

Design, Synthesis, and Biological Evaluation of Phosphinopeptides against *Trypanosoma cruzi* Targeting Trypanothione Biosynthesis

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As a part of our project aimed at the search for new safe chemotherapeutic and chemoprophylactic agents against American trypanosomiasis (Chagas's disease), a series of phosphinopeptides structurally related to glutathione was designed, synthesized, and evaluated as antiproliferative agents against the parasite responsible for this disease, the hemoflagellated protozoan *Trypanosoma cruzi*. The rationale for the synthesis of these compounds was supported on the basis that the presence of the phosphinic acid moiety would mimic the tetrahedral transition state of trypanothione synthase (TryS), a typical C:N ligase, and the molecular target of these drugs. Of the designed compounds, **53** and **54** were potent growth inhibitors against the clinically more relevant form of *T. cruzi* (amastigotes) growing in myoblasts. The efficacy for these drugs was comparable to that exhibited by the well-known antiparasitic agent WC-9. The simple phosphinopeptide structure found as a pharmacophore in the present study constitutes a starting point for the development of straightforward optimized drugs.

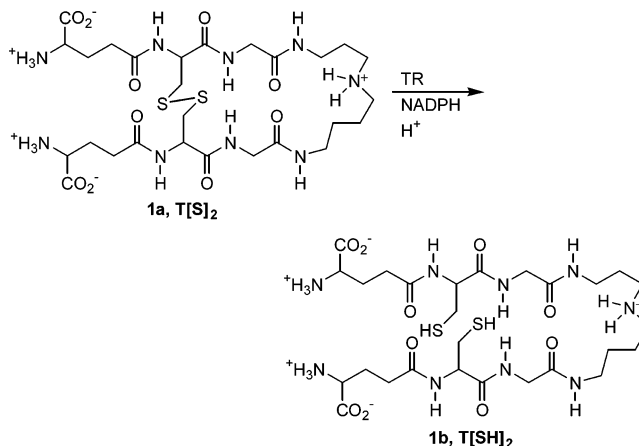
Introduction

Prospects in antileishmanial and antitrypanosomal drug research have changed substantially since the discovery of trypanothione **1**.¹ The uniqueness of this metabolite and its biosynthetic pathway in parasites of the order Kinetoplastida confer to the involved enzymes of its biosynthesis a great usefulness as a molecular target. Current chemotherapy is based on empirically discovered drugs that interact with parasitic metabolic pathways that have their corresponding counterparts in mammals; therefore, the efficacy of these drugs is sustained by the ability of the host to balance metabolic deficiencies with alternate pathways. In addition, trypanothione is essential for parasite survival for two reasons: (a) its crucial role in regulating the cellular redox equilibrium, (b) pathogenic trypanosomes do not have an alternate mechanism to protect against the oxidative stress.² Trypanothione (*N*¹,*N*⁸-bis(glutathionyl)spermidine) is the bisconjugated product between the tripeptide glutathione (**2**, GSH) and the polyamine spermidine (**3**, Spd). The cysteine residues present in the trypanothione moiety are involved in the interconversion between its oxidized form [**1a**, T(S)₂] and reduced form [**1b**, T(SH)₂] by cleaving and restoring an intramolecular disulfide bridge. Both structures have a +1 net charge at physiologic pH (Scheme 1).³

The enzyme responsible for the reduction of trypanothione was isolated and named trypanothione reductase.^{4–7} This enzyme, which is highly specific for trypanothione, does not recognize glutathione as a substrate.

Trypanosomatids, as other aerobic organisms, are exposed to highly reactive oxygen species such as O₂^{•-}, H₂O₂, and HO•. HO•, and RO• radicals can cause lethal damage if irreversibly react with DNA or cellular membrane lipids.⁸ To avoid this problem, the defense system maintains low levels of H₂O₂ and

Scheme 1. Oxidized and Reduced Form of Trypanothione (compounds **1a** and **1b**, respectively)



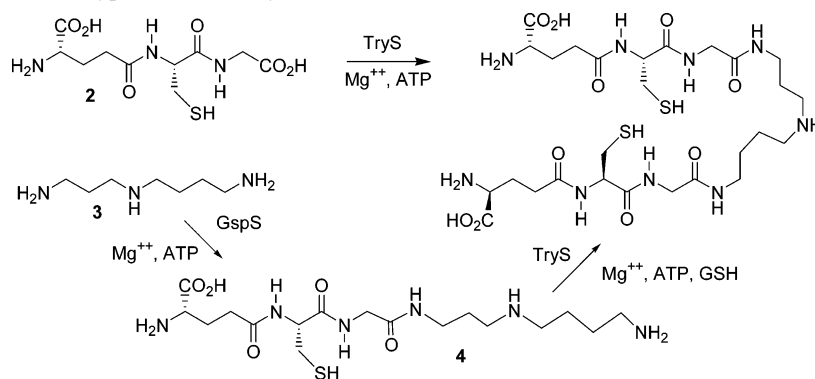
O₂^{•-}. Superoxide dismutases (SOD) have been identified in *T. cruzi*,⁹ *Leishmania donovani*,¹⁰ and *C. fasciculata*. Glutathione reductase activity is not found in trypanosomes, but a highly efficient trypanothione reductase activity is present instead. Glutathione *S*-transferases are found in more developed organisms, while trypanothione *S*-transferase activity is present in several parasites such as *C. fasciculata*, *L. major*, *L. infantum*, *L. tarentolae*, and *T. brucei*, associated with the 1B eukaryotic elongation factor (eEF1B).¹¹ The eEF1B has been expressed, cloned, and purified in *L. major*¹² catalyzing conjugation between a variety of electrophiles with **1** and glutathionylspermidine (**4**) but not with **2**. Once again, this finding suggests that trypanothione plays the same role in parasites that glutathione does in mammals.

The last two steps of trypanothione biosynthesis are the most relevant ones in terms of molecular targets, because they involve enzymes that have no counterpart in mammals. These flavoenzymes are ATP-dependent C:N ligases, which require Mg²⁺ as cofactor, catalyze the conjugation of **3** with two molecules of **2**

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Scheme 2. Two Possibilities for Trypanothione Biosynthesis

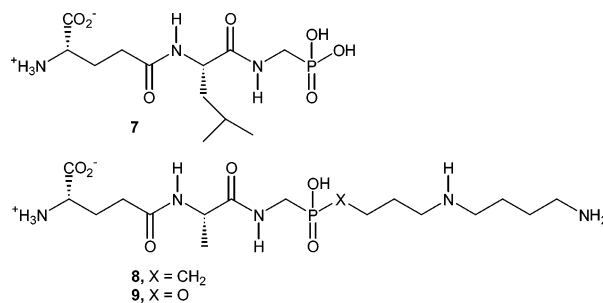
to yield **1**. At the present time is not completely clear how this conjugation undergoes in all parasites of the order Kinetoplastida. Two possibilities are being investigated: one comprises two distinct enzymes (GspS and TryS) that catalyze sequentially the conjugation of **2** with **3** to form **4**, and the reaction of this resulting product with another molecule of **2**; the other one involves only one enzyme (TryS), which is able to catalyze biosynthesis of **1** directly from **2** and **3** (Scheme 2).^{13–26}

Prospects in searching molecular targets began to change substantially when *T. cruzi* TryS was cloned and expressed in *E. coli*.²⁷ This protein was not only able to synthesize trypanothione from glutathionylspermidine and glutathione but also from spermidine and glutathione. At this point, no gene encoding a GspS could be identified in *T. cruzi*, so it was postulated that in this parasite a single enzyme catalyzed formation of trypanothione.²⁷ The dual catalytic function of *T. cruzi* TryS, also found in *T. brucei brucei*,²⁸ led to investigate *C. fasciculata* TryS catalytic properties. The enzyme was cloned and expressed in *E. coli* as an active protein that catalyzed trypanothione formation starting either from glutathionylspermidine and GSH or from spermidine and GSH.²⁹ In addition, *Leishmania major* TryS was cloned and expressed in *E. coli*.³⁰ On the other hand, a pseudogene that encodes GspS (*GSPS*) was identified in this parasite. This last finding suggests that an evolutionary link occurs to resolve the observed divergence between *C. fasciculata* and *Trypanosoma* spp.³⁰ It seems reasonable to hypothesize that an ancestral *GSPS* with a narrow substrate specificity may have undergone duplication and divergence into two independent genes (*GSPS* and *TRYIS*). This is the case of the substrate-specific enzymes (GspS and TryS) found in *C. fasciculata*. *Trypanosoma* genome had only retained *TRYIS*; therefore, TryS evolved into a broad-specificity enzyme superseding the need for two enzymes in trypanothione biosynthesis.^{30,31}

