Supporting Information

for

Versatile synthesis of the signaling peptide glorin

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Detailed experimental procedures, compound characterization data, and copies of NMR spectra

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General information

All 1D (¹H, ¹³C) and 2D NMR spectra (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC, HMBC, NOESY) were recorded in deuterated solvents (Carl Roth, Germany) on Bruker AVANCE II 300. AVANCE III 500 and 600 MHz (equipped with a Bruker Cryo Platform) instruments. The chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) relative to the resonance of the residual solvent ($\delta_{CHCI3} = 7.24/77.0$, $\delta_{DMSO} = 2.49/39.51$, $\delta_{MeOH} = 3.31/49.0$, $\delta_{pyridine} =$ 8.74/150.35 for ¹H and ¹³C spectra, respectively). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). HRESI-MS measurements were conducted on a Thermo Fisher Exactive Orbitrap either by direct injection or in combination with a Thermo Accela HPLC system. The system is equipped with an electrospray ion source and a Betasil 100-3 C18 column $(150 \times 2.1 \text{ mm})$. The following elution gradient was used: solvent A: H₂O + 0.1% HCOOH, solvent B: acetonitrile, gradient: 5% B for 1 min, 5% to 98% B in 15 min, 98% B for 15 min, flow rate: 0.2 mL min⁻¹, injection: 5 µL. Optical rotation measurements were performed using a 0.5 dm cuvette on a JASCO P-1020 polarimeter at 25 °C (unless otherwise noted). All reagents used were reagent grade and used as supplied except where noted (purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI Chemicals, or Carl Roth). Reactions were performed under ambient atmosphere except where noted. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates (0.25 mm, E. Merck). Compounds were visualized by dipping the plates in a cerium sulfate ammonium molybdate (CAM) solution or a ninhydrin/acetic acid solution followed by heating. Liquid chromatography was performed using forced flow of the indicated solvent on silica gel 40–63 μm (Normasil 60, VWR). Hypersep C18 SPE (1 g) columns were purchased from ThermoScientific and conditioned as described.

(S)-3-Aminopiperidin-2-one hydrochloride (4)

Trimethylchlorosilane (2.8 mL, 23 mmol, 4 equiv) was added to L-ornithine-HCl (1.0 g, 6.0 mmol, 1 equiv) followed by the addition of anhydrous methanol (20 mL). The mixture stirred at rt for 12 h. The solution was then cooled to 0 °C and a 21% (w/w) solution of sodium ethoxide in ethanol (42 mmol, 17 mL) was added; after 5 min the solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for another 30 min. The solution was neutralized to pH 7 with 6 N aq HCl. The resulting solution was filtered and conc. in vacuo. Salts were removed by dissolution in isopropanol, filtered, and conc. in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (30% methanol in dichloromethane) to afford lactam hydrochloride 4 as a hygroscopic, pale yellow solid. (880 mg, 5.8 mmol, 97%). $R_f = 0.2$ (50% methanol in dichloromethane). 1 H-NMR (600 MHz, methanol-d₄): $\delta = 3.58$ -3.54 (m, 1 H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 2 H,), 2.24-2.18 (m, 1 H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.91-1.82 (m, 1 H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 1 H); 13 C-NMR (150 MHz, methanol-d₄): $\delta = 172.8$, 51.4, 42.8, 28.4, 21.9 ppm. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 7.0$ (c 0.5, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for C_5 H₁₁N₂O [M + H 4]: 115.0866; found 115.0866. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with previously reported data. 1

Marfey's derivatization of lactam 4:

A solution of lactam **4** (1 mg, 7.0 μ mol, 1 equiv), N_{α} -(2,4-dinitro-5-fluorophenyl)-L-alaninamide (2.2 mg, 8.0 μ mol, 1.2 equiv), and diisopropylethylamine (3.7 mg, 28 μ mol, 4 equiv) in dimethyl sulfoxide (1 mL) was heated for 1 h at 40 °C. The reaction mixture was then subjected to LC–MS analysis and compared to a racemic standard. The enantiomeric excess of the lactam **4** was determined to be >99%.

