Supporting information

Proline N-Oxide: Manipulation of the 3D Conformation of Linear Peptides

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1. General

Material and Methods

Fmoc-protected amino acids, CTC resin and HBTU were bought from GL-Biochem (Shanghai, China). HPLC-grade CH₃CN, MeOH and peptide synthesis-grade DMF, CH₂Cl₂, DIEA, TFA and all other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Germany). Analytical reversedphase HPLC was performed on a C_{18} column (4.6 × 150 mm, 5 µm, YMC Triart, UK) with a LC-MS 2020A system (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan). Solvents A and B were 0.01% (v/v) formic acid in milli q water, and CH₃CN, respectively. Elution was achieved with linear 0-90% gradients of solvent B to A over 15 minutes at 1 ml/min flow rate, with UV detection at 200 nm. Preparative HPLC was performed with a C₈ column (150×21.2 mm, 10μ m, Hichrom) attached to a Shimadzu LC-8A instrument. Solvents A and B were 0.1% formic acid (v/v) in water and MeOH, respectively and a linear gradient of solvent B to A over 40 minutes, at 15 mL/min flow rate was applied. The UV detection wavelength was set at 200 nm. Purified fractions (>95%) by HPLC were pooled and lyophilized on a Virtis SP scientific Sentry 2.0. Purified peptides and conjugates were characterized with HRMS, on BrukermicrOTOF-Q II instrument operating at ambient temperatures and sample 1 ppm. DMSO-d6 was used as a solvent for sample preparation of NMR. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, COSY, HSQC, HMBC and ROESY experiments were performed at ambient temperature on a AVANCE III 600 MHz NMR (Bruker, Germany). The ¹H NMR spectra were reordered with 600 MHz while ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained with 150 MHz as the frequency. The chemical shifts are expressed in ppm downfield from TMS as the internal standard. To achieve better resolution in the NMR spectra, the water peak was suppressed in necessary cases.

General procedure for the synthesis of the tetrapeptides.

Peptides were manually synthesized on a 0.1 mmol scale on CTC resin (0.6 mmol/g). The resin was activated using 10% thionylchloride (v/v) in dry DCM, after which incorporation of the C-terminal amino acids was performed with a minimum of four equivalents of Fmoc-amino acid and six equivalents of DIEA in dry DCM for 3 hrs. Elongation of the peptide chains was achieved following standard Fmoc protocols. The coupling conditions were: 5-fold molar excess of Fmoc-amino acid and HBTU, double molar excess of DIEA in DMF. Deprotections

were achieved with 20% piperidine in DMF (3 x 10 min). Coupling of N-benzylproline with the same method. After chain assembly, total deprotection and cleavage was carried out with TFA/DCM (40:60) for one hour and the peptides were precipitated by adding chilled diethyl ether. After evaporation to dryness, the solid forms of the crude peptides were obtained. The crude peptides were purified via semi preparative HPLC and characterized using NMR and HRMS.

General procedure for the preparation of N-oxide tetrapeptides.

Crude peptide (0.1 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (2.5 equiv.) were dissolved in dry DCM (10 ml). m-CPBA (1.6 equiv.) was added to a cooled solution mixture to (-72 °C). The reaction was stirred for four hours under the same conditions and warmed up to room temperature over two hours. Finally, the solvent was evaporated and the product was purified by preparative HPLC and characterized with NMR and HRMS.

2. NMR and HRMS results

1a, (BzPGNF)



		Single conformer	
Residue	Entry	¹ H chemical	¹³ C chemical
		shift	shift
		(ppm)	(ppm)
Phe	1	-	-
	2	-	173.50
	3	4.05	54.90
	4	2.90, 3.06	37.20
	5	-	138.80
	6	7.13	129.50
	7	7.16	127.50
	8	7.09	125.50
	9	7.48	-
Asn	10	-	169.70
	11	4.54	50.00
	12	2.34, 2.50	37.26
	13	-	171.40
	14	6.82, 7,42	-
	15	8.23	-
Gly	16	-	168.40
	17	3.72	41.55
	18	7.98	-
Nbp	19	-	173.50
	20	3.05	66.60
	21	1.74, 2.08	29.62
	22	1.68	23.30
	23	2.26, 2.85	52.80
	24	3.39, 3.88	59.20
	25	-	138.58
	26	7.39	128.90
	27	7.30	128.16
Γ	28	7.23	126.90

