Supporting Information

Stereoselective Synthesis and Structural Elucidation of Dicarba Peptides

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General Experimental Information

General Considerations

Manipulation of organometallic compounds was performed using standard Schlenk techniques under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen or in a nitrogen-filled drybox.

Instrumentation

Melting points (m.p.) were determined using a Reichert hot-stage melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Infrared spectra (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 series Fourier Transform infrared spectrophotometer as thin films of liquid (neat) between sodium chloride plates. IR absorptions (v_{max}) are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹) with the relative intensities expressed as s (strong), m (medium) or prefixed b (broad).

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX300, DRX400 or DRX600 spectrometers operating at 300, 400 or 600 MHz respectively, as solutions in deuterated solvents as specified. Each resonance was assigned according to the following convention: chemical shift; multiplicity; observed coupling constants (*J* Hz); number of protons. Chemical shifts (δ), measured in parts per million (ppm), are reported relative to the residual proton peak in the solvent used as specified. Multiplicities are denoted as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), pentet (p), septet (sept), multiplet (m) or prefixed broad (b), or a combination where necessary.

Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C-NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX300, DRX400 or DRX600 spectrometers operating at 75, 100 or 150 MHz respectively, as solutions in deuterated solvents as specified. Chemical shifts (δ), measured in parts per million (ppm), are reported relative to the residual proton peak in the deuterated solvent (as specified).

Low resolution electrospray ionisation (ESI) mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass Platform Electrospray mass spectrometer (QMS-quadrupole mass spectrometry) as solutions in specified solvents. Spectra were recorded in positive and negative modes (ESI⁺ and ESI⁻) as specified. High resolution electrospray mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker BioApex 47e Fourier Transform mass spectrometer (4.7 Tesla magnet) fitted with an analytical electrospray source. The mass spectrometer was calibrated with an internal standard solution of sodium iodide in CH₃OH.

Reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) was performed on Agilent 1200 series instruments. For analytical experiments, the instrument was equipped with photodiode array (PDA) detection (controlled by ChemStation software) and an automated injector (100 μ L loop volume). Experiments were carried out on a Vydac C18 analytical column (4.6 mm x 250 mm, 5 μ m) at a flow rate of 1.5 mL min⁻¹. For preparative runs, the instrument used multivariable wavelength (MVW) detection (controlled by ChemStation software) and an Agilent unit injector (2 mL loop volume). Experiments were carried out on a Vydac C18 preparative column (22 mm x 250 mm, 10 μ m) at a flow rate of 10 mL min⁻¹. The solvent systems were buffer A, 0.1% aqueous TFA; buffer B, 0.1% TFA in MeCN.

Chiral high performance liquid chromatography was performed on a Agilent 1220 infinity series instrument. For experiments, the instrument was equipped with photodiode array (PDA) detection (controlled by openLAB software) and an automated injector (100 μ L loop volume). Experiments were carried out on a CHIRALPAK QN-AX column (4.6 mm x 150 mm, 5 μ m) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min⁻¹. The solvent system was 92:2:0.5 (v/v/w); MeOH:AcOH:NH₄OAc.

Solvents and Reagents

Dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) was supplied by Merck and distilled over CaH₂ prior to use. Diethyl ether (Et₂O) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were supplied by Merck and distilled over potassium prior to use. Acetic acid (AcOH), acetone, dimethylformamide (DMF) ethyl acetate (EtOAc), hexane and methanol (CH₃OH) were used as supplied by Merck. Sodium azide (NaN₃), *p*-nitrobenzyl bromide, ethyl vinvl ether. trifluoroacetic acid. (1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-2imidazolidinylidene)dichloro(phenylmethylene)(tricyclohexylphosphine)ruthenium [2-(1-Methylethoxy-O)phenylmethyl-C](nitrato-O,O'){rel-(2R,5R,7R)-(GII). adamantane-2,1-diyl[3-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1-imidazolidinyl-2-y lidene]}ruthenium and (1,3-Bis-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-2-(ZG)imidazolidinylidene)dichloro(o-isopropoxyphenylmethylene)ruthenium (HGII) were supplied by Sigma-Aldrich. D₂O and CDCl₃ were purchased from Cambridge Isotopes Laboratory.