(S)-3-(3-((Benzyloxy)carbonyl)-5-oxo-oxazolidin-4-yl)propanoic acid (6)

A suspension of Z-L-Glu-OH (**5**, 1.0 g, 3.6 mmol, 1 equiv), paraformaldehyde (162 mg, 5.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and p-TsOH (10 mg, 1% w/w) in toluene (50 mL) was refluxed using a Dean–Stark apparatus for 3 h, and then allowed to cool to rt. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a silica plug equilibrated with toluene; the product was eluted with ethyl acetate, conc. in vacuo and residual solvent co-evaporated with dichloromethane to afford **6** as a colorless oil (0.80 g, 2.7 mmol, 76%). R_f = 0.2 (50% hexanes in ethyl acetate). 1 H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.37-7.30 (m, 5 H, phenyl), 5.49 (br s, 1 H), 5.21 (d, 1 H, J = 4.3), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 4.38 (t, 1 H, J = 5.6), 2.49-2.39 (m, 2 H), 2.31-2.23 (m, 1 H), 2.18-2.11 (m, 1 H); 1 C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 177.6, 171.6, 153.1, 135.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 77.8, 68.2, 53.9, 29.1, 25.7 ppm; [α]_D²⁵ = +72.9 (c 0.5, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆NO₆[M + H⁺]: 294.0972; found 294.0973. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with previously reported literature. 2

(S)-4-(((Benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-5-ethoxy-5-oxopentanoic acid (7a)

Acid **6** (400 mg, 1.4 mmol, 1 equiv) dissolved in ethanol (20 mL) was added to a solution of sodium ethoxide (370 mg, 5.5 mmol, 4 equiv) in ethanol (20 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was then allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 30 min. Subsequently, 1 N aq HCl (30 mL) was added, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and conc. in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (50% hexane in ethyl acetate) to afford ester **7a** as a pale yellow oil (260 mg, 0.84 mmol, 76%). $R_f = 0.4$ (50% hexanes in ethyl acetate). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.35-7.27$ (m, 5 H,), 5.47 (d, 1 H, J = 7.7), 5.07 (m, 2 H), 4.42-4.37 (m, 1 H), 4.21-4.15 (m, 2 H), 2.48-2.38 (m, 2 H), 2.22-2.14 (m, 1 H), 1.98-1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.23 (t, 3 H, J =

6.9). 13 C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 177.6, 172.0, 156.1, 136.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 67.1, 61.8, 53.2, 29.9, 27.6, 14.1 ppm; [α]_D²⁵ = -15.8 (c 0.5, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NO₆ [M + H⁺]: 310.1285; found 310.1286. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with previously reported literature. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with previously reported literature.³

Ethyl N^2 -((benzyloxy)carbonyl)- N^5 -((S)-2-oxopiperidin-3-yl)-L-glutaminate (8a)

Acid **7a** (0.10 g, 0.32 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (3 mL) and cooled to -15 °C, *N*-methylmorpholine (56 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added, followed by isobutylchloroformate (57 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 10 min, followed by the addition of lactam **4** (0.15 g, 0.96 mmol, 3 equiv) in methanol (1 mL). The mixture was stirred for 15 min, allowed to warm to rt and stirred for another 2 h. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% methanol in dichloromethane) to afford amide **8a** as a clear solid (90 mg, 0.22 mmol, 69%). $R_f = 0.29$ (5% methanol in dichloromethane). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.35-7.26$ (m, 5 H), 6.81-6.75 (m, 1 H), 5.53 (d, 1 H, J = 7.8), 5.07 (s, 2 H), 4.40-4.29 (m, 1 H), 4.27-4.20 (m, 1 H), 4.20-4.12 (m, 2 H), 3.30-3.22 (m, 1 H), 2.47-2.34 (m, 2 H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.22-2.13 (m, 1 H), 1.99-1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.25 (t, 3 H, J = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 176.6$, 172.4, 171.9, 136.1, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 67.1, 61.7, 53.3, 50.3, 41.6, 29.9, 27.6, 26.9, 20.9, 14.1 ppm; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.9$ (c 0.5, chloroform); HRMS: calcd. for $C_{20}H_{28}N_3O_6$ [M + H⁺]: 406.1973; found 406.1972.

