

# Is More Better? A Comparison of Tri- and Tetrapeptidic Catalysts

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## 1. General Aspects and Materials

Reagents and materials were of the highest commercially available grade and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using Merck silica gel 60 F254 aluminium sheets. Visualization of the compounds was achieved by UV or  $\text{KMnO}_4$ . Flash chromatography and plug filtrations were performed using Fluka silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040 – 0.063 mm, 200 – 400 mesh). Solvents for extraction and chromatography were of technical quality and distilled before use.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX 400, a Bruker AV III 400 (400 MHz/100 MHz) or a Bruker AV III 600 (600 MHz/150 MHz). All spectra were recorded at 25 °C, unless stated otherwise. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the signal of tetramethylsilane (TMS) using the residual solvent signals. HPLC analyses were performed on an analytical Ultimate 3000 HPLC system from Dionex with a diode array detector and chiral stationary phases (Daicel AD-H, Daicel AS-H, AY-H, OD-H or Daicel OJ-H). High-resolution electron ionization (HR-EI) mass spectra were measured on a Waters Micromass AutoSpec Ultima spectrometer. High-resolution MALDI spectra were acquired on a Bruker solariX 94 (ESI/MALDI-FT-ICR) and a Bruker Ultra-Flex II (MALDI-TOF) spectrometer.

## 2. Synthesis and Analytical Data of Peptides A-I

### 2.1 General Protocols for Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis

Peptides were prepared on solid phase using Rink Amide resin. The general protocol for Fmoc/*t*Bu peptide synthesis was followed according to the general procedures below.

*General procedure for peptide couplings:* *i*Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (10 equiv.) was added to a solution of Fmoc-Xaa-OH (5 equiv.) and HCTU (5 equiv.) in DMF. The solution of the activated amino acid ( $\approx 100$  mM) was added to the amino-functionalized resin, preswollen in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the mixture was agitated for 1 h before washing with DMF (3  $\times$ ) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$ ).

*General procedure for Fmoc-deprotections:* A solution of 20% piperidine in DMF was added to the resin (preswollen in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and the reaction mixture was agitated for 10 min, drained and the piperidine treatment was repeated for 10 min. Finally the resin was washed with DMF (3  $\times$ ) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$ ). The couplings as well as the deprotections were monitored by qualitative Kaiser (primary amines),<sup>[1]</sup> and chloranil tests (secondary amines).<sup>[2]</sup>

*General procedure for side chain deprotection and cleavage of the peptides from the solid support:* The peptides were deprotected and cleaved from the resin by stirring in a mixture of TFA/TIS/H<sub>2</sub>O (95:2.5:2.5) for 1 h and a second time for 30 min. Pooling of the filtrates and removal of all volatiles under reduced pressure followed by precipitation and thorough washing with Et<sub>2</sub>O afforded the peptides as their TFA salts. The peptides were redissolved in MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1, dried by lyophilisation and used without further purification.

### 2.2 Analytical Data of Peptides 1-2 and A-I

***TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Asp-NH<sub>2</sub> (1-LLL):*** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[3]</sup>

***TFA·H-D-Pro-Pro-Asp-NH<sub>2</sub> (1-DLL):*** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[3]</sup>

***TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-Asp-NH<sub>2</sub> (1-LDL):*** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[3]</sup>

***TFA·H-D-Pro-D-Pro-Asp-NH<sub>2</sub> (1-DDL):*** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[3]</sup>

***TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Glu-NH<sub>2</sub> (2-LLL):*** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[4]</sup>

**TFA·H-D-Pro-Pro-Glu-NH<sub>2</sub> (2-DLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[4]</sup>

**TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-Glu-NH<sub>2</sub> (2-LDL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[4]</sup>

**TFA·H-D-Pro-D-Pro-Glu-NH<sub>2</sub> (2-DDL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. The analytical data are in agreement with previously published data.<sup>[4]</sup>

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Asp-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-LLLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.57 (bs, 1H), 9.56 (bs, 1H), 8.53 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 4.78 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.37 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.7, 8.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (ddd,  $J$  = 16.2, 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.33 (m, 4H), 3.15 (s, 2H), 2.88 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 1.63 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  = 173.44, 172.11, 170.69, 168.95, 166.61, 59.82, 59.55, 58.31, 47.49, 46.78, 46.53, 45.79, 35.96, 29.25, 29.10, 27.90, 24.45, 24.22, 23.54. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 424.2191 [ $M + H$ ]<sup>+</sup>; found: 424.2192.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Asp-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A or A-LLLD):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.46 (bs, 1H), 9.65 (bs, 1H), 8.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (bs, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 4.66 (td,  $J$  = 8.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.29 (m, 4H), 3.27 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.80 (ddd,  $J$  = 16.4, 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.65 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  = 173.41, 171.85, 171.09, 168.87, 166.77, 60.01, 59.52, 58.13, 47.93, 46.77, 46.77, 45.91, 35.85, 29.18, 29.18, 28.00, 24.40, 24.36, 23.71. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 424.2191 [ $M + H$ ]<sup>+</sup>; found: 424.2189.

**TFA·H-D-Pro-Pro-Asp-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-DLLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.49 (bs, 1H), 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.54 (bs, 1H), 8.41 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 4.77 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.32 (dt,  $J$  = 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.51 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.26 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.80 (ddd,  $J$  = 16.6, 13.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 1.63 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  = 173.48, 172.12, 170.88, 168.94, 166.38, 59.86, 59.77, 58.36, 47.59, 46.72, 46.54, 45.76, 35.99, 29.39, 29.25, 27.92, 24.23, 24.02, 23.60. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 424.2191 [ $M + H$ ]<sup>+</sup>; found: 424.2190.

**TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-D-Asp-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-LDDL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing

peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.38 (bs, 1H), 9.54 (bs, 1H), 8.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (bs, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.71 (td,  $J$  = 8.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 3.27 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.78 (dt,  $J$  = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 1.64 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 173.57, 171.75, 171.08, 168.81, 166.52, 59.86, 59.69, 58.42, 47.48, 46.79, 46.60, 45.77, 35.82, 29.34, 29.19, 27.78, 24.19, 24.04, 23.54. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2191 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 424.2193.

***TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-Asp-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-LDLL)***: The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.45 (bs, 1H), 9.59 (bs, 1H), 8.47 (bs, 1H), 8.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 4.89 (dt,  $J$  = 8.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.41 – 4.27 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dtt,  $J$  = 20.0, 6.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.54 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.21 (d,  $J$  = 28.4 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (ddd,  $J$  = 29.7, 16.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 1.73 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 173.44, 172.20, 170.54, 168.74, 166.33, 59.89, 59.80, 58.44, 47.22, 46.73, 46.58, 45.69, 36.38, 29.64, 29.31, 27.78, 24.15, 23.93, 23.58. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2191 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 424.2191.

***TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-Asp-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-LDLLD)***: The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.41 (bs, 1H), 9.56 (bs, 1H), 8.57 – 8.38 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.88 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.54 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.32 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.78 – 3.10 (m, 6H), 2.77 (dt,  $J$  = 15.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 1.51 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  =  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  173.47, 171.83, 170.85, 168.87, 166.53, 59.92, 59.80, 58.49, 47.43, 46.74, 46.74, 45.71, 36.09, 29.57, 29.17, 27.77, 24.27, 23.94, 23.59. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2191 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 424.2192.

***TFA·H-Pro-Pro-D-Asp-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-LLDL)***: The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  =  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.46 (bs, 1H), 9.66 (bs, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (bs, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.77 (td,  $J$  = 8.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dq,  $J$  = 8.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.31 (m, 1H), 4.19 (td,  $J$  = 9.8, 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.30 (m, 4H), 3.22 (t,  $J$  = 16.7 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (td,  $J$  = 16.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dq,  $J$  = 10.4, 6.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 1.66 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 173.46, 171.76, 170.74, 168.97, 166.68, 59.93, 59.57, 58.28, 47.47, 46.79, 46.76, 45.84, 36.17, 29.21, 29.18, 28.00, 24.45, 24.25, 23.52. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2191 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 424.2190.

***TFA·H-Pro-Pro-D-Asp-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (A-LLDD)***: The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $d^6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  = 12.50 (bs, 1H), 9.63 (bs, 1H), 8.47 (bs, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.00 (m, 1H),

7.00 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.92 – 4.82 (m, 1H), 4.52 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.73 (dd,  $J = 16.2, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 1.70 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{d}^6\text{-DMSO}$ )  $\delta = 173.45, 172.12, 170.47, 168.70, 166.60, 59.90, 59.51, 58.20, 47.35, 46.78, 46.55, 45.84, 36.39, 29.31, 29.25, 28.02, 24.36, 24.20, 23.47$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2191  $[M + \text{H}]^+$ ; found: 424.2191.

**TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-D-Asp-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (B or ent-A-DLLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{d}^6\text{-DMSO}$ )  $\delta = 9.44$  (m, 1H), 8.55 (m, 1H), 8.42 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dm,  $J = 14.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.21-1.62 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{d}^6\text{-DMSO}$ )  $\delta = 173.5, 172.1, 170.8, 168.9, 166.4, 59.8, 59.7, 58.3, 47.5, 46.7, 46.5, 45.7, 35.9, 29.3, 29.2, 27.9, 24.2, 24.0, 23.6$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2196  $[M + \text{H}]^+$ ; found: 424.2193.

**TFA·H-D-Pro-D-Pro-D-Glu-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta = 4.73$  (dd,  $J = 9.6, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.69 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 4.49 (ddd,  $J = 14.7, 8.3, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.89 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.71 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dt,  $J = 10.2, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 1.79 (m, 7H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta = 177.03, 176.75, 173.56, 171.55, 167.97, 60.34, 60.34, 59.10, 50.68, 47.92, 47.68, 46.59, 29.57, 29.36, 29.31, 28.30, 25.48, 24.62, 24.62, 23.79$ . HRMS (MALDI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + \text{H}]^+$ ; found: 438.2344.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Glu-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LLLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta = 4.82$  (dd,  $J = 9.6, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.74 (ddd,  $J = 10.4, 6.8, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.87 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.70 (dt,  $J = 10.1, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.50 (dt,  $J = 11.5, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.67 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.26 (dtd,  $J = 12.7, 8.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 1.89 (m, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta = 177.10, 176.75, 173.57, 171.56, 167.97, 60.35, 60.34, 59.10, 50.69, 47.92, 47.68, 46.58, 29.56, 29.42, 29.31, 28.29, 25.49, 24.62, 24.62, 23.79$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + \text{H}]^+$ ; found: 438.2347.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Glu-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LLLD):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta = 4.89$  – 4.80 (m, 1H), 4.79 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dt,  $J = 10.3, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.71 (dt,  $J = 10.1, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.75 – 2.53 (m, 3H), 2.45 (ddd,  $J = 31.4, 13.6, 8.6, 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.27 (dtd,  $J = 14.8, 7.7, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 1.88 (m, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta = 176.93, 176.84, 173.42, 171.48, 168.03, 60.54, 60.41, 59.07, 50.53, 47.90, 47.68, 46.60, 29.66, 29.55,$

29.48, 28.35, 25.71, 24.59, 24.59, 23.86. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}N_5O_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + H]^+$ ; found: 438.2349.

**TFA·H-D-Pro-Pro-Glu-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-DLLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.84 (dd,  $J$  = 10.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dt,  $J$  = 10.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.72 (dt,  $J$  = 10.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (ddt,  $J$  = 38.6, 11.6, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.74 – 2.56 (m, 3H), 2.52 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.27 (dtd,  $J$  = 14.7, 7.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 1.92 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 177.11, 176.77, 173.86, 171.50, 167.97, 60.60, 60.36, 59.20, 50.76, 47.93, 47.60, 46.61, 29.56, 29.50, 29.47, 28.08, 25.50, 24.63, 24.23, 23.90. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}N_5O_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + H]^+$ ; found: 438.2347.

**TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-D-Glu-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LDDL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.86 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dt,  $J$  = 10.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.72 (dt,  $J$  = 10.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dt,  $J$  = 11.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dt,  $J$  = 11.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 3H), 2.33 – 1.96 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 177.03, 176.91, 173.89, 171.49, 168.00, 60.63, 60.58, 59.21, 50.86, 47.79, 47.61, 46.63, 29.58, 29.55, 29.43, 28.08, 25.41, 24.25, 24.17, 23.91. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}N_5O_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + H]^+$ ; found: 438.2347.

**TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-Glu-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LDLL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.85 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.57 (dt,  $J$  = 11.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dt,  $J$  = 11.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.33 – 1.85 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 177.21, 176.80, 173.62, 171.42, 168.05, 60.75, 60.39, 59.26, 50.81, 47.90, 47.56, 46.61, 29.79, 29.65, 29.55, 28.01, 25.44, 24.61, 24.13, 23.88. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}N_5O_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + H]^+$ ; found: 438.2347.

**TFA·H-Pro-D-Pro-Glu-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LDL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.88 – 4.81 (m, 1H), 4.74 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.72 (dt,  $J$  = 9.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dt,  $J$  = 8.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (td,  $J$  = 7.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.39 (m, 5H), 2.33 – 1.95 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 177.03, 176.91, 173.62, 171.37, 168.00, 60.76, 60.58, 59.24, 50.76, 47.81, 47.58, 46.59, 29.81, 29.59, 29.56, 28.02, 25.40, 24.21, 24.17, 23.87. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}N_5O_6^+$ : 438.2347  $[M + H]^+$ ; found: 438.2346.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-D-Glu-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LLDL):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.85 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dt, *J* = 10.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.72 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.58 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.74 – 2.51 (m, 3H), 2.49 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.33 – 1.88 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 177.02, 176.92, 173.56, 171.43, 168.08, 60.59, 60.54, 59.08, 50.73, 47.79, 47.68, 46.61, 29.60, 29.36, 29.34, 28.32, 25.45, 24.64, 24.21, 23.79. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 438.2347 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 438.2347.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-D-Glu-D-Pro-NH<sub>2</sub> (C-LLDD):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.92 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (dt, *J* = 10.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.37 (m, 5H), 2.28 – 1.96 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 176.97, 176.92, 173.37, 171.36, 168.04, 60.94, 60.59, 60.59, 59.11, 50.52, 47.79, 47.68, 46.56, 29.64, 29.62, 29.57, 29.47, 28.37, 25.70, 24.63, 24.21, 23.83. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 438.2347 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 438.2348.

**TFA·H-D-Pro-Pro-Asp-Leu-NH<sub>2</sub> (D):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.73 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 3.74 (ddd, *J* = 10.1, 7.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 8.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.04 – 0.76 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  177.30, 174.13, 173.37, 172.25, 168.01, 60.56, 59.25, 52.11, 50.05, 47.59, 46.60, 39.57, 35.06, 29.58, 28.01, 24.24, 24.14, 23.87, 22.26, 20.23. HRMS (MALDI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 440.2504 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 440.2503.

**TFA·H-D-Pro-D-Pro-Asp-Leu-NH<sub>2</sub> (E):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 4.75 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (ddd, *J* = 10.2, 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (td, *J* = 6.9, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.34 (ddt, *J* = 12.7, 8.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 1.85 (m, 7H), 1.84 – 1.47 (m, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  = 177.35, 174.11, 173.81, 172.32, 168.08, 60.72, 58.95, 52.20, 50.20, 47.76, 46.70, 39.54, 35.32, 29.23, 28.34, 24.66, 24.28, 23.89, 22.27, 20.38. HRMS (MALDI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>: 440.2504 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 440.2502.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Asp-D-Asp-NH<sub>2</sub> (F):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides,

coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 4.73 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70 – 4.55 (m, 2H), 4.49 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.2, 7.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.99 – 2.76 (m, 4H), 2.68 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.36 (ddt,  $J$  = 12.6, 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 1.80 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 175.05, 174.61, 173.87, 173.31, 172.33, 168.29, 60.66, 59.08, 50.62, 50.02, 47.72, 46.62, 35.70, 35.60, 29.33, 28.33, 24.62, 23.92. HRMS (MALDI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_5\text{O}_8^+$ : 442.1932 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 442.1932.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-D-Leu-Glu-NH<sub>2</sub> (G):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 4.65 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 3.74 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.2, 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.69 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.20 (dddd,  $J$  = 13.6, 8.4, 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 1.81 (m, 7H), 1.81 – 1.42 (m, 3H), 0.95 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 0.90 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 177.00, 175.85, 174.70, 173.90, 167.95, 60.66, 59.04, 52.54, 52.45, 47.73, 46.68, 39.62, 29.99, 29.45, 28.42, 26.17, 24.67, 24.40, 23.98, 22.06, 20.45. HRMS (MALDI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 454.2660 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 454.2660.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Pro-D-Asp-NH<sub>2</sub> (H):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 4.84 – 4.72 (m, 2H), 4.69 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dt,  $J$  = 10.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.44 (ddt,  $J$  = 12.6, 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddt,  $J$  = 12.7, 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 1.99 (m, 7H), 1.93 (tt,  $J$  = 13.1, 6.4 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 174.97, 174.19, 174.06, 171.57, 167.67, 60.57, 59.06, 59.01, 49.65, 47.73, 47.68, 46.61, 35.57, 29.14, 28.22, 28.02, 24.64, 24.53, 23.81. HRMS (MALDI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6^+$ : 424.2191 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 424.2191.

**TFA·H-Pro-Pro-Pro-His-NH<sub>2</sub> (I):** The peptide was synthesized according to the general procedures for solid phase peptide synthesis. As expected for Xaa-Pro containing peptides, coexistence of the *trans* and *cis* configured amide bond was observed in the NMR spectra. Only the signals of the major conformer are listed.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.63 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.70 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 4.42 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dt,  $J$  = 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (qt,  $J$  = 11.6, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.33 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dtd,  $J$  = 12.3, 7.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (ddt,  $J$  = 12.8, 8.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 1.98 (m, 7H), 2.01 – 1.79 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  = 174.01, 173.90, 171.68, 167.61, 133.41, 128.36, 117.19, 60.31, 59.04, 58.96, 52.27, 47.70, 47.69, 46.60, 29.24, 28.24, 28.09, 26.27, 24.57, 24.54, 23.83. HRMS (MALDI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_7\text{O}_4^+$ : 446.2510 [ $M + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ ; found: 446.2511.

### 3. Preparation of the Split-and-Mix-Library and Combinatorial Screening Assay

The split-and-mix tetrapeptide library and the dye-labelled ketone was synthesized according to the previously reported procedure.<sup>[5]</sup> TentaGel S NH<sub>2</sub> from Rapp Polymers was used as a solid support for the library. Also the combinatorial assay was performed as described.<sup>[5]</sup>

Identified peptide sequences of the assay in DMF (A) and MeOH (B).

