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Synthesis and Characterization of a Photocleavable Collagen-Like Peptide

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HR ESI TOF MS of peptide **1**. $m/z [M+2H]^{2+}$ calcd. 1685.7205 (most abundant species), obs. 1685.7175; $[M+3H]^{3+}$ calcd. 1123.8153 (monoisotopic species), obs. 1123.8211.



H-Pro-Pro-Gly-Hyp-Pro-

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Actual (top) and simulated mass spectrum (bottom) of peptide $1 m/z [M+2H]^{2+}$ (most abundant peak) calcd. 1685.7205, obs. 1685.7175.



Actual (top) and simulated mass spectrum (bottom) of peptide 1 (m/z) [M+3H]³⁺ calcd. 1123.8061 (monoisotopic species), obs. 1123.8211.



Reversed Phase FPLC profile of peptide **1**. Stationary phase: 15 µm diameter polystyrene/divinyl benzene beads; Solvent A: 2% CH₃CN and 0.1% TFA in water, solvent B: 85% CH₃CN and 0.1% TFA in water; Gradient (green): 0-90%B. Detection at 250 nm (blue), 350 nm (red), and 430 nm (pink).



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HR ESI TOF MS of amino acid building block **6**, *m/z* [M-H]⁻ calcd. 486.1301; obs. 486.1327.





¹H NMR spectrum of compound **6**.





¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **6**.





HR ESI TOF MS of peptide **7**, *m*/*z* [M+H]⁺ calcd.: 1005.4358; obs. 1005.4334; [M+Na]⁺ calcd. 1027.4178; obs. 1027.4150.





Actual (top) and simulated mass spectrum (bottom) of peptide 7, $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd.: 1005.4358; obs. 1005.4334.



Reversed Phase FPLC profile of peptide **7**. Stationary phase: 15 μ m diameter polystyrene/divinyl benzene beads; Solvent A: 2% CH₃CN and 0.1% TFA in water, solvent B: 85% CH₃CN and 0.1% TFA in water; Gradient (green): 0-90%B. Detection at 250 nm (blue), 350 nm (red), and 430 nm (pink).





HR ESI TOF MS of compound **13**; *m/z* [M+NH₄]⁺ calcd. 539.0930 and 541.0913, obs. 539.0904 and 541.0937; [M+Na]⁺ calcd. 544.0484 and 546.0467, obs. 544.0489 and 546.0463.





¹H NMR spectrum of compound **13**.





¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **13**.





HR-ESI-TOF-MS of compound **16**; $m/z [M+Na]^+$ calcd. 550.1590, obs. 550.1597; $[M+K]^+$ calcd. 566.1330, obs. 566.1333.





¹H NMR spectrum of compound **16**.





¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **16**.





Total Ion Count (TIC)-based Nano-UHPLC chromatogram of the peptide fragments obtained after irradiation of the full length peptide **1** with 350 nm light in water.



Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide 9 eluting at 40.94 min: m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd. 537.2673, obs. 537.2678.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide **1**, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **9** eluting at 41.38 min: m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd. 537.2673, obs. 537.2676.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide **1**, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **17** eluting at 41.92 min: $m/z [M+NH_4]^+$ calcd. 744.3317, obs. 744.3313; $m/z [M+H+NH_4]^{2+}$ calcd. 372.6697, obs. 372.6693.







Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptides **9** and **17** eluting at 41.96 min: **9**, m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd. 537.2673, obs. 537.2663; **17**, m/z [M+NH₄]⁺ calcd. 744.3317, obs. 744.3303; m/z [M+H+NH₄]²⁺ calcd. 372.6697, obs. 372.6690.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **18** eluting at 45.47 min: $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 710.3262, obs. 710.3259; $m/z [M+2H]^{2+}$ calcd. 355.6670, obs. 355.6664.





MS/MS spectrum of peptide **18**: N-terminal nitrosoindoline fragment, $C_9H_7N_2O_2$, $m/z [M]^+$ calcd. 175.0508, obs. 175.0501; protonated C-terminal fragment, $C_{24}H_{38}N_7O_7$, $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 536.2833, obs. 536.2835.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **19** eluting at 45.89 min: $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 711.3102, obs. 711.3093; $m/z [M+H]^{2+}$ calcd. 356.1590, obs. 356.1580.





MS/MS spectrum of peptide **19**: N-terminal nitrosoindoline fragment, $C_9H_7N_2O_2$, $m/z [M]^+$ calcd. 175.0508, obs. 175.0501; protonated C-terminal fragment, $C_{24}H_{37}N_6O_8$, $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 537.2673, obs. 537.2672.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide **1**, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **11** eluting at 50.98 min: $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 708.3105, obs. 708.3095.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptides **10** and **12** eluting at 51.37 min: **10**, *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. 709.2946, obs. 709.2946; **12**, *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. 726.3211, obs. 726.3209.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptides **10** and **12** eluting at 51.47 min: **10**, *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. 709.2946, obs. 709.2943; **12**, *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd. 726.3211, obs. 726.3203.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide 1, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **17** eluting at 51.76 min: $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 727.3051, obs. 727.3049; $m/z [M+NH_4]^+$ calcd. 744.3317, obs. 744.3312.





Top: TIC chromatogram of photolysis products of peptide **1**, irradiated with near UV light (350 nm) in water.

Bottom: HRMS of peptide **20** eluting at 52.13 min: $m/z [M+H]^+$ calcd. 725.2895, obs. 725.2885; $m/z [M+NH_4]^+$ calcd. 742.3160, obs. 742.3148.





MS/MS spectrum of peptide **20**: N-terminal nitroindole fragment, $C_9H_5N_2O_3$, m/z [M]⁺ calcd. 189.0300, obs. 189.0293; protonated C-terminal tripeptide fragment, $C_{12}H_{20}N_3O_5$, m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd. 286.1403, obs. 286.1391.

