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Synthesis of cyclic peptide hemicryptophanes: enantioselective recognition of a chiral zwitterionic guest

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General Information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded using a Varian Unity Inova 500 (500 MHz) a Varian Unity Inova 400 (400 MHz) or a Bruker AVANCE2 500 MHz spectrometer with TXI cryoprobe. Spectra were recorded at 298 K. Spectra were obtained in deuterated DMSO, unless otherwise stated, utilising the residual solvent peak as the internal reference. The spectra are reported as: parts per million (ppm) downfield shift, relative to the residual solvent peak; relative integral, multiplicity (s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dqdoublet of quartets, m = multiplet) and coupling constant (J in Hz). 13 C NMR spectra were recorded using a Varian Unity Inova 500 (125 MHz) or a Varian Unity Inova 400 (100 MHz) and spectra were obtained at 298 K unless stated otherwise. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the internal standard of the solvent peak; DMSO (39.5). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrometer and were obtained from a thin film of the neat product. Absorption maxima are expressed in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). All mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6220 ESI-TOF Mass Spectrometer coupled to an Agillent 1100 LC System (Agilent, Palo Alto, CA). All data were acquired and reference mass corrected via a dual spray electrospray ionisation (ESI) source. Acquisition was performed using the Agilent Mass Hunter software version B.02.01 and analysis was performed using the Agilent Mass Hunter software version B.04.00. Melting points were determined using an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco DIP-1000 polarimeter at 589 nm with a cell path length of 10 cm; solution concentrations are reported in grams per 100 ml using the indicated spectroscopic grade solvents.

Most reagents were commercially available reagent grade chemicals and were used without further purification. Toluene was distilled over sodium. Anhydrous THF, Et₂O and CH₂Cl₂ were obtained from solvent drying and dispensing system where the solvent was dried by passage through two packed columns of neutral alumina. Methanol and triethylamine were distilled from calcium hydride. Powdered molecular sieves were activated with a microwave and allowed to cool under vacuum. DMSO and DMF were dried over activated sieves (4 Å) for 16 h before use. DMSO was degassed using the freeze-thaw method (3 repetitions) followed by bubbling with argon for 30 min.

Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed with aluminium backed plates precoated with silica gel 60 F254 (0.2 mm), and visualisation was achieved by inspection under short-wave UV light followed by staining with phosphomolybdic acid dip [polyphosphomolybdic acid (12 g), ethanol (250mL)]. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel (230-400 mesh); eluting solvents reported as % v/v mixtures Analytical, preparative and semi-preparative reverse phase

HPLC (RP-HPLC) were performed using an Agilent 1200 series LC System. Analytical HPLC employed a SGE Protecol-P C18 HPH 125 column (4.6×150 mm column, 5 µm particle size, flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹). Preparative RP-HPLC employed a Phenomenex C18 column (21.2×150 mm, 5 µm particle size, flow rate 8 mL min⁻¹). Semi-preparative RP-HPLC employed a Phenomenex Synergy Hydro-RP column (50×21.2 mm, 4 µm particle size, flow rate 5 mL min⁻¹). The mobile phase consisted of eluents A (0.1% TFA in water) and B (0.1% TFA in acetonitrile). The results were analysed on Agilent ChemStation version B.01.03 software.

(*R*)-Carnitine was obtained from Sigma Aldrich. (*S*)-Carnitine was synthesised from (*R*)-carnitine according to the procedure of Giannessi et al.¹

General methods

General methods for Manual Peptide Synthesis:

Resin loading: 2-Chlorotrityl resin (1.0 g, 1.7 mmol/g) was swollen with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) for 30 min. To this was added a solution of Fmoc-Gly-OH (1.0 g, 3.4 mmol) in 4:1 CH₂Cl₂:DMF (5 mL). The mixture was treated with diisopropylethylamine (1.4 mL, 8.5 mmol) and agitated for 16 h. MeOH (20 mL) was added and the solution stirred for a further 20 min. The resin was then filtered and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL), DMF (3 × 20 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 × 20 mL). The resin was then dried under reduced pressure. The loading was tested by deprotecting the resin with 20% piperidine in DMF (2 × 10 mL for 5 min) and then measuring the absorbance of the piperidine-fulvene adduct at λ = 301 nm.

Iterative peptide assembly: The hexapeptide (3/4) was synthesized by coupling amino acids manually in polypropylene syringes with sintered discs (Torviq) on a 0.25 mmol scale. The following sequence of steps was used; deprotection, washing, coupling, and washing.