Experimental Section

Synthesis of DAS unit

4-Nitrobenzyl (S)-2-((((4-nitrobenzyl)oxy)carbonyl)amino)pent-4-enoate 4



A solution of NaN₃ (0.624 g, 9.60 mmol) in H₂O (2.5 mL) was added to a solution of p-nitrobenzyl chloroformate (1.73 g, 8.00 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (3.5 mL). The resulting emulsion was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Allylglycine (0.920 g, 8.00 mmol) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of 1,4-dioxane/2% aqueous Na₂CO₃ (10 mL) and added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The pH was adjusted to between 9 and 10 with 10% aqueous Na₂CO₃. The resultant solution was stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The reaction was diluted with H₂O (50 mL) and washed with Et₂O (50 mL). The aqueous phase was acidified to pH 2 with 6 M aqueous HCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in DMF (40 mL) and K₂CO₃ (2.21 g, 16.0 mmol) was added. p-Nitrobenzyl bromide (1.89 g, 8.80 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The reaction was diluted with Et₂O (150 mL) and washed with H₂O (3 x 100 mL), 10% aqueous CuSO₄ (100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic phase was dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography (1:3, EtOAc: hexane) to give the titled compound 4 as a colourless solid (2.71 g, 79%), mp 86.3-88.5 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2Hz), 7.47 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2Hz), 7.47 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.4Hz, 2H), 5.71-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 5.14-5.10 (m, 2H), 4.50 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.51 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.4, 155.4, 147.9, 147.6, 143.7. 142.5, 131.7, 128.6, 128.1, 123.9, 123.8, 119.9, 65.7, 65.5, 53.4, 36.4. IR (neat): 3308m, 3082w, 2948w, 1738m, 1688s 1509s, 1343s, 1270m, 1207m, 1063m cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): *m/z* 430.1248 [M + H]⁺, $C_{20}H_{20}N_{3}O_{8}^{+}$ requires 430.1245.

(S)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)pent-4-enoic acid 5

Allyl glycine derivative **5** was prepared according to a modified procedure outlined by Jakopin and coworkers.¹ A solution of *tert*-butyl 2,2,2-trichloroacetimidate (7.65 g, 35.0 mmol) in cyclohexane (5 mL) was added to a solution of *N*-Fmoc allyl glycine (2.36 g, 7.00 mmol) in EtOAc (50 mL). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature, after which it was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography (1 : 9 – EtOAc : hexane) to give the titled compound **5** as a colourless oil (2.49_g, 90%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.68 (m, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.40-4.34 (m, 3H), 4.24 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.64-2.48 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H). All data was consistent with that previously reported.¹

1-(*Tert*-butyl)8-(4-nitrobenzyl)(2S,7S,4Z)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-
yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-7-((((4-nitrobenzyl)oxy)carbonyl)amino)oct-4-
enedioate, *cis*-6



Amino acid derivatives 5 (118 mg, 0.300 mmol) and 4 (86 mg, 0.20 mmol) were added to a flame dried Schlenk vessel equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and backfilled with N₂. A solution of Z-selective catalyst **GZ** (25 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) in THF (1 mL) was added to the amino acid mixture. The reaction vessel was sealed and stirred at 40 °C for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with ethyl vinyl ether (0.5 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography (1 : 4 – EtOAc : hexane) to provide the

Comment [MU]: Additional synthetic information regarding compound 5

alkene *cis*-**6** (72 mg, 45%) as a clear oil. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \square 8.20$ (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.51-5.43 (m, 3H), 5.38 (br s, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (q, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.44-4.33 (m, 1H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.9, 1H), 2.72-2.41 (m, 4H), 1.49 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \square 171.4$, 170.6, 155.7, 155.5, 148.0, 147.7, 143.9, 143.8, 143.5, 142.3, 141.3(9), 141.3(7), 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 125.1, 123.9, 123.8, 120.1, 82.8, 67.3, 65.9, 65.7, 53.8, 53.7, 47.2, 30.5, 30.2, 28.1. IR (neat): 3395w, 3334w, 2977w, 1710s, 1606m, 1518s, 1449m, 1343s, 1246m, 1213m, 1152s, 1049m cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): *m/z* 817.2690 [M + Na]⁺, C₄₂H₄₂N₄NaO₁₂⁺ requires 817.2691.

