

Supporting Information

for

Giese-type alkylation of dehydroalanine derivatives via silanemediated alkyl bromide activation

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¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and HRMS spectra of all the synthesized compounds

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1. General information

Materials. All used commercially available reagents and solvents were bought from Fluorochem, TCI, Merck and BLD Pharm and used without any further purification. Most of the substrates are commercially available. The dehydroalanine derivatives methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acrylate¹, methyl 2-(bis(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)acrylate², methyl 2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)acrylate², methyl (2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acryloyl)-L-phenylalaninate³, and 1-benzyl 2-methyl 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylate⁴ were prepared following literary procedures. Alternative preparations are indicated in the starting material preparation section. Product isolation was performed using Merck 70–200 mesh silica gel. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using 0.25 mm Aldrich silica gel 60-F plates combined with KMnO₄-staining for compound visualization.

NMR spectroscopy. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded using a Bruker Advance III HD 600 (600 MHz for ¹H NMR and 151 MHz for ¹³C NMR) or Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H NMR and 101 MHz for ¹³C NMR). Deuterated chloroform was used as the solvent and trichloroethylene was used as the external standard (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR; TCE: 6.46 ppm for ¹H NMR). The chemical shift (δ) of the spectra is reported in parts per million (ppm) and the coupling constant (*J*) is given in hertz downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal reference compound. The multiplicities of the signals in the spectra are abbreviated accordingly: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublets), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublets), dt (doublet of triplets), td (triplet of doublets). NMR data were processed using MestReNova 14.2.0-26256.

Mass spectrometry. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were recorded on a Bruker High Resolution Mass Spectrometer in fast atom bombardment (FAB⁺) ionization mode with CH_3CN as solvent or using a Q-TOF microTM mass spectrometer. HRMS data were processed using MestReNova 14.2.0-26256.

Diastereomeric ratio determination. The diastereomeric ratios were determined by integration of the concerned peaks in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude reaction mixtures.

2. Reactor design

2.1. Reaction setup

The reaction mixture was irradiated by a Kessil PR160L 390 nm lamp at a distance of 13 cm, stirring the solution at 600 rpm. The reactions were performed in a 20 mL vial with a septum including cap and a 25 mm diameter. A LLG-magnetic stirrer RCT standard 2.0 stirring plate was used in combination with a 20 mm PTFE stirring bar to stir the reaction mixture. The reaction setup is demonstrated with the lamp turned off (a) and on (b) (Figure S1).



Figure S1. Overview of the reaction setup with the lamp turned off (a) and on (b).

2.2. Photocube reactor

A thalesnano photocube was used to conduct the reactions, using a 20 mL vial with a septum including cap and a 25 mm diameter (Figure S2). Light at a wavelength of 395 nm was used to irradiate the mixture, stirring the reaction at 405 rpm with a 20 mm PTFE stirring bar.



Figure S2. Overview of the photocube setup (a, from the side; b, from the top).

3. Reaction optimization

In order to perform the optimization studies, the reactor and the lamps were evaluated first. A large vial and high stirring were fundamental to have homogeneous dispersion of the reaction mixture. For this reason, the reaction was performed in a 20 mL vial with vigorous stirring (600 rpm). Besides, the result was determined by the intensity of the light source. Using a 390 nm Kessil lamp (100% intensity), a distance of 13.0 cm from the lamp proved to give optimal results. A similar result was found using the thalesnano photocube (395 nm, 405 rpm).