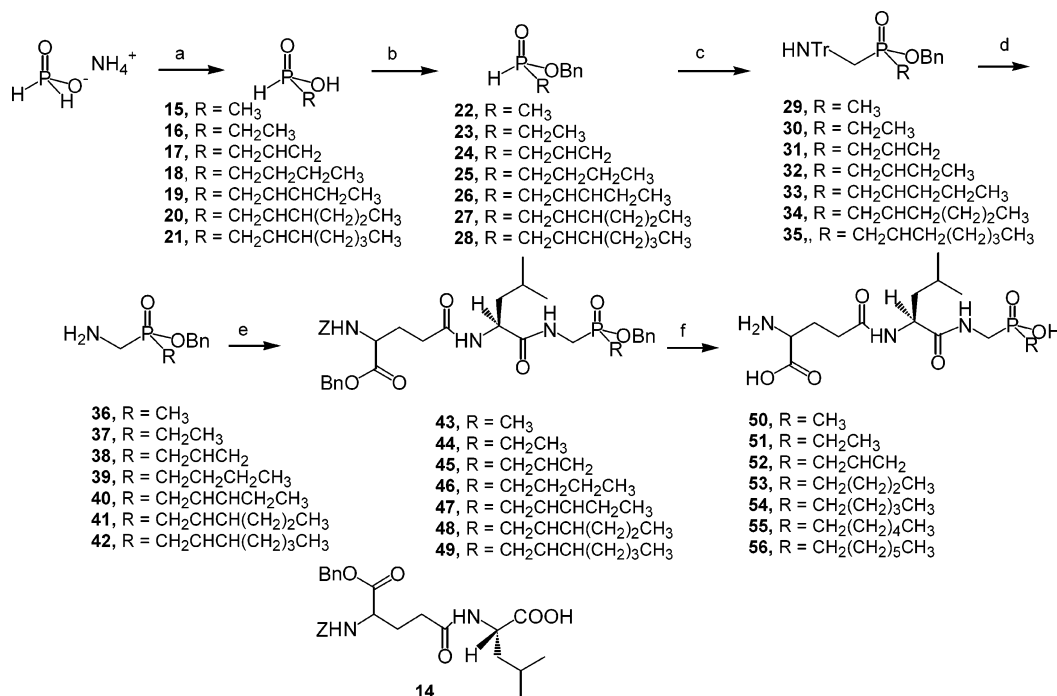
Rationale

As trypanosomatids possess a strict requirement for trypanothione for survival and growth that cannot be replaced by glutathione present in the mammalian host, depletion of this metabolite will lead either to cell death or to growth impairment. Bearing in mind that a rather similar mechanism of cell protection is present in several pathogenic trypanosomes such as *T. cruzi*, *T. brucei rhodesiense*, and *T. brucei gambiense*, and *Leishmania* spp., this approach can be useful for the treatment of different trypanosomiasis and leishmaniasis. Since this metabolic pathway is absent in the host, it is possible to envisage that a highly selective inhibition of the enzymatic activity either of TryS or GspS would not have any toxic effect against mammalian cells. The crystal structure of TryR is now available,^{32–34} while the corresponding X-ray structure for GspS

and TryS have not been resolved yet. The lack of information of the three-dimensional structure of the target proteins have circumscribed the search of inhibitors of the enzymatic activity against these enzymes to the classical chemical structure/biological activity relationship (SAR). Therefore, the design of inhibitors of the enzymatic activity for the mentioned ligases should be based on isosteric replacements on the substrate or on analogues of the transition state. The inhibition of the enzymatic activity of these enzymes has been studied and some data dealing with inhibitors of GSS activity are available. For example, it has been found that analogues of glutathione in which isoleucine replaced the cysteine residue to form L- γ -Glu-L-Ile-Gly (**5**) or L- γ -Glu-L-Ile-L-Ala (**6**) exhibited noncompetitive inhibition with K_i in the low millimolar range.³⁵ Phosphonates and phosphinates are well-known inhibitors of C:N-ligases.^{36,37} These findings have led to the design of phosphorus-containing drugs that behave as inhibitors of the enzymatic activity of GspS. For example, **7** exhibits linear noncompetitive inhibition with a K_i value of 60 μ M against GspS from *C. fasciculata*.³⁸ Moreover, when compounds structurally related to **7** are coupled with spermidine, slow tight-binding inhibitors of GspS were obtained.^{39,40} For instance, **8** exhibits a K_i value of 3.2 μ M for binding to free enzyme (GspS from *Escherichia coli*) and 7.8 nM for binding to enzyme–substrate complex E·I*, while **9** was much less potent than **7** showing inhibition constants of 6 μ M and 14 μ M for binding free enzyme and E·I*, respectively.^{39,40} These compounds would act as inhibitors of the transition state at the active site of GspS.

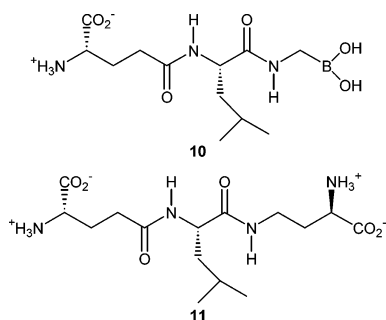


We have described a new series of analogues of glutathione (L- γ -Glu-L-Leu-Gly), where the glycine carboxylic acid group has been substituted by other acidic groups such as tetrazole, hydroxamic acid, acylsulfonamide, and boronic acid. Among this new family of compounds, the boronic acid derivative **10** is an effective inhibitor of GspS with a K_i value of 81 μ M and an IC₅₀ value of 17 μ M.⁴¹ In addition, substitution of the glycine part on the same tripeptide leads to good inhibitors, specifically when the glycine moiety is replaced by diaminopropionic acid

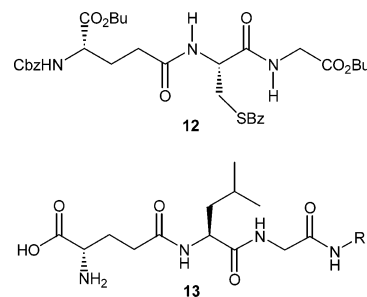
Scheme 3^a

^a Reagents and conditions: (a) (i) H₂PO₂-NH₄⁺, HMDS, 110 °C, 2 h, (ii) RI, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 16 h; (b) BnOH, DCC, DMAP, THF, rt, 16 h; (c) TrN=CH₂, BF₃·Et₂O, MePh, rt, 3 d; (d) TFA (2.5%), CH₂Cl₂, rt, 30 min; (e) (i) *N*-hydroxysuccinimide, EDC·HCl, DMF, rt, 16 h, (ii) Et₃N, DMF, rt, 16 h; (f) H₂, Pd/C, MeOH, 1 atm, rt, 1 h.

to form **11**. This compound was a potent inhibitor of GspS activity with $K_i = 7.2 \mu\text{M}$.⁴²



In addition, D'Silva et al.^{43,44} have reported the biological activity of glutathione derivatives targeting trypanothione metabolism, where the protected tripeptide **12** arises as main member of this class of glutathione analogues. This compound is moderately potent against *T. brucei* (ED₅₀ = 1.9 μM) but exhibits very weak biological activity against *T. cruzi*.^{43,44} The above results encouraged us to prepare analogues assuming that the optimum glutathione tripeptide derivative should be L-γ-Glu-L-Leu-Gly. Unexpectedly, *N*-alkyl amide derivatives of glutathione of general formula **13** are devoid of activity against *T. cruzi* growth.⁴⁵ The lack of biological action of **13** might be attributable to the amidase activity of the target enzyme. This enzyme, despite being unique for trypanosomatids with a specific function of catalyzing the first of the two ultimate steps of trypanothione biosynthesis, would act as a bifunctional synthetase/amidase.^{46,47} The loss of the *N*-alkylamine moiety was responsible for the marginal activity observed. A similar approach for glutathione biosynthesis inhibition was depicted employing buthionine sulfoxime as substrate analogue.⁴⁸