**A:**

| AS4   | AS3   | AS2   | AS1   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | D-Asp |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | D-Asp |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | D-Asp |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | D-Pro |
| L-Pro | D-Pro | D-Asp | D-Pro |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | D-Pro |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | D-Pro |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | D-Pro |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | D-Pro |
| D-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | Gly   | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-His | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | L-Pro | D-Leu | L-Glu |
| D-Pro | L-Pro | D-Leu | L-Glu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asn | L-Glu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Pro | L-His |
| L-Pro | D-Pro | L-Pro | L-His |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Gln | L-His |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | D-His |

**B:**

| AS4   | AS3   | AS2   | AS1   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Pro | D-Asp |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Asp | L-Leu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Asp | L-Gln |
| L-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | L-Leu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | L-Tyr |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Glu | L-Glu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | Gly   | L-Glu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | D-Tyr | L-Glu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Phe | L-Glu |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | D-Leu | L-Glu |
| D-Pro | D-Pro | D-Leu | L-Glu |
| L-Pro | D-Pro | D-Pro | L-Glu |
| D-Pro | L-Pro | L-Pro | L-Tyr |
| L-Pro | L-Pro | D-Gln | L-Tyr |

#### 4. General Procedures for Aldol Reaction and 1,4-Addition Reaction

##### General Procedure – Aldol Reaction (10 mol% catalyst)

The peptide TFA salt (10 mol%, 6.6  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was added to a solution of *N*-methylmorpholine (10 mol%, 0.73  $\mu\text{l}$ ), *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde (1 equiv., 66  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 10.0 mg) in acetone (340  $\mu\text{l}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The conversion was estimated by TLC and the enantiomer excess was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC (AS-H, hexane/<sup>*i*</sup>PrOH 1:1, 0.5 ml/min, 40° C, 12.8 min (*R*), 15.2 min (*S*)).

##### General Procedure – Aldol Reaction (1 mol% catalyst)

The peptide TFA salt (1 mol%, 2  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1.07 mg) was added to a solution of *N*-methylmorpholine (1 mol%, 0.22  $\mu\text{l}$ ), *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde (1 equiv., 200  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 30.0 mg) in acetone (809  $\mu\text{l}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The conversion was estimated by TLC and the enantiomer excess was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC (AS-H, hexane/<sup>*i*</sup>PrOH 1:1, 0.5 ml/min, 40° C, 254 nm, 12.8 min (*R*), 15.2 min (*S*)).

The analytical data of the product was in agreement with those previously published, e.g. ref. 5.

(Note, no product formation was observed when the reactants were mixed under identical conditions in the absence of peptidic catalysts.)

##### General Procedure – 1,4-Addition Reaction to Nitrostyrene

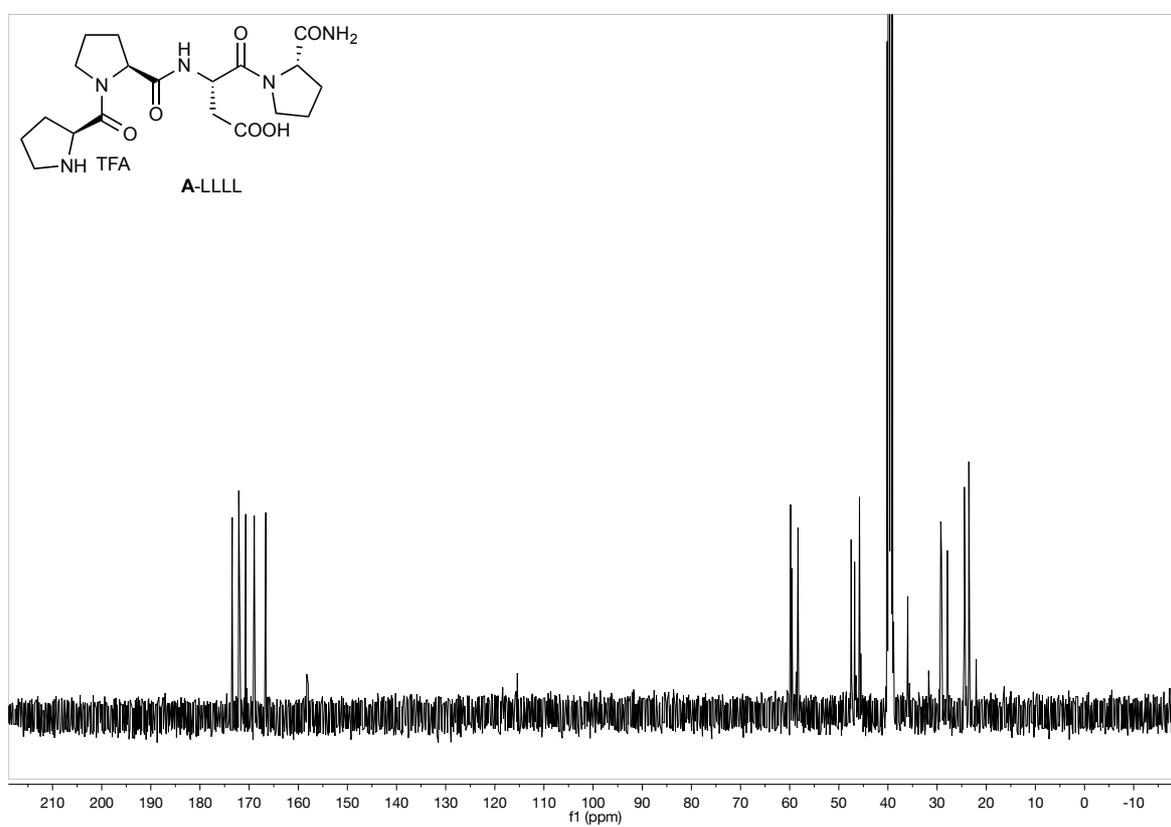
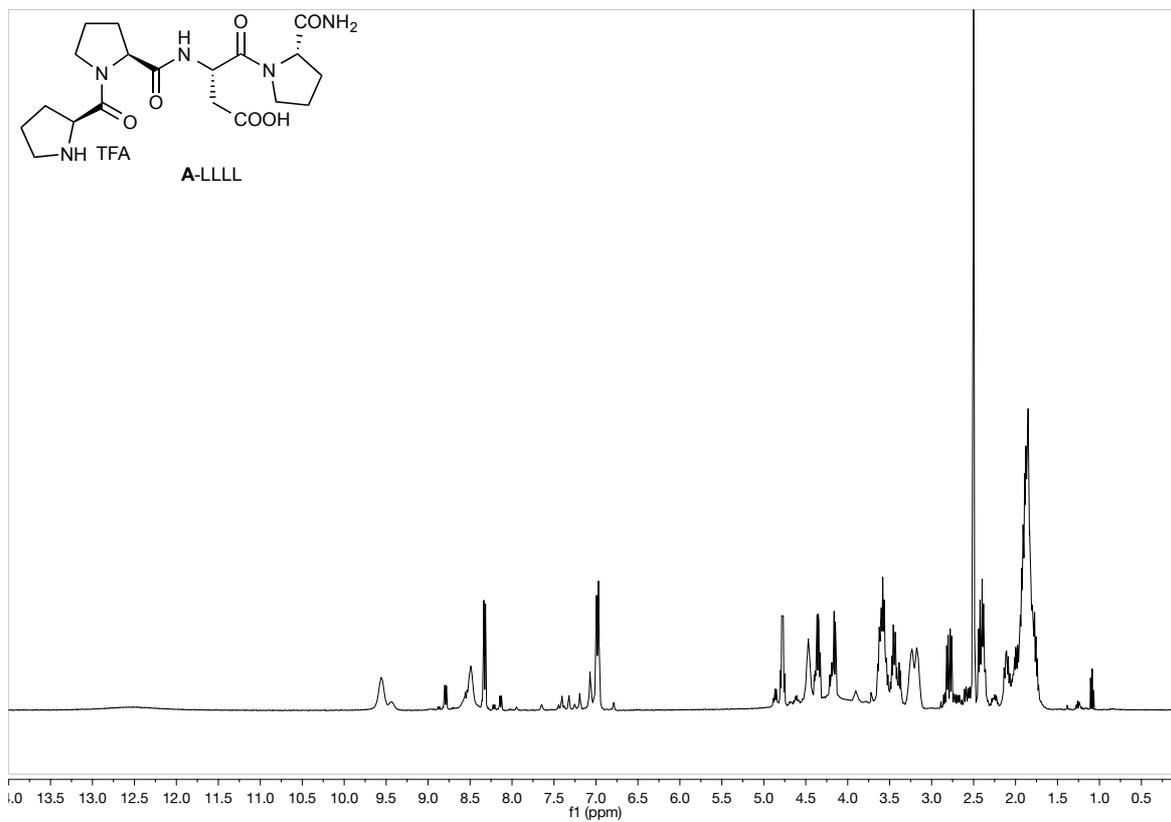
The peptide TFA salt (1 mol%, 5  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 2.76 mg) was added to a solution of *N*-methylmorpholine (1 mol%, 0.55  $\mu\text{l}$ ), (*E*)-nitrostyrene (1 equiv., 500  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 74.6 mg) and butanal (1.5 equiv., 750  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 67.6  $\mu\text{l}$ ) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /<sup>*i*</sup>PrOH 9:1 (1.116 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. Conversion and d.r. were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude mixture and comparison of the aldehyde signals Ar-CHO signals and the enantiomer excess was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC (AD-H, hexane/<sup>*i*</sup>PrOH 98:2, 0.9 ml/min, 25° C, 254 nm, 19.5 min (*syn*, minor), 22.6 min (*syn*, major)).

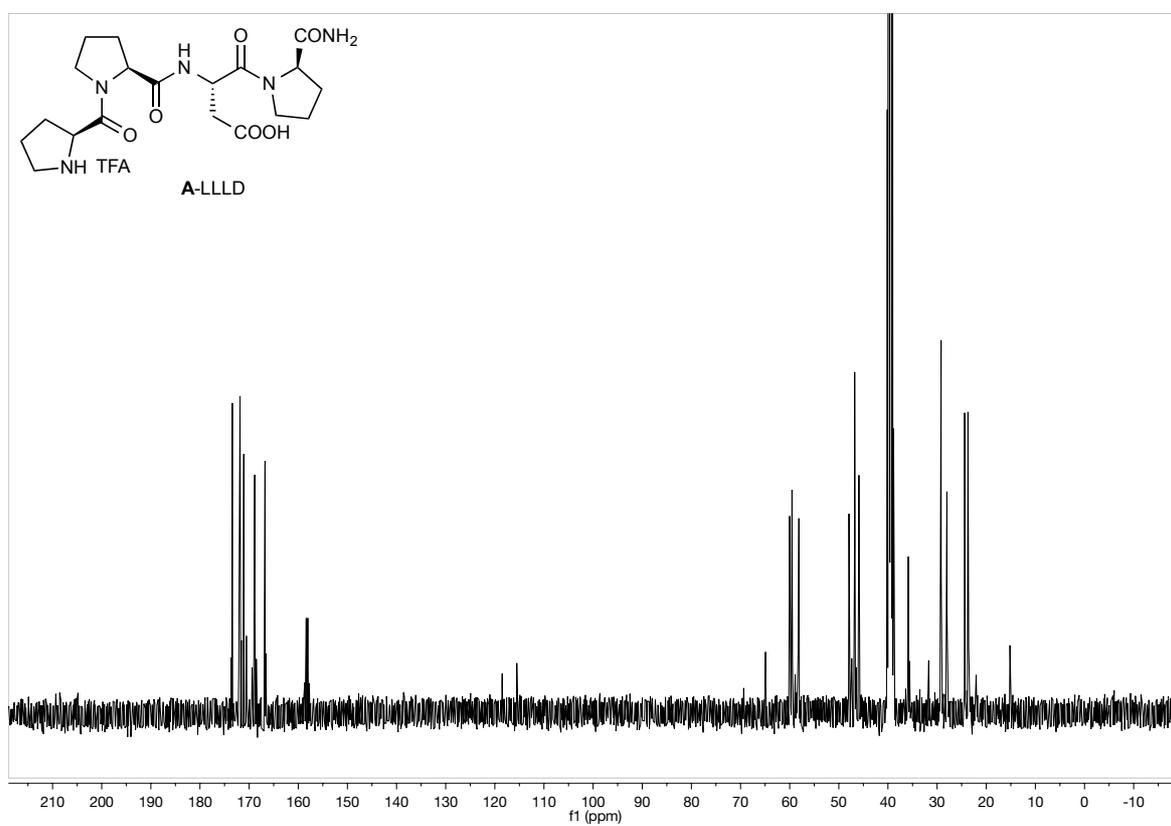
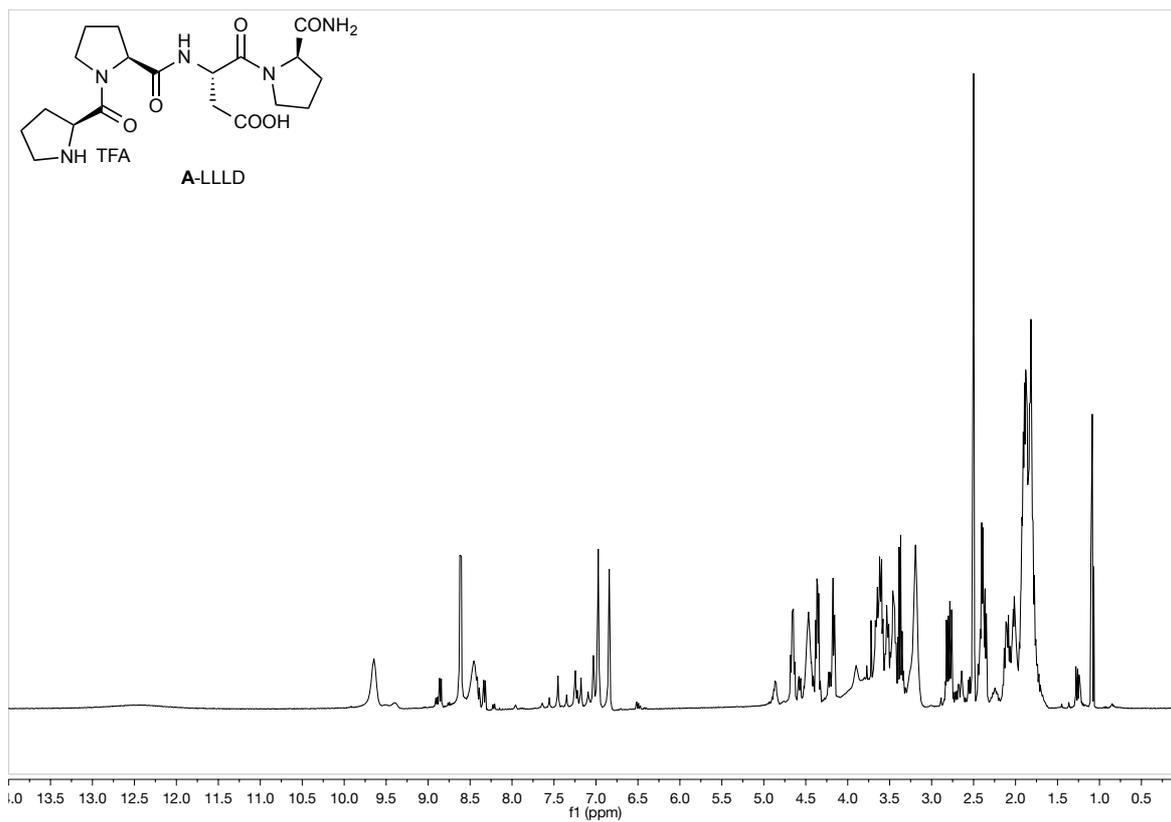
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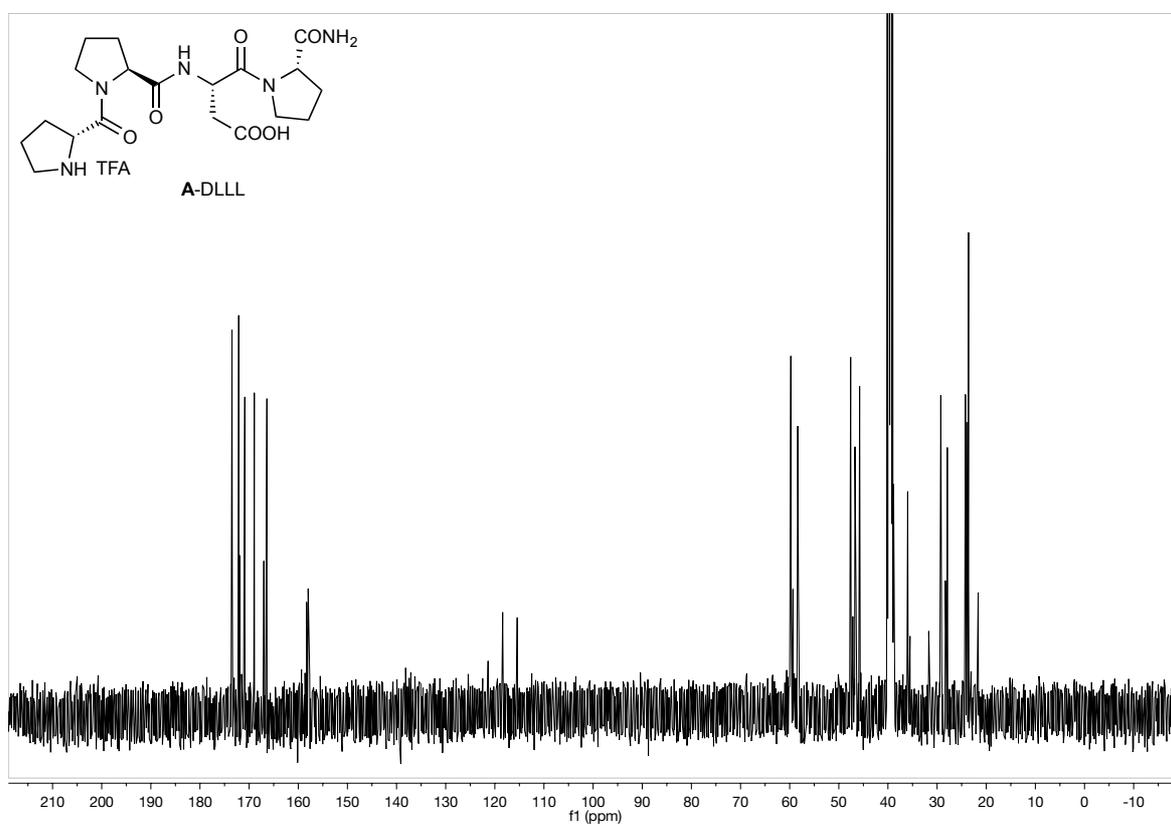
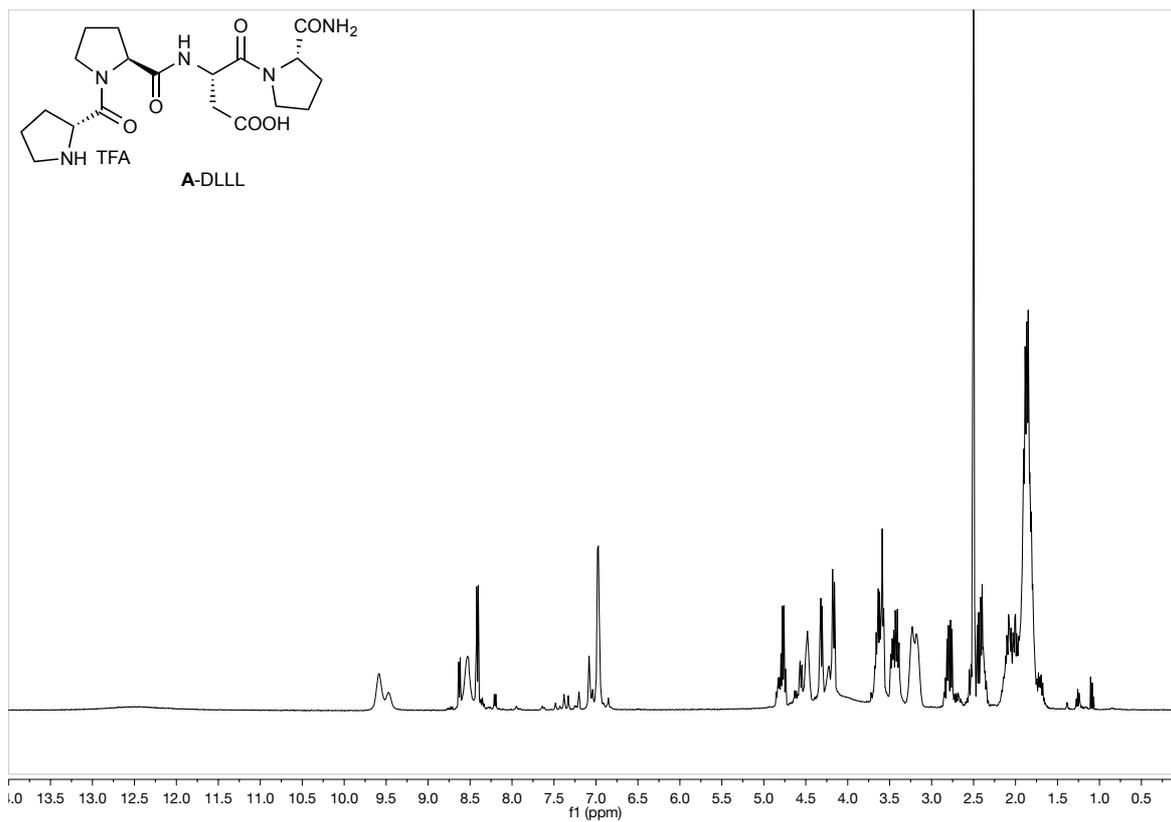
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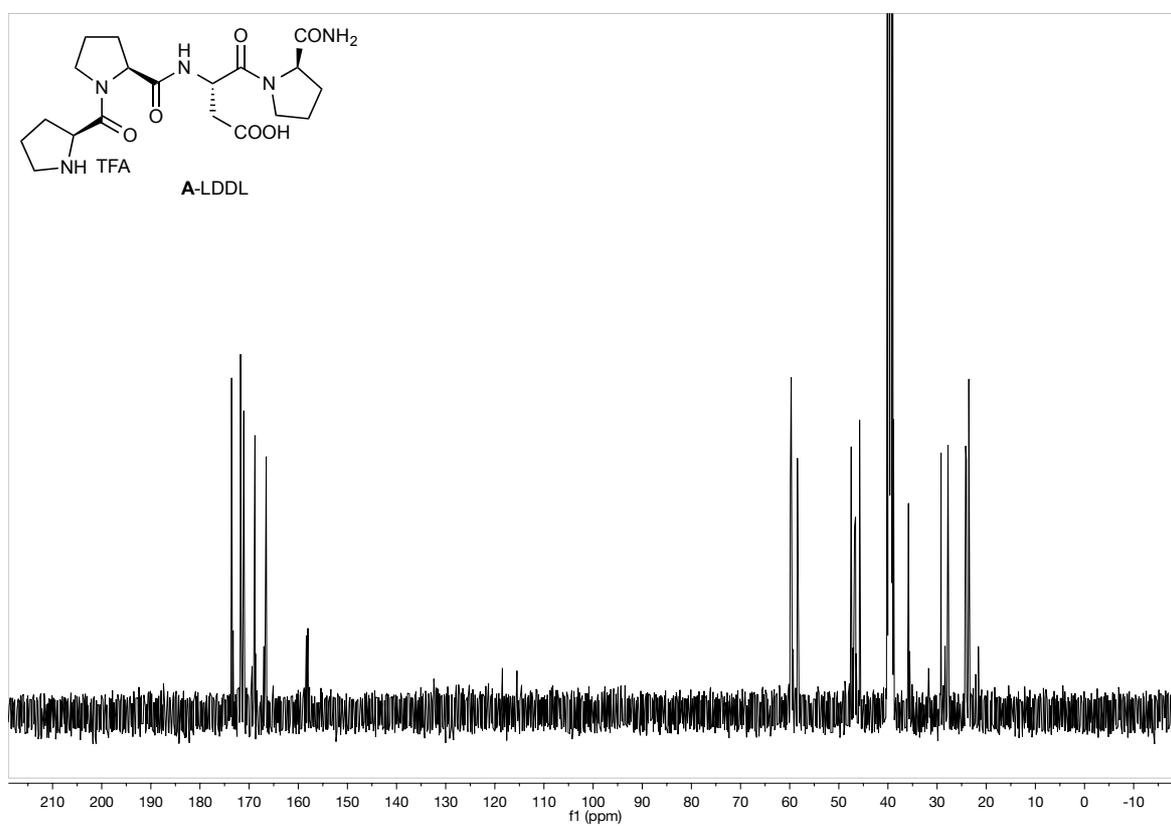
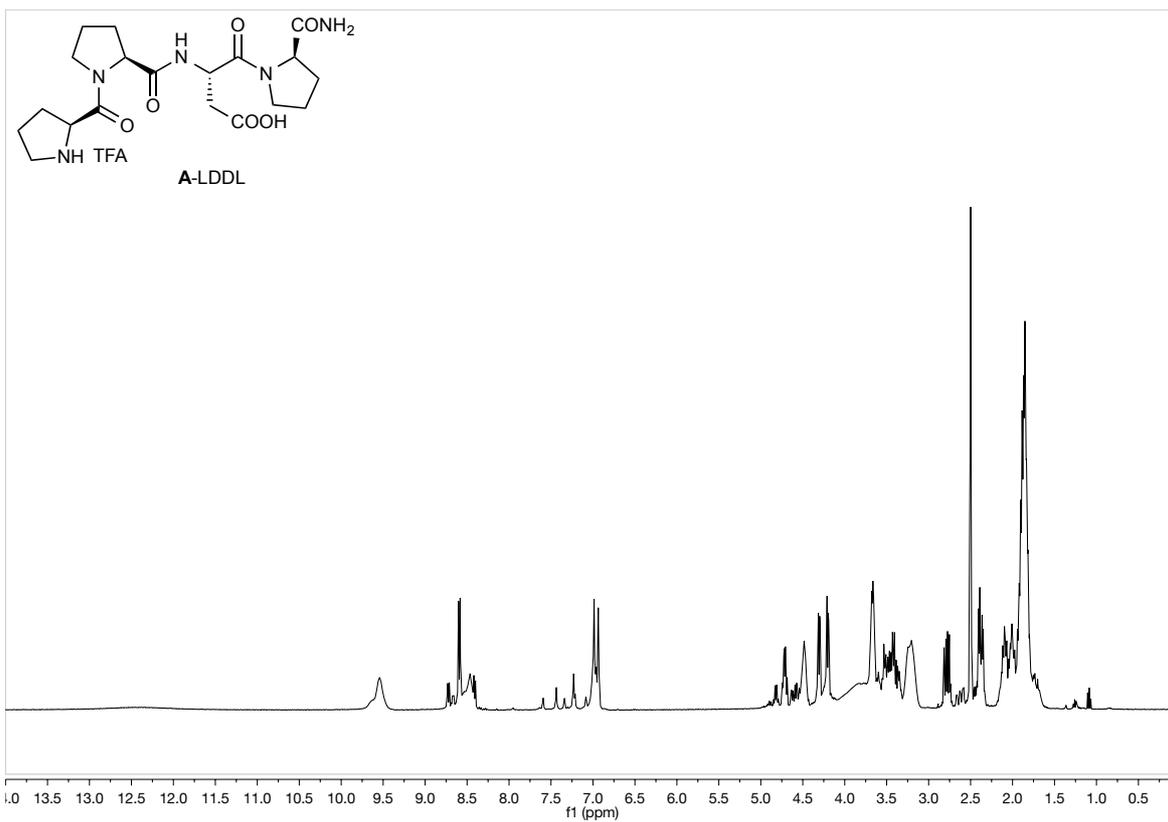
## 5. NMR Spectra of Peptides A-I