3.1. Solvent screening



Entry	Solvent	Deviation	Conversion 1 (%)	Yield 3 (%)
1	CH ₃ CN	-	85	51
2	CH ₃ CN (No PC)	-	90	38
3	Acetone	-	100	69
4	EtOAc	-	100	55
5	MeOH	-	100	65
6	DMF	-	100	28
7	<i>t</i> -BuOH	-	100	65
8	EtOH	-	100	53
9	H ₂ O	-	100	58
10	H ₂ O:MeOH (7:3)	-	100	46
11	H ₂ O:EtOH (7:3)	-	100	46
12	H ₂ O: <i>t</i> -BuOH (7:3)	-	100	43
13	0.1 M PBS	1.1 equiv. (TMS) ₃ SiH	100	44
14	0.2 M PBS	1.1 equiv. (TMS) ₃ SiH	100	60
15	0.4 M PBS	1.1 equiv. (TMS) ₃ SiH	100	60
16	0.2 M PBS:MeOH (7:3)	-	100	18
17	0.2 M PBS:EtOH (7:3)	-	100	39
18	0.2 M PBS: <i>t</i> -BuOH (7:3)	-	100	47
19	0.2 M PBS:MeOH (9:1)	1.1 equiv. (TMS) ₃ SiH	100	38
20	0.2 M PBS: <i>t</i> -BuOH (9:1)	1.1 equiv. (TMS) ₃ SiH	100	23
21	0.2 M PBS	1.1 equiv. (TMS) ₃ SiH, 3 hours	100	67

 Table S1. Solvent screening.

3.2. Solvent effects on deprotected N-Dha

	OMe +	(TMS) ₃ SiH BP I (0 Solven 390 nm, Ove	H (1.1 equiv) .2 equiv) t [0.1 M] ernight, 25 °C	Boc O OMe
Dha 1.0 equi	iv.	2 2.5 equiv.		25/26
Entry	R	Solvent	Conversion Dha (%)	Yield 25/26 (%)
1	Вос	Acetone	Traces	None
2	Boc	MeOH	Traces	None
3	Boc	<i>t</i> -BuOH	Traces	22
4	Boc	H ₂ O	100	80
5	Boc	0.4 M PBS solution	100	53
6	Cbz	<i>t</i> -BuOH	100	41
7	Cbz	H ₂ O	100	53
8	Cbz	0.4 M PBS solution	100	60

Table S2. Solvent effects on deprotected N-Dha.

3.3. Base screening



Table S3. Base screening.

3.4. Photocatalyst screening



Table S4. Photocatalyst screening.

4. General procedures

4.1. Giese-type reaction General procedure A



Dha derivative **1** (116.0 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and BP I (28.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.2 equiv) were added to an oven-dried vial, after which the vial was put under an argon atmosphere. The 0.2 M PBS solution (2.5 mL, 0.1 M), alkyl bromide (1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and (TMS)₃SiH (170 μ L, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added to the vial. The mixture was bubbled with argon gas at 0 °C. The mixture was irradiated at a distance of 13 cm from a 390 nm PR160L Kessil lamp, while the reaction was stirred at 600 rpm and at room temperature (3 h for secondary bromides, 4 h for primary and tertiary alkyl bromides). After the reaction, deionized water (5.0 mL) was added into the vial, after which the reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL). The mixture was dried using sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure, resulting in compounds **3–22**.

General procedure B



The Dha derivative (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and BP1 (28.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.2 equiv) were added to an ovendried vial, after which the vial was put under an argon atmosphere. The 0.2 M PBS solution (2.5 mL, 0.1 M), bromocyclohexane (**2**, 154 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and (TMS)₃SiH (170 μ L, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added to the vial. The mixture was bubbled with argon gas at 0 °C. The mixture was irradiated at a distance of 13 cm from a 390 nm PR160L Kessil lamp, while the reaction was stirred at 600 rpm for 3 h at room temperature. After the reaction, deionized water (5.0 mL) was added into the vial, after which the reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL). The mixture was dried using sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure, resulting in compounds **23–27**.