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for $C_{27}H_{33}N_5O_6$: 524.2503; found [M+H] 524.2553

1b, [Bz(NO)PGNF]



		Major conformation		Minor conformation	
Residue	Entry	¹ H Chemical	¹³ C chemical	¹ H Chemical	¹³ C chemical
	•	shift	shift	shift	shift
		(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
Phe	1	-	-	-	-
	2	-	172.60	-	179.68
	3	4.30	53.70	4.33	54.90
	4	2.91, 3.01	36.70	2.88, 3.04	37.26
	5	-	137.60	-	138.8
	6	7.18	128.10	7.13	129.50
	7	7.36	127.97	7.16	127.50
	8	7.39	129.01	7.09	125.50
	9	7.86	-	7.92	-
Asn	10	-	170.70	-	169.62
	11	4.50	50	4.60	50.00
	12	2.36, 2.41	36.80	2.34, 2.47	37.20
	13	-	171.56	-	171.44
	14	6.81, 7.48	-	6.89, 7.33	-
	15	8.55	-	8.19	-
Glv	16	-	168.77	-	168.40
	17	3.71	41.90	3.73	41.55
	18	10.78	-	8.02	-
Nbp	19	-	167.51	-	173.50
1	20	3.96	74.30	2.83	66.60
	21	2.19, 2.24	26.00	1.66, 2.25	29.62
	22	1.85, 2.05	20.10	1.74, 2.08	23.30
	23	3.01, 3.46	66.05	2.22, 3.03	52.80
	24	4.54, 4.64	68.70	3.38, 3.89	59.20
	25	-	131.31	-	138.58
	26	7.58	132.48	7.39	128.90
	27	7.18	129.28	7.30	128.16
	28	7.16	126.27	7.23	126.90

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₇H₃₃N₅O₇: 540.2452; found [M+H] 540.2487

2a, (BzPMeGNF)



		Major conformation		Minor conformation	
Residue	Entry	¹ H Chemical	¹³ C chemical	¹ H Chemical	¹³ C chemical
	•	shift	shift	shift	shift
		(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
Phe	1	-	-	-	-
	2	-	172.65	-	172.65
	3	4.32	53.84	4.35	53.84
	4	2.91, 3.01	36.65	2.91, 3.01	36.65
	5	-	137.52	-	137.52
	6	7.19	126.89	7.19	126.90
	7	7.23	126.89	7.23	126.90
	8	7.28	128.80	7.28	128.80
	9	7.90	-	7.97	-
Asn	10	-	170.74	-	170.74
	11	4.57	49.45	4.61	49.66
	12	2.35, 2.48	37.11	2.35, 2.48	37.11
	13	-	171.28	-	171.28
	14	6.91, 7.32	-	6.91, 7.32	-
	15	8.12	-	8.27	-
Gly	16	-	168.02	-	168.16
5	17	3.81, 3.99	50.48	3.96, 4.31	51.31
	18	2.95	35.76	2.71	3.20
Nbp	19	-	172.38	-	172.38
- r	20	3.58	63.40	3.41	64.60
	21	1.73, 2.09	27.73	1.68, 1.94	27.91
	22	1.72	22.40	1.72	22.40
	23	2.32, 2.87	51.95	2.24, 2.83	52.40
	24	3.41, 3.89	56.85	3.36, 3.80	57.32
	25	-	138.64	-	138.44
	26	7.30	128.11	7.30	128.11
	27	7.22	129.23	7.22	129.23
	28	7.16	123.38	7.16	123.38

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for $C_{28}H_{35}N_5O_6$: 538.2660; found [M+H] 538.2718

2b, [Bz(NO)PMeGNF]



		Major conformer		
Residue	Entry	¹ H chemical	¹³ C chemical	
	v	shift	shift	
		(ppm)	(ppm)	
Phe	1	-	-	
1	2	-	172.91	
	3	4.28	54.20	
	4	2.93	36.81	
	5	-	137.93	
	6	7.24	128.06	
	7	7.21	129.60	
	8	7.17	126.23	
Γ	9	7.79	-	
	10	-	170.73	
Asn	11	4.36	50.89	
-	12	2.31	37.71	
	13	-	171.45	
	14	6.71, 7.78	-	
	15	8.99	-	
	16	-	167.33	
Gly	17	4.48	69.00	
5	18	2.72	36.60	
	19	-	167.80	
Nbp	20	4.76	68.98	
1	21	2.23	23.93	
	22	2.07	20.10	
	23	3.43	66.10	
	24	4.48	51.50	
	25	-	130.50	
	26	7.68	132.70	
	27	7.37	128.00	
	28	7 42	129 44	