(Spectra of A-XXXX were recorded in d6-DMSO, all others in D<sub>2</sub>O.)

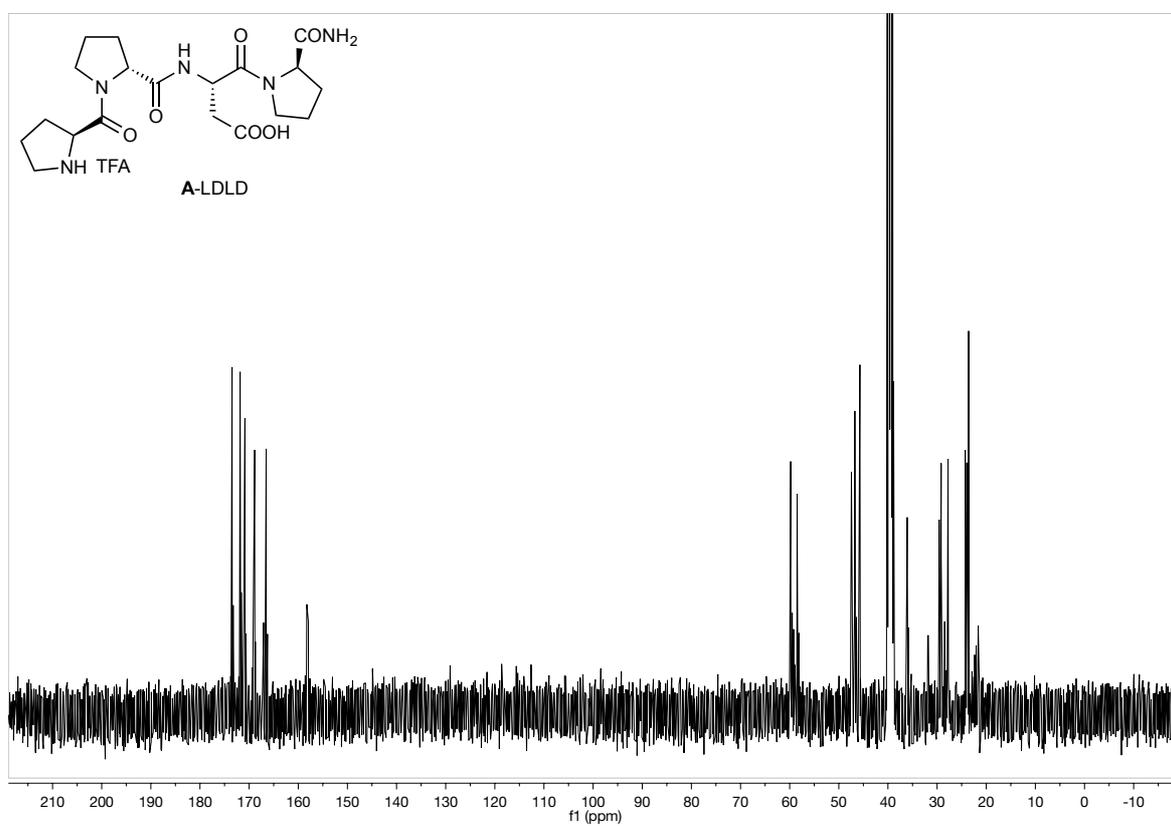
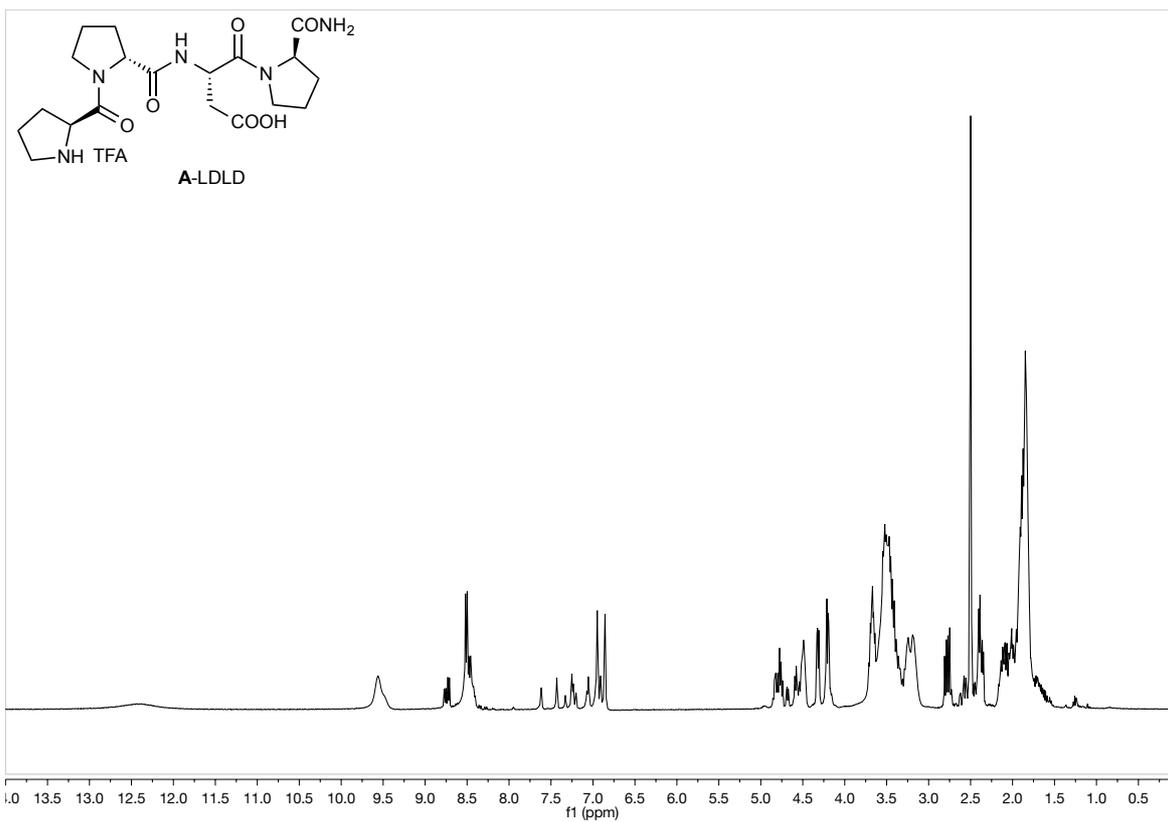


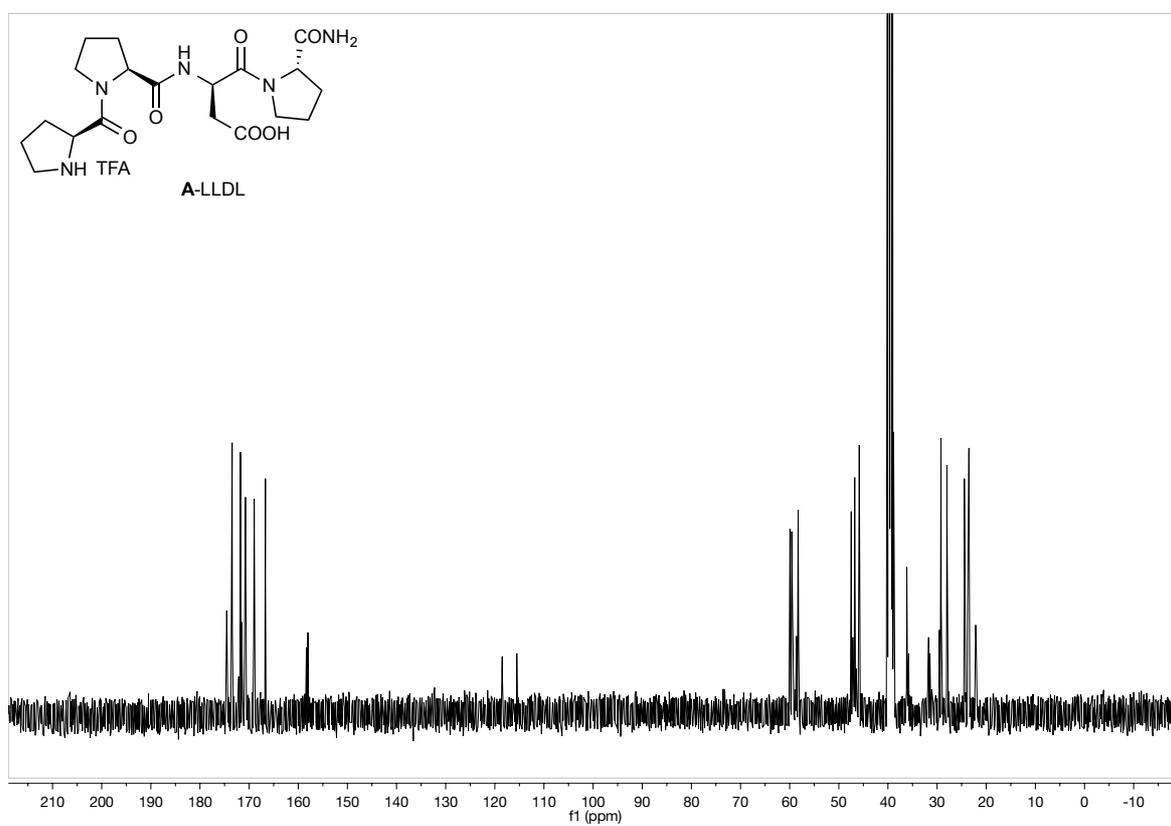
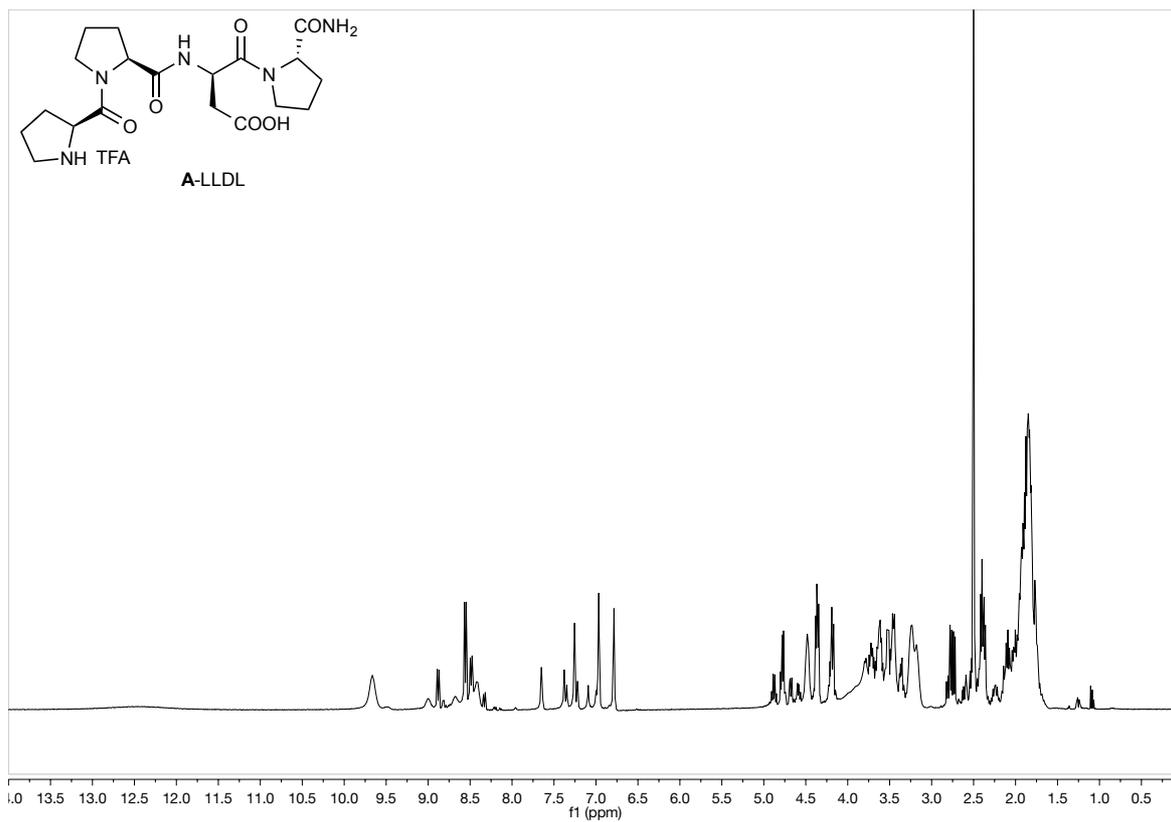