General procedure for the scaled-up reaction



Dha derivative **1** (500.0 mg, 2.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and BP **I** (121.0 mg, 0.43 mmol, 0.2 equiv) were added to an oven-dried vial, after which the vial was put under an argon atmosphere. The 0.2 M PBS solution (10.8 mL, 0.1 M), bromocyclohexane (**2**, 668 μ L, 5.41 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and (TMS)₃SiH (734 μ L, 2.38 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added to the vial. The mixture was bubbled with argon gas at 0 °C. The mixture was irradiated at a distance of 13 cm from a 390 nm PR160L Kessil lamp, while the reaction was stirred at 600 rpm for 4 h at room temperature. After the reaction, deionized water (22.0 mL) was added into the vial, after which the reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate (22.0 mL). The mixture was dried using sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure, resulting in compound **3** (456.0 mg, 67% yield).

4.2. Starting material preparation Procedure for the synthesis of 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-*N*,*N*diethylacrylamide



In an oven-dried round-bottomed flask, 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acrylic acid (450 mg, 2.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triethylamine (347 μ L, 2.49 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 3-(((ethylimino)methylene)amino)-*N*,*N*-dimethylpropan-1-amine hydrochloride (477 mg, 2.49 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (25.3 mg, 0.21 mmol, 0.1 equiv) were dissolved in dichloromethane (10.4 mL, 0.2 M).⁵ After having stirred the reaction for 5 min, diethyl amine (214 μ L, 2.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with deionized water. The mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, saturated ammonium chloride solution, deionized water, and brine. The organic layer was dried with sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 50:50 EtOAc) to afford 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-*N*,*N*-diethylacrylamide (177.7 mg, 32% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 5.85 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.52 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.37 (m, 4H), 1.21 – 1.15 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.38, 165.78, 134.56, 131.96, 131.68, 123.78, 112.92, 43.32, 39.40, 13.71, 12.09. HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 273.1239, found 273.1266.

Preparation of 0.2 M PBS solution

One PBS tablet is dissolved in 10 mL of deionized water, yielding a 0.2 M phosphate concentration, 0.054 M potassium chloride concentration and 2.74 M sodium chloride concentration with a pH of 7.4 at room temperature.⁶ Upon preparing 10 mL of 0.2 M PBS, 1 tablet is crushed and transferred to a 10 mL volumetric flask, after which deionized water (10 mL) is added.

5. Characterization of compounds

Methyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoate (3)



3.71 (s, 3H), 2.31 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.21 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 1.04 – 0.96 (m, 1H), 0.96 – 0.87 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.53, 166.88, 133.28, 131.00, 122.68, 51.83, 49.08, 35.06, 33.46, 32.82, 30.83, 25.51, 25.25, 25.00. The spectroscopic data are consistent with the data reported in literature.⁷ HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 316.1543; found 316.1548.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)hexanoate (4)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 1-bromopropane (114 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **4** (80.2 mg, 58% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J*

= 5.5, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (dd, J = 10.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.19 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.09, 167.82, 134.28, 131.95, 123.65, 52.78, 52.28, 28.54, 28.49, 22.14, 13.95. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 276.1230; found 276.1228. The spectroscopic data are consistent with the data reported in literature.⁸

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)undecanoate (5)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 1-bromooctane (218 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **5** (86.7 mg, 50% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (qt, *J* = 5.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.19 (m, 14H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.11, 167.83, 134.28, 131.96, 123.65, 52.79, 52.32, 31.94, 29.56, 29.45, 29.33,

29.01, 28.76, 26.43, 22.75, 14.19. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 346.2013; found 346.2019.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-6-phenylhexanoate (6)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using (3-bromopropyl)benzene (191 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **6** (106.2 mg, 60% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 4.86 (dd, *J* =

10.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.64 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.29 (m, 2H). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.99, 167.79, 142.24, 134.28, 131.90, 128.43, 128.33, 125.76, 123.65, 52.81, 52.14, 35.60, 30.70, 28.56, 25.93. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 352.1543; found 352.1549.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butanoate (7)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using bromomethylboronic acid pinacol ester (219 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 85:15 EtOAc) to afford product **7** (63.9 mg, 36% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85

 $(dd, J = 5.3, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (dd, J = 10.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.41 - 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 12H), 0.77 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) <math>\delta$ 170.02, 167.86, 134.19, 132.09, 123.59, 83.40, 54.01, 52.72, 24.97, 24.84, 23.42. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₅BNO₆ [M+H]⁺: 374,1769 found 374,1784.

Dimethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)pentanedioate (8)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using methyl 2-bromoacetate (119 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexane to hexane 70:30 EtOAc) to afford product **8** (71.0 mg, 46% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.82 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 –

7.70 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (dd, J = 10.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.61 (dtd, J = 14.4, 7.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.34 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.69, 169.33, 167.60, 134.40, 131.81, 123.70, 52.91, 51.82, 51.24, 30.71, 24.36. The spectroscopic data are consistent with the data reported in literature.⁹

Methyl 4-cyano-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)butanoate (9)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 2-bromoacetonitrile (87 µL, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 70:30 EtOAc) to afford product **9** (63.8 mg, 47% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.66 – 2.59 (m,

1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.46, 167.49, 134.57, 131.62, 123.85, 118.34, 53.13, 50.67, 25.23, 14.69. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 273.0875, found 273.0870.

tert-Butyl 3-(3-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-methoxy-4-oxobutyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (10)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using *tert*-butyl 3-(bromomethyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (314 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% pentane to pentane 70:30 EtOAc) to afford product **10** (108.6 mg, 53% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dt,

J = 11.1, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.49 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dtd, J = 13.5, 7.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.60 (ddt, J = 13.6, 10.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (ddt, J = 14.1, 7.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.53, 167.65, 156.34, 134.39, 131.72, 123.69, 79.27, 52.83, 51.87, 31.13, 28.40, 28.28, 26.35. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₇N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺: 403.1869, found 403.1861.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-methylpentanoate (11)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 2-bromopropane (118 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **11** (90.1 mg, 62% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd,

J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.34 (ddd, J = 14.3, 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (ddd, J = 14.3, 10.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.54 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 0.94 (dd, J = 10.6, 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.40, 167.87, 134.29, 131.98, 123.65, 52.84, 50.75, 37.41, 25.19, 23.29, 21.15. The spectroscopic data are consistent with the data reported in literature.¹⁰ HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 276.1230; found 276.1223. The spectroscopic data are consistent with the data reported in literature.¹¹

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-methylhexanoate (12)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 2-bromobutane (136 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **12** (76.1 mg, 50% yield) as a pale yellow oil (diastereoisomeric ratio = 6:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd,

J = 5.3, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (dd, J = 9.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H minor), 4.81 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H major), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 1.05 (m, 1H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.08, 167.83, 134.29, 131.94, 123.67, 52.80, 52.59, 35.48, 27.71, 26.78, 22.77, 22.32. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 290.1387; found 290.1379.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4-methyldecanoate (13)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 2-bromooctane (220 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **13** (105.0 mg, 58% yield) as a pale yellow oil (diastereoisomeric ratio

= 2:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 5.00 – 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 14.6, 11.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H minor), 2.18 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.88 (ddd, J = 14.4, 10.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H major), 1.48 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.11 (m, 10H), 0.93 – 0.79 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.50, 170.43, 167.88, 167.81, 134.27, 131.99, 123.64, 52.83, 52.82, 50.62, 50.54, 37.52, 36.00, 35.47, 35.21, 31.91, 31.89, 30.00, 29.85, 29.59, 29.57, 26.88, 26.48, 22.75, 22.71, 20.01, 18.73, 14.18, 14.16. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 346.2013; found 346.2018.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(oxetan-3-yl)propanoate (14)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 3-bromooxetane (104 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 70:30 EtOAc) to afford product **14** (74.2 mg, 51% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.7 Hz, 2H),

7.74 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.76 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.62 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.98 (tdd, J = 14.7, 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, J = 13.9, 8.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (ddd, J = 14.3, 10.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.27, 167.48, 134.49, 131.66, 123.75, 76.89, 76.69, 52.95, 50.09, 32.66. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₆NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 290.1028, found 290.1014.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(oxetan-3-yl)propanoate (15)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 4-bromotetrahydropyran (141 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 80:20 EtOAc) to afford product **15** (105.7 mg, 67% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.1 Hz,

