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## Exploration of the close chemical space of tryptophan and tyrosine reveals importance of hydrophobicity in CW-photo-CIDNP performances

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Table S1: Principal photo-CIDNP active known molecules. The non-exhaustive list of used photosensitizers is reported as flavin mononucleotide (FMN), bipyridyl (BIPY), fluorescein (FLUO), Atto Thio 12 (AT12), 3,3',4,4'-tetracarboxy-benzophenone (TCBP).

Molecule	Dye
Tryptophan	FMN <sup>a</sup> , BIPY, FLUO <sup>f</sup> , AT12 <sup>g</sup> , TCBP <sup>e</sup>
NAc-tryptophan	FMN <sup>a</sup> , TCBP <sup>e</sup>
1-methyl-tryptophan	FMN <sup>a</sup>
Indole	FMN <sup>a</sup>
NAc-serotonin	FMN <sup>a</sup>
Methoxy-tryptamine	FMN <sup>a</sup>
Tyrosine	FMN <sup>a</sup> , BIPY, FLUO <sup>f</sup> , AT12 <sup>g</sup> , TCBP <sup>e</sup>
3-NO <sub>2</sub> -tyrosine	FMN <sup>a</sup>
3-F-tyrosine	FMN <sup>a</sup>
3-amino-tyrosine	FMN <sup>a</sup>
NAc-tyrosine	FMN <sup>a</sup> , TCBP <sup>e</sup>
Histidine	FMN <sup>c</sup> , TCBP <sup>e</sup>
NAc-histidine	FMN <sup>a</sup> , BIPY <sup>d</sup> , TCBP <sup>e</sup>
1-methyl-histidine	FMN <sup>a</sup>
Methionine	FMN <sup>a</sup>
Adenine	FMN <sup>b,c</sup>
Guanine	FMN <sup>b,c</sup>
3-methyl-cytosine	FMN <sup>b</sup>
5-methyl-cytosine	FMN <sup>b</sup>
Thymine	FMN <sup>b,c</sup>
Porphyrin	1,4 benzoquinone <sup>c</sup>
polyphenol	FMN <sup>c</sup>

a) (Stob and Kaptein, 1989); b) (Kaptein et al., 1979) c) (Hore and Broadhurst, 1993) d) (Tsentalovich et al., 2000) e) (Saprygina et al., 2014) f) (Okuno and Cavagnero, 2016) g) (Sobol et al., 2019)



## irradiation time (seconds)

Figure S1: Polarization is dependent on the irradiation time in CW-photo-CIDNP experiments. Top: Photo-CIDNP spectra of HOPI and TRP in the presence of AT12 or fluorescein at 1 and 4 second irradiation time. The respective anomalous line intensity build up plots measured at 600 MHz <sup>1</sup>H frequency are depicted in the bottom image. The spectra were measured at 0.05 mM molecule concentration. As demonstrated the polarization is a function of the irradiation time.





*Figure S2: pH dependence of the photo-CIDNP signal-to-noise enhancement for the different tryptophan analogues. A) photo-CIDNP monitored by fluorescein. B) photo-CIDNP monitored by AT12. Because the enzyme cocktail used in other* 

measurements to prevent dye quenching is pH sensitive oxygen scavenging was performed using a cycle of vacuum and nitrogen atmosphere flush for 30 min, that yielded however in an overall less favorable SNE.



Figure S3: Signal-to-noise enhancements (SNE) for the different tryptophan analogues at higher pH. A) AT12, pH = 9. B) fluorescein pH = 8. Because the enzyme cocktail used in other measurements to prevent dye quenching is pH sensitive oxygen scavenging was performed using a cycle of vacuum and nitrogen atmosphere flush for 30 min, that yielded however in an overall less favorable SNE. Data on the dH-TRP is missing due to lack of sufficient available sample.



Figure S4: Photo-CIDNP spectra of tyrosine (Tyr) and tyramine (TyrA), with 45° detection pulses. Zoom on the aromatics. The samples were concentrated at 100  $\mu$ M of Tyr/TyrA and 25  $\mu$ M of AT12.



Figure S5: Photo-CIDNP spectra of tyrosine (Tyr) and tyramine (TyrA), with 45° detection pulses. Zoom on the aliphatics. The samples were concentrated at 100  $\mu$ M of Tyr/TyrA and 25  $\mu$ M of AT12.

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