Ethyl N^{δ} -((S)-2-oxopiperidin-3-yl)-L-glutaminate (9a)

A solution of carbamate **8a** (30 mg, 74 µmol, 1 equiv) in methanol (5 mL) was flushed with argon; Pd/C (3 mg, 10% w/w) was added, followed by bubbling H₂ gas through the solution for a few min. The solution was then stirred for 1 h under back pressure of H₂. To the reaction mixture was added methanol-washed celite and stirred for a few min.; the mixture was then filtered through a celite plug, washed with hot methanol, and conc. in vacuo to afford amine **9a** as an white solid, which was used without further purification (15 mg, 55 µmol, 74%). R_f = 0.15 (5% methanol in dichloromethane). 1 H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15 (d, 1 H, J = 6.0), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 4.34-4.29 and 4.27-4.21 (m, 1 H), 4.13-4.07 (m, 2 H), 3.42-3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.28-3.23 (m, 2 H), 2.40-2.26 (m, 3 H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1 H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 2 H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 1 H), 1.57-1.47 (m, 1 H), 1.20 (t, 3 H, J = 7.1); 13 C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6, 172.6, 171.8, 60.9, 53.7, 50.2, 41.6, 32.4, 30.1, 27.3, 21.0, 14.1; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -12.5$ (c 0.2, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $C_{12}H_{22}N_3O_4$ [M + H $^{+}$]: 272.1605; found 272.1601.

Ethyl N^5 -((S)-2-oxopiperidin-3-yl)- N^2 -propionyl-L-glutaminate, glorin (1)

A mixture of amine **9a** (13 mg, 48 µmol, 1 equiv), propionic anhydride (62 mg, 0.48 mmol, 10 equiv), dimethylaminopyridine (1 mg, 10% w/w), and diisopropylethylamine (60 mg, 0.48 mmol, 10 equiv) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was stirred at rt for 2 h. The mixture was conc. in vacuo, and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% methanol in dichloromethane) to afford glorin **1** as a white solid. (14.5 mg, 44 µmol, 92%). $R_f = 0.45$ (5% methanol in dichloromethane). 1 H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.01

(d, 1 H, J = 5.8), 6.73 (d, 1 H, J = 7.5), 6.27 (br s, 1 H), 4.56-4.52 (m, 1 H), 4.32-4.28 (m, 1 H), 4.18 (q, 2 H, J = 7.1), 3.36-3.31 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 2 H), 2.25 (q, 2 H, J = 7.6), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1 H), 2.00-1.88 (m, 2 H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (t, 3 H, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.14 (t, 3 H, J = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.2, 172.4, 172.2, 171.7, 61.4, 51.8, 50.3, 41.7, 32.2, 29.3, 27.9, 27.3, 21.0, 14.1, 9.6; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +37.7° (c 0.4, chloroform); HRMS : calcd. for $C_{15}H_{26}N_3O_5$ [M + H⁺]: 328.1867; found 328.1867.

Comparision of synthetic glorin with a previously described specimen⁴

Position	δH (glorin ⁴ CDCl ₃ 400 MHz)	δH (synthetic glorin CDCl ₃ 300 MHz)
N ⁵	6.88, 6.80	7.01
N ¹	6.76, 6.62	6.73
N ⁴	6.36	6.27
2	4.67–4.61, 4.60–4.54	4.56–4.52
1'	4.40–4.33, 4.31–4.23	4.32–4.28
1"	4.20	4.18
4'	3.36	3.36–3.31
2'	2.50–2.37	2.48–2.43
4	2.34	2.37–2.29
2"	2.27, 2.26	2.25
3	2.25–2.15	2.26–2.16
3 and 3'	2.05–1.85	2.00–1.88
2'	1.72–1.58	1.64–1.57
2""	1.27	1.26
3"	1.16	1.14

Position	δC (glorin ⁴ CDCl ₃ 400 MHz)	δC (synthetic glorin CDCl ₃ 75 MHz)
CO	174.4	174.2
CO	172.6	172.4
CO	172.2	172.2
СО	171.9	171.7
1"	61.5	61.4
2	51.9, 51.8	51.8
1'	50.3, 50.2	50.3
4'	41.8	41.7
4	32.4, 32.3	32.2
2"	29.3	29.3
3	28.1, 28.0	27.9
2'	27.4, 27.4	27.3
3'	21.1	21.0
2'''	14.1	14.0
3"	9.7	9.6

(S)-4-(((Benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)-5-(ethylamino)-5-oxopentanoic acid (7b)