2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.28 (tdd, J = 11.7, 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (ddd, J = 15.1, 11.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (ddd, J = 14.2, 9.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.44 – 1.24 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.15, 167.87, 134.44, 131.93, 123.79, 67.92, 67.84, 52.97, 49.52, 35.72, 33.33, 32.00, 31.88. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 318,1336, found 318,1368.

tert-Butyl 3-(2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (16)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using *tert*-butyl 3-bromoazetidine-1carboxylate (205 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 75:25 EtOAc) to afford product **16** (108.5 mg, 56% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (t, 1H), 4.00 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, 1H), 2.53 – 2.45 (m, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.30, 167.57, 156.30, 134.54, 131.73, 123.83, 79.52, 54.26, 53.95, 53.03, 50.25, 33.34, 28.48, 26.43. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₅N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺: 389.1713, found 389.1704.

tert-Butyl 4-(2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (17)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using *tert*-butyl 4-bromopiperidine-1carboxylate (330 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 80:20 EtOAc) to afford product **17** (138.8 mg, 67% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 27.3, 11.8 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.58 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 14.4, 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (ddd, J = 14.4, 9.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.21 – 1.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.08, 167.83, 154.88, 134.43, 131.89, 123.76, 79.43, 52.94, 49.72, 35.35, 33.00, 32.49, 30.89, 28.55. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₉N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺: 417,2026, found 417,2030.

Methyl 3-cyclopentyl-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoate (18)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using bromocyclopentane (127 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **18** (95.3 mg, 60% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H),

7.74 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.42 (ddd, J = 14.0, 11.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.22 – 1.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.24, 167.85, 134.28, 132.00, 123.66, 52.81, 51.92, 37.13, 34.69, 32.87, 32.06, 25.27, 25.11. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 302.1387; found 302.1391.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4,4-dimethylhexanoate (19)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 2-bromo-2-methylbutane (160 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% pentane to pentane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **19** (102.4 mg, 68% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd,

J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.73, 167.86, 134.28, 132.00, 123.63, 52.98, 49.32, 39.02, 34.31, 32.99, 26.47, 26.27, 8.35. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 304.1549, found 304.1539.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-4,4-dimethyl-6-phenylhexanoate (20)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using (3-bromo-3-methylbutyl)benzene (285 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **20** (105.2 mg, 53% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd,

J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 5.00 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.66 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.65, 167.90, 142.86, 134.34, 132.01, 128.40, 128.33, 125.69, 123.70, 53.09, 49.31, 44.22, 39.15, 33.19, 30.62, 27.15, 26.89. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 380.1856; found 380.1864.

Methyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(1-methylcyclohexyl)propanoate (21)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 2-bromo-2-methylbutane (170 μ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **21** (100.4 mg, 61% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz,

2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.32 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 1.26 – 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.20 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.79, 167.82, 134.24, 131.97, 123.59, 52.95, 48.84, 37.70, 37.67, 32.86, 26.28, 21.93, 21.88. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₄NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 330.1705, found 330.1697.

Methyl 3-(adamantan-1-yl)-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoate (22)



Prepared according to general procedure A, using 1-bromoadamantane (269 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **22** (107.2 mg, 58% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

7.86 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (dd, J = 9.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.22 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.86 (m, 3H), 1.67 – 1.45 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.90, 167.84, 134.26, 132.06, 123.66, 52.99, 48.07, 42.35, 42.00, 36.92, 32.44, 28.57. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 368.1862, found 368.1846.