Deprotection: The resin was treated with 20% piperidine in DMF (2×10 mL for 5 min) A TNBSA test for the detection of primary amines was then carried out. If the test was negative, the deprotection step was done again. Otherwise, the next coupling was carried out.

TNBSA test: A small sample of resin was treated with DIPEA (20μ L) and 2,4,6-trinitrobenzene sulfonic acid (20μ L). The resin turns orange in less than ten minutes if the test is positive.

Washing: The resin was sequentially washed with DMF ($5 \times 5 \text{ mL}$), CH₂Cl₂ ($5 \times 5 \text{ mL}$) and DMF ($5 \times 5 \text{ mL}$).

Coupling: A solution of the Fmoc-amino acid (4 eq), PyBOP (4 eq) and diisopropylethylamine (8 eq) was dissolved in DMF (5 mL) and added to the resin. The resin was then shaken on an orbital shaker (175 rpm) for 2 h. A TNBSA test was then carried out. If the test was positive, the coupling step was repeated.

General methods for Microwave Peptide Synthesis

All linear peptides were synthesised using a CEM microwave peptide synthesiser. Solid phase synthesis was carried out on a 0.25 mmol scale using Fmoc/*t*Bu chemistry on the previously synthesised Fmoc-Gly loaded 2-chlorotritylchloride resin (0.66 mmol/g) and using commercially available appropriately protected amino acid subunits. All amino acid subunits were coupled using HATU (0.5 M) as the activating agent. Couplings were performed at 70 °C for 300 sec.

Deprotection: Fmoc deprotection was performed with a 35% solution of pieridine in DMF (3×5 mL) for 5 min.

Protected linear peptide 3



Method A: The hexapeptide **3** was synthesised following the general method for *manual solid phase peptide synthesis*. The peptide was cleaved from the resin by agitating with 1% TFA in 4:1 MeCN:H₂O (3×10 mL) for 20 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue azeotropically distilled with toluene (3×30 mL). The residue was then triturated with Et₂O (3×40 mL) to afford **3** as an amorphous colourless solid (0.16 g, 65%, based on 0.25 mmol scale, 0.65 mmol/g loading), which was used without further purification. Mp: 220–225 °C (dec), MS (ESI) *m/z* 847 [(M+H)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI, [M+H]⁺) calcd. for C₄₅H₆₃O₁₀N₆ 847.4606, found 847.4610. Analytical HPLC: retention time: 13.1 min (gradient of acetonitrile: 0% to 100% in 25 min). Peptide **3** was extremely insoluble so further characterisation was performed on the deprotected peptide **4**. This was obtained by treating a sample of **3** with 5% TFA in 4:1 MeCN:H₂O for 1 h, followed by evaporation of the solvent and ether trituration.

Method B: Peptide **3** was synthesised according to the general method for *microwave peptide synthesis*. The peptide was cleaved from the resin by agitating with 1% TFA in 4:1 MeCN:H₂O ($3 \times 10 \text{ mL}$) for 20 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue azeotropically distilled with toluene ($3 \times 30 \text{ mL}$). The residue was then triturated with Et₂O ($3 \times 40 \text{ mL}$). This afforded **3** as an amorphous colourless solid that was used without further purification (0.22 g, 91%, based on 0.25 mmol scale, 0.65 mmol/g loading). Characterisation identical to that described above.

Deprotected linear peptide 4



Peptide **4** was synthesised according to the general method for microwave peptide synthesis. The peptide was cleaved from the resin by agitating with 5% TFA in 4:1 MeCN:H₂O (3×10 mL) for 20 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue azeotropically distilled with toluene (3×30 mL). The residue was then triturated with Et₂O (3×40 mL) to afford **4** as an amorphous colourless solid (0.17 g, 85%, based on 0.25 mmol scale, 0.65 mmol/g loading), which was used without further purification. Mp: 200–205 °C; [α]²⁴_D +72 (*c* 0.30, DMSO); MS (ESI) *m/z* 679 [(M+H)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI, [M+H]⁺) calcd. for C₃₃H₃₉N₆O₁₀ 679.2728 found 679.2726; IR (Thin film): 3285, 1628, 1513, 1442, 1408, 1209 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.34 (1 H, br s), 9.21 (2 H, br s), 8.58 (1 H, t, *J* = 5.31 Hz), 8.27-8.20 (3 H, m), 8.03 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.03-6.99 (6 H, m), 6.68 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.62 (4 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 4.43 (3 H, m), 3.89-3.57 (4 H, m), 2.97-2.87 (3 H, m), 2.75-2.72 (2 H, m), 2.67-2.59 (3 H, m) (4 exchangeable protons obscured or not observed); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 171.5, 171.5, 171.2, 171.2, 169.0, 168.5, 168.1, 156.5, 155.8 (2 C), 130.5, 130.1 (2 C), 127.9(3), 127.9(0), 125.2, 115.4, 115.0 (2 C), 54.4, 54.3, 54.0, 41.9, 41.8, 41.0, 36.9, 36.9, 36.7.