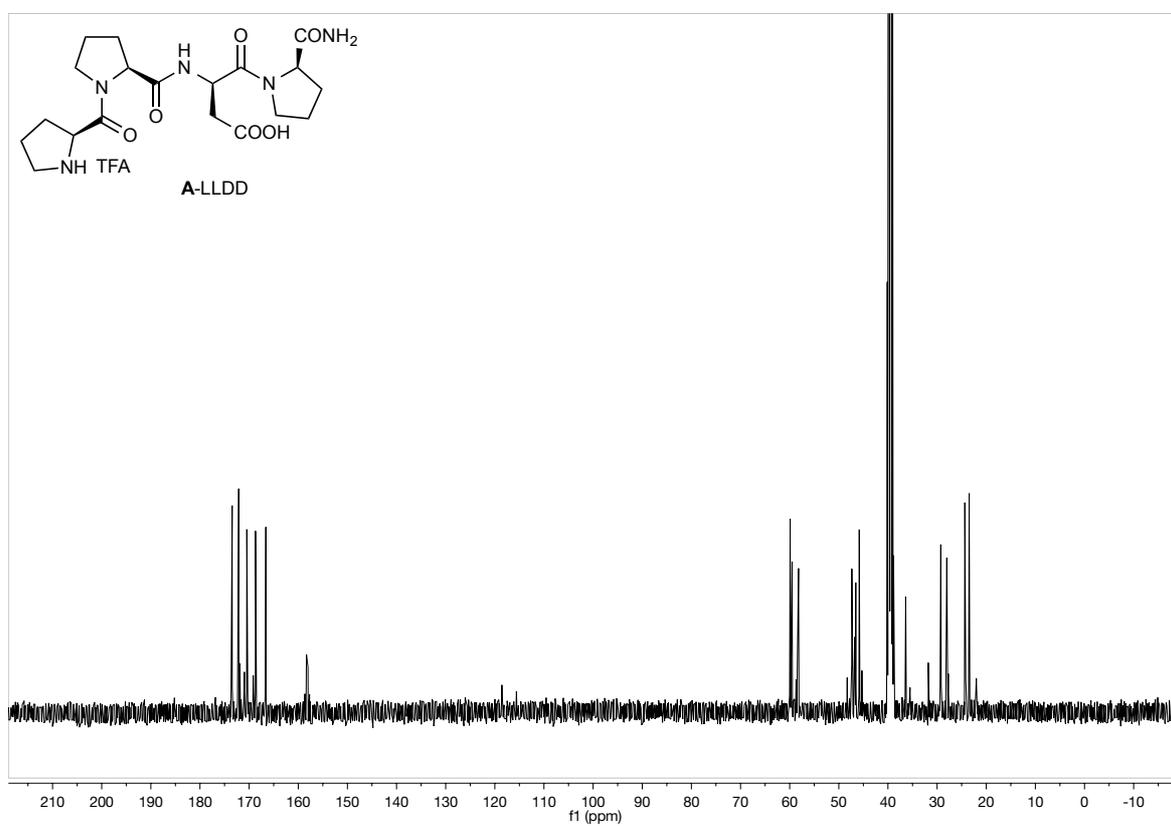
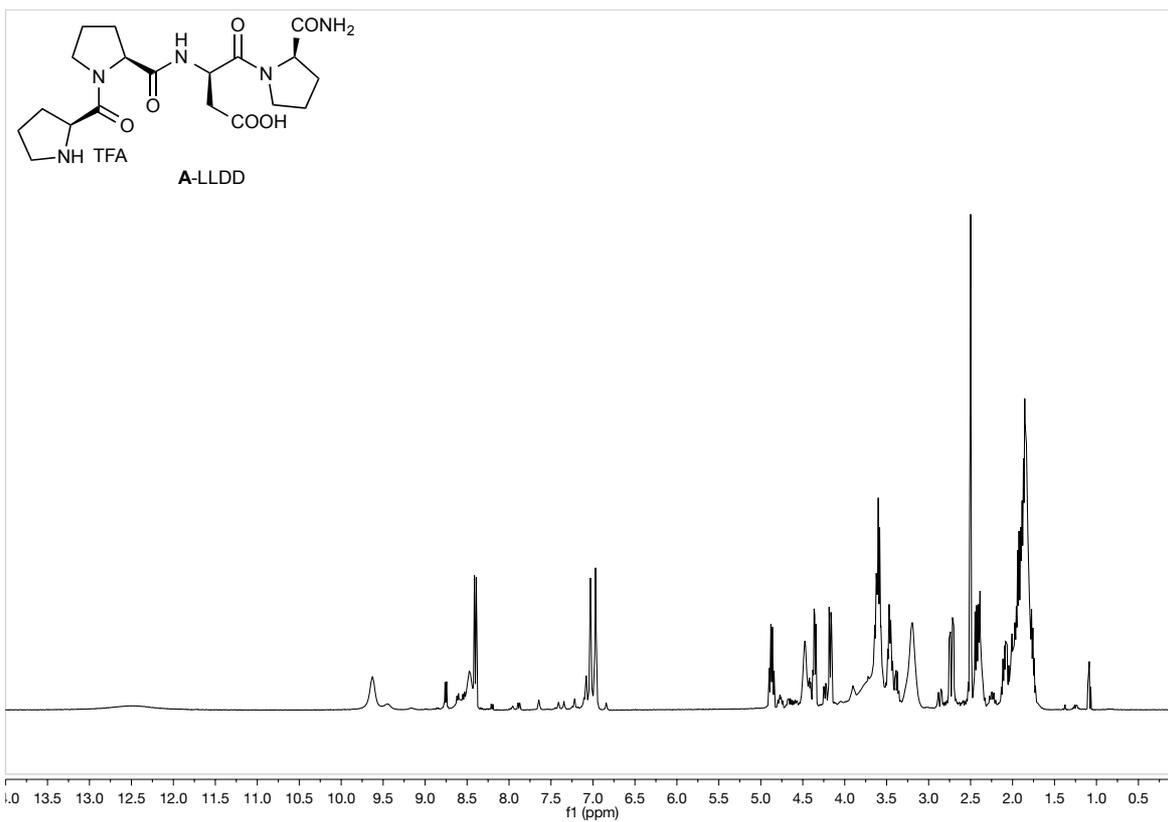


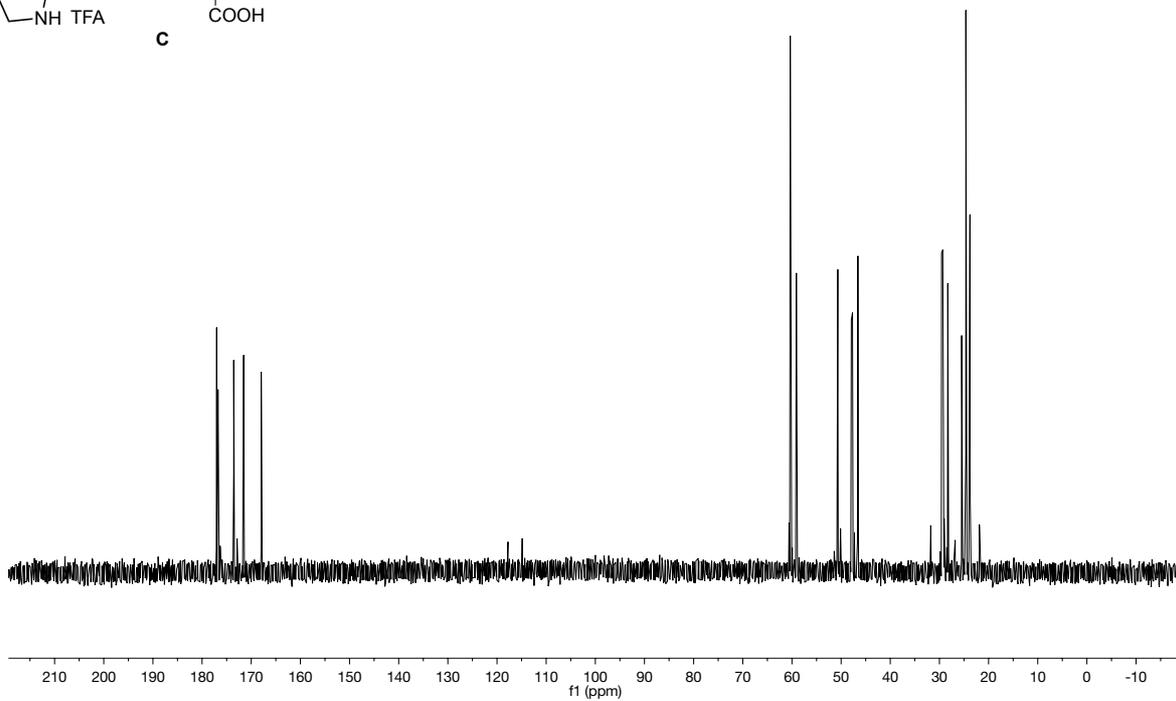
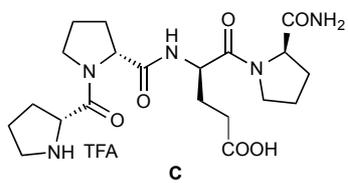
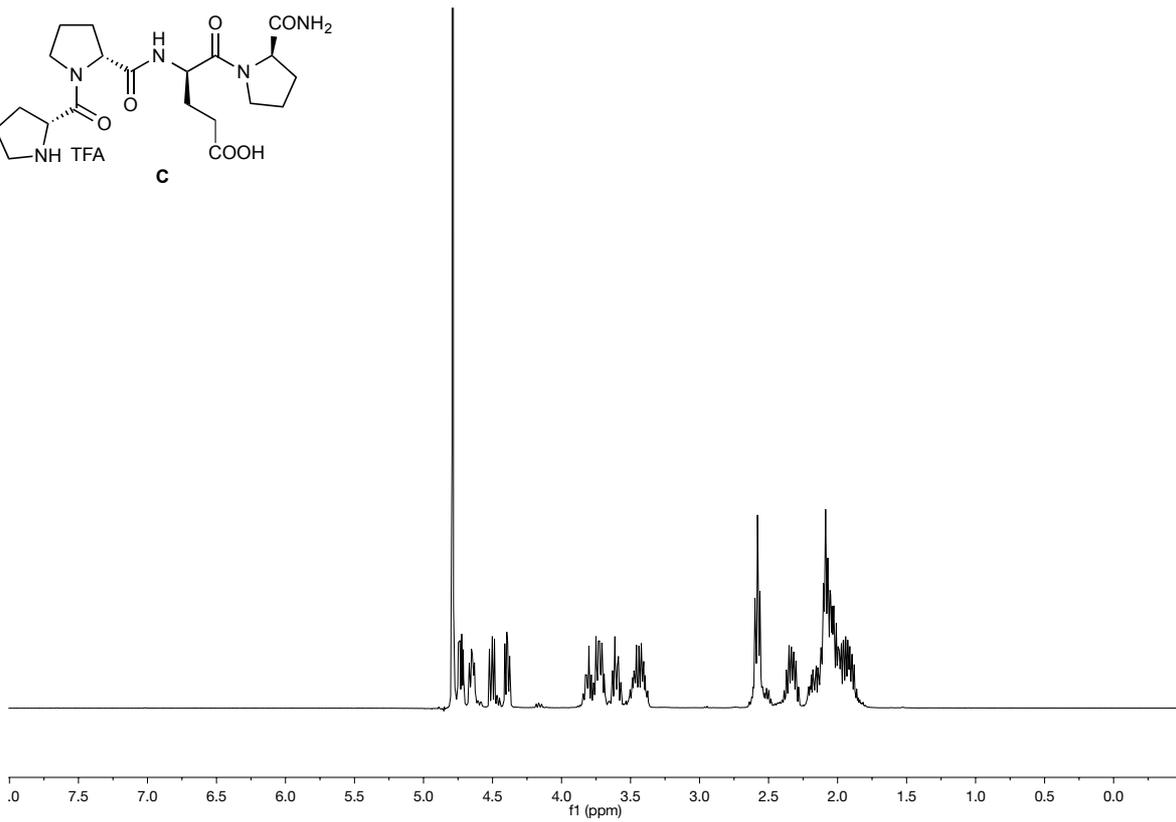
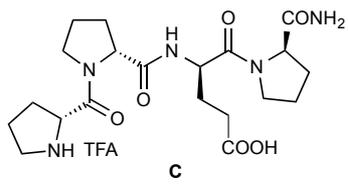


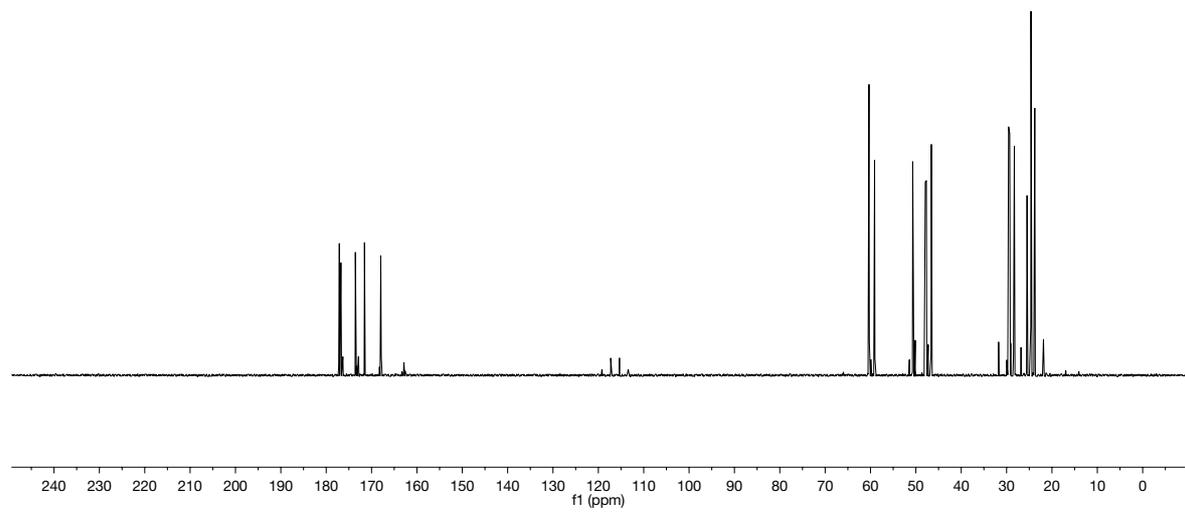
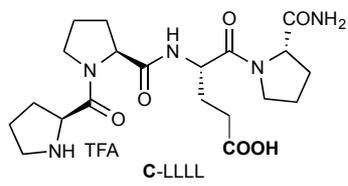
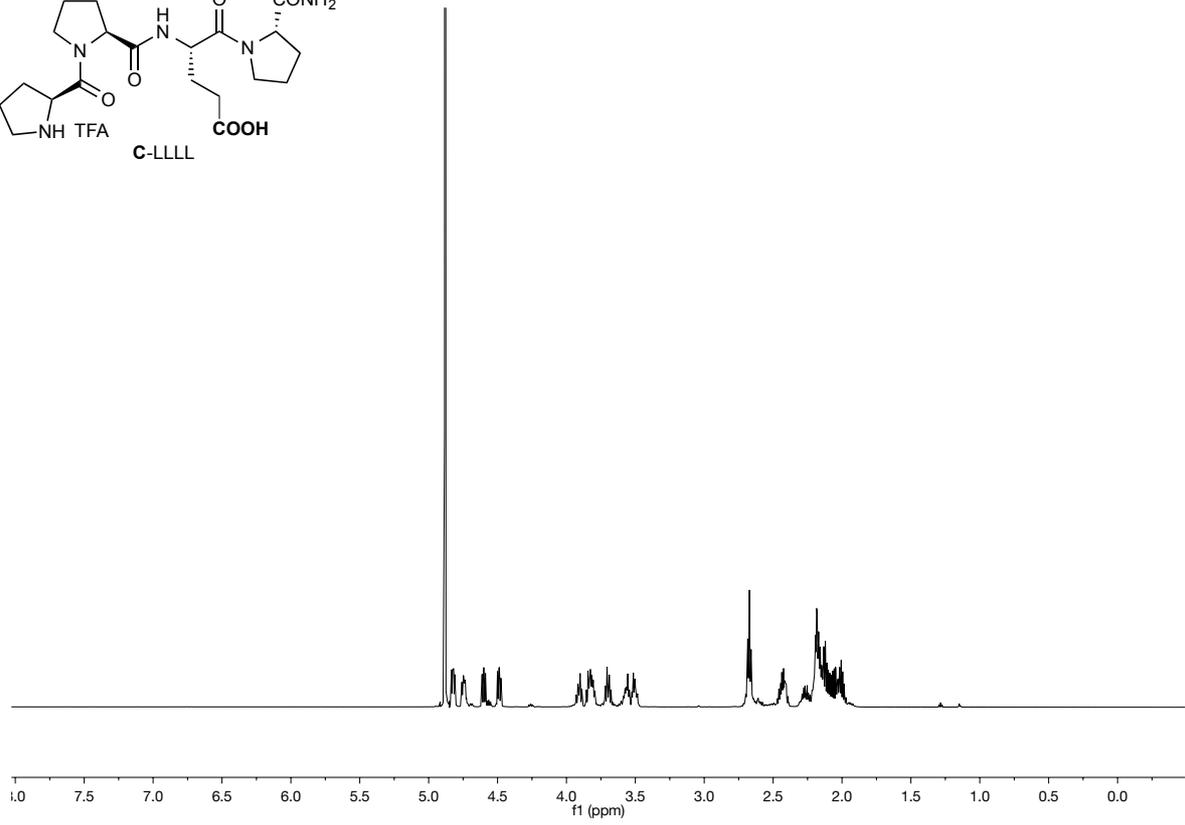
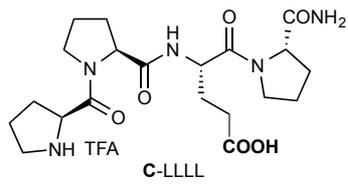