(2*S*,7*S*,4*Z*)-2-((((9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-8-((4nitrobenzyl)oxy)-7-((((4-nitrobenzyl)oxy)carbonyl)amino)-8-oxooct-4-enoic acid, *cis*-2



Trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) was added to a solution of *cis*-**6** (72 mg, 0.09 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography (1 : 2 : 0.05 : 0.1 – EtOAc : hexane : MeOH : AcOH) to give *cis*-acid **2** (55 mg, 82%) as a colourless film which solidified after exposure to CH₂Cl₂, mp 96.7-100.3 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H) 5.52-5.43 (m, 3H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.38-4.34 (m, 1H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70-2.47 (m, 4H), OH not observed. ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta \square 176.4$, 171.7, 156.4, 155.7, 147.9, 147.6, 143.7, 143.5, 142.9, 142.3, 141.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 126.8, 125.0, 123.9, 123.7, 120.2, 67.3, 65.9, 65.6, 54.4, 53.9, 47.1,

30.2, 30.1. IR (neat): 3380w, 2963w, 2926w, 2855w, 1709s, 1609m, 1518s, 1451m, 1344s, 1261m, 1181m, 1052m cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): *m/z* 761.2063 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{38}H_{34}N_4NaO_{12}^+$ requires 761.2065. Chiral-HPLC (CHIRALPAK QN-AX analytical column, 92:2:0.5 (v/v/w); MeOH:AcOH:NH₄OAc over 30 min): $t_R = 23.7$ min (*Z*-isomer): 20.5 min (*E*-isomer), 10:1.

1-(Tert-butyl)8-(4-nitrobenzyl)(2S,7S,4E)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-7-((((4-nitrobenzyl)oxy)carbonyl)amino)oct-4-
enedioate, trans-6



Amino acid derivatives 5 (393 mg, 1.00 mmol) and 4 (215 mg, 0.500 mmol) were added to a flame dried Schlenk vessel equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and backfilled with N₂. A solution of HGII (63 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added to the amino acid mixture. The reaction vessel was sealed and stirred at 40 °C for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with ethyl vinyl ether (0.5 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography (1 : 4 – EtOAc : hexane) to provide *trans*-alkene 6 (453 mg, 57%) as a clear oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.47-5.43 (m, 1H), 5.41-5.37 (m, 1H), 5.29-5.25 (m, 2H), 5.22-5.06 (m, 2H), 4.52-4.48 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.31 (m, 3H), 4.19-4.16 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.37 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.4, 170.8, 155.8, 155.5, 147.9, 147.6, 144.0, 143.7, 142.4, 141.3, 129.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 125.2, 125.1, 123.9, 123.7, 120.1, 82.6, 67.1, 65.8, 65.5, 54.0, 53.6, 47.2, 35.8, 35.1, 28.1. IR (neat): 3393w, 3068w, 2976w, 1718s, 1607m, 1519s, 1450m, 1345s, 1217m, 1153s, 1052m cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI⁻, MeOH): *m/z* 793.2709 [M - H]⁻, C₄₂H₄₁N₄O₁₂⁻ requires 793.2726.