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Cyclic hexapeptide c(YGYGYG) 6



Method A: Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, diisopropylethylamine (25 µL, 0.96 mmol) was added to a solution of peptide 3 (0.18 g, 0.19 mmol) and PyBop (0.30 g, 0.58 mmol) in DMF (40 mL). The mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was dissolved in chloroform (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with chloroform (2×50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (3 \times 100 mL). The organic solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was triturated with ether (3 \times 20 mL) to give the crude protected cyclic peptide 5 (98 mg, 62%). MS (ESI) m/z 829; HRMS (ESI, $[M+H]^+$) calcd. for C₄₅H₆₁O₉N₆ 829.4500, found 829.4495; HPLC: retention time: 15.3 min (gradient of acetonitrile: 0% to 100% in 25 min). A solution of 9:0.5:0.5 TFA:H₂O:CH₂Cl₂ was added to 5 (98 mg) and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The TFA was evaporated and the residue dissolved in a 1:1 solution of acetonitrile and water, filtered and lyophilised. The lyophilised solid was dissolved in minimal DMSO and purified by RP-HPLC with a gradient of acetonitrile (0 min: 15% MeCN, 60 min: 40% MeCN, Hydro-80 column) to give 6 (30 mg, 24% for the cyclisation and deprotection); Mp: 210–214 °C (dec); $\left[\alpha\right]^{24}$ –30 (c 0.26, DMSO); MS (ESI) m/z 661 $[(M+H)^+, 100\%]$; HRMS (ESI, $[M+H]^+$) calcd. for C₃₃H₃₇N₆O₉ 661.2622, found. 661.2616; IR (Thin film): 3286, 1662, 1638, 1539, 1513, 1239 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO}) \delta 9.16 (3 \text{ H}, \text{ br s}), 8.18 (3 \text{ H}, \text{ t}, J = 5.7 \text{ Hz}), 7.99 (3 \text{ H}, \text{ d}, J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}), 6.96 (6 \text{ H}, \text{ hz})$ d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.63 (6 H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.27 – 4.19 (3 H, m), 3.71 (3 H, dd, J = 15.9, 5.3), 3.48 (3 H, dd, J = 15.9, 6.0 Hz), 2.95 (3 H, dd, J = 13.8, 5.6 Hz), 2.75 (3 H, dd, J = 13.8, 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) & 171.1, 168.8, 155.8, 129.9, 127.8, 115.0, 54.8, 42.6, 35.7. HPLC: retention time: 15.3 min (gradient of acetonitrile: 0% to 100% in 25 min).

Method B: Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, diisopropylethylamine (475 μ L, 2.85 mmol) was added to a solution of the deprotected peptide **4** (450 mg, 0.57 mmol) and PyBop (887 mg, 1.71

mmol) in DMF (114 mL). The solution was stirred for 1 h. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was redissolved in 3:1 chlorofom:isopropanol and absorbed onto silica. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂) eluting with 10–100% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 afforded **6** (376 mg, quantitative). Characterisation identical to that described above.