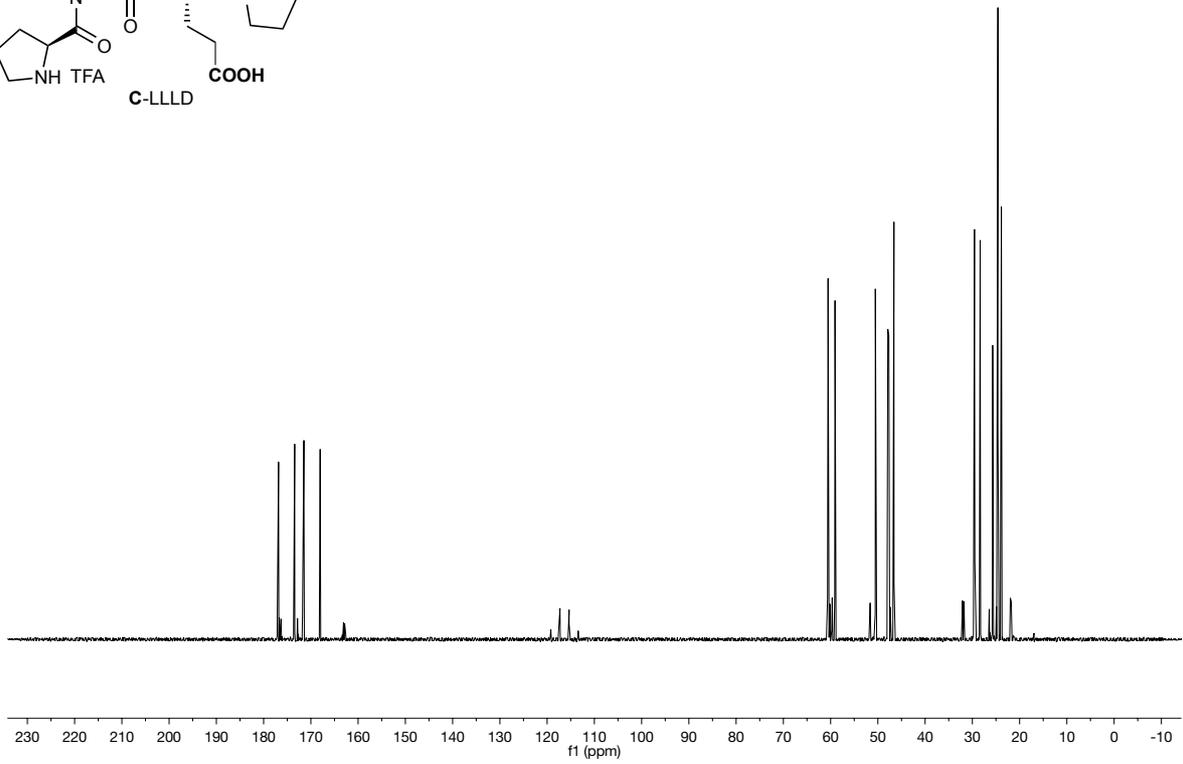
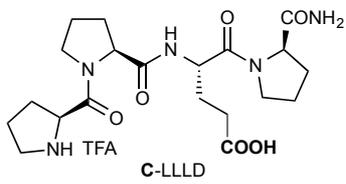
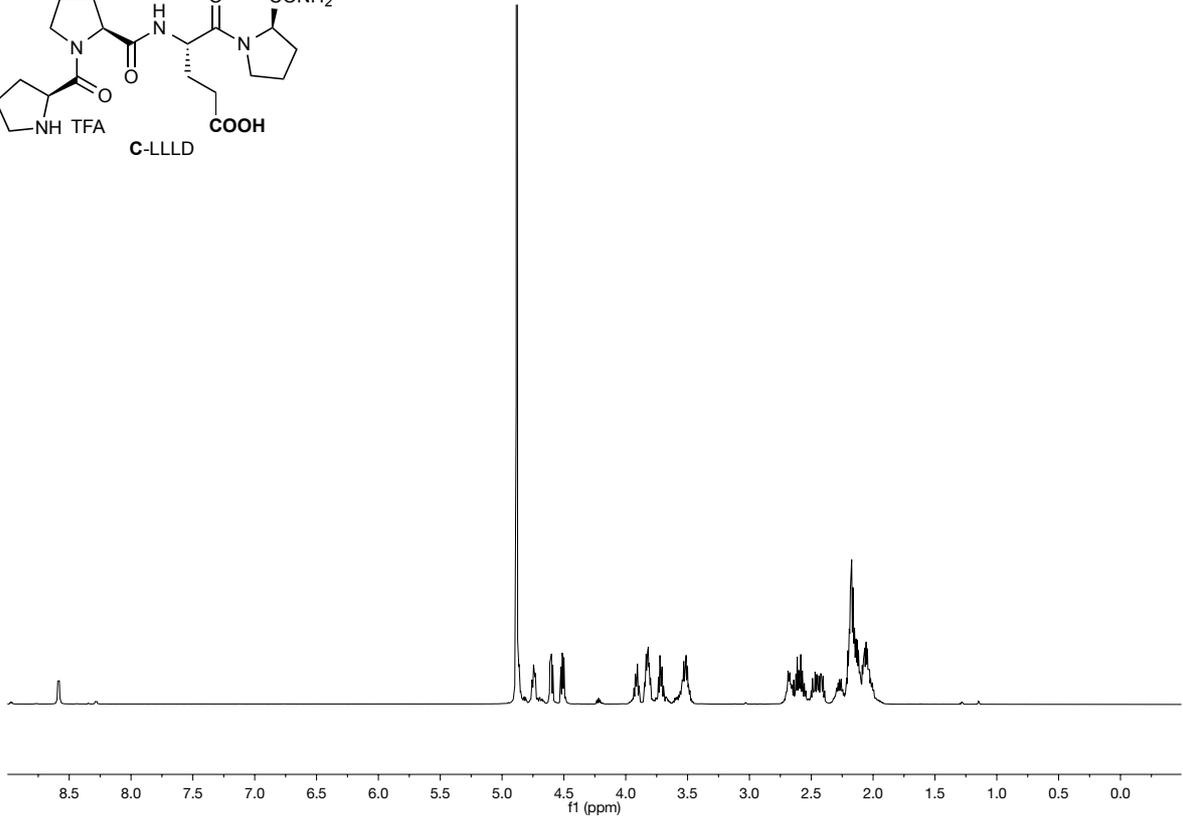
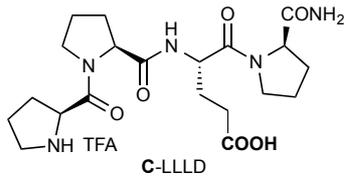


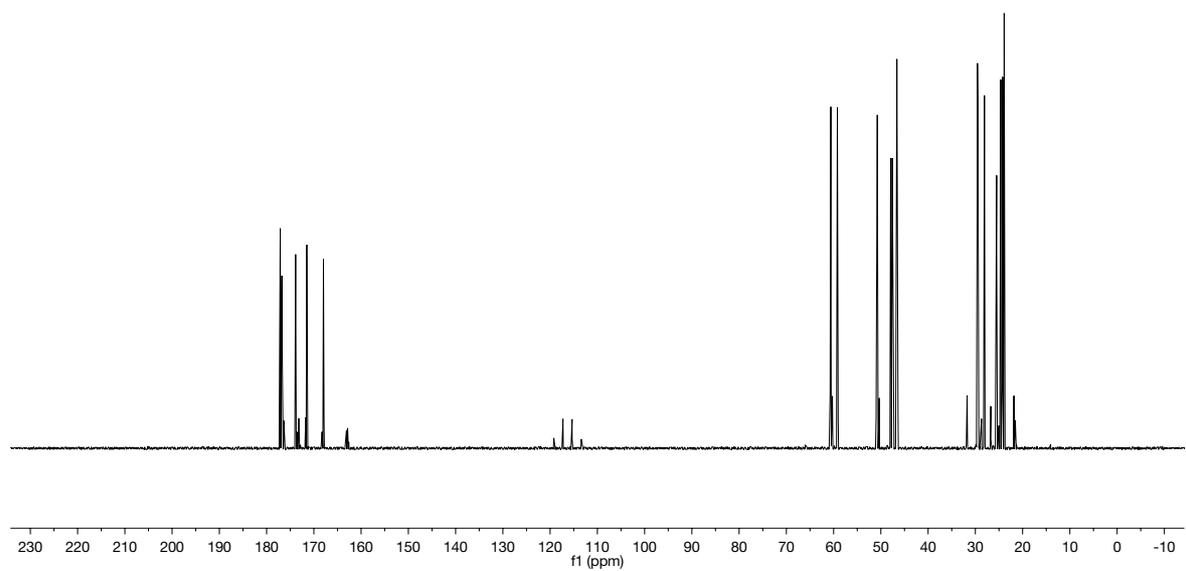
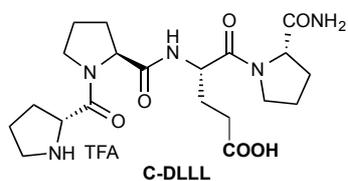
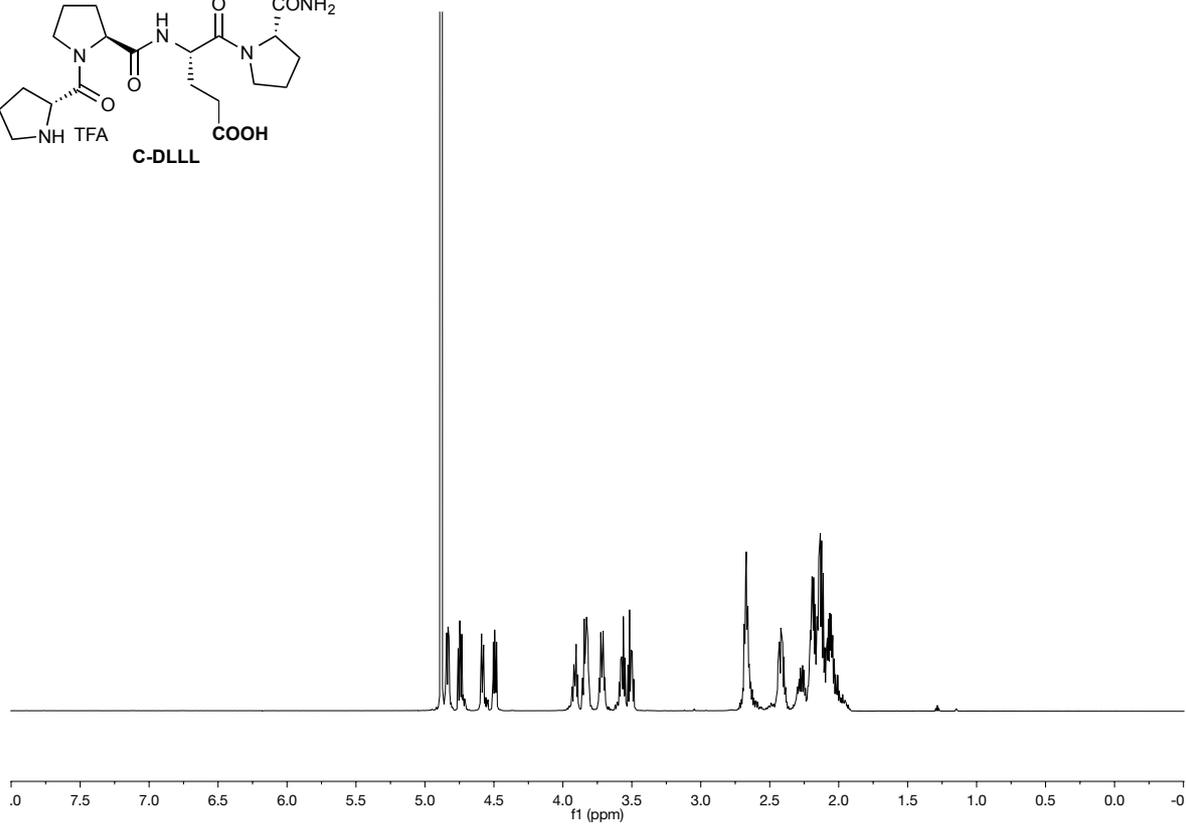
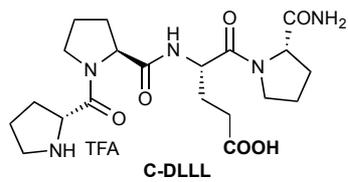


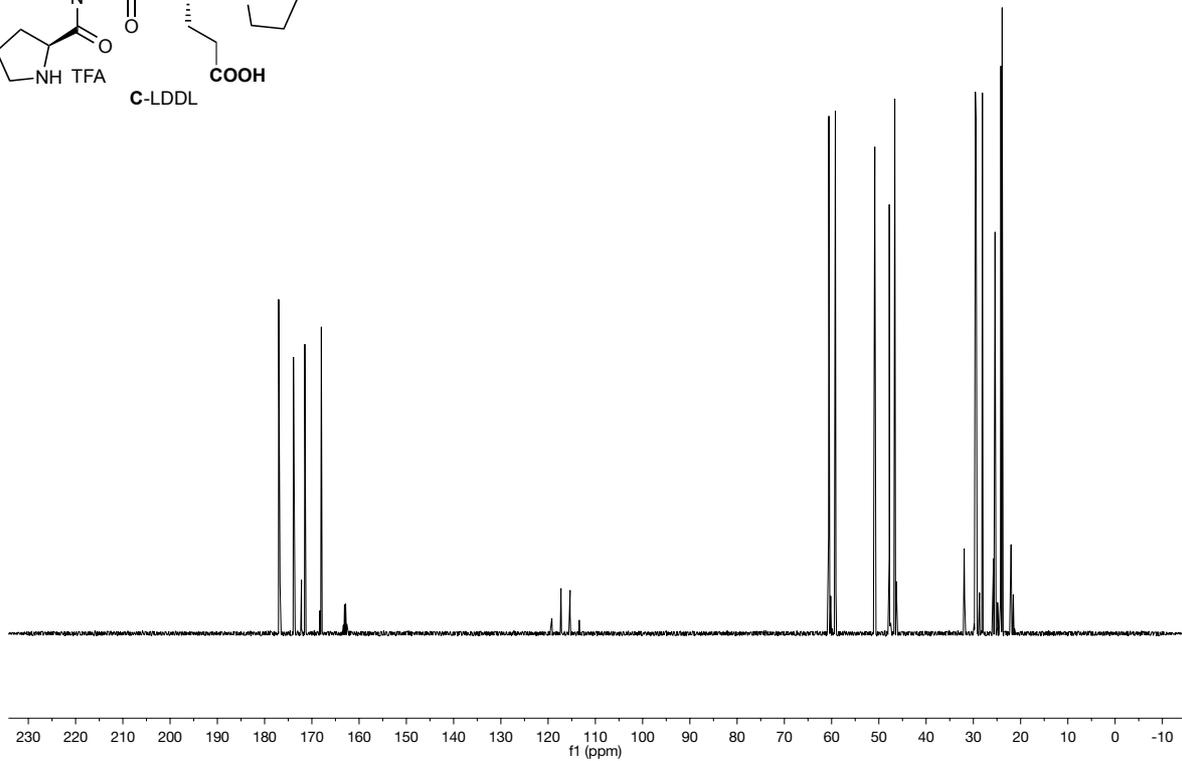
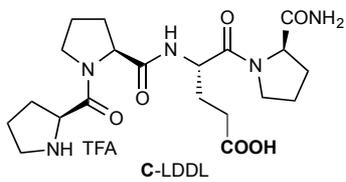
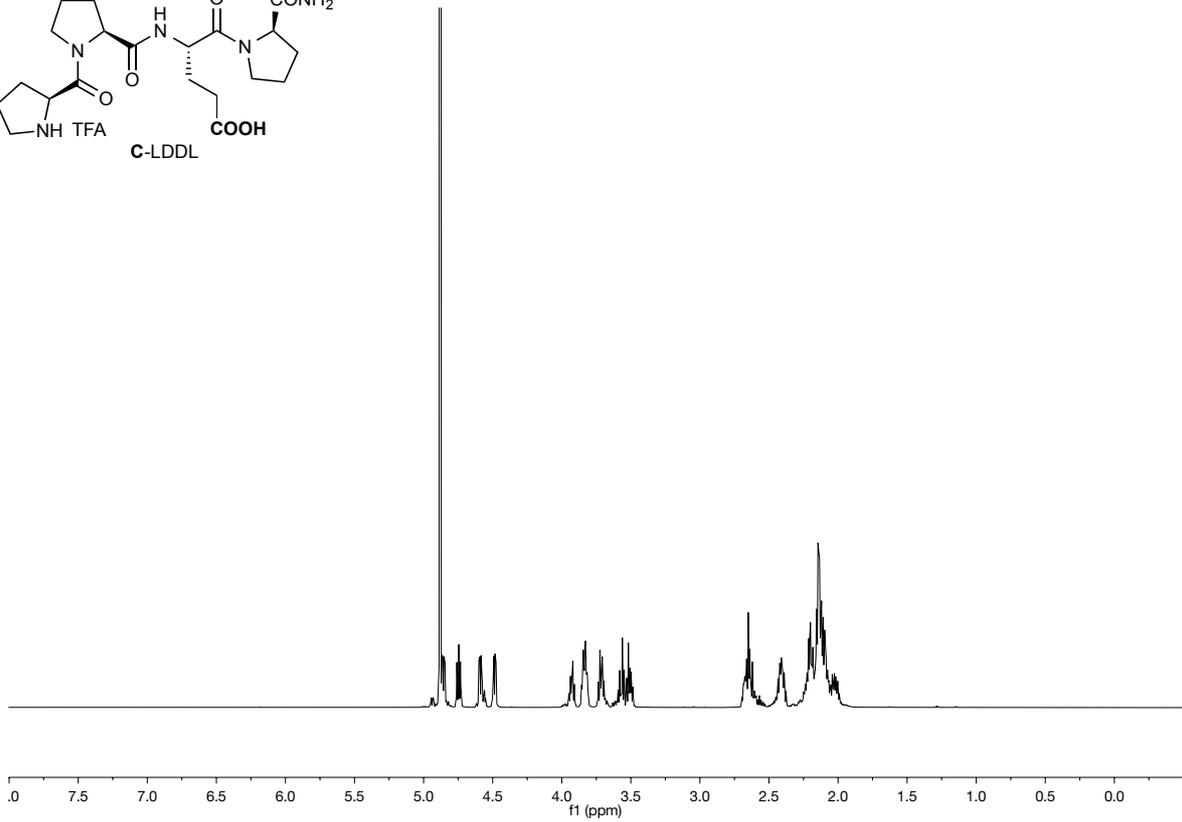
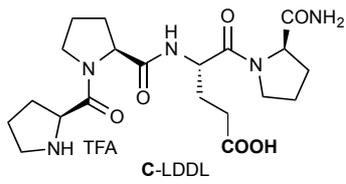