Ethylamine (2 M in tetrahydrofuran, 1 mL, 2.0 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of acid **6** (300 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1 equiv) dissolved in tetrahydrofuran and stirred at rt for 16 h. The solution was acidified with 1 N aq HCl (aq), extracted with ethyl acetate, washed

with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and conc. in vacuo. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% methanol in dichloromethane) to afford amide **7b** as a white solid. (236 mg, 0.77 mmol, 75%). R_f = 0.17 (5% methanol in dichloromethane). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 7.85 (t, 1 H, J = 5.5), 7.38-7.31 (m, 5 H), 7.317.27 (1 H, m), 5.05-4.97 (m, 2 H), 3.95-3.89 (m, 1 H), 3.11-3.00 (m, 2 H), 2.25-2.19 (m, 2 H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1 H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 1 H), 0.99 (t, 1.8 H, J = 14.5). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 173.8, 170.9, 155.8, 137.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 65.3, 54.0, 33.3, 30.2, 27.3, 14.6 ppm; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -14.10 (c = 0.5, MeOH); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for C₁₅H₂₁N₂O₅ [M + H⁺]: 309.1445; found 309.1442.

Benzyl-((S)-1-(ethylamino)-1,5-dioxo-5-(((S)-2-oxopiperidin-3-yl)amino)pentan-2-yl)carbamate (**8b**)

HBTU (2-(1*H*-benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate) (74 mg, 0.20 mmol, 3 equiv) was added to a solution of acid **7b** (20 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1 equiv), triethylamine (27 μL, 0.20 mmol, 3 equiv), lactam **4** (30 mg, 0.2 mmol, 3 equiv) in dimethylsulfoxide (4 mL). The reaction was stirred at rt for 3 h, and diluted with H₂O (36 mL). A Hypersep C18 column (1 g) was washed with methanol (10 mL) and then equilibrated with 10% methanol in H₂O (10 mL). Removal of dimethylsulfoxide was achieved by loading the reaction onto the column, washing with 10% methanol in H₂O, followed by elution of the product with 50% methanol in H₂O, and conc. in vacuo. To remove HBTU by-products the crude was re-dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with H₂O, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and conc. in vacuo to afford **8b** as a white solid (18 mg, 0.05 mmol, 69%). R_f = 0.15 (5% methanol in dichloromethane). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 8.00 (d, 1 H, J = 8.1), 7.85 (t, 1 H, J = 5.6), 7.58 (br s, 1 H), 7.35 (m, 5 H), 7.32 (m, 1 H), 5.00 (m, 2 H), 4.18-4.12 (m, 1 H), 3.94-3.86 (m, 2 H), 3.14-3.05 (m, 2 H), 3.06 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.97-1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.81-1.68 (m, 3 H), 1.61-1.52 (m, 1 H), 1.00 (t, 3 H, J = 7.2). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ =

171.6, 171.6, 170.4, 156.3, 137.5, 128.8, 128.2, 128.2, 65.9, 54.8, 49.3, 41.4, 33.9, 32.4, 28.6, 28.1, 21.5, 15.1 ppm; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +7.6$ (c 0.2, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $C_{20}H_{29}N_4O_5$ [M + H⁺]: 405.2132; found 405.2126.

(S)-2-Amino- N^1 -ethyl- N^5 -((S)-2-oxopiperidin-3-yl)pentanediamide (**9b**)