Tris-vanillyl cyclic peptide 8



The cyclic peptide **6** (60 mg, 90 µmol), vanillyl ethylbromide $7^{2,3}$ (0.16 g, 0.45 mmol) and cesium carbonate (0.15 g, 0.45 mmol) were dissolved in DMSO (3 mL). The solution was stirred for 16 h at 60 °C. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂) eluting with 5–10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford **8** as a colourless solid (60 mg, 55%). Mp. 240–243 °C; $[\alpha]^{24}_{D}$ –15 (*c* 0.67, CHCl₃); MS (ESI) *m/z* 1475 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI, [M+Na]⁺) calcd. for C₇₈H₉₆N₆O₂₁Na 1475.6526, found 1475.6521; IR (Thin film): 3284, 2941, 1656, 1632, 1509, 1252, 1233, 1036 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.21 (3 H, t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 8.09 (3 H, br s,), 7.12 (6 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.97 (3 H, d, *J* = 8.2), 6.93 (3 H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 6.87 (6 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.85, (3 H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz), 4.64 (3 H, m), 4.59 (3 H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.37 (3 H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.30 (3 H, m), 4.25 (12 H, s), 3.8 (3 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.3 Hz), 3.78 (3 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.3 Hz), 3.74 (9 H, s), 3.51–3.44 (6 H, m), 3.04 (3 H, dd, *J* = 14.0, 5.3 Hz), 2.86 (3 H, m), 1.76–1.60 (6 H, m), 1.53-1.45 (12 H, m); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) 171.1, 168.9, 156.9, 148.9, 147.2, 131.2, 130.2, 130.0, 120.2, 114.2, 113.2, 112.0, 97.1, 68.0, 67.2, 66.3, 61.4, 55.5, 54.7,42.6, 35.6, 30.2, 25.1, 19.1; IR (Thin film): 3284, 2941, 1656, 1632, 1509, 1252, 1233, 1036 cm⁻¹.

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Hemicryptophanes ML-2 and PL-2



The tris-vanillyl cyclic peptide **8** (66 mg, 0.045 mmol) was dissolved in formic acid (10 mL) and the solution was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was partitioned between chloroform (20 mL) and aqueous potassium carbonate (10%, 20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with chloroform (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with distilled water (2×20 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂) eluting with (5–10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) to give *ML*-**2** as a colourless amorphous solid (11 mg, 21%). Further elution gave *PL*-**2** as a colourless amorphous solid (22 mg, 43%).

ML-2; $R_f = 0.2$ (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂); Mp. 240–243 °C; $[\alpha]^{24}_D +25$ (*c* 0.25, MeOH); MS (ESI) *m/z* 1147 [(M+H)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI, [M+H]⁺) calcd. for C₆₃H₆₇N₆O₁₅ 1147.4659, found 1147.4655; IR (Thin film): 3331, 1656, 1605, 1511, 1252 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 7.26 (3 H, br s, 1–NH), 7.17 (3 H, s, H18), 7.13 (3 H, s, H15), 7.09 (6 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H6, H10), 6.95 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3–NH), 6.77 (6 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H7, H9), 4.81 (3 H, d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, H19a), 4.49 (3 H, dt, *J* = 7.7, 5.3 Hz, H3), 4.38-4.31 (6 H, m, H11), 4.25-4.20 (6 H, m, H12), 3.93 (3 H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, H1a), 3.72 (9 H, s, 14-OMe), 3.58 (3 H, d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, H19b), 3.36 (3 H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, H1b), 3.11 (3 H, dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.0 Hz, H4a), 2.95 (3 H, dd, *J* = 14.5, 6.6 Hz, H4b). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 171.7 (C=O, C20), 170.3 (C=O, C2), 158.4 (Cq, C8), 149.8 (Cq, C14), 147.5 (Cq, C13), 134.3 (Cq, C17), 133.1 (Cq, C16), 131.2 (2 C, CH, C6, C10), 130.2 (Cq, C5), 118.0 (CH, C18), 115.6 (2 C, CH, C7, C9), 115.0 (CH, C15), 69.1 (CH₂, C11), 67.2 (CH₂, C12), 56.4 (CH₃, 14–OMe), 55.2 (CH, C3), 43.6 (CH₂, C1), 36.4 (CH₂, C19), 35.8 (CH₂, C4). CD (6.5.10⁻⁴ M in CH₂Cl₂) 237 (-34.0), 253.3 (16.4), 276.5 (12.9). HPLC: retention time: 26.8(4) min (gradient of acetonitrile: 0 min: 30%; 3min: 30%; 83min: 60%). *PL*-2: $R_f = 0.1$ (10% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2); Mpt. 240–243 °C; $[\alpha]^{24}_D$ –48 (*c* 0.25, MeOH); MS (ESI) *m/z* 1147 [(M+H)⁺, 100%]; HRMS (ESI, [M+H]⁺) calcd. $C_{63}H_{67}N_6O_{15}$ 1147.4659 found 1147.4643; IR (Thin film): 3309, 2931, 1662, 1509, 1251 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 7.92 (3 H, br s, 1–NH), 7.27 (3 H, s, H15), 7.12 (3 H, s, H18), 7.08 (6 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H6, H10), 7.00 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3–NH), 6.74 (6 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H7, H9), 4.77 (3 H, d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, H19a), 4.48 (3 H, dt, *J* = 7.2, 6.7 Hz, H3), 4.23 (6 H, m, H11), 4.34 (6 H, m, H12), 4.02 (3 H, dd, *J* = 16.4, 3.1 Hz, H1a), 3.68 (9 H, s, 14–OMe), 3.55 (3 H, d, *J* = 14.2, 4.2 Hz, H4b). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 171.7 (C=O, C20), 170.6 (C=O, C2), 157.9 (Cq, C8), 149.4 (Cq, C14), 147.8 (Cq, C13), 133.8 (Cq, C16), 133.3 (Cq, C17), 131.4 (2 C, CH, C6, C10), 130.4 (Cq, C5), 116.7 (CH, C15), 115.9 (2 C, CH, C7, C9), 115.7 (CH, C18), 67.8 (CH₂, C12), 67.3 (CH₂, C11), 56.8 (CH₃, 14–OMe), 54.8 (CH, C3), 43.5 (CH₂, C1), 36.3 (CH₂, C19), 35.8 (CH₂, C4). CD (9.10⁻⁵ M in CH₂Cl₂) 235.1 (23.2), 253.8 (-12.5), 278.7 (-19.9). HPLC: retention time: 26.8(0) min (gradient of acetonitrile: 0 min: 30%; 3 min: 30%; 83 min: 60%).