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₃₅N₅O₇: 554.2609; found [M+H] 554.2646

3a, (BzPIVQ)



		Single conformer		
Residue	Entry	¹ H chemical	¹³ C chemical	
	-	shift	shift	
		(ppm)	(ppm)	
Gln	1	-	-	
	2	-	173.60	
	3	4.12	51.90	
	4	1.77, 1.92	27.03	
	5	2.14	31.50	
	6	-	173.07	
	7	6.70, 7.22	-	
	8	8.11	-	
Val	9	-	170.60	
	10	4.23	57.50	
	11	1.96	30.60	
	12	0.81, 0.82	18.00, 19.20	
	13	8.03	-	
Ile	14	-	170.90	
	15	4.37	55.60	
	16	1.75	37.60	
	17	1.02, 1.42	24.16	
	18	0.80	11.08	
	19	0.83	15.42	
	20	7.90	-	
Nbp	21	-	172.80	
_	22	3.04	66.90	
	23	1.69, 2.11	30.20	
	24	1.62, 1.73	23.30	
	25	2.27, 2.79	52.67	
	26	3.34, 3.79	58.77	
Γ	27	-	138.47	
Γ	28	7.29	128.90	
Γ	29	7.37	128.10	
	30	7.25	127.00	

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for $C_{28}H_{43}N_5O_6$: 546.3286; found [M+H] 546.3333

3b, [Bz(NO)PIVQ]



		Single conformer		
Residue	Entry	¹ H chemical shift	¹³ C chemical	
	-	(ppm)	shift (ppm)	
Gln	1	-	-	
	2	-	170.30	
	3	4.07	52.10	
	4	1.76, 1.90	27.32	
	5	2.11	31.60	
	6	-	173.80	
	7	6.7, 7.24	-	
	8	8.00	-	
Val	9	-	170.70	
	10	4.23	57.60	
	11	1.99	30.66	
	12	0.81, 0.85	18.06, 19.20	
	13	7.92	-	
Ile	14	-	171.24	
	15	4.35	56.60	
	16	1.84	36.70	
	17	1.09, 1.48	24.30	
	18	0.84	11.30	
	19	0.88	15.80	
	20	12.10	-	
Nbp	21	-	167.90	
	22	3.70	73.06	
	23	2.14, 2.23	26.80	
	24	1.82, 2.02	19.60	
	25	2.84, 3.42	65.40	
	26	4.49, 4.55	67.71	
	27	-	131.56	
	28	7.51	132.30	
	29	7.37	128.80	
	30	7.37	127.80	

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₈H₄₃N₅O₇: 562.3235; found [M+H] 562.3280

4a, (BzPMeIVQ)



		Major conformation		Minor conformation	
Residue	Entry	¹ H Chemical	¹³ C chemical	¹ H Chemical	¹³ C chemical
	·	shift	shift	shift	shift
		(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
Gln	1	-	-	-	-
	2	-	170.37	-	170.37
	3	4.17	51.90	4.19	57.10
	4	1.75, 1.97	27.26	1.74, 1.91	25.84
	5	2.11	31.38	2.11	31.35
	6	-	173.61	-	173.61
	7	6.79, 7.29	-	6.80, 7.31	-
	8	7.45	-	8.42	-
Val	9	-	170.71	-	170.32
	10	4.14	57.18	4.26	57.17
	11	1.93	30.82	1.83	30.53
	12	0.77, 0.85	19.15	0.55, 0.81	15.21
	13	8.08	-	8.91	-
Ile	14	-	169.29	-	169.29
	15	4.72	59.60	4.72	59.60
	16	1.95	31.12	1.78	32.61
	17	0.93, 1.12	24.60	0.58, 1.13	24.43
	18	0.82	10.10	0.76	17.51
	19	0.81	18.13	0.75	11.08
	20	2.87	29.87	2.71	28.70
Nbp	21	-	173.11	-	172.12
	22	3.58	62.75	3.83	62.60
	23	1.78, 2.13	27.22	1.59, 2.10	25.84
	24	1.75	22.60	1.85	22.33
	25	2.40, 2.93	51.81	2.54, 2.72	52.10
	26	3.55, 3.80	56.50	3.44, 3.46	57.71
	27	-	139.02	-	138.53
	28	7.28	128.02	7.28	128.27
	29	7.24	126.78	7.24	127.20
	30	7.30	128.50	7.35	129.38