3-cyclohexyl-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-*N*,*N*-diethylpropanamide (23)



Prepared according to general procedure B, using 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-*N*,*N*-diethylacrylamide (102.5 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 80:20 EtOAc) to afford product **23** (51.9 mg, 39% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 7.84 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 1.87 (d, 1H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 6H), 1.18 – 1.09 (m, 6H), 1.03 – 0.96 (m, 1H), 0.94 – 0.86 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.07, 168.63, 134.13, 132.08, 123.51, 50.18, 41.85, 40.71, 36.00, 34.77, 33.85, 32.09, 26.57, 26.28, 26.09, 14.30, 12.98. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₉N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 357.2178, found 357.2216.

Methyl (3-cyclohexyl-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)propanoyl)-L-phenylalaninate (24)



Prepared according to general procedure B, using methyl (2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)acryloyl)-L-phenylalaninate (121.4 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether to petroleum ether 70:30 EtOAc) to afford product **24** (92.1 mg, 62% yield) as a pale

yellow oil (diastereoisomeric ratio = 1.1:0.9). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 6.99 (m, 5H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H major), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H minor), 4.93 – 4.80 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H major), 3.70 (s, 3H minor), 3.21 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.29 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 11.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H major), 2.21 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 10.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H minor), 1.90 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.17 – 1.04 (m, 4H), 0.99 – 0.82 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.85, 171.80, 169.14, 169.00, 168.26, 168.14, 135.79, 135.75, 134.42, 134.38, 131.82, 131.79, 129.41, 129.33, 128.60, 128.52, 127.19, 127.14, 123.79, 123.75, 53.45, 52.78, 52.53, 52.51, 52.43, 37.82, 37.67, 36.23, 36.05, 34.70, 34.62, 33.66, 33.61, 32.18, 32.09, 26.45, 26.20, 26.01. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₇H₃₁N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺: 463.2233, found 463.2235.

Methyl 2-(bis(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-cyclohexylpropanoate (25)



Prepared according to general procedure B, using methyl 2-(bis(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)acrylate (151 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **25** (61.7 mg, 32% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 4.95 (dd, J = 9.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.49 (s, 18H), 1.31 – 1.09 (m, 5H), 1.03 – 0.93 (m, 1H), 0.93 – 0.81 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.03, 151.21, 82.10, 55.09, 51.25, 36.80, 33.58, 33.07, 31.78, 27.12, 25.62, 25.50, 25.25. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₆NO₆ [M+H]⁺: 386.2537; found 386.2529.

Methyl 2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-cyclohexylpropanoate (26)



Prepared according to general procedure B, using methyl 2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)acrylate (168 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **26** (180.1 mg, 86% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.27 – 5.23 (m, 2H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 1.96 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.27 – 1.09 (m, 5H), 0.98 – 0.82 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.64, 152.93, 150.54, 134.41, 127.64, 127.50, 127.42, 82.73, 67.86, 55.43, 51.31, 36.62, 33.52, 32.95, 31.68, 27.00, 25.56, 25.39, 25.15. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₃₄NO₆ [M+H]⁺: 420.2381; found 420.2388.

1-Benzyl 2-methyl 3-cyclohexylpyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (27)



Prepared according to general procedure B, using 1-benzyl 2-methyl 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylate (131 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% cyclohexane to cyclohexane 90:10 EtOAc) to afford product **27** (60.5 mg, 35% yield) as a pale yellow oil (diastereoisomeric ratio = 1:1). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.20 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H diastereomer A), 4.44 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H diastereomer B), 3.79 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H diastereomer A), 3.58 (s, 3H diastereomer B), 3.35 (tt, *J* = 10.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.24 – 1.12 (m, 3H), 1.04 – 0.89 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.72, 172.47, 155.04, 154.39, 136.89, 136.80, 128.59, 128.54, 128.08, 128.04, 128.02, 127.86, 67.11, 67.02, 61.94, 61.77, 51.89, 51.72, 50.03, 49.16, 46.49, 46.07, 38.76, 38.70, 32.84, 32.80, 31.60, 31.58, 27.76, 26.94, 26.45, 26.43, 26.20, 26.18, 26.09, 26.02. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 346.2013; found 346.2019.

6. NMR spectra

Methyl 2-(bis(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)acrylate, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)



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