ESI Mass Spectrometry Experiments

All high resolution MS experiments were conducted according to the following example. A solution of host hemicryptophane (0.785 mM in 20% CH₃CN in H₂O, 1000 μ L) and guest (3.93 mM, 5 equiv.) was prepared and the mass spectrum recorded on an Agilent 6220 ESI-TOF mass spectrometer (Agilent, Palo Alto, CA). All data were acquired and reference mass corrected via a dual spray electrospray ionisation (ESI) source. Acquisition was performed using the Agilent Mass Hunter software version B.02.01 and analysis was performed using the Agilent Mass Hunter software version B.04.00.

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Fig. ESI-1 HPLC Trace of hemicryptophane *PL-2*



Fig. ESI-2 ESI MS of hemicryptophane PL-2



Fig. ESI-3 HPLC Trace of hemicryptophane ML-2



Fig. ESI-4 ESI MS of hemicryptophane ML-2



Fig. ESI-5 ESI MS of host: guest complex of hemicryptophane + carnitine; PL-2 + R-9



Fig. ESI-6 ESI MS of hemicryptophane $PL-2 + Bu_4N^+BF_4^-$



Fig. ESI-7 ESI MS of hemicryptophane *PL*-2 + taurine



Fig. ESI-8 ESI MS of hemicryptophane PL-2 + lysine



Fig. ESI-9 ESI MS of hemicryptophane *PL*-2 + arginine



Fig. ESI-10 CD spectra of PL-2 (blue) and ML-2 (red) in CH₂Cl₂

Job Plot

Stock solutions (2.0 mM in CD₃CN) of *PL*-**2** and *R*-**9** were prepared. The required concentration of (*R*)-carnitine in CD₃CN was obtained by addition of a 10 µL aliquot from a 2.0 M stock solution of carnitine dissolved in H₂O. The two stock solutions were mixed in NMR spectroscopy tubes in different ratios. In this way, relative concentrations (molar fraction, α) were varied continuously but their sum was kept constant (2.0 mM). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded for each sample and values of the chemical shifts of the host (δ_{obs}) were measured. The Job plot was obtained by plotting ($\delta_{obs}-\delta_{free}$) α vs α , for which δ_{free} is the chemical shift of the proton in the uncomplexed host. The stoichiometry of the complex was obtained from the value of the molar fraction, α , at which a maximum is observed (i.e., $\alpha_{max} = 0.5$ observed for 1:1 complexation).



Fig. ESI-11 Job plot of (*R*)-carnitine *R*-9 with host *PL*-2; α is the host's mole fraction.