(2*S*,7*S*,4*E*)-2-((((9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-8-((4-nitrobenzyl)oxy)-7-((((4-nitrobenzyl)oxy)carbonyl)amino)-8-oxooct-4-enoic acid, *trans*-2



Trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) was added to a solution of trans-6 (80 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography (1 : 2 : 0.05 : 0.1 – EtOAc : hexane : MeOH : AcOH) to give trans-acid 2 (60 mg, 81%) as a colourless film which solidified on exposure to CH₂Cl₂, mp 96.7-100.3 °C. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 5.68 (m, 1H), 5.51 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.33 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.00-4.98 (m, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.25 (m, 2H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.42 (m, 4H), OH not observed. ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 171.5, 156.2, 155.7, 147.9, 147.6, 143.8, 143.7, 142.3, 141.4, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 125.1, 124.0, 123.8, 120.2, 67.3, 65.9, 65.6, 54.1, 53.8, 47.2, 35.5, 35.3. IR (neat): 3393w, 2929w, 1707s, 1606m, 1517s, 1449m, 1343s, 1248m, 1184m, 1052m cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI⁻, MeOH): *m/z* 737.2101 [M - H]⁻, C₃₈H₃₃N₄O₁₂⁻ requires 737.2100. Chiral-HPLC (CHIRALPAK QN-AX analytical column, 92:2:0.5 (v/v/w); MeOH:AcOH:NH₄OAc over 30 min): $t_{\rm R} = 20.6$ min (*E*isomer), 23.8 min (Z-isomer): 10:1.

General Procedures

General Procedure for Solid-Phase Peptide Synthesis (SPPS)

Manual SPPS was performed in polypropylene Terumo syringes (5 mL) fitted with a porous (20 μ m) polyethylene filter. Resin wash and filtering steps were aided by the use of a Visprep SPE DL 24-port model vacuum manifold as supplied by Supelco. Capping reactions and cleavage mixtures were shaken on a KS125 basic KA elliptical shaker supplied by Labortechnik at 400 motions per minute.

Automated micro-wave-accelerated SPPS was carried out using a CEM Liberty-Discover synthesizer, involving the flow of dissolved reagents from external nitrogen pressurized bottles to a resin-containing microwave reactor vessel fitted with a porous filter. Coupling and deprotection reactions were carried out within this vessel and were aided by microwave energy. Each reagent delivery, wash, and evacuation step was carried out according to the automated protocols of the instrument (controlled by PepDriver software). In a 50 mL centrifuge tube, resin was swollen with DMF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:1; 10 mL, 1 x 60 min) and connected to the Liberty resin manifold. The Fmoc-amino acids (0.2 M in DMF), activators (0.5 M HATU: HOBt in DMF), activator base (2 M DIPEA in NMP), and deprotection agent (20% v/v piperidine in DMF) were solubilized in an appropriate volume of specified solvent as calculated by the PepDriver software program. The default microwave conditions used in the synthesis of each linear peptide included: initial deprotection (36 W, 37 °C, 2 min), deprotection (45 W, 75 °C, 10 min), preactivation (0 W, 25 °C, 2 min), and coupling (25 W, 75 °C, 10 min), or initial deprotection (40 W, 75 °C, 0.5 min), deprotection (40 W, 75 °C, 3 min), and coupling (20 W, 75 °C, 5 min). After completion of synthesis, the resin-bound peptides were automatically returned to the Liberty resin manifold as a suspension in DMF:DCM (1:1) and filtered through fritted plastic syringes (5 mL) for acid-mediated cleavage.

TFA Cleavage Procedure

A small aliquot of resin-bound peptide (approximately 3 mg) was suspended in cleavage solution (1 mL; 95:2.5:2.5; TFA:TIPS:water) and shaken gently for 2 h. The mixture was filtered through a fritted syringe and the beads rinsed with TFA (1 × 0.2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under a constant stream of air, and the resultant oil was induced to precipitate in ice-cold Et₂O (1 mL). Cleaved peptides were collected by centrifugation (3 × 5 min) and dried for analysis by analytical RP-HPLC and mass spectrometry. For full-scale resin cleavages, 10 mL of cleavage solution was used, and after 4 h, the resin was rinsed with TFA (3 × 1 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under a constant stream of air, and the resultant oil was induced to precipitate in ice-cold Et₂O (30–35 mL). Collection by centrifugation was carried out over 5 × 6 min spin times. Cleaved peptides were collected by centrifugation at a speed of 6000 rpm on a Hermle Z200A centrifuge supplied by Medos, or at a speed of 6000 rpm on a TMC-1 mini centrifuge supplied by Thermoline.