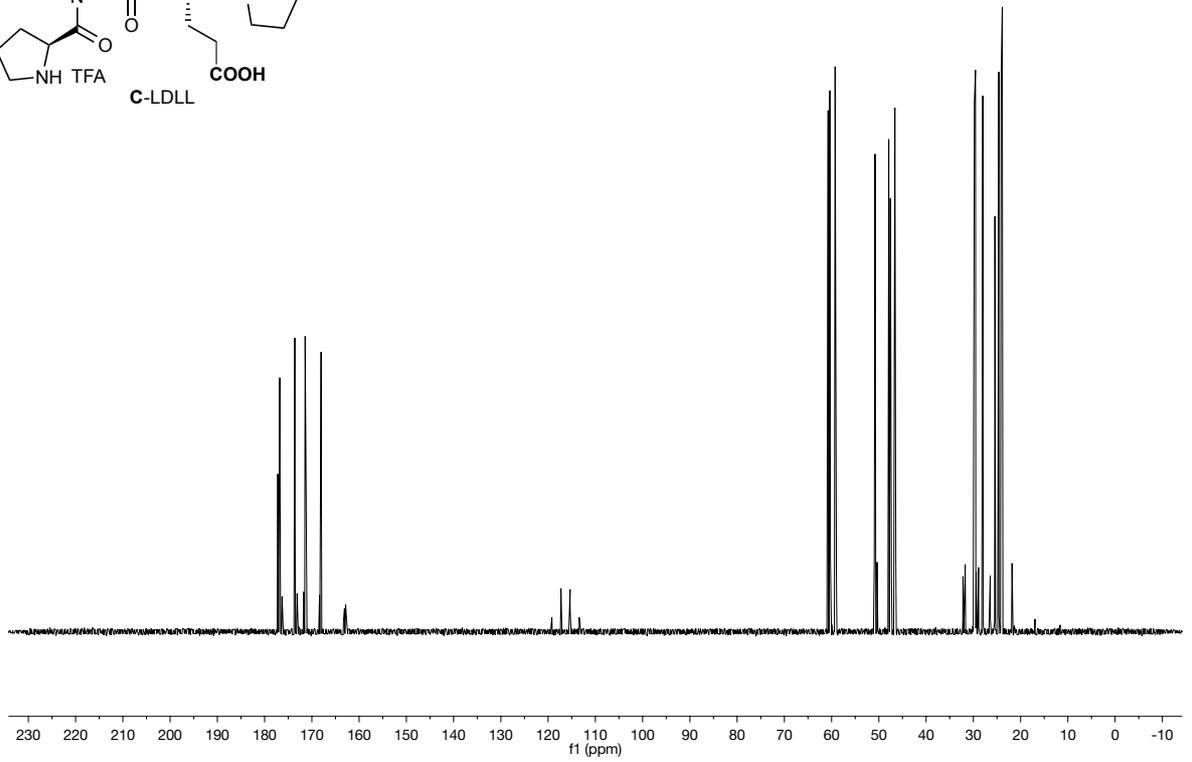
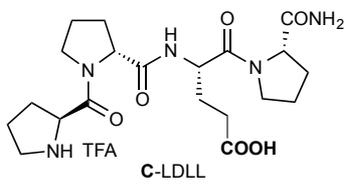
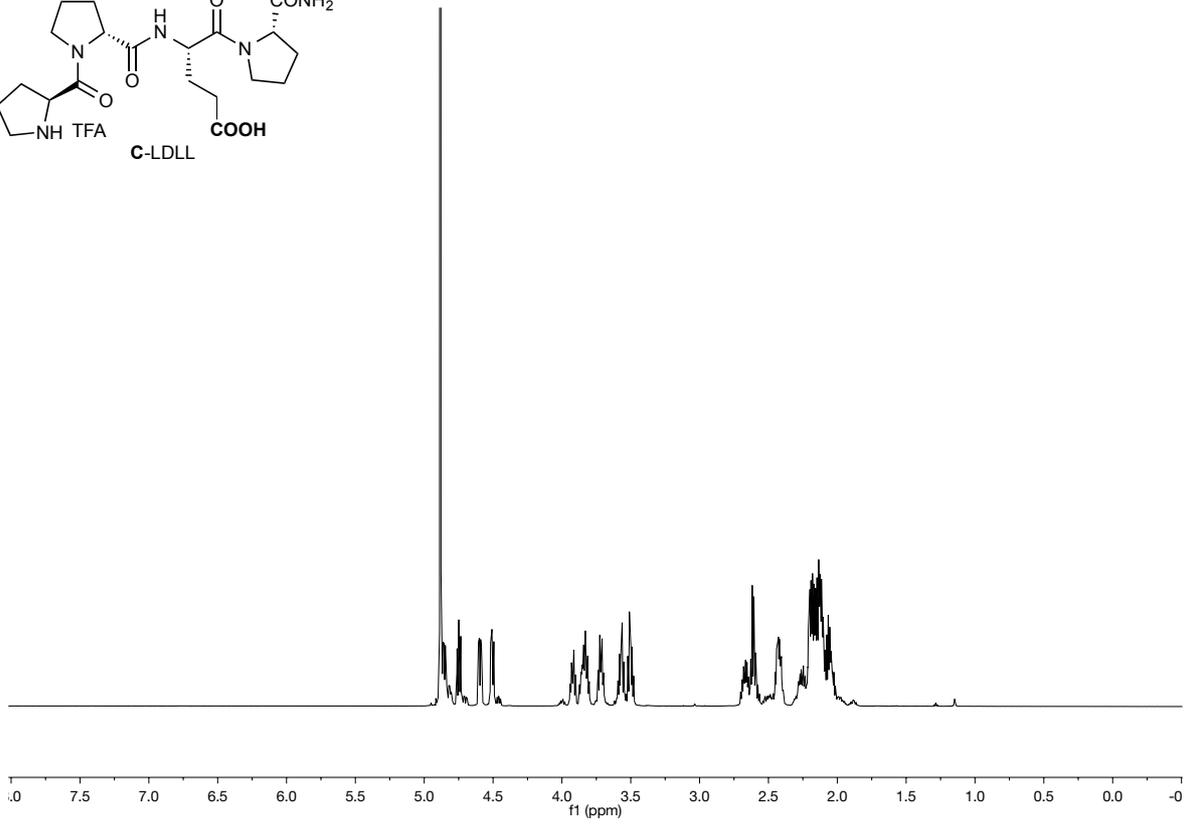
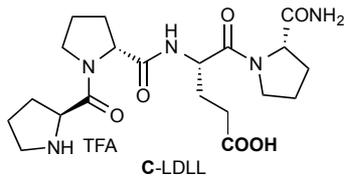


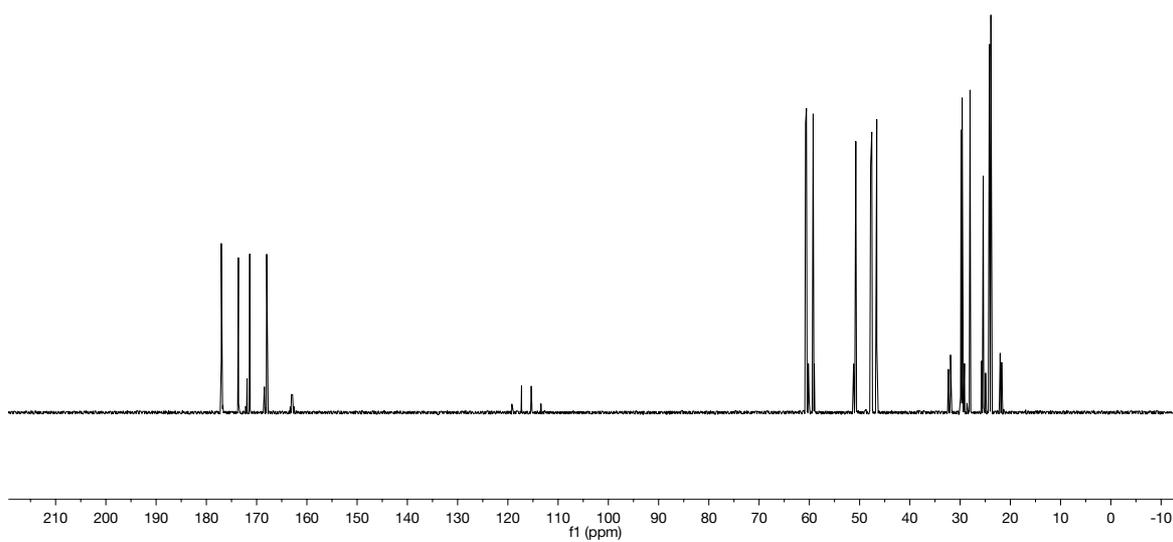
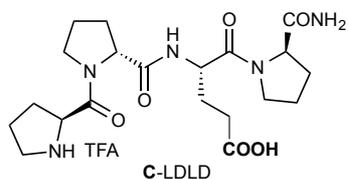
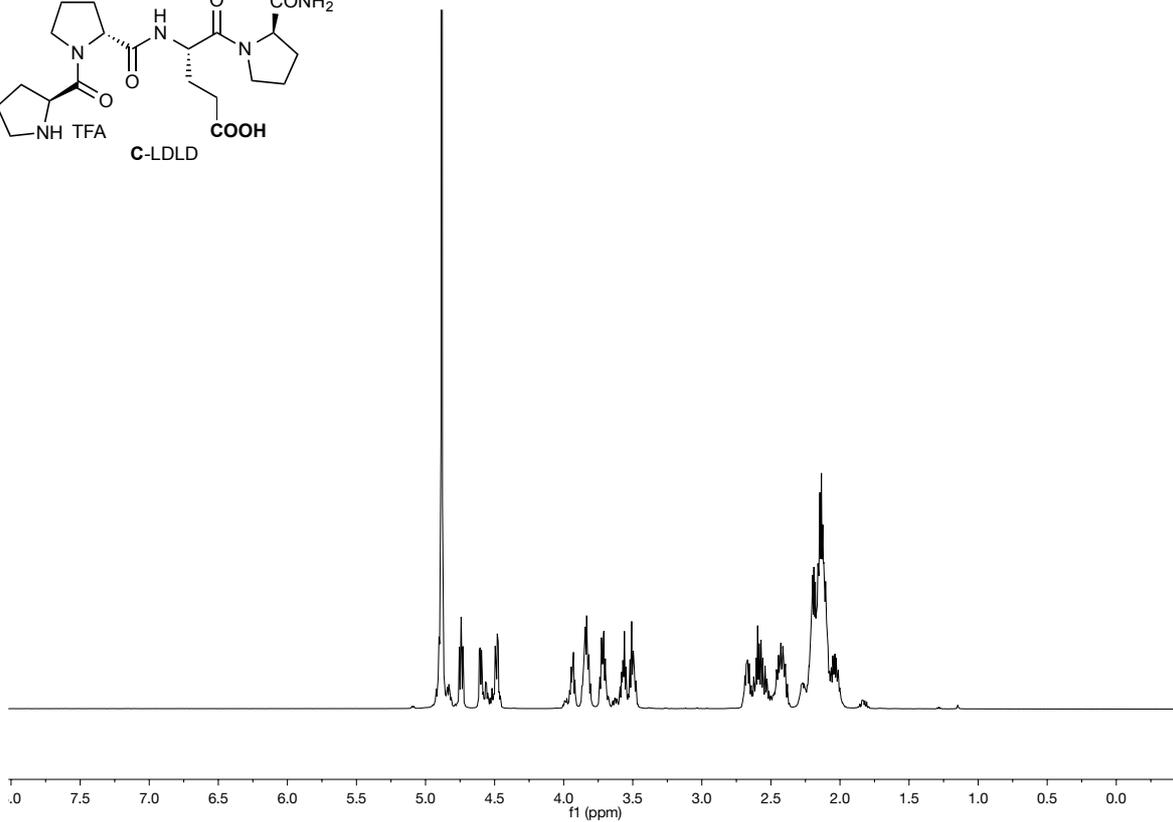
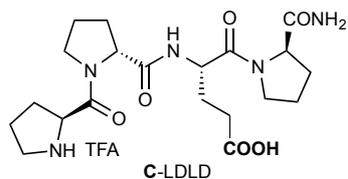


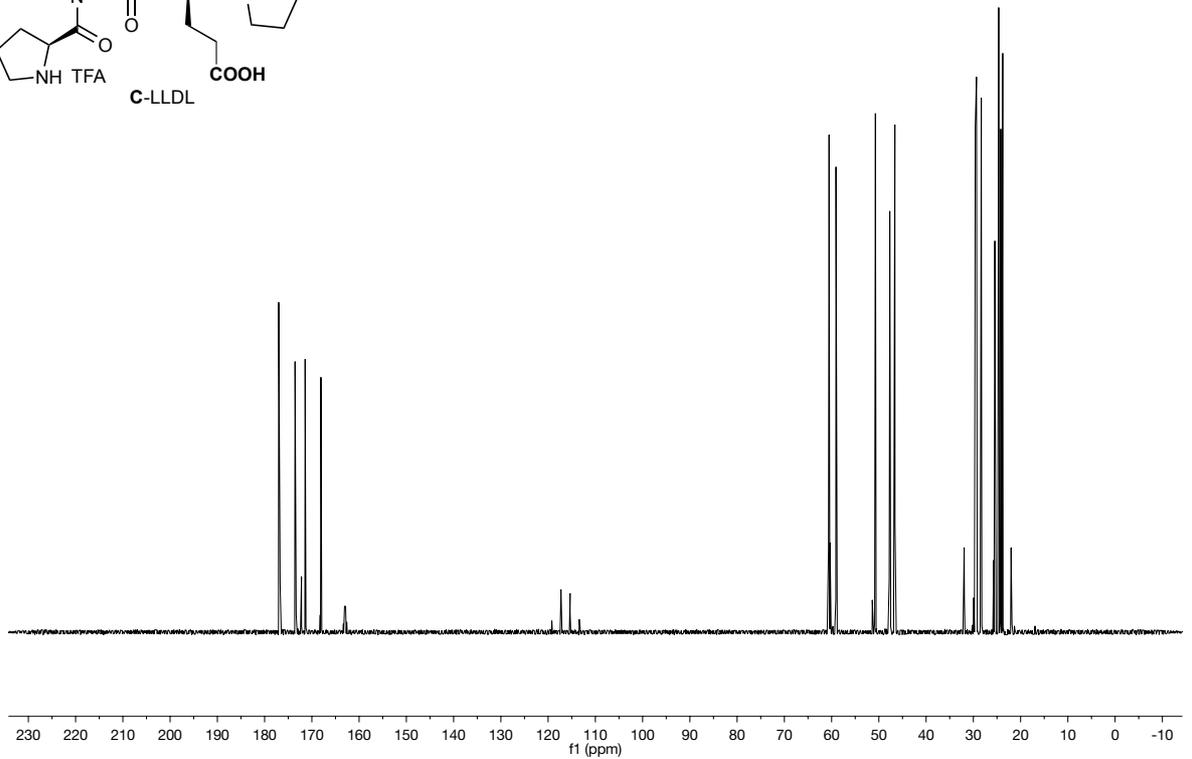
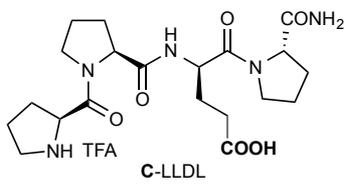
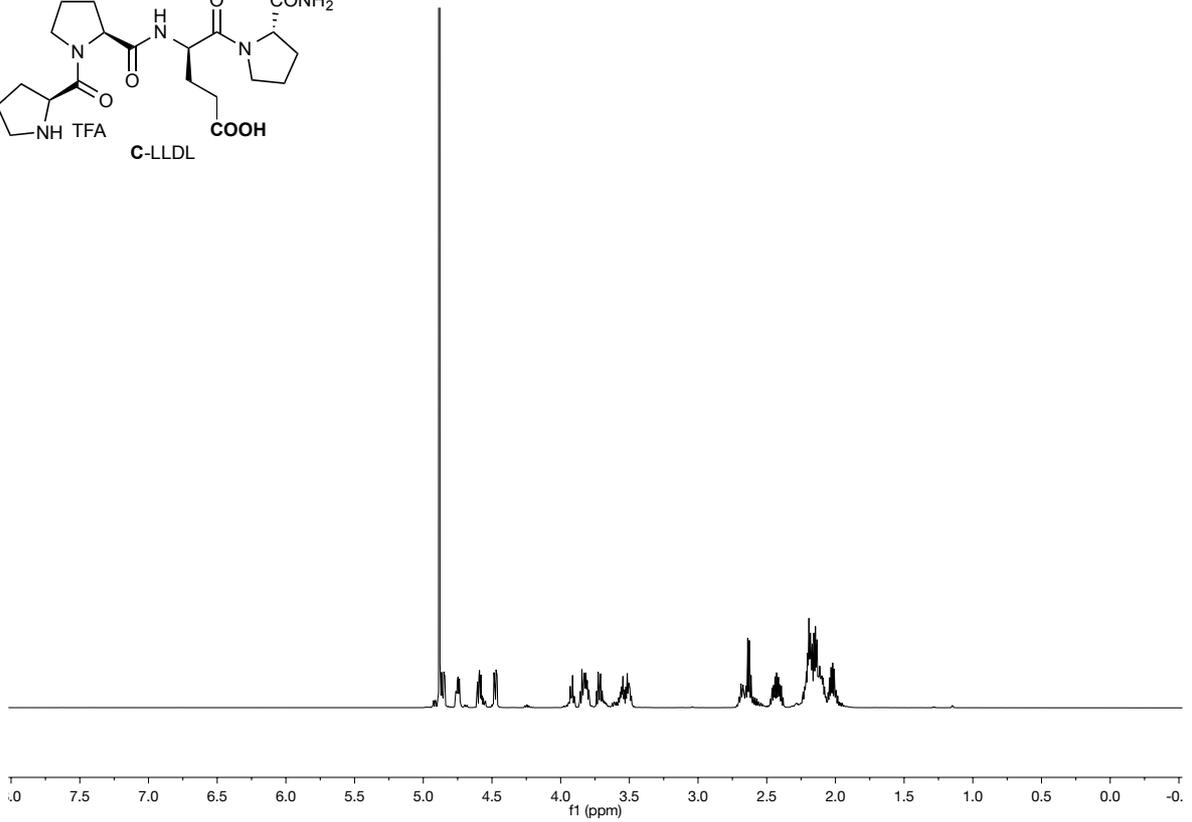
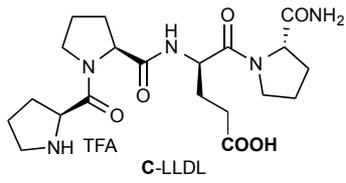