NMR Titrations

All ¹H NMR titration experiments were performed in CD₃CN (unless otherwise noted) and were conducted according to the following example. Into a solution of hemicryptophane (0.785 mM in CD₃CN, 1000 μ L) in an NMR spectroscopy tube was added sequentially 5 μ L aliquots of a solution of carnitine (15.7 mM) and hemicryptophane (0.785 mM) in CD₃CN. In this way the concentration of carnitine increased while keeping the concentration of the hemicryptophane constant. The carnitine/hemicryptophane solution was prepared by addition of a 10 μ L aliquot from a 1.57 M stock solution of carnitine in H₂O to a solution of hemicryptophane (0.785 mM) in CD₃CN (1000 μ L). The change in chemical shift ($\Delta\delta$) of the proton signals of the host were measured after each addition and plotted as a function of the guest/host ratio. Association constants *K*_a were obtained by nonlinear least-squares fitting of this plot using the WinEQNMR2 program.



Fig. ESI-12 ¹H NMR titration of hemicryptophane *PL-2* with (*R*)-carnitine *R-9*; $\delta_{NH(Gly)}$ of *PL-2* as a function of [*R-9*]/[*PL-2*] ratio.



Fig. ESI-13 ¹H NMR titration of hemicryptophane *PL*-2 with (*S*)-carnitine *S*-9; $\delta_{NH(Gly)}$ of *PL*-2 as a function of [*S*-9]/[*PL*-2] ratio.



Fig. ESI-14 ¹**H NMR titration of hemicryptophane** *ML-2* with (*R*)-carnitine *R-9*; $\delta_{NH(Gly)}$ of *ML-2* as a function of [*R-9*]/[*ML-2*] ratio.



Fig. ESI-15 ¹H NMR titration of hemicryptophane *ML*-2 with (*S*)-carnitine *S*-9; $\delta_{NH(Gly)}$ of *ML*-2 as a function of [*S*-9]/[*ML*-2] ratio.

Table ESI-1: K_a values determined from ¹H NMR titrations calculated from shifts of glycyl NH and CTV OMe protons ($\Delta\delta$ plots for OMe peaks; data not shown).

Host	Guest	$\Delta \delta_{max}$ (Gly-NH)	Ka	$\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}$ (OMe)	Ka
PL- 2	R- 9	-0.8945	$4.1 \pm 0.3 \times 10^3$	0.0265	$4.04 \pm 0.04 \times 10^3$
PL- 2	S- 9	-0.5937	$2.7 \pm 0.2 \times 10^3$	0.0172	$2.61 \pm 0.02 \times 10^3$
ML- 2	R- 9	-0.7194	$9.1 \pm 0.1 \times 10^2$	-0.0101	$1.02 \pm 0.01 \times 10^3$
ML- 2	S- 9	-0.4791	$6.9 \pm 0.5 \times 10^2$	-0.0034	$6.37 \pm 0.04 \times 10^2$

Control binding experiments were conducted with cyclic peptide c(GYGYGY) **6** to confirm the ditopic binding of **9** with hemicryptophane *PL*-**2**. ¹H NMR titrations were conducted in d₆-DMSO as **6** was insoluble in CD₃CN. Binding of hemicryptophane *PL*-**2** with (*R*)-carnitine **9** was also determined in d₆-DMSO. The solutions were prepared in the same manner as described above.



Fig. ESI-16 ¹H NMR titration of cyclic peptide 6 with carnitine *R*-9 in d₆-DMSO;

 $\delta_{\text{NH(Gly)}}$ of **6** as a function of [*R*-**9**]/[**6**] ratio. $K_a = 2.1 \pm 0.1 \times 10^2$



Fig. ESI-17 ¹H NMR titration of hemicryptophane *PL*-2 with (*R*)-carnitine *R*-9 d₆-DMSO; $\delta_{\text{NH(Gly)}}$ of *PL*-2 as a function of [*R*-9]/[*PL*-2] ratio. $K_a = 5.4 \pm 0.1 \times 10^2$



S19



Linear deprotected peptide4 (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆). Method B

Cyclic hexapeptide c(YGYGYG) 6 (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆). Method A



S21





Tris-vanillyl cyclic peptide 8 (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)





Tris-vanillyl cyclic peptide 8 (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)

Tris-vanillyl cyclic peptide 8 (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



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Hemicrytophane *PL-2* (500 MHz, acetone-*d*₆)



Hemicrytophane PL-2 (500 MHz, CD₃CN)



Hemicrytophane PL-2 (125 MHz, acetone-d₆)









Hemicrytophane ML-2 (500 MHz, acetone-d₆)



Hemicrytophane *ML*-2 (500 MHz, CD₃CN-*d*₃)



Hemicrytophane *ML*-2 (125 MHz, acetone-*d*₆)



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Hemicrytophane ML-2 (125 MHz, acetone-d₆) HSQC

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