General Procedure for RCM of resin-bound peptides

Prior to RCM, the peptidyl-resins were treated with an acetic anhydride capping solution (94:5:1; DMF:acetic anhydride:NMM; 4 mL) for 2 h, filtered, washed with DMF (3×1 min) and CH₂Cl₂ (3×1 min), and dried in vacuo for 30 min. RCM was carried out on a CEM Discover system fitted with the Benchmate option. Reactions were performed in 10 mL high pressure glass microwave vessels fitted with self-sealing Teflon septa as a pressure relief device. A microwave reactor vessel was loaded with substrate, deoxygenated solvent, deoxygenated chaotropic salt solution, and **GII** in an inert (nitrogen) environment. The system was sealed, and the reaction mixture irradiated with microwave energy while being stirred at a specified temperature for the specified period of time. After cooling to room temperature, the resin-bound peptide was filtered through a fritted syringe and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL, 3 x 1 min) and DMF (4 mL, 3 x 1 min) and dried *in vacuo* for 30 min. A small aliquot of resin was then subjected to acid-mediated cleavage, and the isolated solid was analyzed by RP-HPLC and mass spectrometry.

Synthesis of Dicarba Peptides Linear Peptide 3



Synthesis of linear sequence **3** was performed according to a modified procedure by Vederas and coworkers² using a microwave-accelerated SPPS procedure described previously using Fmoc-Rink amide resin (136 mg, 83 µmol). A small aliquot of resinbound peptide was then subjected to Fmoc-deprotection and acid-mediated cleavage. RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of the aliquot supported formation of the required linear sequence **3**. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 499.1 $[M + 2H]^{2+}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₄₇H₇₄N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 499.3; 997.3 $[M + H]^+$, (C₄₇H₇₄N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 997.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 15-50% buffer B over 35 min): $t_R = 7.4$ min.

[1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin 1



Cyclisation of the linear sequence **3** was performed according to a modified procedure by Vederas and coworkers.² Resin-bound peptide was subjected to microwaveaccelerated RCM procedure described previously under the following conditions: resin-bound linear peptide (83 µmol), CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL), 0.4M LiCl in DMF (0.2 mL), second generation Grubbs' catalyst (14 mg, 17 µmol), 100 W microwave, 100 °C, 2 h, 100% conversion to the target peptide. The resin-bound peptide was then subjected to Fmoc-deprotection and acid mediated cleavage to give an off-white solid. The white solid was purified by RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 preparative column, 10-30% buffer B over 40 min, $t_{\rm R} = 17.8$ and 18.9 min). Selected fractions were combined and lyophilized to give the two geometric isomers as colourless solids.

Cis-[1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin, *cis*-1. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 485.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₄₅H₆₉N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 485.3; 969.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₆₈N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 969.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): $t_{\rm R}$ = 10.5 min. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 4.34-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.10-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.92 (AB quartet, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H) 3.63 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08-1.92 (m, 6H), 1.73-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.06-1.02 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93-0.88 (m, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, D₂O): δ 178.8, 175.9, 175.6. 175.2, 174.5, 174.1, 172.7, 172.1, 170.8, 164.3, 164.0, 155.7, 131.6, 130.4, 129.0, 125.9, 116.8, 61.6, 59.5, 56.6, 56.1, 53.8, 53.4, 52.8, 51.5, 49.2, 43.2, 40.5, 37.9, 36.9, 36.2, 32.2, 30.8, 30.5, 29.7, 27.1, 25.8, 24.8, 23.3, 21.8, 16.2, 12.0.