Results and Discussion

Compound **8** and **9** represent interesting examples of slow, tight-binding inhibitors of the enzymatic activity of GspS. These compounds act by mimicking the transition state for amide bond formation of this C:N ligase. However, any attempt to optimize the biological action of these compounds would be impractical from the synthetic point of view. In fact, the chemical synthesis of these compounds, or structurally related analogues, requires many synthetic steps due to the complexity of their structures. In the search for a simpler pharmacophore than **8**, keeping this structure as lead drug, a series of phosphinopeptide analogues **50–56** was prepared. The peptidic moiety was modified by replacing the L-cysteine residue by L-leucine on the basis that this replacement converts an enzyme substrate into an inhibitor of the enzymatic activity of the same enzyme.³⁸ The phosphinate unit was retained, while the polyamine residue was changed to an *n*-alkyl group. The preparation of the designed compounds was carried out starting from ammonium hypophosphite, which on reaction with hexamethyldisilazane at 120 °C for 2 h,⁴⁹ followed by alkylation with the appropriate alkyl iodide, and further esterification with benzylic alcohol in the presence of dicyclohexylurea and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine was converted into the corresponding benzyl alkylphosphinate (compounds **22–28**) (Scheme 3). The P-alkylation reaction occurred smoothly if the alkylating agent had up to four carbon atoms. The

Table 1. Effect of Phosphinopeptides against *Trypanosoma cruzi* (amastigotes and epimastigotes) for Compounds 50–56

compd	amastigotes: IC ₅₀ (μM) ^a	epimastigotes: IC ₅₀ (μM) ^a
50	>50	>50
51	>50	>50
52	>50	>50
53	9.8	>50
54	14.2	>50
55	>50 (45%) ^b	>50
56	>50 (31%) ^b	>50
57	2.0	

^a Values are means of three experiments. ^b Maximum inhibition values obtained at the indicated concentrations are given in parentheses.

preparation of alkyl derivatives of more than four carbon atoms required more reactive electrophiles such as 2-alkenyl iodides, which were reduced to the corresponding saturated *n*-alkyl derivatives, together with protecting groups, removed by catalytic hydrogenation during the last synthetic step. The resulting *O*-benzyl alkylphosphinates treated with methylene tritylamine and boron trifluoride etherate in toluene afforded the respective *O*-benzyl alkyl [(*N*-tritylamine methyl)phosphinate (compounds 29–35). Removal of the trityl protecting group yielded the corresponding *O*-benzyl alkyl(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinates (compounds 36–42) that was conjugated with dipeptide 14 to give the immediate precursor of the title compounds (43–49). Protecting group cleavage by catalytic hydrogenation afforded the desired compounds (50–56) that were evaluated against the clinically more relevant form of the parasite (the intracellular amastigotes) and the dividing noninfective epimastigote forms of the parasite. Of the designed compounds, 53 and 54 were potent inhibitors against intracellular *T. cruzi* proliferation possessing IC₅₀ values of 9.8 μM and 14.2 μM, respectively. The inhibitory efficacy of these compounds was comparable to the potency exhibited by 4-phenoxyphenoxyethyl thiocyanate 57 (WC-9),^{50–53} a well-known antiparasitic agent, which was used as a positive control. Derivatives with short aliphatic chains were not active against amastigotes, while 55 and 56 were moderately potent against this form of the parasite. All of these compounds were devoid of activity against the noninfective epimastigote forms of the parasite at concentrations up to 50 μM. The inhibition data are illustrated in Table 1. This particular behavior has also been observed in other antiparasitic agents with a marked different mode of action such as bisphosphonates, which are very potent growth inhibitors of the amastigote forms of *T. cruzi* but have very weak action toward epimastigotes.^{54,55}

These compounds, at concentrations up to 50 μM, exhibited no toxicity to the host cells, as assessed by phase contrast microscopy observation of detachment, vacuolation, and rounding of the cells. In conclusion, we found a simple pharmacophore structure that can be straightforwardly prepared from inexpensive starting materials involving few synthetic steps. This simple pharmacophore prompts new approaches in the field of tropical diseases chemotherapy. Compound 53 is an encouraging model of an effective antiparasitic agent, which presents potential prospects as a pharmacophore to be used for further structure optimization. It has two well-defined parts: (a) a peptidic moiety, and (b) an aliphatic unit. Both of these parts of the molecule can be easily modified. Metabolic stability, cell penetration, bioavailability, etc., are common problems associated with peptide analogues. Therefore, the design of peptidomimetics that retain the pharmacophoric unit would provide

metabolically stable analogues with similar antiparasitic activities. Efforts in these aspects are currently being pursued in our laboratory.

Experimental Section

The glassware used in air and/or moisture sensitive reactions was flame-dried and carried out under a dry argon atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, chemicals were commercially available and used without further purification. Solvents were distilled before use. Tetrahydrofuran and toluene were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide was used as supplied from Aldrich.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded using a Bruker AC-200 MHz or a Bruker AM-500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) relative to tetramethylsilane. Coupling constants are reported in Hertz. ¹³C NMR spectra were fully decoupled. Splitting patterns are designated as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet.

High-resolution mass spectra was conducted using a Micromass Q-ToF Ultima apparatus, which is a hybrid quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometer with MS/MS capability.

Melting points were determined using a Fisher-Johns apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded using a Nicolet Magna 550 spectrometer.

Column chromatography was performed with E. Merck silica gel (Kieselgel 60, 230–400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed employing 0.2 mm coated commercial silica gel plates (E. Merck, DC–Aluminum sheets, Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄).

General Procedure for the One-Pot Preparation of Phosphinic Acid Benzyl Ester. A mixture of ammonium phosphinate (1.00 g, 12.04 mmol) and hexamethyldisilazane (2.53 mL, 12.04 mmol) under an argon atmosphere was stirred at 110 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at 0 °C and anhydrous methylene chloride (12 mL) added, followed by addition of the corresponding alkyl halide (12.04 mmol). The mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred overnight. A yellow precipitate appeared, and the mixture was filtered through Celite under nitrogen. Anhydrous benzyl alcohol (2.46 mL, 24.08 mmol) was added to the filtrate and the solvent removed at room temperature under reduced pressure. Pressure was restored with argon. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was added followed by addition of an additional equivalent of benzyl alcohol (1.23 mL, 12.04 mmol), 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (100 mg), and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (3.23 g, 15.65 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room-temperature overnight. White dicyclohexylurea precipitated, and the suspension was filtered through a glass frit filter. The solvent was evaporated and the residue purified by column chromatography (silica gel) employing mixtures of CH₂Cl₂–methanol ranging from 100:0 to 97:3. The oil obtained was redissolved in a minimum of a mixture of hexanes–EtAcO (1:1) and filtered through Celite to eliminate the remaining dicyclohexylurea. The solvent was evaporated, and the purified compound was immediately used in next step reaction before hydrolysis could take place. Reaction yields were based on ammonium phosphinate.

Methylphosphinic Acid Benzyl Ester (22). Colorless oil, 46% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.47 (dd, *J*_{P–H} = 15.3 Hz, *J*_{H–H} = 2.1 Hz, 3H, PCH₃), 4.59 (2H, OCH₂Ph), 7.13 (d, *J*_{P–H} = 546.8 Hz, PH), 7.21–7.25 (m, 1H, Ph); 7.28–7.36 (m, 4H, Ph). ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 17.0 (d, *J* = 93.3 Hz, PCH₃), 65.2 (OCH₂Ph), 128.0 (Ph), 128.2 (Ph), 129.3 (Ph), 142.7 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 30.1.

Ethylphosphinic Acid Benzyl Ester (23). Colorless oil, 32% yield; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (d, *J*_{P–H} = 21.4 Hz, *J*_{H–H} = 7.7 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.7–1.95 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₃), 5.08 (dd, *J*_{P–H} = 24.7 Hz, *J*_{H–H} = 11.7 Hz, 1H, PCH₂Ph), 5.12 (dd, *J*_{P–H} = 23.0 Hz, *J*_{H–H} = 11.7 Hz, 1H, PCH₂Ph), 7.09 (dt, *J*_{P–H} = 530.0 Hz, *J*_{H–H} = 1.8 Hz, 1H, HP), 7.27–7.50 (m, 5H, Ph).

