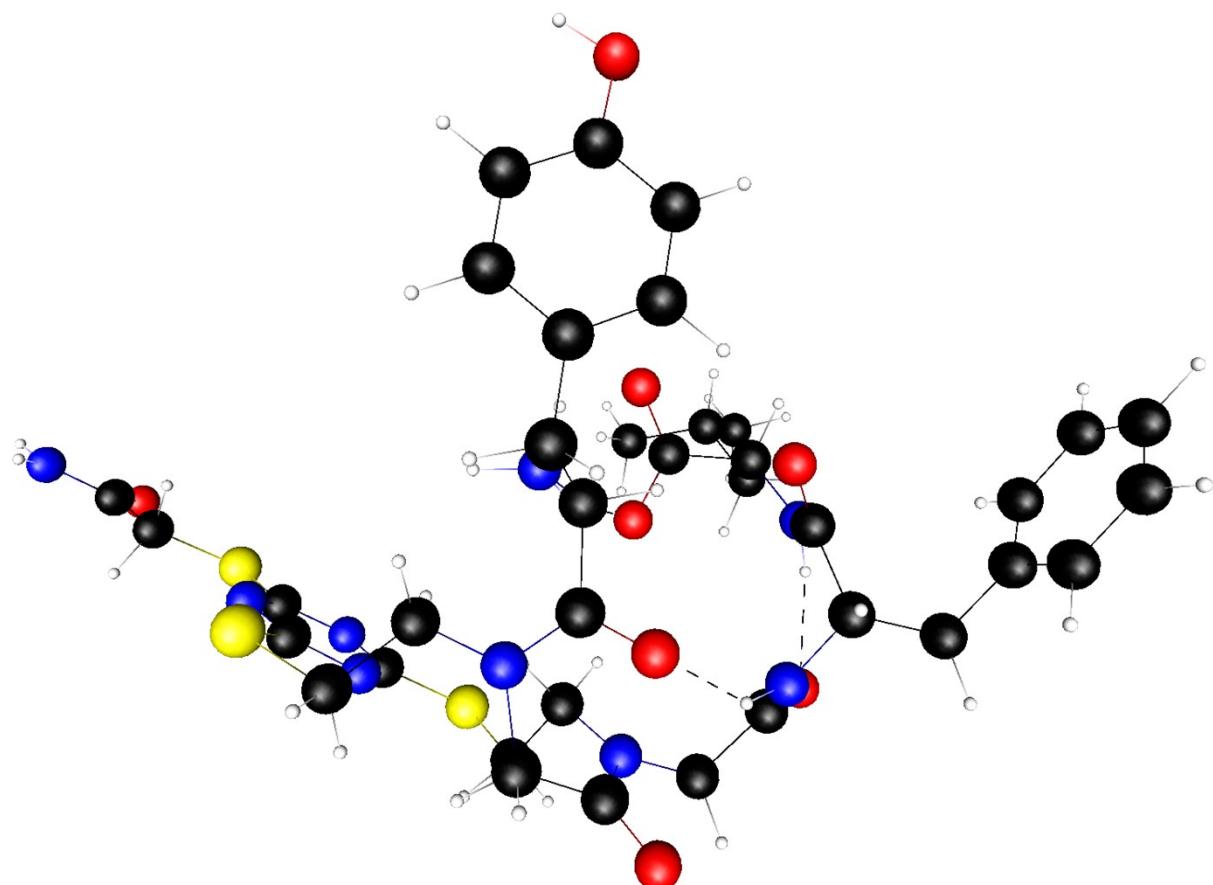


**Fig. S46** VT  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for stapled analog 2 (zoom)

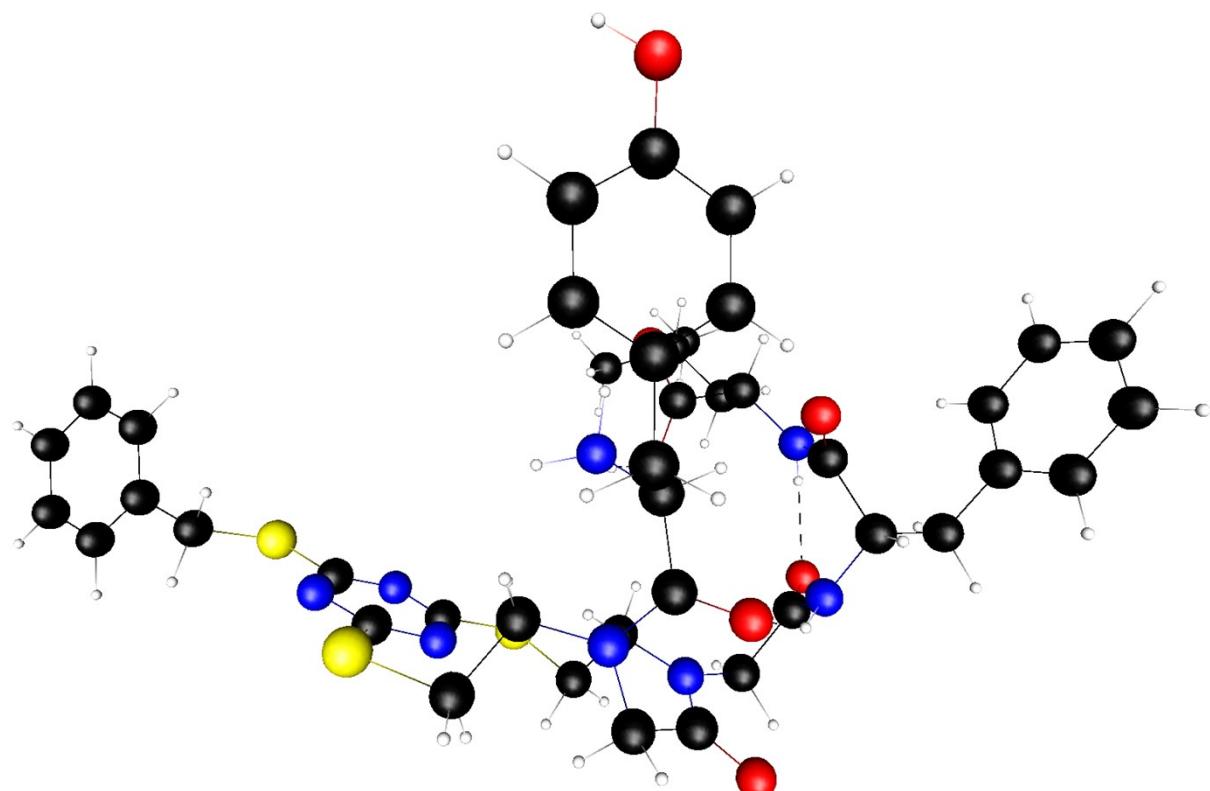
## 5. Theoretical calculation



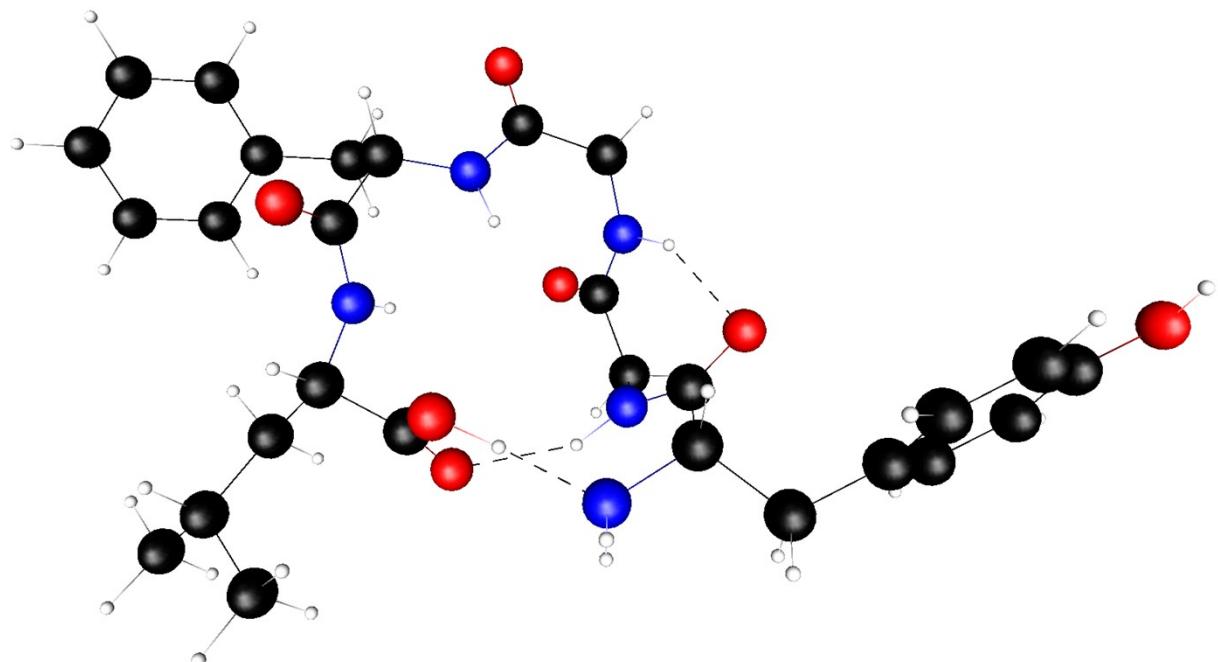
**Fig. S47** The structure of 2



**Fig. S48** The structure of **3a**



**Fig. S49** The structure of **3b**



**Fig. S50** The structure of Leu-Enk.





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