Trans-[1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin *trans*-1- Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 485.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₄₅H₆₉N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 485.3; 969.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₆₈N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 969.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): $t_{\rm R}$ = 11.2 min. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (dt, J = 15.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dt, { 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.75-4.71 (m, 2H), 4.66 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.12 (m, 2H), 4.03 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (AB quartet, J = 16.8 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (dt, J = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dt, J = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, 15.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.29 (m, 4H), 2.150-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.00 (m, 3H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.44-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.16-1.10 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92-0.89 (m, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, D₂O): δ 178.5, 176.2, 175.4, 174.9, 174.3, 172.5, 171.6, 170.3, 164.0, 163.7, 163.5, 155.5, 131.5, 131.2, 128.6, 126.2, 116.6, 61.2, 60.9, 56.5, 55.6, 53.6, 53.0, 52.1, 51.4, 48.6, 42.9, 40.2, 37.0, 36.9, 36.5, 34.6, 34.2, 31.9, 30.1, 26.4, 25.1, 22.9, 21.6, 15.3, 11.4.

Linear octapeptide, cis-7



Synthesis of the linear sequence *cis*-7 was performed according to the microwaveaccelerated SPPS procedure described previously using Fmoc-Rink amide resin (74 mg, 20 µmol). RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of an aliquot of resin-cleaved peptide supported formation of the required linear sequence *cis*-7. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 651.2 [M + 2H]²⁺, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₆₀H₈₂N₁₄O₁₉) theoretical 651.3; 1301.5 [M + H]⁺, (C₆₀H₈₁N₁₄O₁₉) theoretical 1301.6. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 15-50% buffer B over 35 min): $t_{\rm R}$ = 22.9 min.

Linear peptide cis-8



Deprotection of *cis*-7 was performed according a modified procedure by Liu and coworkers.³ The pNb and pNz protecting groups were removed from the resin-bound peptide (20 µmol) *via* repeated treatments with a solution of SnCl₂ (6 M) and HCl/DMF (5 mM) in DMF (3 x 2 mL) for 0.5 h. The resin was then washed with DMF (6 x 4 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 4 mL), 1:1 DMF/H₂O (4 x 3 mL), 1:1 THF/H₂O (4 x 3 mL) and DMF (6 x 4 mL). RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of an aliquot of resin-cleaved peptide supported formation of the required linear sequence *cis*-8. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): *m*/*z* 494.2 [M + 2H]²⁺, ¹/₂ (C₄₅H₇₂N₁₂O₁₃) theoretical 494.3; 987.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₇₁N₁₂O₁₃) theoretical 987.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): *t*_R = 6.7 min.





Cyclisation of intermediate *cis*-**8** was performed according to a modified procedure by Liu and coworkers.³ A solution of PyBOP (11 mg, 21 µmol), HOBt (3 mg, 20 µmol) and NMM (3 µL, 27 µmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added to the resin-bound peptide (2.0 µmol) and shaken for 6 h at RT. The resin was washed with DMF (5 x 0.5 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 0.5 mL). The resin bound peptide was then subjected to acid mediated cleavage to give a colourless solid. RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of a peptide supported formation of the required cyclised *cis*-[1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin, *cis*-**1**. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 485.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, ¹/₂ (C₄₅H₆₉N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 485.3; 969.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₆₈N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 969.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): $t_R =$ 10.6 min. Linear octapeptide, trans-7



Synthesis of linear sequence *trans*-7 was performed according to the microwaveaccelerated SPPS procedure described previously using Fmoc-Rink amide resin (74 mg, 25 µmol). RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of an aliquot of resin-cleaved peptide supported formation of the required linear sequence *trans*-7. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 651.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₆₀H₈₂N₁₄O₁₉) theoretical 651.3; 1301.5 [M + H]⁺, (C₆₀H₈₁N₁₄O₁₉) theoretical 1301.6. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 15-50% buffer B over 35 min): $t_{\rm R}$ = 25.2 min.