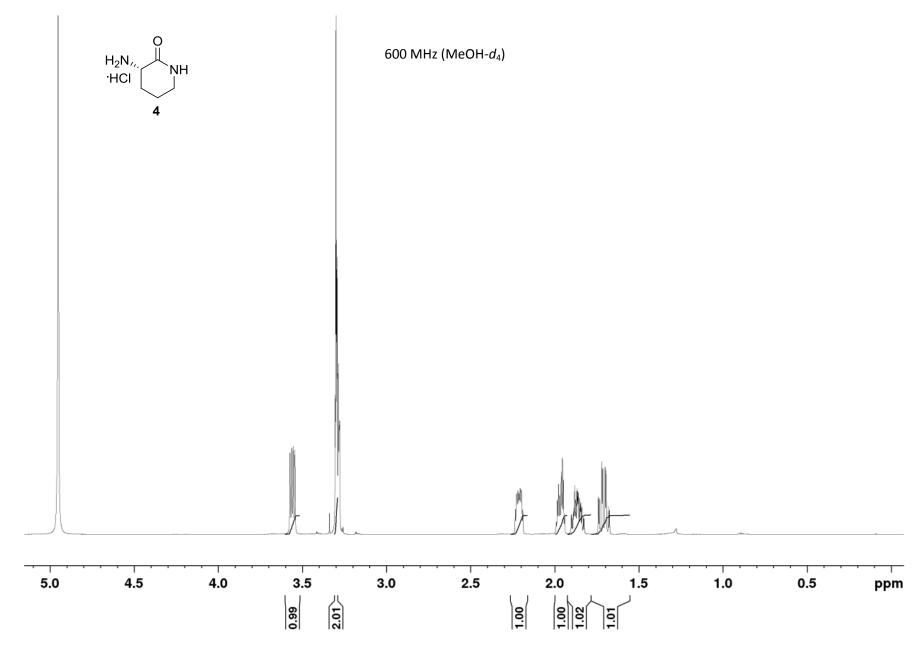
A solution of carbamate **8b** (13 mg, 30 μmol, 1 equiv) in methanol (2 mL) was flushed with argon, Pd/C (1 mg, 10% w/w) was added, H₂ gas was bubbled through the solution for a few min. and then stirred for 1 h under back pressure of H₂. To the reaction mixture was added methanol-washed celite and stirred for a few minutes; the mixture was then filtered through a celite plug, washed with methanol, and conc. in vacuo to afford amine **9b** as a white solid, which was used without further purification (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 97%). R_f = 0.1 (20% methanol in dichloromethane). ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, pyridine-d₅): $\bar{\delta}$ = 8.96 (d, J = 8.0) and 8.91 (d, 1 H, J = 7.6), 8.47 (br s) and 8.40 (br s, 1 H), 8.37-8.33 (m, 1 H), 4.86-4.80 (m, 1 H), 3.90-3.87 (m) and 3.76-3.73 (m, 1 H), 3.41-3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.18-3.14 (m, 2 H), 2.78-2.66 (m, 2 H), 2.55-2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.31-2.23 (m, 2 H), 1.79-1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.69-1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.2) and 1.06 (t, 3 H, J = 7.2); ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, pyridine-d₅): $\bar{\delta}$ =175.9, 173.6, 172.0, 55.8, 50.7, 42.0, 34.5, 33.9, 32.9, 28.9, 22.2, 15.5 ppm; [α]_D²⁵ = +15.3 (c 0.3, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for C₁₂H₂₃N₄O₃ [M + H⁺]: 271.1765; found 271.1762.