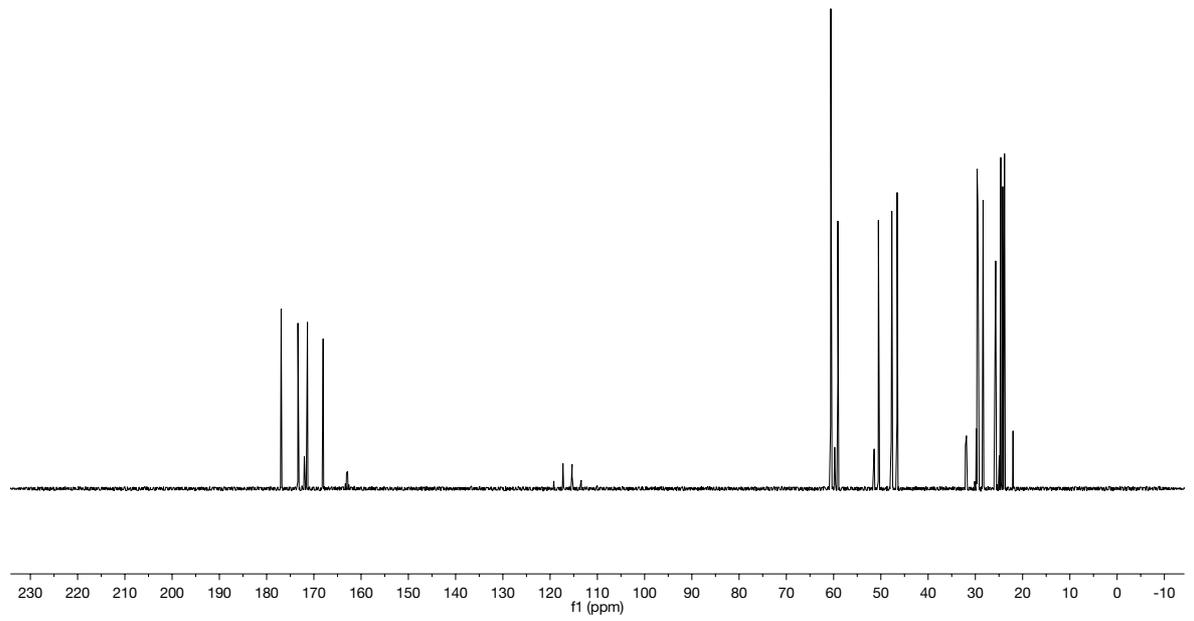
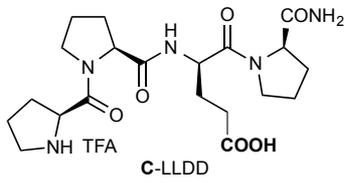
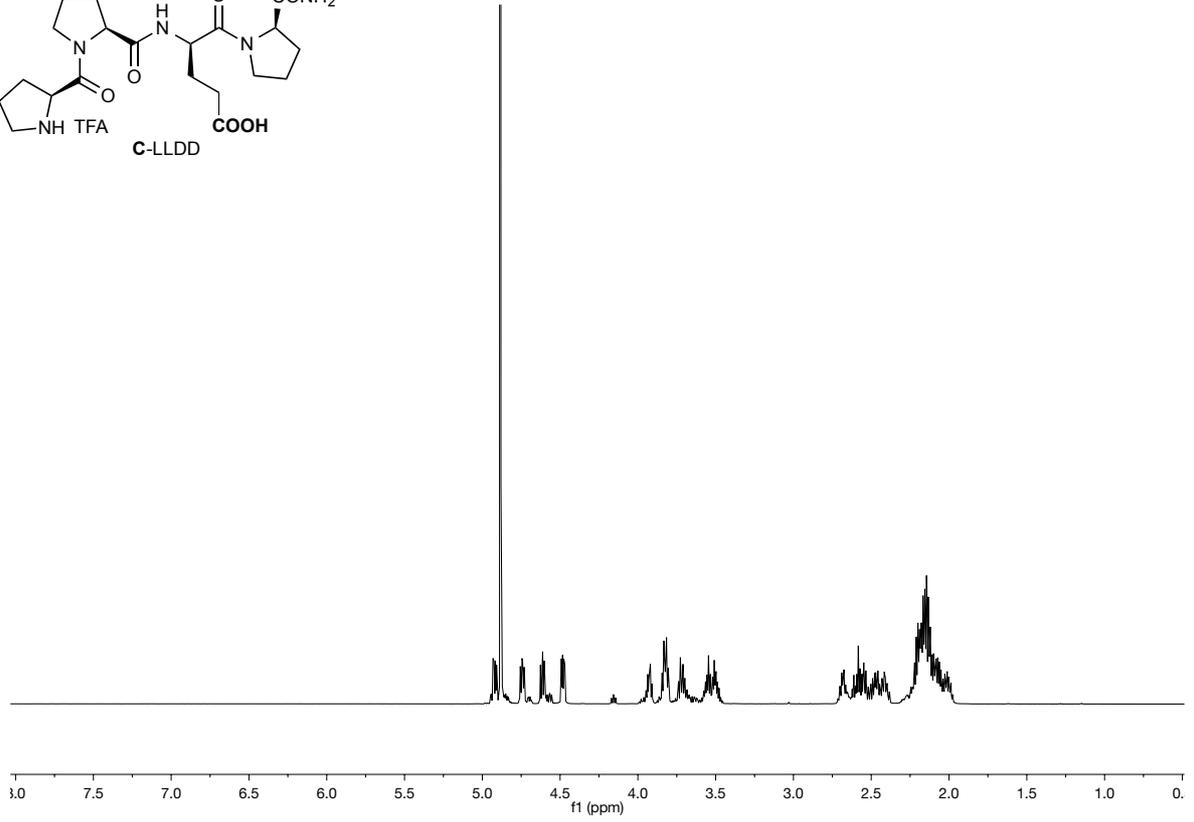
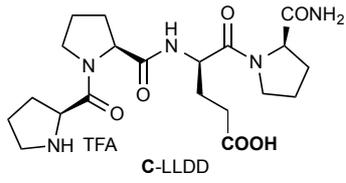


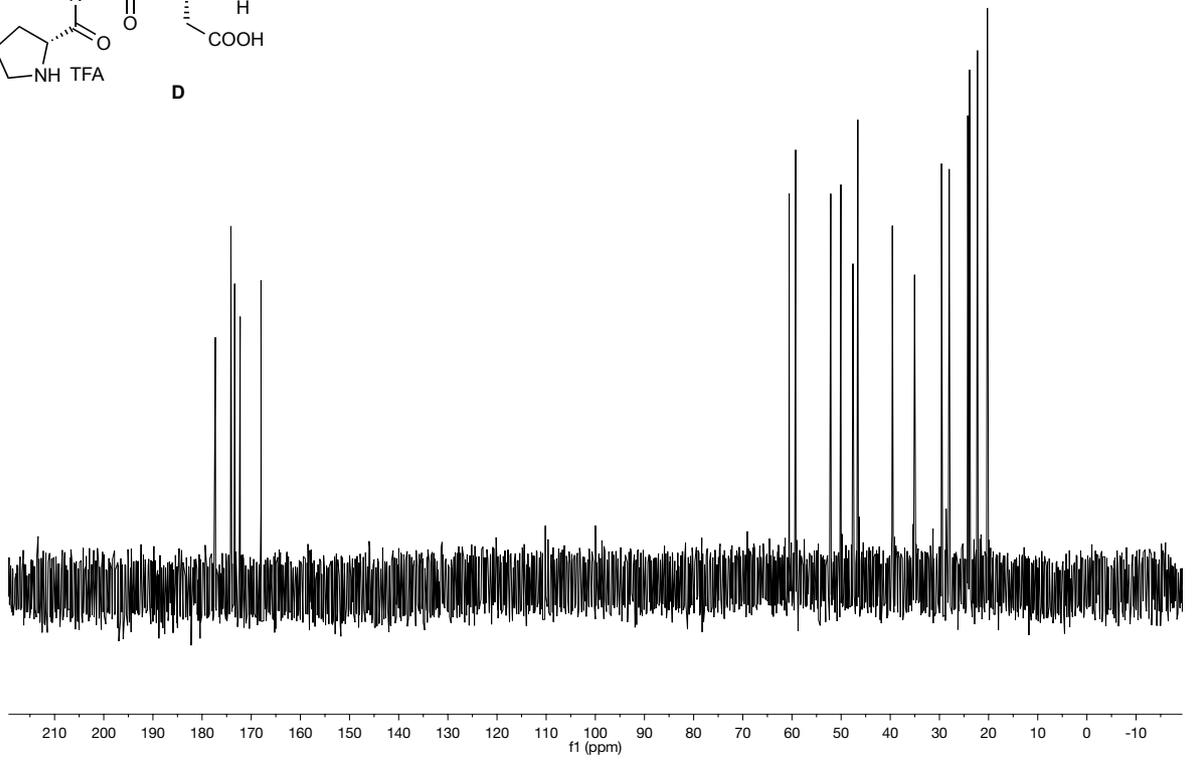
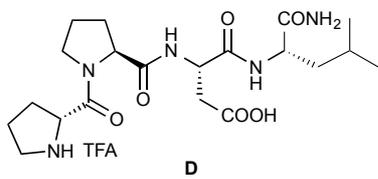
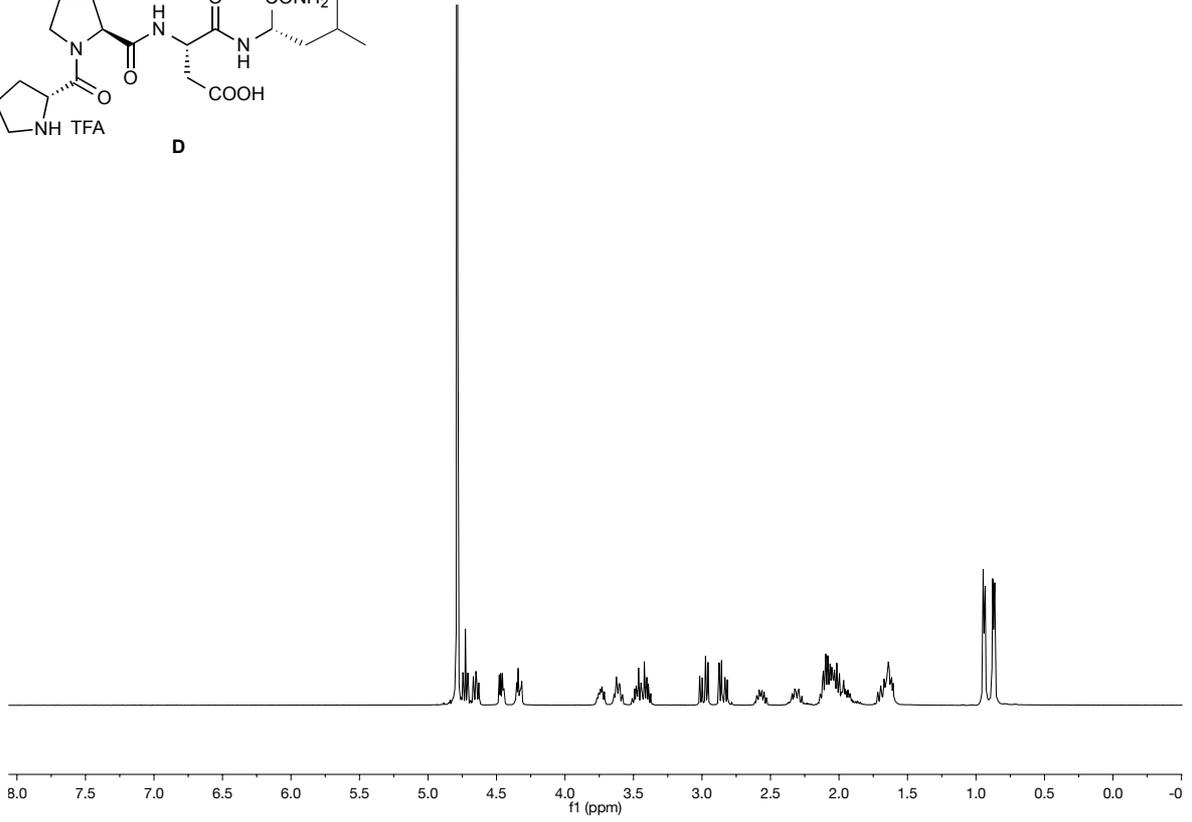
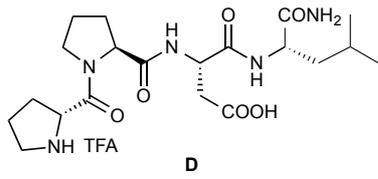


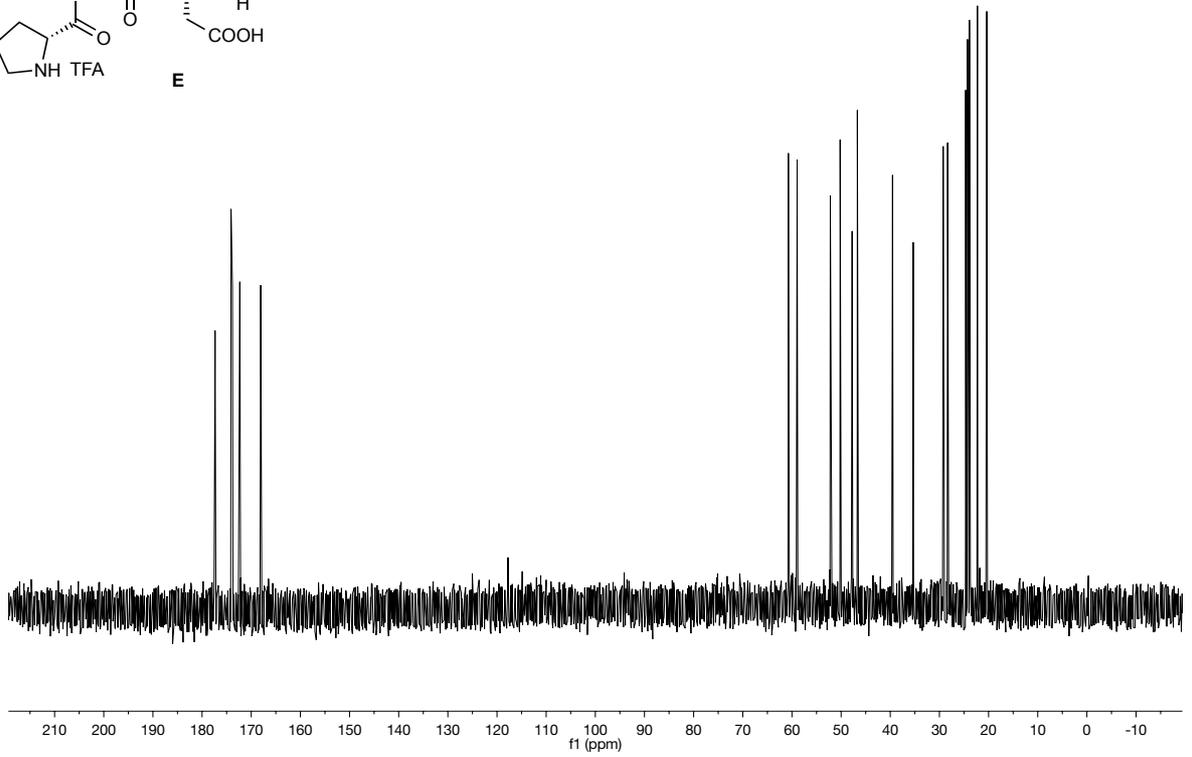
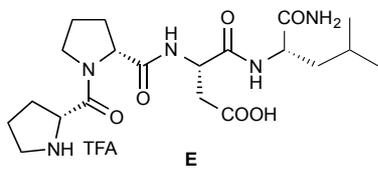
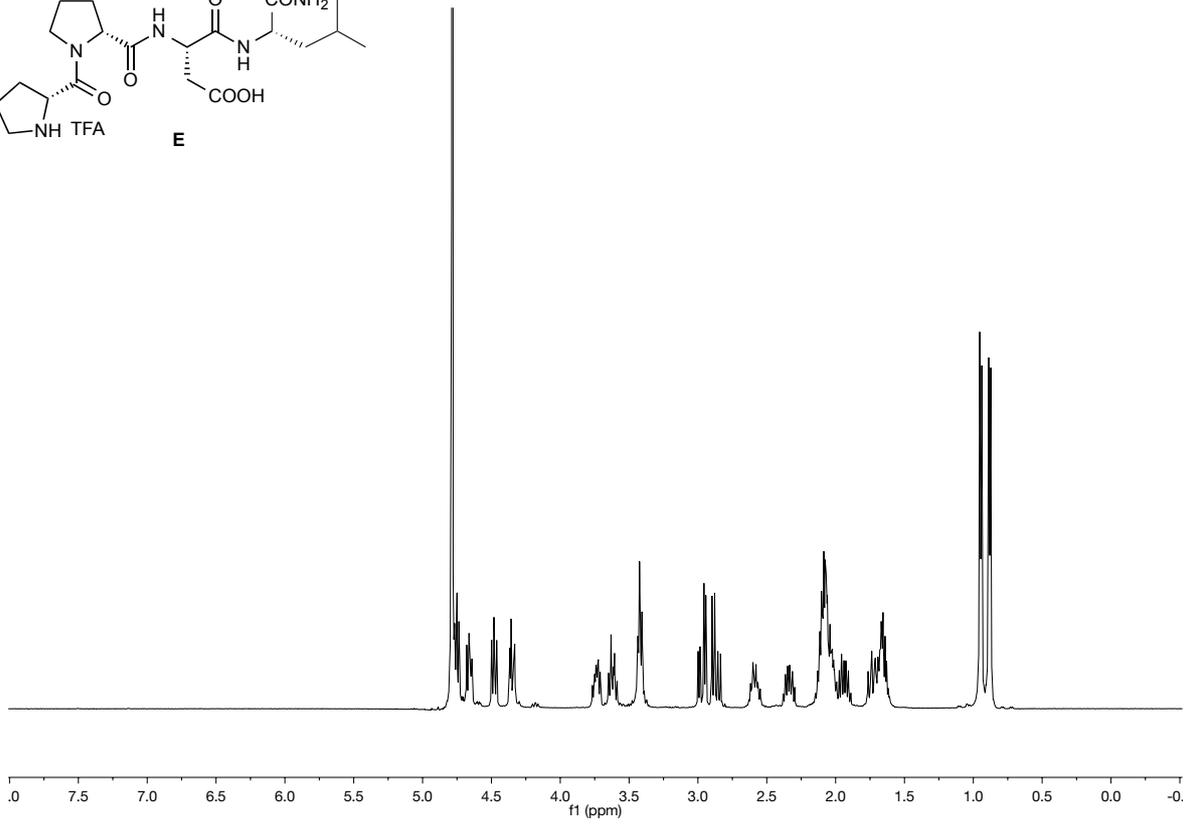
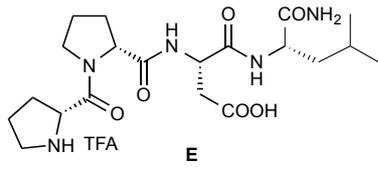