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for $C_{29}H_{45}N_5O_6$: 560.3442; found [M+H] 560.3482

4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]



		Major conformation		
Residue	Entry	¹ H chemical	¹³ C chemical	
	·	shift	shift	
		(ppm)	(ppm)	
Gln	1	-	-	
	2	-	173.67	
	3	4.22	52.10	
	4	1.88, 1.97	26.98	
	5	2.21	23.80	
	6	-	173.38	
	7	6.82, 7.29	-	
	8	8.00	-	
Val	9	-	170.87	
	10	4.03	58.40	
	11	1.96	30.20	
	12	0.80, 0.83	18.10, 19.10	
	13	9.85	-	
Ile	14	-	167.70	
	15	3.15	63.80	
	16	1.66	31.21	
	17	0.28, 0.97	23.82	
	18	0.69	11.53	
	19	0.32	15.63	
	20	2.48	28.76	
Nbp	21	-	167.30	
_	22	3.70	68.70	
	23	2.09, 2.22	19.75	
	24	1.96, 2.21	23.80	
	25	2.10, 2.20	31.26	
	26	4.31, 4.47	69.44	
	27	-	130.66	
	28	7.82	132.95	
	29	7.39	129.75	
	30	7.43	128.41	

HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd. for C₂₉H₄₅N₅O₇: 576.3391; found [M+H] 576.3443

3. NMR Spectra

¹H NMR spectra of **1a**, (**BzPGNF**)

(Water peak was suppressed)



¹³C NMR spectra of **1a**, (**BzPGNF**)



COSY of 1a, (BzPGNF)



ROESY of 1a, (BzPGNF)



HSQC of 1a, (BzPGNF)





¹H NMR spectra of **1b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**P**G**N**F]

(Water peak was not suppressed)



¹H NMR spectra of **1b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**P**G**N**F]

(Water peak was suppressed)



¹³C NMR spectra of **1b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**P**G**N**F]





ROESY of 1b, [Bz(NO)PGNF]





Detection of two different conformers in 1b, [Bz(NO)PGNF]

Detection of both *trans* conformers by usage of ROESY in **1b**, [Bz(NO)PGNF] peptide at room temperature. The water peak is suppressed. (Solvent: DMSO- d_6)



HMBC of **1b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**P**G**N**F]



¹H NMR spectra of **2a**, (**BzPMeGNF**)

(Water peak was not suppressed)



¹³C NMR spectra of **2a**, (**BzPMeGNF**)







Detection of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in **2a**, (**BzPMeGNF**)



ROESY study for the detection of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in **2a**, (BzPMeGNF) at room temperature. The water peak is suppressed. (Solvent: DMSO- d_6)







¹H NMR of **2b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]

(Water peak was not suppressed)



¹³C NMR of **2b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]



COSY of **2b**, [**Bz**(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]


ROESY of 2b, [Bz(NO)PMeGNF]







ROESY study for detection of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in **2b**, [Bz(NO)PMeGNF] at room temperature. The water peak is suppressed. (Solvent: DMSO-*d*₆)

Expansion of observed NOE correlations of **2b**, [**Bz**(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]



Expansion of observed NOE correlations of **2b**, [**Bz**(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]



Expansion of observed NOE correlations of **2b**, [**Bz**(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]



HSQC of **2b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PMeGNF**]



HMBC of 2b, [Bz(NO)PMeGNF]



¹H NMR spectra of **3a**, (**BzPIVQ**)



¹³C NMR spectra of **3a**, (**BzPIVQ**)



COSY of **3a**, (**BzPIVQ**)



ROESY of **3a**, (**BzPIVQ**)



HSQC of **3a**, (**BzPIVQ**)



HMBC of **3a**, (**BzPIVQ**)



¹H NMR spectra of **3b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PIVQ**]



¹³C NMR spectra of **3b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PIVQ**]



COSY of **3b**, [**Bz**(**NO**)**PIVQ**]



ROESY of **3b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PIVQ**]



HSQC of **3b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PIVQ**]



HMBC of 3b, [Bz(NO)PIVQ]



¹H NMR spectra of **4a**, (**BzPMeIVQ**)