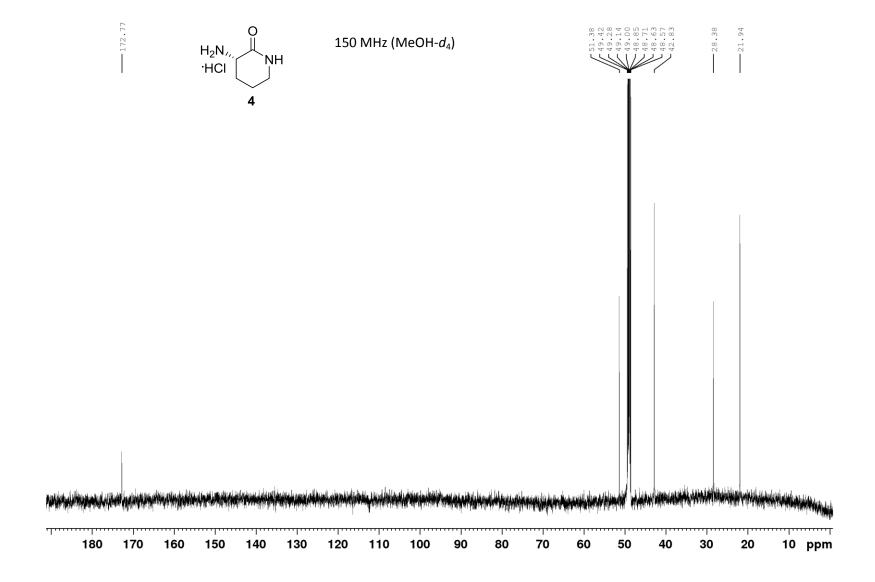
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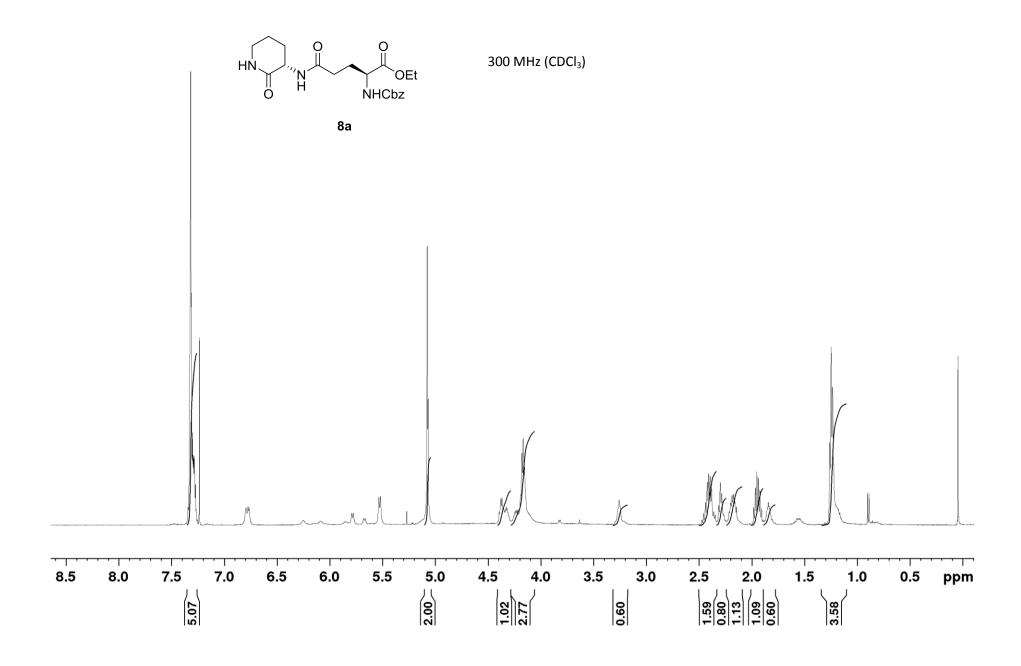
A mixture of amine **9b** (5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 1 equiv), propionic anhydride (24 mg, 0.20 mmol, 10 equiv), dimethylaminopyridine (1 mg, 20% w/w), diisopropylethylamine (25 mg, 0.20 mmol, 10 equiv) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was stirred at rt for 3 h. The reaction mixture was conc. in vacuo, and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% methanol in dichloromethane) to afford glorinamide **2** as a white solid. (6 mg, 0.02 mol, 97%). $R_f = 0.1$ (5% methanol in dichloromethane). 1H -NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆): $\delta = 8.00$ (d, 1 H, J = 8.2), 7.88-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.58 (br s, 1 H), 4.18-4.12 (m, 2 H), 3.14-3.10 (m, 2 H), 3.10-3.04 (m, 2 H), 2.17-2.03 (m, 4 H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 1 H), 1.87-1.67 (m, 4 H), 1.61-1.54 (m, 1 H), 1.02-0.97 (m, 6 H). ^{13}C -NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d₆): $\delta = 173.3$, 171.6, 171.5, 170.4, 52.5, 49.2, 41.5, 33.8, 32.3, 28.8, 28.7, 28.2, 21.5, 15.2, 10.3 ppm; $\alpha = -6.0$ (c 0.2, methanol); HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $C_{15}H_{27}N_4O_4$ [M + H⁺]: 327.2027; found 327.2027.