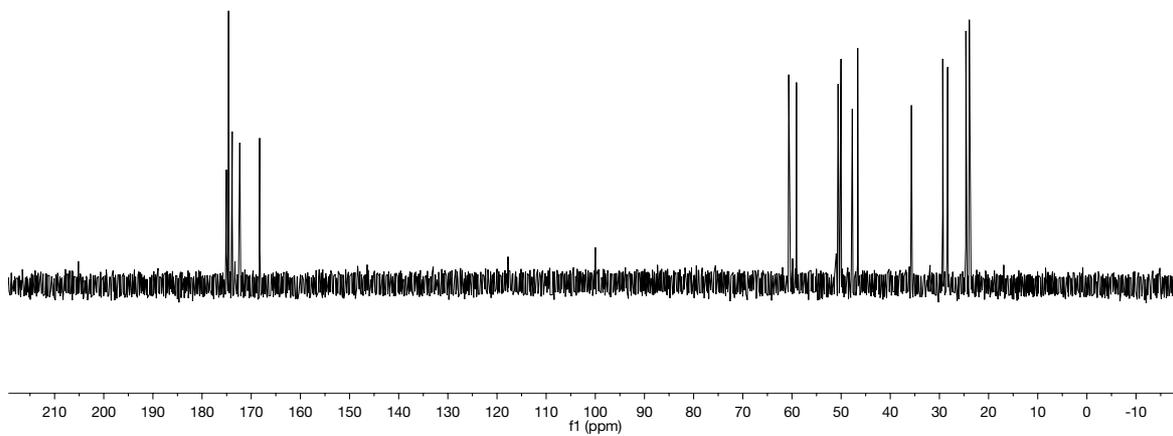
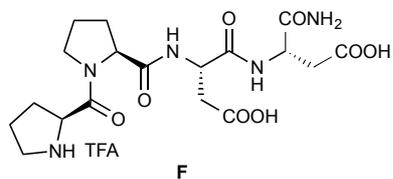
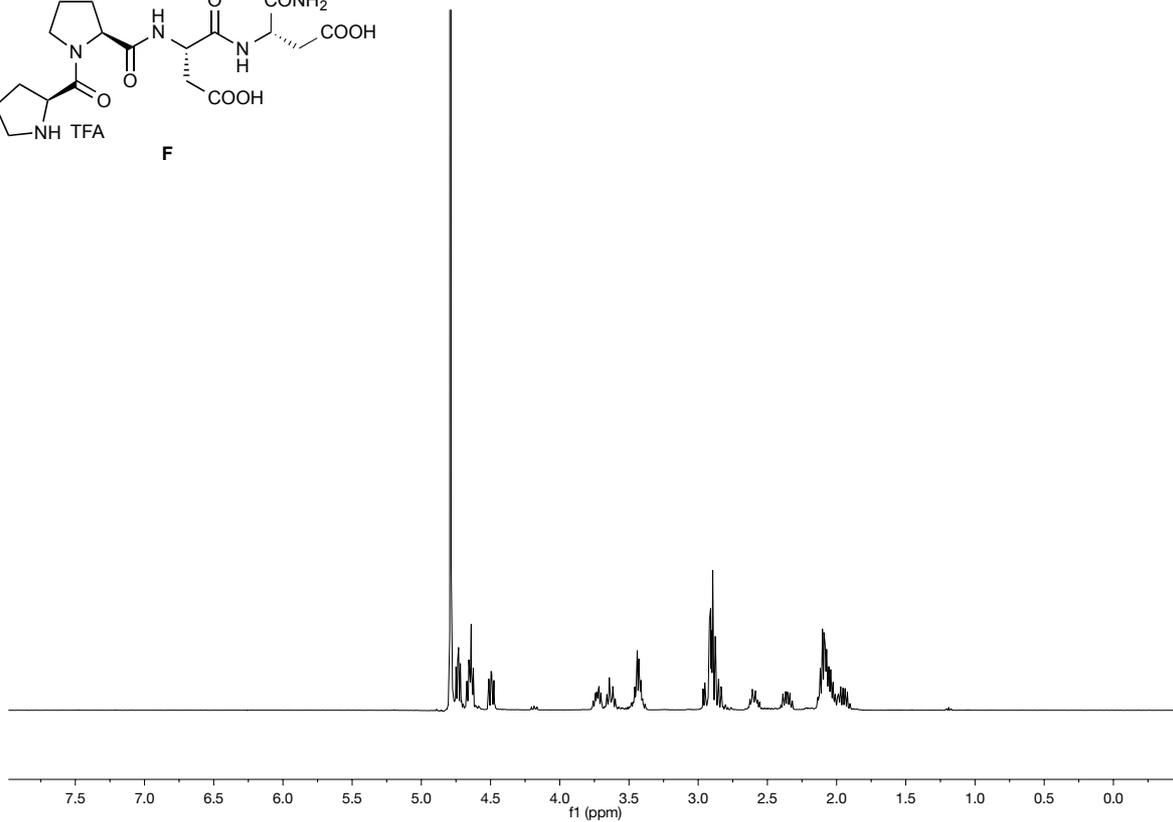
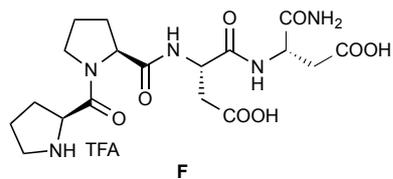


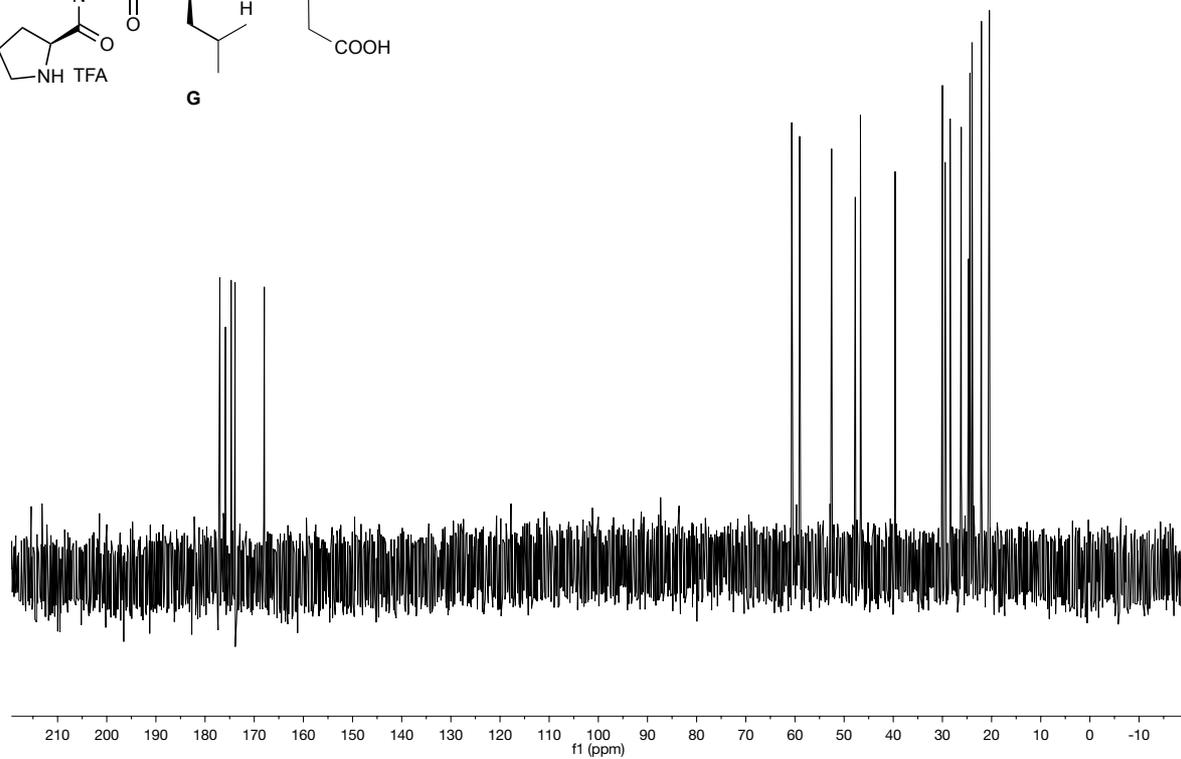
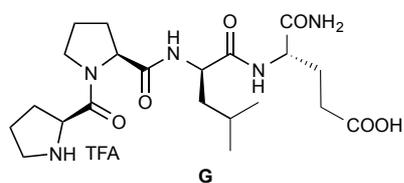
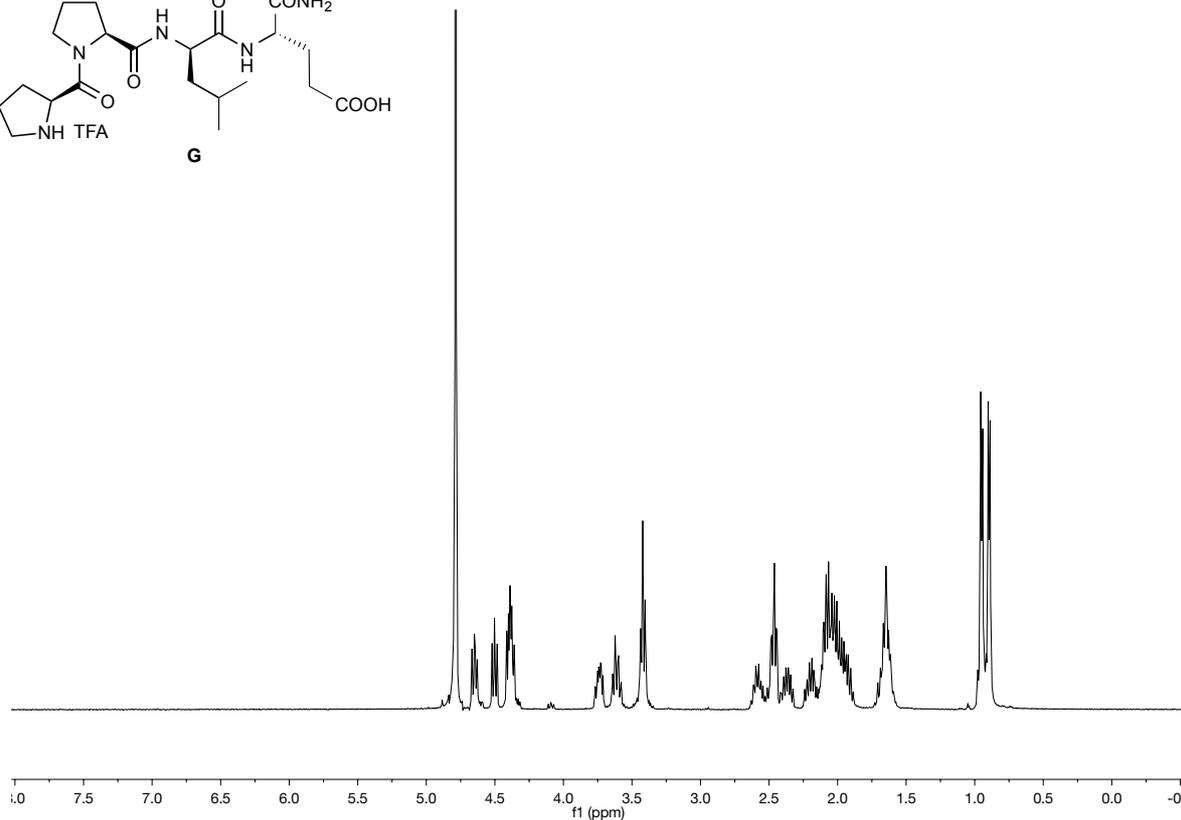
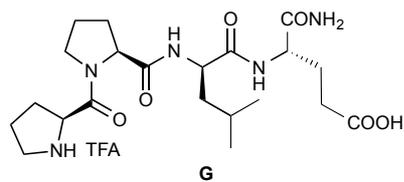




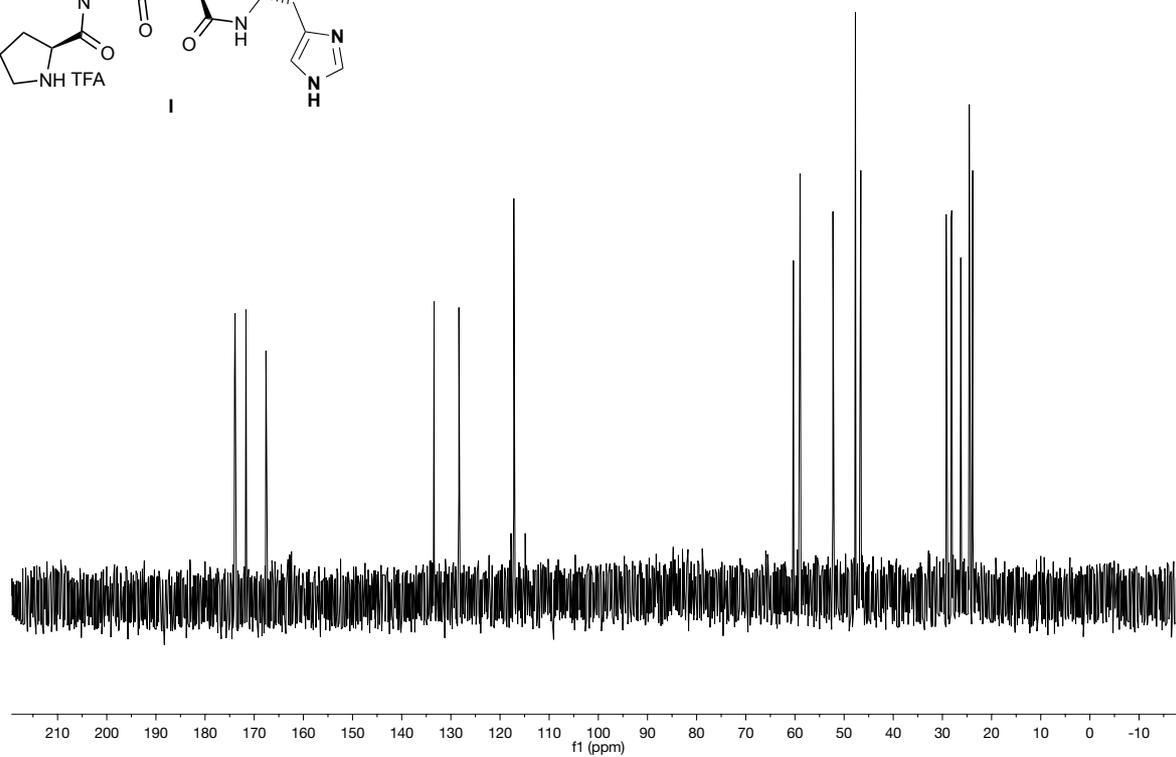
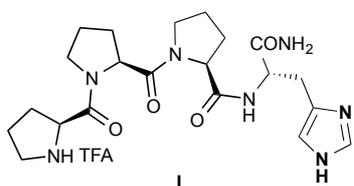
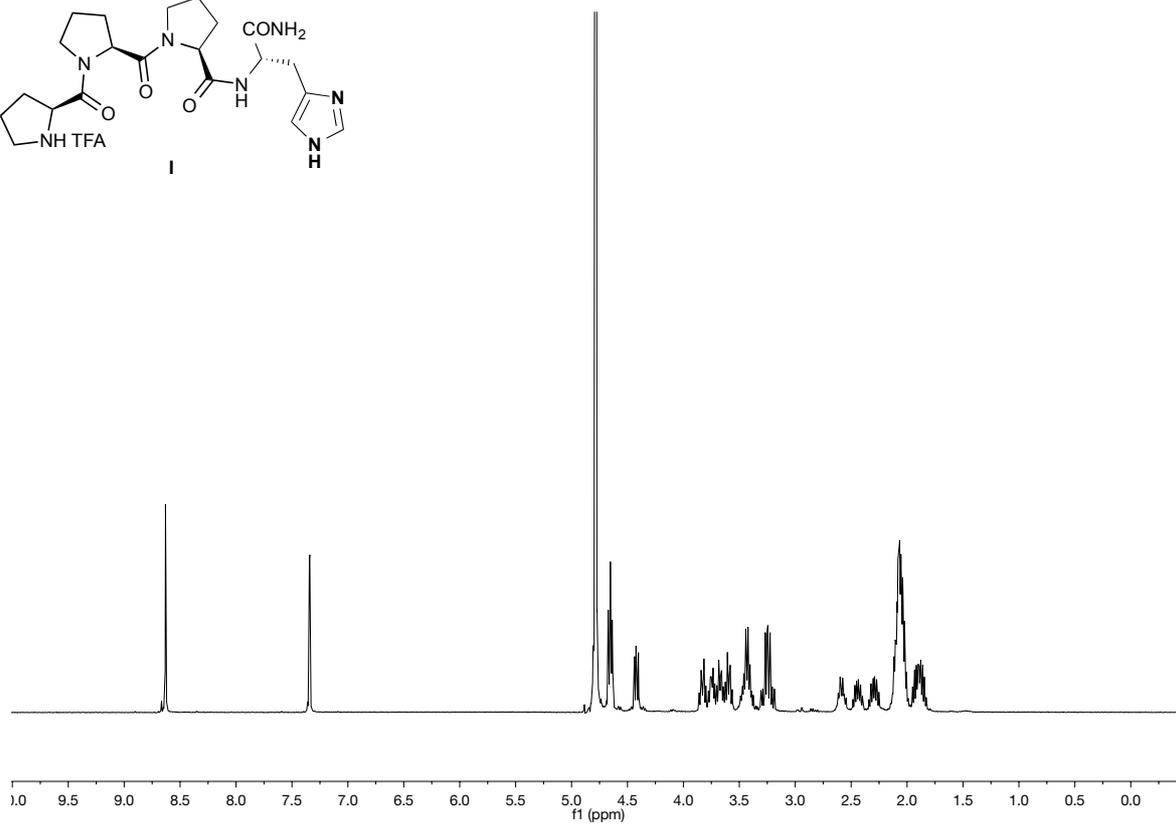
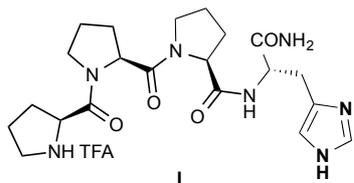












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