¹³C NMR spectra of **4a**, (**BzPMeIVQ**)



COSY of 4a, (BzPMeIVQ)







Detection of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in **4a**, (**BzPMeIVQ**)

ROESY study for detection of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in **4a**, (BzPMeIVQ) at room temperature. The water peak is suppressed (Solvent: DMSO- d_6)



HMBC of 4a, (BzPMeIVQ)



¹H NMR spectra of 4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]



¹³C NMR spectra of **4b**, [**B**z(**NO**)**PMeIVQ**]



COSY of 4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]



ROESY of 4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]



Detection of *cis*-isomers in **4b**, (**Bz**(**NO**)**PMeIVQ**)



ROESY studies for the detection of *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in **4b**, [**Bz-P(NO)-MeI-V-Q**]. The absence of a NOE correlation between the *cis-N*-methyl group and the proline H α , assisted to differentiate between the conformations. The water peak is suppressed. The spectra was obtained at room temperature. (Solvent: DMSO-*d*₆)





Expansion of observed NOE correlations of **4b**, [**Bz**(**NO**)**PMeIVQ**]



Expansion of observed NOE correlations of 4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]



HSQC of 4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]


HMBC of 4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]



4. Thermal coefficient plots and NMR Spectra





(1) HN-Gly ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 2.35$ ppb/K, R² = 0.999), (2) HN-Asn ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 5.80$ ppb/K, R² = 1.00), (3) HN-Phe ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 1.73$ ppb/K, R² = 0.998)

1b, [Bz(NO)PGNF]



Temperature for this analysis was started from 303 K. Therefore, the major product in room temperature (about 293 K) is revealed as the minor from the first (blue) spectrum.



Major conformer at RT: (1) HN-Gly ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = -2.64$ ppb/K, R²= 0.997), (2) HN-Asn ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 4.56$ ppb/K, R²= 0.999), (3) HN-Phe ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 4.50$ ppb/K, R²= 0.999)



Minor conformer at RT: (1) HN-Gly ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 4.69 \text{ ppb/K}$, R²= 0.999), (2) HN-Asn ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 4.71 \text{ ppb/K}$, R²= 0.999), (3) HN-Phe ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 2.43 \text{ ppb/K}$, R²= 0.999)

2a, (BzPMeGNF)







Trans-isomer (major): (1) HN-Asn ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 3.88$ ppb/K, R²= 0.996), (2) HN-Phe ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 5.20$ ppb/K, R²= 0.999)



Cis-isomer (minor): (1) HN-Asn ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 4.68$ ppb/K, R²= 0.998), (2) HN-Phe ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 4.72$ ppb/K, R²= 0.999)



Trans-isomer (major): (1) HN-Asn ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = -1.49$ ppb/K, R²= 0.993), (2) HN-Phe ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 7.29$ ppb/K, R²= 0.951)



(1) HN-Ile ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 5.52 \text{ ppb/K}$, R²= 0.999), (2) HN-Val ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 5.63 \text{ ppb/K}$, R²= 0.985), (3) HN-Gln ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 2.21 \text{ ppb/K}$, R²= 0.917)

3b, [Bz(NO)PIVQ]



(1) HN-Ile ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ = -0.66 ppb/K, R²= 0.959), (2) HN-Val ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ = 5.98 ppb/K, R²= 0.999), (3) HN-Gln ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ = 5.04 ppb/K, R²= 0.999)

4a, (BzPMeIVQ)





Trans-isomer (major): (1) HN-Val ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ = 3.36 ppb/K, R²= 0.959), (2) HN-Gln ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ = 3.39 ppb/K, R²= 0.995)



Cis-isomer (minor): (1) HN-Val ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 6.54$ ppb/K, R²= 0.998), (2) HN-Gln ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 5.74$ ppb/K, R²= 0.999)



4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]

Cis-isomer (major): (1) HN-Val ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 0$ ppb/K, R2= N/A), (2) HN-Gln ($-\Delta\delta/\Delta T = 6.11$ ppb/K, R²= 0.999)

5. HRMS spectra

Tune mix for calibration



1a, (BzPGNF)



1b, [Bz(NO)PGNF]



2a, (BzPMeGNF)



2b, [Bz(NO)PMeGNF]



3a, (BzPIVQ)



3b, [Bz(NO)PIVQ]



4a, (BzPMeIVQ)



4b, [Bz(NO)PMeIVQ]