Allylphosphinic Acid Benzyl Ester (24). Colorless oil, 43% yield; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.63–2.67 (m, 2H, PCH₂–

CHCH₂), 2.67–2.70 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 5.06 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 8.7$ Hz), 5.15 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.1$ Hz, CH₃), 1.41 (dist. sext., 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 1.53–1.62 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.75–1.83 (m, 2H, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.03 (dd, 1H, $J_{H-H} = 11.9$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 8.4$ Hz, PCHH_aPh), 5.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.1$ Hz, PCHH_bPh), 7.32–7.41 (m, 5H, Ph), 7.65 (dt, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 530.0$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 2.0$ Hz, HP); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5 (PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 22.7 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 23.5 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 28.5 (d, $J = 92.4$ Hz, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 67.5 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 128.1 (Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 128.7 (Ph), 135.8 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.2.

1-Butylphosphonic Acid Benzyl Ester (25). Colorless oil, 15% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, CH₃), 1.41 (dist. sext., 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 1.53–1.62 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.75–1.83 (m, 2H, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.03 (dd, 1H, $J_{H-H} = 11.9$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 8.4$ Hz, PCHH_aPh), 5.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.1$ Hz, PCHH_bPh), 7.32–7.41 (m, 5H, Ph), 7.65 (dt, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 530.0$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 2.0$ Hz, HP); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5 (PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 22.7 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 23.5 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 28.5 (d, $J = 92.4$ Hz, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 67.5 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 128.1 (Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 128.7 (Ph), 135.8 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.2.

2-Pentenylphosphonic Acid Benzyl Ester (26). Colorless oil, 45% yield; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.97 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 2.01–2.11 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 2.50–2.63 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 5.04 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.9$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_aPh), 5.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{H-H} = 11.9$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.1$ Hz, OCHH_bPh), 5.27–5.39 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH₂CH₃), 5.62–5.72 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH₂CH₃), 6.99 (ddd, $J_{P-H} = 544.5$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 2.4$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 1.8$ Hz, 1H, HP), 7.31–7.40 (m, 5H, Ph).

2-Hexenylphosphonic Acid Benzyl Ester (27). Colorless oil, 45% yield; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (t, $J = 7.7$, 3H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.37 (dist. sext., $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 1.92–2.09 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 2.51–2.58 (m, 1H, PCHH_aCHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 2.60–2.67 (m, 1H, PCHH_bCHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.03 (dd, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 8.9$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, OCHH_aPh), 5.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 10.2$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, OCHH_bPh), 5.21–5.41 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.51–5.75 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 6.98 (dt, 1H, $J_{P-H} = 543.7$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 2.1$ Hz, HP), 7.29–7.44 (m, 5H, Ph).

2-Heptenylphosphonic Acid Benzyl Ester (28). Colorless oil, 55% yield; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 1.17–1.38 (m, 4H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.94–2.08 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.47–2.58 (m, 1H, PCHH_aCHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 2.60–2.68 (m, 1H, PCHH_bCHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 5.04 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_aPh), 5.15 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_bPh), 5.19–5.43 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 5.57–5.78 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 6.99 (dt, $J_{P-H} = 543.5$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, HP), 7.28–7.40 (m, 5H, Ph).

General Procedure for the Preparation of *O*-Benzyl Alkyl [(*N*-Tritylamino)methyl]phosphinates. To a solution of methylene tritylamine (726 mg, 2.68 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (20 mL) cooled at 0 °C was added phosphonic acid benzyl ester (2.30 mmol) under argon atmosphere. A 5% v/v solution of boron trifluoride etherate in toluene (5 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 72 h. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) employing a mixture of hexane–AcOEt (4:1) as eluant to afford the pure product.

***O*-Benzyl Methyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (29).** Colorless oil, 46% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.63 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 3H, CH₃), 2.30 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 14.6$, $J_{P-H} = 10.2$ Hz, 1H, PCH_aNH), 2.38 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 14.6$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 11.6$ Hz, 1H, PCH_bNH), 5.01 (d, $J_{P-H} = 9.1$ Hz, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 7.06–7.52 (m, 20H, Ph); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 12.9 (d, $J = 93.2$ Hz, PCH₃), 43.9 (d, $J = 107.7$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 67.6 (d, $J =$

5.9 Hz, OCH₂Ph), 72.7 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, CPh₃), 127.7 (Ph), 128.9 (Ph), 129.0 (Ph), 129.6 (Ph), 129.7 (Ph), 129.8 (Ph), 137.9 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, Ph), 146.2 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 56.6.

***O*-Benzyl Ethyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (30).** Colorless oil, 52% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.18 (dt, $J_{P-H} = 18.1$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.7$ Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.65–2.13 (bs, 1H, NH), 1.94 (dq, 2H, $J_{H-P} = 13.9$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.7$ Hz, PCH₂CH₃), 2.43 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 14.1$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, PCHH_aNH), 2.53 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 14.1$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 12.1$ Hz, 1H, PCHH_bNH), 4.98 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.1$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_aPh), 5.04 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.1$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 8.1$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_bPh), 7.15–7.43 (m, 20H, Ph); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.7 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, PCH₂CH₃), 20.4 (d, $J = 93.3$ Hz, PCH₂CH₃), 41.0 (d, $J = 101.7$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 66.0 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 71.4 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, CPh₃), 126.6 (Ph), 127.7 (Ph), 128.0 (Ph), 128.5 (Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 136.8 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph), 144.7 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 57.0.

***O*-Benzyl 2-Propenyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (31).** Colorless oil, 70% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.05 (dt, 1H, $J_{H-P} = 8.0$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 3.3$ Hz, NH), 2.49 (ddd, $J_{H-H} = 14.4$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 10.0$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.5$, 1H, PCHH_aNH), 2.56 (ddd, $J_{H-H} = 14.2$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 8.7$, 1H, PCHH_bNH), 2.82 (dd, $J_{P-H} = 17.2$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.4$, 2H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 5.01 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$, $J_{P-H} = 8.1$ Hz, 1H, OCH_aPh), 5.05 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$, $J_{P-H} = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, OCH_bPh), 5.18–5.26 (m, 3H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 5.83 (ddd, $J_{H-H,trans} = 17.2$ Hz, $J_{H-H,cis} = 9.9$ Hz, $J_{P-H} = 5.9$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.3$ Hz, 1H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 7.16–7.42 (m, 20H, Ph); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.6 (d, $J = 88.2$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH₂), 41.2 (d, $J = 104.3$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 66.3 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 71.5 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, CPh₃), 120.4 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH₂), 126.6 (Ph), 127.2 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH₂), 127.7 (Ph), 128.0 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 128.5 (Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 136.5 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.5.

***O*-Benzyl 1-Butyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (32).** Colorless oil, 51% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.37–1.48 (dist. sext., $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 1.51–1.64 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.85–2.09 (m, 3H, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 2.42 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 14.2$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, PCHH_aNH), 2.53 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 14.2$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 12.1$ Hz, 1H, PCHH_bNH), 4.98 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, OCH_aPh), 5.04 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 8.1$ Hz, 1H, OCH_bPh), 7.12–7.47 (m, 20H, Ph); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6 (P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 23.6 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 23.9 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 27.1 (d, $J = 91.6$ Hz, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 41.4 (d, $J = 100.1$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 65.9 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 71.4 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, CPh₃), 126.7 (Ph), 127.8 (Ph), 128.1 (Ph), 128.4 (Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 128.7 (Ph), 136.8 (d, $J = 5.1$, Ph), 144.8 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 56.1.

***O*-Benzyl 2-Pentenyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (33).** Colorless oil, 47% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.96–2.08 (m, 3H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 2.46 (dist. t, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 1H, PCH_aNH), 2.54 (dist. t, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 1H, PCH_bNH), 2.74 (dd, $J_{P-H} = 16.8$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.3$, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 5.00 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_aPh), 5.06 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.0$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_bPh), 5.36–5.46 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 5.62–5.71 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 7.14–7.51 (m, 20H, Ph); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7 (PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 25.7 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 32.3 (d, $J = 89.0$ Hz, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 41.0 (d, $J = 103.4$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 66.1 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 71.4 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, CPh₃), 117.2 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 126.6 (Ph), 127.7 (Ph), 128.0 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 128.5 (Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 136.6 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph), 138.2 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 144.7 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 52.5.