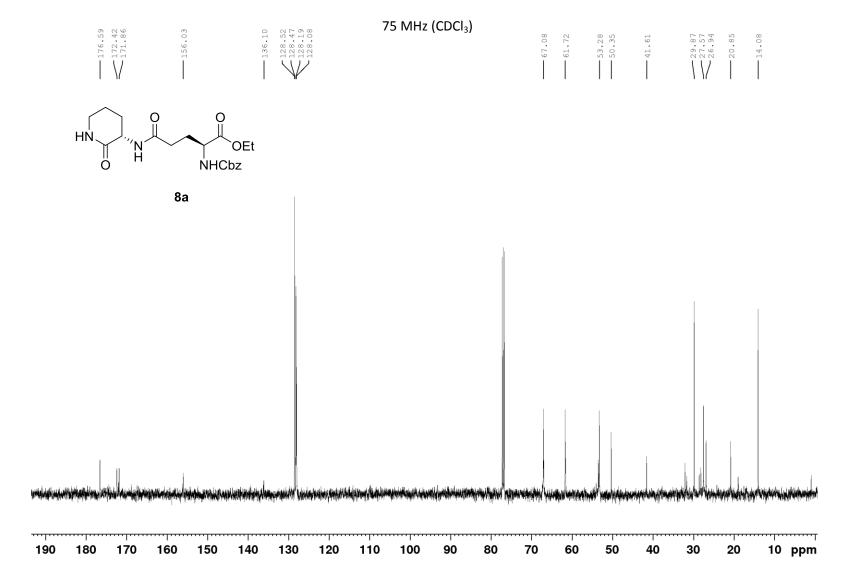
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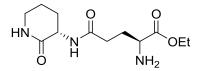
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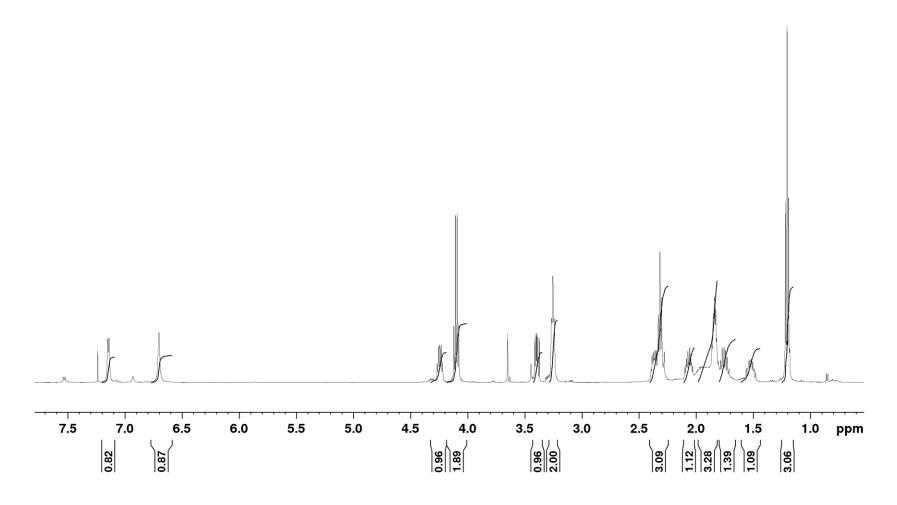


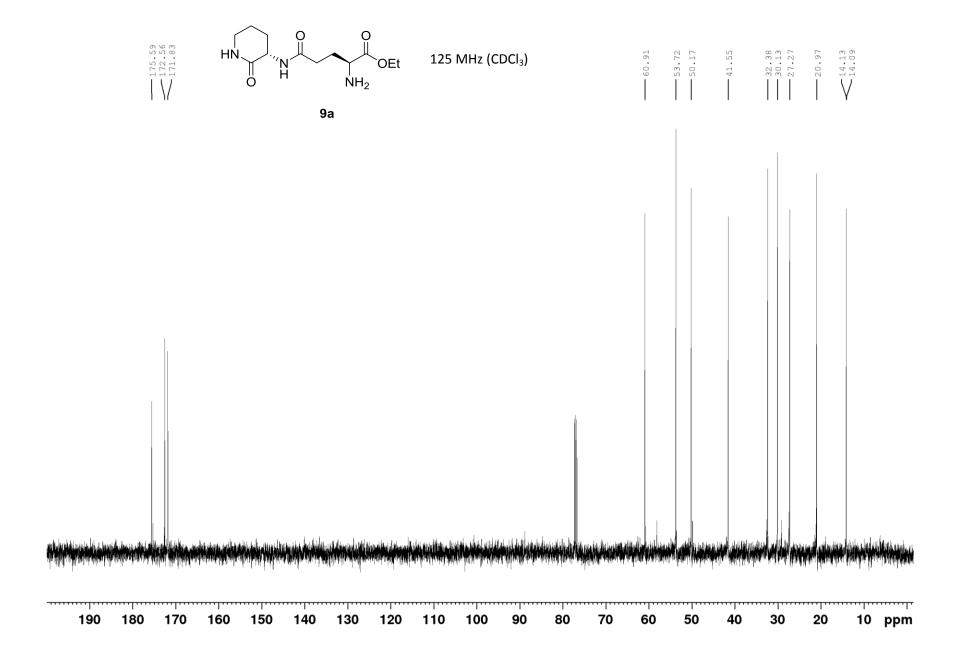


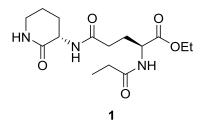


500 MHz (CDCl₃)

9a







300 MHz (CDCl₃)

