

**Supplementary Figure 1.** Model ligation of NEMO<sub>298-308</sub>hdmb with LAPAG-MPAL. Timecourse monitoring of ligation reaction by analytical HPLC, RP-C18, (2  $\mu$ L aliquots of the reaction mixture diluted in 10  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O were injected) and MALDI-TOF MS of purified peptide C (ligation product with hdmb auxiliary), m/z = 1873.6 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calc. = 1876.9, \* = MPAA. Analytical HPLC of crude product after hdmb removal from purified peptide C and MALDI-TOF MS, m/z = 1679.3 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calc. = 1679.8, D = ligation product without hdmb.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Synthesis of Ub-MES thioester by N,S acyl transfer and thioester exchange from Ub- $\alpha$ MeCys. Analytical HPLC (RP-C18) and MALDI-TOF MS of Ub-MES, m/z = 8689 [M+H]+,calc. Av. = 8689.



**Supplementary Figure 3.** Time course of Ub-MPAA thioester synthesis by *N*,*S* acyl transfer and thioester exchange from Ub- $\alpha$ MeCys monitored by analytical HPLC (RP-C18) injecting 10  $\mu$ L aliquots of the reaction mixture. A = Ub- $\alpha$ MeCys, B = Ub-MPAA thioester.



**Supplementary Figure 4.** Analytical HPLC (RP-C18) and MALDI-TOF MS of purified Ub-MPAA,  $m/z = 8715 [M+H]^+$ , calc. Av. = 8715.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** Analytical HPLC (RP-C18) of crude and purified NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub> (after removal of Alloc). *Biotin*-EDLRQQLQQAEEALVAKQELIDKLKEEAEQHKIVMETVPV LKAQADIYKADFQAERHAREKLVEKKEYLQEQLEQLQREFNKL-*NH*<sub>2</sub>. Insert shows MALDI-TOF MS, m/z = 10140 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calc. Av. = 10144.



**SupplementaryFigure 6**. On-resin installation of the ligation auxiliary hdmb (3) into NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>. Analytical HPLC (RP-C18) of crude NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub> and NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>hdmb-Mob. \* = scavenger



**Supplementary Figure 7**. Removal of Mob protecting group in solution. Analytical HPLC (RP-C18) of pure NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>hdmb-Mob and NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>hdmb and LCMS of NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>hdm m/z =  $10342 [M+H]^+$ , calc. Av. = 10342.

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**Supplementary Figure 8**. Sequence coverage of NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>-Ub derived from LC-MSMS indicating ubiquitylation site (red). Oxidation of Met<sup>35</sup> was also detected (orange).



**Supplementary Figure 9.** Comparison of thermal melting curves of synthetic NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>-Ub (8  $\mu$ M) and NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub> (16  $\mu$ M), measured by circular dichroism at 222 nm. The melting temperatures (grey arrows) of NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub>-Ub and NEMO<sub>CoZi</sub> are 36.4 °C and 24.9 °C, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 10**.<sup>1</sup>H NMR of hdmb aldehyde **3**.