Linear peptide, trans-8



Deprotection of *trans*-7 was performed according to a modified procedure by Liu and coworkers.³ The pNb and pNz protecting groups were removed from the resin-bound peptide (25 µmol) *via* repeated treatments with a solution of SnCl₂ (6 M) and HCl/DMF (5 mM) in DMF (3 x 2 mL) for 0.5 h. The resin was then washed with DMF (6 x 4 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 4 mL), 1:1 DMF/H₂O (4 x 3 mL), 1:1 THF/H₂O (4 x 3 mL) and DMF (6 x 4 mL). RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of an aliquot of resin-cleaved peptide supported formation of the required linear sequence *trans*-8. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): *m/z* 494.2 [M + 2H]²⁺, ^{1/2} (C₄₅H₇₂N₁₂O₁₃) theoretical 494.3; 987.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₇₁N₁₂O₁₃) theoretical 987.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): *t*_R = 6.6 min.

Trans-[1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin, trans-1



Cyclisation of intermediate *trans*-**8** was performed according to a modified procedure by Liu and coworkers.³ A solution of PyBOP (11 mg, 21 µmol), HOBt (3 mg, 20 µmol) and NMM (3 µL, 27 µmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added to the resin-bound peptide (2.0 µmol) and shaken for 6 h at rt. The resin was washed with DMF (5 x 0.5 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 x 0.5 mL). The resin bound peptide was then subjected to acid mediated cleavage to give *trans*-**1** as a colourless solid. RP-HPLC and mass spectral analysis of the major component supported formation of the required cyclised *trans*-[1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): *m/z* 485.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, ¹/₂ (C₄₅H₆₉N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 485.3; 969.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₆₈N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 969.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): *t*_R = 11.3 min.

[D1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin, [D]-1



Cyclisation of the linear sequence was performed according to a modified procedure by Vederas and coworkers.² Resin-bound peptide was subjected to microwaveaccelerated RCM procedure described previously under the following conditions: resin-bound linear peptide (100 μ mol), CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL), 0.4M LiCl in DMF (0.2 mL), second generation Grubbs' catalyst (18 mg, 17 μ mol), 100 W microwave, 100 °C, 2 h, 100% conversion to the target peptide. The resin-bound peptide was then subjected to Fmoc-deprotection and acid mediated cleavage to give an off-white solid. The white solid was purified by RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 preparative column, 10-30% buffer B over 40 min, $t_{\rm R}$ = 19.5 and 20.7 min). Selected fractions were combined and lyophilized to give the two geometric isomers as colourless solids.

Cis-[D1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin, *cis*[D]-1. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 485.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₄₅H₆₉N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 485.3; 969.4 [M + H]⁺, (C₄₅H₆₈N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 969.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18 analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): $t_{\rm R} = 11.9$ min. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (dt, J = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dt, J =10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (AB quartet, J = 16.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (dt, J = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dt, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 14.4Hz, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 15.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 22H), 2.38-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.02 (m, 5H), 1.95-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.34-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.10-1.03 (m, 1H), 0.97-0.85 (m, 12H). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, D₂O): δ 179.0, 176.6, 176.2, 175.7, 175.3, 174.2, 173.4, 172.3, 171.3, 164.4, 164.2, 155.8, 131.7, 130.8, 129.4, 125.0, 116.9, 61.6, 61.0, 58.5, 55.2, 54.0, 53.8, 52.7, 52.4, 49.1, 43.3, 40.7, 37.1, 36.3, 35.6, 32.3, 30.6, 29.4, 26.9, 26.2, 26.0, 25.6, 23.3, 22.1, 16.2, 11.4.

Trans-[D1,6]-Dicarba Oxytocin, *trans*[D]-1. Mass spectrum (ESI⁺, MeCN:H₂O:HCOOH): m/z 485.3 [M + 2H]²⁺, $\frac{1}{2}$ (C₄₅H₆₉N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 485.3; 969.4 $[M + H]^+$, (C₄₅H₆₈N₁₂O₁₂) theoretical 969.5. RP-HPLC (Agilent Vydac C18) analytical column, 10-40% buffer B over 30 min): $t_{\rm R} = 12.7$ min. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, D_2O): δ 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (dt, J = 15.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dt, J = 15.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.75-4.72 (m, 1H), 4.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.29-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (AB quartet, J = 17.4 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (dt, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dt, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.29 (m, 3H), 2.15-1.91 (m, 6H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.37-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.11-1.04 (m, 1H), 0.92-0.86 (m, 12H). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, D₂O): δ 179.0, 176.6, 176.0, 175.3, 174.9, 174.5, 173.2, 172.2, 170.9, 164.4, 164.2, 155.8, 132.1, 131.7,

129.3, 127.2, 116.9, 61.6, 61.1, 58.5, 55.4, 54.4, 54.1, 52.7, 49.1, 43.3, 40.7, 37.2, 36.7, 35.9, 34.7, 34.3, 32.3, 30.6, 27.6, 26.2, 26.0, 25.6, 23.3, 22.1, 16.2, 11.4.

