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Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of Polypeptides Consisting of Periodic Di- and Tripeptide Motifs Similar to Elastin

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Scheme S1 Chemoenzymatic polymerization of Pro- and Val-containing monomers using papain.



**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the blank polymerization reactants of GlyProGly-OEt and ValGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).



**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the blank polymerization reactants of ValProGly-OEt/ValGly-OEt and GlyProGly-OEt/ValGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).



**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of GlyProGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).



Fig. S4<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of GlyProGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).





Fig. S6<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ValGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).



**Fig. S7** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ValProGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).



**Fig. S8**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ValProGly-OEt in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TFA-*d* (5/1 volume ratio).



Fig. S9 CD spectra of the polypeptides in 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (0.1% TFA) solution (1 mM).

CD spectra of all polypeptides were analyzed using in 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (0.1% TFA) solution (1mM). In the CD spectra of poly(GlyProGly) it has been found that the resulting polypeptide has unordered structure with the ratio of *unordered*/strand/turns/helix to be 50.05/25.72/19.01/5.20. In the CD spectra of poly(ValGly-OEt) the resulting polypeptide has  $\beta$ -strand structure with the ratio of unordered/strand/turns/helix to be 29.62/40.64/24.42/5.30. The CD spectra of poly(GlyProGly-co-ValGly) has  $\beta$ -strand structure with the ratio of unordered/strand/turns/helix to be 31.06/37.26/20.28/11.38. This emphasizes ValGly unit is key for inducing  $\beta$ -strand in the polypeptide chain. The CD spectra of poly(ValProGly-*co*-ValGly) has an unordered structure with the ratio of *unordered*/strand/turns/helix to be 32.76/22.97/29.67/14.58. The values are tabulated in Table S2.



**Fig. S10** CD spectra of the poly(GlyProGly-*co*-ValGly) in water at increasing temperatures from 10 to 80 °C (1 mM).



**Fig. S11** CD spectra of the poly(GlyProGly-*co*-ValGly) in water at decreasing temperatures from 80 to 10 °C (1 mM).



**Fig. S12** GPC results of the sample and molecular weight standards. (a) GPC profile of PP-poly(ValProGly-*co*-ValGly) eluted with NMP containing LiBr (10 mM). (b) Calibration curve of polystyrene molecular weight standards. (c) Calibration curve of protein molecular weight standards.



**Fig. S13** DSC plot of the poly(ValProGly-*co*-ValGly) (a) and PP-poly(ValProGly-*co*-ValGly) (b). The heating and cooling rates were at  $10 \,^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S14** Storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G'') of PP-poly(ValProGly-*co*-ValGly) at different temperatures from 30 to 120 °C. The strain and the frequency were 1% and 1 Hz, respectively.

Run	Monomer	Conc. (M)	Time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	GlyProGly-OEt	1.0	2	0
2	ValGly-OEt	1.0	2	0
3°	GlyProGly- OEt/ValGly-OEt	1.0	2	0
$4^{c}$	ValProGly- OEt/ValGly-OEt	1.0	2	0

**Table S1.** Blank tests for chemoenzymatic polymerization of proline and valine containing monomers.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Polymerization was carried out using monomer (HCl salt) and papain (50 mg/mL) in phosphate buffer (1 M, pH 8.0) at 40  $^{\circ}$ C. <sup>b</sup> Precipitation was collected by centrifugation, washed with water, and lyophilized. <sup>c</sup> Molar ratio was 1/1.

**Table S2.** Percentage of secondary structure calculated by DichroWeb online CD analysis server using using Contin algorithm in combination with reference data set 4.

Polypeptide	Contin (Set 4)	
Poly(GlyProGly)	<b>50.05 % unordered</b> 25.72 % strand 19.01 % turns 5.20 % helix	
Poly(ValGly)	29.62 % unordered 40.64 % strand 24.42 % turns 5.30 % helix	
Poly(GlyProGly-co-ValGly)	31.06 % unordered 37.26 % strand 20.28 % turns 11.38 % helix	
Poly(ValProGly- <i>co</i> -ValGly)	<b>32.76 % unordered</b> 22.97 % strand 29.67 % turns 14.58 % helix	

**Table S3.** Percentage of secondary structure calculated by DichroWeb online CD analysis server using Contin algorithm in combination with reference data set 4 for poly(ValProGly-*co*-ValGly) at different temperature.

Temp (°C)	Helix (%)	Strand (%)	Turns (%)	Unordered (%)
Heat-10	5.61	35.50	21.80	37.10
Heat-20	5.90	37.33	21.62	35.13
Heat-30	6.20	37.30	21.20	35.30
Heat-40	6.60	37.40	21.70	34.30
Heat-50	7.50	38.30	21.90	32.30
Heat-60	8.00	38.30	23.20	30.50
Heat-70	8.40	38.80	22.00	30.80
Heat-80	9.31	37.43	22.22	31.03
Cool-70	9.00	37.70	21.70	31.60
Cool-60	8.50	36.60	22.00	32.90
Cool-50	8.00	37.30	21.90	32.80
Cool-40	6.90	37.00	21.60	34.60
Cool-30	6.10	37.60	21.30	35.10
Cool-20	6.00	36.50	21.50	36.00
Cool-10	5.50	35.03	21.92	37.87