***O*-Benzyl 2-Hexenyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (34).** Colorless oil, 74% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 1.32 (dist. sext., $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.93–2.00 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.00–2.08 (bs, 1H, NH), 2.41–2.60 (m, 2H, PCH₂NH), 2.74 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 7.3$, $J_{P-H} = 17.1$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂CHCH-

(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.01 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.1$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_a-Ph), 5.06 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.2$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_bPh), 5.37–5.46 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.57–5.65 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 7.14–7.44 (m, 20H); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5 (PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 22.1 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 32.2 (d, $J = 89.0$ Hz, PCH₂-CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 35.9 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₃), 40.9 (d, $J = 103.4$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 66.0 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 71.3 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, CPh₃), 118.1 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 126.4 (Ph), 127.6 (Ph), 127.8 (Ph), 128.1 (Ph), 128.38 (Ph), 128.43 (Ph), 136.4 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 136.5 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, Ph), 144.5 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 52.4.

O-Benzyl 2-Heptenyl[(*N*-tritylamino)methyl]phosphinate (35). Colorless oil, 74% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 1.21–1.34 (m, 4H, PCH₂-CHCHCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.95–2.05 (m, 3H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂(CH₂)₂-CH₃, NH), 2.45 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 13.4$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 10.5$ Hz, 1H, PCH₂NH), 2.54 (dist. t, $J_{H-H} = 13.1$ Hz, 1H, PCH₂NH), 2.73 (dd, $J_{P-H} = 16.9$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.3$, 2H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 5.01 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.1$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, OCH_aPh), 5.06 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 12.1$ Hz, $J_{P-P} = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, OCH_bPh), 5.35–5.45 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 5.56–5.65 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃-CH₃), 7.16–7.43 (m, 20H); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8 (PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 22.1 (PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 31.1 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 32.26 (d, $J = 88.2$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 32.27 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, PCH₂-CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 41.0 (d, $J = 103.4$ Hz, PCH₂NH), 66.1 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 71.4 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, CPh₃), 118.0 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 126.5 (Ph), 127.6 (Ph), 127.9 (Ph), 128.2 (Ph), 128.47 (Ph), 128.51 (Ph), 136.6 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph), 136.8 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 144.6 (Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 52.5.

General Procedure for Trityl Cleavage. To a solution of *O*-benzylmethyl[(*N*-tritylamino)alkyl]phosphinate (0.68 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL) was added dropwise a 5% v/v solution of trifluoroacetic acid in methylene chloride (5 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was redissolved in methanol (10 mL). Then, strong cationic resin Amberlite CG-400 (1.00 g) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The mixture was filtered off and the filtrate washed with methanol (20 mL). The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) eluting with AcOEt → AcOEt–methanol (4:1) to yield the corresponding free amine as an oil that had to be rapidly used in next step to prevent *N*-oxide formation.

O-Benzyl Methyl(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (36). Pale yellow oil. 64% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.68 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 3H, PCH₃), 3.36 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 2H, NH₂CH₂P), 5.12 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.7$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 9.5$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_aPh), 5.17 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.7$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_bPh), 7.28–7.49 (m, 5H, Ph). ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 13.8 (d, $J = 96.6$, CH₃), 37.7 (d, $J = 97.5$ Hz, NHCH₂P), 68.4 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂-Ph), 129.4 (Ph), 129.8 (Ph), 129.9 (Ph), 137.2 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph). ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 47.6.

O-Benzyl Ethyl(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (37). Pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 1.13 (dt, $J_{H-P} = 19.1$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.7$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂CH₃), 1.94 (dq, $J_{H-P} = 15.2$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂CH₃), 3.27 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, NHCH₂P), 5.03 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 8.5$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_aPh), 5.15 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 10.1$ Hz, 1H, OCHH_bPh), 7.36–7.50 (m, 5H, Ph).

O-Benzyl 2-Propen(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (38). Pale yellow oil, 89% yield; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.67 (dd, $J_{H-P} = 17.9$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 7.4$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂NH₂), 2.96–3.14 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 3.14–3.44 (broad s, 2H, NH₂), 5.05 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 5.09–5.25 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 5.54–5.87 (m, 1H, PCH₂CHCH₂), 7.26–7.37 (m, 5H, Ph).

O-Benzyl 1-Butyl(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (39). Pale yellow oil. 87% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.81 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.29 (dist. sept., $J = 7.1$ Hz,

2H, P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 1.36–1.50 (m, 2H, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.85 (dt, $J_{H-P} = 15.4$ Hz, $J_{H-H} = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 3.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, NH₂), 5.01 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, OCH_aPh), 5.09 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, OCH_bPh); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.2 (PCH₂-CH₂CH₃), 23.1 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, PCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 23.5 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, P(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃), 27.6 (d, $J = 95.8$, PCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 35.7 (d, $J = 91.6$ Hz, NHCH₂P), 67.0 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH₂Ph), 127.9 (Ph), 128.7 (Ph), 135.7 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph); ³¹P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 50.9.

O-Benzyl 2-Penten(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (40). Pale yellow oil. 76% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃-CD₃OD, 4:1) δ 0.95 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 2.02 (dist. sext, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 2.60–2.75 (m, 2H, PCH₂NH₂), 3.04–3.25 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 5.07 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 9.0$ Hz, 2H, OCH_aPh), 5.11 (dd, $J_{H-H} = 11.8$ Hz, $J_{H-P} = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, OCH_bPh), 5.21–5.30 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 5.62–5.72 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₃), 7.31–7.44 (m, 5H, Ph).

O-Benzyl 2-Hexen(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (41). Pale yellow oil. 94% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃-CD₃OD, 4:1) δ 0.89 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.37 (dist. sext, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.95–2.05 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂-CH₂CH₃), 2.61–2.69 (m, 2H, PCH₂NH), 2.92–3.06 (m, 2H, PCH₂-CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 5.28–5.42 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 5.57–5.71 (m, 2H, PCH₂-CHCH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 7.31–7.44 (m, 5H, Ph).

O-Benzyl 2-Hepten(aminomethylmethyl)phosphinate (42). Pale yellow oil. 85% yield.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃-CD₃OD, 4:1) δ 0.89 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.25–1.37 (m, 4H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.98–2.07 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCHCH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃), 2.61–2.68 (m, 2H, PCH₂NH₂), 2.96–3.01 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 5.07 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 5.28–5.39 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH-(CH₂)₃CH₃), 5.59–5.69 (m, 2H, PCH₂CHCH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 7.32–7.43 (m, 5H, Ph).

General Procedure for Amide Bond Formation. To solution of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-glutamyl(α-benzylester)-L-leucine (300 mg, 0.619 mmol) and *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (106.9 mg, 0.923 mmol) in anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide (5 mL) cooled at 0 °C was added 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC; 237.3 mg, 2.24 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room-temperature overnight. Then, a solution of corresponding amine (0.495 mmol) and triethylamine (15 μL, 2.1 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. Ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added, and the solution washed with brine (2 × 20 mL), 5% aqueous hydrochloric acid (2 × 10 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (2 × 10 mL), and water (2 × 10 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by chromatography column (silica gel) using a mixture of hexanes–EtAcO (4:1) as eluant to yield the corresponding protected phosphinopeptide.