[2,7]-Dicarba Vapreotide

The *cis*-unsaturated dicarba vapreotide and *trans*-unsaturated dicarba vapreotide were synthesized according to a previously reported procedure.⁴

¹H NMR Chemical shifts (ppm) of *cis*-unsaturated dicarba vapreotide (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)

Residue	NH	α - Η	β - H	Others
D-Phe	8.07	4.13	2.88, 3.09	7.22, 7.30
Agl	8.83	4.69	2.08, 2.19	5.21
Tyr	8.19	4.58	2.61, 2.72	6.85, 6.55
D-Trp	8.57	4.23	2.76, 3.00	7.09, 7.47,
				6.98, 7.05,
				7.31, 10.79
Lys	8.34	3.93	1.65	0.79, 1.29,
				2.56, 7.61
Val	7.55	4.51	2.02	0.81
Agl	8.06	4.52	2.20	5.30
Trp	7.88	4.54	3.01, 3.13	7.09, 7.59,
				6.94, 7.02,
				7.29, 10.76

¹³C NMR Chemical shifts (ppm) of *cis*-unsaturated dicarba vapreotide (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6)

Residue	α -C	β -C	Others
D-Phe	53.6	37.5	129.7, 111.5,
			128.7
Agl	53.3	30.7	127.8
Tyr	53.9	37.9	130.2, 115.1
D-Trp	55.1	27.1	123.8, 118.4,
			118.4, 121.0,
			121.1
Lys	53.2	30.9	30.0, 30.9,
			38.8
Val	57.9	30.0	30.0
Agl	53.6	30.7	128.0
Trp	53.5	28.5	123.8, 118.7,
			118.4, 118.3,
			127.4

Residue	NH	α - H	β - H	Others
D-Phe	8.09	4.16	2.92	7.19, 7.21,
				7.27
Agl	8.40	4.33	2.03	5.14
Tyr	7.96	4.62	2.44, 2.57	6.75, 6.49
D-Trp	8.33	4.36	2.91, 3.10	7.18, 7.57,
				6.95, 7.04,
				7.29, 10.83
Lys	8.20	3.96	1.59	1.00, 1.39,
				2.62, 7.59
Val	7.43	3.88	2.02	0.84
Agl	7.26	4.14	1.96, 2.25	4.94
Trp	7.67	4.39	2.94, 3.15	7.11, 7.52,
				6.92, 7.01,
				7.28, 10.76

¹H NMR Chemical shifts (ppm) of *trans*-unsaturated dicarba vapreotide (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)

¹³C NMR Chemical shifts (ppm) of *trans*-unsaturated dicarba vapreotide (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6)

Residue	α - C	β-C	Others
D-Phe	53.1	37.6	124.2, 127.5
Agl	52.4	36.0	129.5
Tyr	53.5	39.9	130.4, 115.0
D-Trp	54.6	28.0	124.3, 118.6,
			121.2, 128.8
Lys	54.2	30.8	22.2, 26.8,
			38.8
Val	59.6	36.0	19.1
Agl	53.1	34.9	126.9
Trp	53.7	28.1	123.6

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Supporting Spectra











HPLC traces for *cis*- and *trans*-2:

Mixture of *cis* and *trans* **2**, i) ~1:1), ii) 1:10, and iii) 10:1 Chiral-HPLC (CHIRALPAK QN-AX analytical column, 92:2:0.5 (v/v/w); MeOH:AcOH:NH₄OAc over 30 min):