O-Benzyl Methyl-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L-γ-glutamyl(α-benzyl ester)-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (43). White solid, hygroscopic, 42% yield; ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 0.83–0.96 (m, 6H, H₃C(δ)Leu), 1.43–1.69 (m, 6H, PCH₃, HC(β)Leu, HC(γ)Leu), 1.83–1.97 (m, 1H, H_aC(γ)Glu), 2.09–2.22 (m, 1H, H_cC(γ)Glu), 3.58–3.76 (m, 2H, NHCH₂P), 4.18–4.26 (m, 1H, HC(α)Leu), 4.30–4.38 (m, 1H, HC(α)Glu), 4.99–5.18 (m, 6H, OCH₂Ph), 7.22–7.41 (m, 15H, Ph); ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD₃-OD) δ 12.8 (d, $J = 93.3$ Hz, PCH₃, major diast.), 12.9 (d, $J = 93.3$ Hz, PCH₃, minor diast.), 21.9 (H₃C_a(δ)Leu, minor diast.), 22.0 (H₃C_a(δ)Leu, major diast.), 23.3 (H₃C_b(δ)Leu, minor diast.), 23.3 (H₃C_b(δ)Leu, minor diast.), 25.9 (C(γ)Leu, minor diast.), 25.9 (C(γ)-Leu, major diast.), 28.3 (C(γ)Glu), 32.7 (C(β)Glu), 38.8 (d, $J = 102.6$ Hz, NHCH₂P, minor diast.), 38.9 (d, $J = 102.6$ Hz, NHCH₂P, major diast.), 41.7 (C(β)Leu), 53.3 (C(α)Leu), 55.1 (C(α)Glu), 67.6 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, POCH₂Ph), 67.7 (OCH₂Ph), 68.0 (OCH₂Ph), 128.8 (Ph), 128.8 (Ph), 129.0 (Ph), 129.1 (Ph), 129.2 (Ph), 129.5 (Ph), 129.5 (Ph), 129.6 (Ph), 129.7 (Ph), 129.7 (Ph), 172.6 (CO), 175.2

(CO), 175.6 (CO), 137.2 (Ph), 137.7 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, Ph), 138.1 (Ph), 158.6 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 174.7 (CO), 175.0 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 52.9 (minor diast.), 53.1 (major diast.).

O-Benzyl Ethyl-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L- γ -glutamyl(α -benzyl ester)-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (44). White solid, hygroscopic. 40% yield. White solid, hygroscopic. 40% yield.; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.83–0.93 (m, 9H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}(\delta)\text{Leu}$, PCH_2CH_3), 1.01 (dt, $J_{\text{H-P}} = 18.8$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, PCH_2CH_3 , minor diast.), 1.11 (dt, $J_{\text{H-P}} = 18.8$ Hz, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, PCH_2CH_3 , major diast.), 1.44–1.69 (m, 3H, $\text{HC}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 1.73–1.83 (m, 2H, PCH_2CH_3), 1.83–1.95 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\alpha\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.07–2.21 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.27–2.39 (m, 2H, $\text{HC}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 3.59–3.77 (m, 2H, NHCH_2P), 4.17–4.27 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.27–4.40 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 4.98–5.19 (m, 6H, OCH_2Ph), 7.23–7.42 (m, 15H, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 5.52 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, PCH_2CH_3 , major diast.), 5.54 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, PCH_2CH_3 , minor diast.), 20.4 (d, $J = 93.5$ Hz, PCH_2CH_3 , major diast.), 20.6 (d, $J = 92.5$ Hz, PCH_2CH_3 , minor diast.), 21.87 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 21.93 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 23.35 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 23.40 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 25.86 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 25.89 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 28.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 32.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 37.0 (d, $J = 98.2$ Hz, NHCH_2P , major diast.), 37.1 (d, $J = 98.2$ Hz, NHCH_2P , minor diast.), 41.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.2 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.1 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 67.6 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, POCH_2Ph), 67.7 (OCH_2Ph), 68.0 (OCH_2Ph), 128.8 (Ph), 129.0 (Ph), 129.2 (Ph), 129.3 (Ph), 129.5 (Ph), 129.6 (Ph), 129.64 (Ph), 129.66 (Ph), 129.7 (Ph), 137.2 (Ph), 137.9 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, Ph), 138.1 (Ph), 158.7 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 174.7 (CO), 175.0 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 55.4 (minor diast.), 55.6 (major diast.).

O-Benzyl 2-Propen-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L- γ -glutamyl(α -benzyl ester)-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (45). White solid, hygroscopic, 38% yield. ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.80–0.96 (m, 6H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.45–1.57 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 1.57–1.69 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 1.83–1.94 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\alpha\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.08–2.20 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.25–2.37 (m, 2H, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.61–2.78 (m, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$), 3.57–3.78 (m, 2H, NHCH_2P), 4.13–4.27 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.29–4.41 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 4.95–5.31 (m, 8H, OCH_2Ph , $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$), 5.68–5.83 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$), 7.17–7.45 (m, 15H, Ph). ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 21.86 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 21.90 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 23.36 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 25.85 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 25.89 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 26.3 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$), 28.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 32.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 33.6 (d, $J = 88.0$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$, minor diast.), 33.7 (d, $J = 88.0$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$, major diast.), 37.3 (d, $J = 100.5$ Hz, NHCH_2P), 41.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.2 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.1 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 67.7 (OCH_2Ph), 67.9 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, OCH_2Ph), 67.9 (OCH_2Ph), 121.6 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$), 127.6 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$, minor diast.), 127.7 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}_2$, major diast.), 128.3 (Ph), 129.0 (Ph), 129.2 (Ph), 129.3 (Ph), 129.5 (Ph), 129.56 (Ph), 129.62 (Ph), 137.2 (Ph), 137.8 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, Ph), 138.1 (Ph), 158.7 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 174.7 (CO), 174.9 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 49.3 (major diast.), 49.4 (minor diast.).

O-Benzyl 2-Butyl-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L- γ -glutamyl(α -benzyl ester)-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (46). White solid, hygroscopic. 39% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.81–0.94 (m, 9H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}(\delta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 1.30–1.42 (m, 2H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.44–0.1.68 (m, 5H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 1.71–1.84 (m, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.84–1.95 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\alpha\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.08–2.22 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.27–2.39 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.58–3.76 (m, 2H, NHCH_2P), 4.15–4.26 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.30–4.7 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 4.99–5.12 (m, 4H, OCH_2Ph), 5.14 (s, 2H, OCH_2Ph), 7.23–7.42 (m, 15H, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 13.9 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 21.88 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 21.94 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 23.32 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 23.37 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 24.3 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 24.8 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 25.84 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 25.89 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 27.0 (d, $J = 91.6$ Hz, PCH_2NH , minor diast.), 27.2 (d, $J = 91.6$ Hz, PCH_2NH , major diast.), 28.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 32.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 37.5 (d, $J = 98.3$ Hz, NHCH_2P , minor diast.), 37.6 (d, $J = 98.3$ Hz,

NHCH_2P , major diast.), 41.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.2 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.1 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 67.57 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, POCH_2Ph , major diast.), 67.59 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, POCH_2Ph , minor diast.), 67.7 (OCH_2Ph), 68.0 (OCH_2Ph), 128.8 (Ph), 129.0 (Ph), 129.1 (Ph), 129.2 (Ph), 129.3–(Ph), 129.48 (Ph), 129.51(Ph), 129.57 (Ph), 129.64 (Ph), 129.66 (Ph), 137.88 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph, minor diast.), 137.89 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph, major diast.), 138.1 (Ph), 158.7 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 174.7 (CO), 174.9 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 54.4 (minor diast.), 54.5 (major diast.).

O-Benzyl 2-Penten-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L- γ -glutamyl(α -benzyl ester)-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (47). White solid, hygroscopic. 36% yield. ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.82–1.00 (m, 9H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}(\delta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.47–1.57 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 1.57–1.69 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 1.83–1.95 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\alpha\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 1.97–2.07 (2H, 2.09–2.21, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.10–2.20 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.28–2.39 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.58–2.68 (m, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 3.59–3.76 (m, 2H, NHCH_2P), 4.19–4.28 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.33–4.51 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 5.99–5.19 (m, 6H, OCH_2Ph), 5.31–5.41 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 5.58–5.68 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 7.22–7.40 (m, 15H, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 13.79 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, minor diast.), 13.82 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 21.90 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 21.93 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 23.38 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 23.41 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 25.8 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 25.9 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 26.7 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, minor diast.), 26.8 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 28.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 32.1 (d, $J = 89.0$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, minor diast.), 32.3 (d, $J = 88.3$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 32.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 37.2 (d, $J = 100.0$ Hz, NHCH_2P , minor diast.), 37.3 (d, $J = 100.0$ Hz, NHCH_2P , major diast.), 41.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.2 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.1 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 67.7 (OCH_2Ph), 67.8 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH_2Ph), 68.0 (OCH_2Ph), 117.4 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 117.5 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 128.96 (CO), 129.0 (CO), 129.2 (CO), 129.3 (CO), 129.5 (CO), 129.6 (CO), 129.61 (CO), 129.62 (CO), 137.2 (Ph), 137.87 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph, major diast.), 137.89 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph, major diast.), 138.1 (Ph), 140.1 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 158.65 (CO, minor diast.), 158.67 (CO, major diast.), 173.5 (CO), 174.40 (CO, major diast.), 174.73 (CO, minor diast.), 174.85 (CO, minor diast.), 174.88 (CO, major diast.), 174.5 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 50.1 (major diast.), 50.2 (minor diast.).

O-Benzyl 2-Hexen-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L- γ -glutamyl(α -benzyl ester)-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (48). White solid, hygroscopic, 63% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.83–0.93 (m, 9H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}(\delta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.30–1.41 (m, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.48–1.57 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 1.57–1.68 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 1.85–2.02 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_\alpha\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.09–2.21 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.29–2.37 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.57–2.68 (m, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 3.58–3.74 (m, 2H, NHCH_2P), 4.19–4.27 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.33–4.40 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 5.99–5.17 (m, 6H, OCH_2Ph), 5.31–5.41 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 5.58–5.69 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 7.21–7.40 (m, 15H, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 13.79 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 21.93 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 21.97 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 23.29 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 23.31 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 23.4 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 25.88 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 25.91 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 28.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 31.9 (d, $J = 89.0$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 32.3 (d, $J = 89.0$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$, minor diast.), 32.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 35.8 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 37.31 (d, $J = 100.0$ Hz, NHCH_2P , major diast.), 37.33 (d, $J = 100.0$ Hz, NHCH_2P , major diast.), 41.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.2 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.1 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 67.7 (OCH_2Ph), 67.8 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH_2Ph), 68.0 (OCH_2Ph), 118.5 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 118.6 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 128.8 (Ph), 128.98 (Ph), 129.03 (Ph), 129.14 (Ph), 129.3 (Ph), 129.45 (Ph), 129.48 (Ph), 129.57 (Ph), 129.61 (Ph), 129.63 (Ph) 137.2 (Ph), 137.9 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph), 138.1 (Ph), 138.5 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 158.7 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 174.7

(CO), 174.9 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{-OD}$) δ 49.9 (major diast.), 50.1 (minor diast.).

O-Benzyl 2-Hepten-[[*N*-benzyloxy-L- γ -glutamyl(α -benzyl ester)-L-leucylamino]methyl]phosphinate (49). White solid, hygroscopic, 56% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.75–0.96 (m, 9H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}(\delta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.18–1.36 (m, 4H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.43–1.56 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{-Leu}$), 1.56–1.68 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 1.81–2.05 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_\alpha\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.07–2.21 (m, 1H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.24–2.38 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 2.53–2.69 (m, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{-CHCHCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 3.55–3.75 (m, 2H, NHCH_2P), 4.15–4.27 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.29–4.40 (m, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 5.91–5.17 (m, 6H, OCH_2Ph), 5.27–5.40 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 5.56–5.69 (m, 1H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 7.18–7.41 (m, 15H, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 14.2 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 21.96 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, major diast.), 22.0 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 23.2 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 23.38 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{-Leu}$, major diast.), 23.41 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 25.88 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{-Leu}$, major diast.), 25.91 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, minor diast.), 28.3 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 32.2 (d, $J = 88.1$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 32.4 (d, $J = 88.1$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$, minor diast.), 32.4 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 32.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)$ Glu), 33.4 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 37.3 (d, $J = 99.2$ Hz, NHCH_2P), 41.7 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.2 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.1 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 67.7 (OCH_2Ph), 67.8 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, OCH_2Ph), 68.0 (OCH_2Ph), 118.36 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 118.41 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$, major diast.), 128.8 (Ph), 128.96 (Ph), 129.03 (Ph), 129.14 (Ph), 129.3 (Ph), 129.45 (Ph), 129.49 (Ph), 129.57 (Ph), 129.62 (Ph), 129.64 (Ph), 137.2 (Ph), 137.9 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, Ph), 138.1 (Ph), 138.7 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{-CHCH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 158.6 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 173.5 (CO), 174.7 (CO), 174.9 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{-OD}$) δ 49.9 (minor diast.), 50.0 (major diast.).

General Procedure for Benzyl Ether Cleavage and Alkene Hydrogenation. A solution of the respective protected phosphinopeptide (0.1 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) in the presence of palladium on charcoal (catalyst) was treated with hydrogen at 1 atm. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through a glass frit filter, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by high performance liquid chromatography employing a Beckman Ultrasphere ODS-2 5 μM column (10 mm \times 250 mm) at a rate of 3 mL/min. Eluent solvents and retention times are indicated in each case. Peak elution was monitored at 230 nm.

Methyl-[[*L*- γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (50). HPLC purification: eluent solvent $\text{H}_2\text{O-MeCN-TFA}$ (90:10:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 10.45$ min: white solid; 100% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, D_2O) δ 0.97 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.49 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 3H, P-CH_3), 1.62–1.78 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 2.20–2.36 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{-Glu}$), 2.57–2.70 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.48 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.5$, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.6$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NH-CH}_\alpha\text{-P}$, minor diastereomer), 3.49 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.6$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NH-CH}_\alpha\text{-P}$, major diastereomer), 3.55 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 10.0$ Hz, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$, major diastereomer), 3.56 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.8$ Hz, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$, minor diastereomer), 3.99 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$, minor diastereomer), 4.00 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$, major diastereomer), 4.27 (dd, $J = 9.5$, 5.1 Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, D_2O) δ 13.8 (d, $J = 92.4$ Hz, PCH_3), 21.5 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 22.9 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 25.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 26.3 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 31.6 ($\text{C}(\beta)$ Glu), 40.6 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 40.1 (d, $J = 105.1$ Hz, NHCH_2P), 40.6 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 53.3 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 53.6 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 172.6 (CO), 175.2 (CO), 175.6 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, D_2O) δ 49.1 (major diastereomer), 48.9 (minor diastereomer). HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 352.1637, found: 352.1637.

Ethyl-[[*L*- γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (51). HPLC purification: eluent solvent $\text{H}_2\text{O-MeCN-TFA}$ (87:13:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 10.25$ min: white solid; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, D_2O) δ 0.96 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.03 (dt, $J = 13.7$, 7.4 Hz, 3H, PCH_2CH_3), 1.47–1.71 (m, 5H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, PCH_2CH_3), 2.08–2.23

(m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.43–2.56 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.49 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.5$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NHCH}_\alpha\text{P}$, minor diastereomer), 3.50 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.5$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NHCH}_\alpha\text{P}$, major diastereomer), 3.57 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$, major diastereomer), 3.58 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, $\text{NH-CH}_\beta\text{-P}$, minor diastereomer), 3.99 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$, minor diastereomer), 4.00 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.26 (dd, $J = 9.2$, 4.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$, minor diastereomer), 4.27 (dd, $J = 9.4$, 5.1 Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$, major diastereomer); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, D_2O) δ 7.4 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, PCH_2CH_3), 22.7 (d, $J = 93.2$ Hz, PCH_2CH_3), 23.2 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 24.7 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 26.9 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 28.1 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 33.3 ($\text{C}(\beta)$ Glu), 40.1 (d, $J = 98.3$ Hz, $\text{NH-CH}_2\text{-P}$), 42.4 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 55.0 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 55.3 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 174.4 (CO), 176.9 (CO), 177.2 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, D_2O) δ 50.1 (major diastereomer), 49.9 (minor diastereomer). HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 366.1794, found: 366.1790.

1-Propyl-[[*L*- γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (52). HPLC purification: eluent solvent $\text{H}_2\text{O-MeCN-TFA}$ (85:15:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 10.73$ min: white solid, 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, D_2O) δ 0.97 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.06 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.56–1.79 (m, 5H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.23–2.36 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.56–2.69 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.58 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.2$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NHCH}_\alpha\text{P}$, minor diastereomer), 3.59 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.5$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NHCH}_\alpha\text{P}$, major diastereomer), 3.66 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.6$ Hz, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$, major diastereomer), 3.67 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.6$ Hz, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$, minor diastereomer), 4.10 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{-Leu}$), 4.26 (dd, $J = 9.6$, 5.2 Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, D_2O) δ 15.8 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 15.8 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 21.5 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 22.9 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 25.2 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 26.4 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 30.1 (d, $J = 93.2$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 31.6 ($\text{C}(\beta)$ Glu), 38.9 (d, $J = 97.4$ Hz, $\text{NH-CH}_2\text{-P}$), 40.6 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{-Leu}$), 53.5 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 53.6 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$), 172.9 (CO), 175.2 (CO), 175.4 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, D_2O) δ 49.7 (major diastereomer), 49.5 (minor diastereomer). HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 380.1950, found: 380.1945.

1-Butyl-[[*L*- γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (53). HPLC purification: eluent solvent $\text{H}_2\text{O-MeCN-TFA}$ (80:20:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 9.14$ min: white solid; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.91 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 0.93 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 1.36–1.44 (m, 4H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.50–1.72 (m, 7H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 2.14–2.21 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.48–2.59 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.36 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 14.8$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 10.1$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NH-CH}_\alpha\text{-P}$), 3.46 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 14.8$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 7.9$ Hz, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$), 3.89 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.27 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 14.0 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 21.8 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 23.4 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 24.9 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 25.1 (d, $J = 16.7$ Hz, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 25.9 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 27.0 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 32.3 ($\text{C}(\beta)$ Glu), 41.6 ($\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$), 53.6 ($\text{C}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 174.5 (CO), 174.7 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{-OD}$) δ 45.0; HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 394.2107, found: 394.2124.

1-Pentyl-[[*L*- γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl]amino]methyl]phosphinate (54). HPLC purification: eluent solvent $\text{H}_2\text{O-MeCN-TFA}$ (75:25:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 10.39$ min: white solid; 100% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.89 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{-Leu}$), 1.30–1.41 (m, 4H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.54–1.63 (m, 4H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.63–1.73 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 2.07–2.28 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.48–2.59 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.39 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.8$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NH-CH}_\alpha\text{-P}$), 3.53 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 8.9$ Hz, $\text{NHCH}_\beta\text{P}$), 4.00 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 14.2 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$), 21.8 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\alpha(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 22.2 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 23.2 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 23.4 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_\beta(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 25.9 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 27.0 ($\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 28.5 (d, $J = 91.6$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 32.2 ($\text{C}(\beta)$ Glu), 34.2 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 40.0 (d, $J = 100.9$ Hz, NHCH_2P), 41.7

(C(β)Leu), 53.5 (C(α)Leu), 55.6 (C(α)Glu), 171.5 (CO), 174.5 (CO), 174.8 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 47.3; HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 402.2263, found: 402.2278.

1-Hexyl-[[L-(γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl)amino]methyl]phosphinate (55). HPLC purification: eluent solvent H_2O -MeCN-TFA (75:25:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 17.38$ min: white solid; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.90 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3$), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_a(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_b(\delta)\text{-Leu}$), 1.26–1.41 (m, 6H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 1.54–1.62 (m, 4H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.63–1.72 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$), 2.08–2.29 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.48–2.59 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.46 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.4$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NH-CH}_a\text{-P}$), 3.61 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.4$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 8.7$ Hz, NHCH_bP), 4.00 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.36 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$); δ 14.4 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3$), 21.8 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_a(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 22.7 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 23.4 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_b(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 23.5 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 26.0 (C(γ)Leu), 27.0 (C(γ -Glu), 31.3 (d, $J = 89.9$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$), 34.3 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 32.2 (C(β)Glu), 32.5 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 41.6 (d, $J = 100.9$ Hz, NHCH_2P), 41.7 (C(β)Leu), 53.5 (C(α)Leu), 55.6 (C(α)Glu), 171.6 (CO), 174.5 (CO), 174.8 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 46.4; HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 422.2420, found: 422.2421.

1-Heptyl-[[L-(γ -glutamyl-L-leucyl)amino]methyl]phosphinate (56). HPLC purification: eluent solvent H_2O -MeCN-TFA (70:30:0.2), $t_{\text{R}} = 13.96$ min: white solid; 99% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 0.89 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_6\text{CH}_3$), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_a(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_b(\delta)\text{-Leu}$), 1.23–1.42 (m, 4H, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$), 1.45–1.75 (m, 7H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Leu}$, $\text{HC}(\gamma)\text{Leu}$, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$), 2.07–2.28 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\beta)\text{Glu}$), 2.44–2.63 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_2\text{C}(\gamma)\text{Glu}$), 3.26 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 14.7$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.8$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NH-CH}_a\text{-P}$), 3.38 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 114.7$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-H}} = 8.8$ Hz, NHCH_bP), 3.89 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Leu}$), 4.36 (dd, $J = 10.1$, 4.4 Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}(\alpha)\text{Glu}$); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 14.4 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_6\text{CH}_3$), 21.8 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_a(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 22.8 ($\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$), 23.4 ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_b(\delta)\text{Leu}$), 23.7 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 26.0 (C(γ)Leu), 27.0 (C(γ)Glu), 28.9 (d, $J = 87.3$ Hz, $\text{PCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{-CH}_3$), 30.0 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 32.1 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 32.3 (C(β)Glu), 32.8 ($\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 39.2 (d, $J = 101.7$ Hz, NHCH_2P), 41.7 (C(β)Leu), 53.7 (C(α)Leu), 54.4 (C(α)Glu), 172.5 (CO), 174.4 (CO), 174.8 (CO); ^{31}P NMR (202.45 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 45.0; HRMS (ESI), Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{P}$ (MH^+): 436.2576, found: 436.2584.

Uracil Incorporation in Amastigotes. 1. Inhibition of Replication. Gamma-irradiated L_6E_9 myoblasts (1×10^7 cells/plate) in DMEM medium containing 20% fetal calf serum were plated in 12-well tissue culture plates and incubated at 37 °C in a 27% CO_2 atmosphere for 24 h. After 24 h, wells were washed once, and fresh media was added containing 4.17×10^6 trypomastigotes/well. One well was left without parasites for control. After 2 h incubation at 37 °C in a 7% CO_2 atmosphere, cultures were washed twice with Hank's solution, and culture medium containing 1 μCi of [5,6- ^3H]-uracil/mL (specific activity, 40–50 Ci/mmol; NEN Research Products, Boston) was added, 1 mL/well. At this time, drugs solutions in absolute ethanol (10 μl) were added. Two wells were left for infection control. 10 μl of absolute ethanol was added to control and infection control wells. Incorporation of the [^3H] into trichloroacetic acid (TCA)-precipitable material was measured at day 3. The supernatants of the monolayers were transferred to glass tubes. The cells were dissolved with 1.3 mL of 1% sodium dodecyl sulfate containing 100 μl of cold uracil per mL, and the suspension was transferred to the glass tubes. The wells were rinsed with 3 mL of 0.3 N TCA (5%) (ice-cold) which was combined with the previous suspension. The samples were maintained in ice for 15 min and collected on glass fiber filters (Whatman GF/D) by using a sampling manifold (Millipore, Bedford, MA), the tubes were rinsed three times with 4 mL of 0.3 N TCA, as were the filters, twice with TCA, and once with 95% ethanol. After drying the filters, they were placed in 5 mL of scintillation cocktail Econolume. Vials with the filters and cocktails were vortexed vigorously and counted.

2. Inhibition of Invasion. The same protocol was carried out, but drug solutions were added at the invasion time.

Drug Testing against Epimastigotes. *Trypanosoma cruzi* epimastigotes (Y strain) were grown in LIT + 5% NCS + 1% P/S medium. Five day old culture was centrifuged and resuspended in fresh medium to get a $2\text{--}3 \times 10^6$ cell/mL suspension (as determined by counting in a Neubauer chamber). Parasites were then placed in sterile screw-cap tubes (2 mL/tube). Two tubes were filled with medium for blank. Each drug was tested at four different concentrations (1, 5, 15, and 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), each one in triplicate. Drugs were dissolved in absolute ethanol. A control without drug was done for each group tested. An equivalent amount of ethanol (20 μL) was added to blank and control tubes. The concentration of cells was determined by measuring the absorbance of the culture medium containing parasites at 600 nm against a blank with culture medium alone. To calculate percent inhibition, the following formula was used: Percent inhibition = $100 - (\Delta A_d \times 100)/\Delta A_c$, where ΔA_c and ΔA_d are the differences in the absorbance of control cultures and drug-treated cultures, respectively, at the beginning and at the end of the experiment. The maximum amount of solvent used (1% ethanol) did not have any significant effect on the epimastigotes growth. **57** was used as a positive control.

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