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Thermodynamic and structural characterization of the nickel(II) and zinc(II) complexes of various peptide fragments of tau protein

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Scheme S1: Structural formulae of the studied peptides from the N-terminal domain of tau protein



Scheme S2: Structural formulae of the studied peptides from the R3 region of tau protein

	Ac-EVMEDHAG- NH ₂	Ac-KGGYTMHK- NH ₂	Ac-KGGATMHK-NH ₂	Ac-EDHAGTMHQD- NH ₂	Ac-GNIHHKPG- NH ₂	- Ac-GNGHHKPG- NH ₂	Ac- GNIHHKAG- NH ₂
	Tau(9-16)	Tau(26-33) (Gln/Lys)	Tau(26-33) (Gln/Lys)(Tyr/Ala)	Tau(12-16)(30-34)	Tau(326-333)		
$pK(Im_1)$	6.70	6.22	6.18	6.27	5.81	5.86	6.07
$pK(Im_2)$	_	_	_	7.12	6.71	6.69	6.64
$pK(Asp_1)$	3.41	_	_	3.21	_	_	_
$pK(Asp_2)$	_	_	_	3.85	_	_	_
$pK(Glu_1)$	4.14	_	_	4.48	_	_	_
$pK(Glu_2)$	4.68	_	_	-	_	_	_
$pK(Lys_1)$	_	10.13	9.93	-	10.17	10.26	10.24
$pK(Lys_2)$	_	10.71	10.77	-	_	_	_
pK(Tyr)	_	9.38	_	_	_	_	_

Table S1: Deprotonation constants (pK) of the studied peptides (T = 298 K, I = 0.2 M KCl)



Figure S1: Concentration distribution curves of the major species formed in the nickel(II)-tau(9-16) system in equimolar concentration (c(L) = 1 mM)



Figure S2: Concentration distribution curves of the major species formed in the nickel(II)tau(26-33) (Gln/Lys)(Tyr/Ala) (Ac-KGGATMHK-NH₂) system in equimolar concentration (c(L) = 1 mM)



Figure S3: pH dependent absorption (a) and CD spectra (b) of the nickel(II)-Ac-EVMDHAG-NH₂ system in equimolar sample (c(L) = 1.00 mM)



Figure S4: pH dependent absorption spectra of the nickel(II)-Ac-GNIHHKPG-NH₂ system in equimolar sample (c(L) = 1.63 mM)



Figure S5: pH dependent CD spectra of the nickel(II)-Ac-GNIHHKPG-NH₂ system in equimolar system (c(L) = 1.63 mM)



Figure S6: Metal ion speciation of the nickel(II)-Ac-GNGAHKPG-NH₂ system in equimolar sample (c(L) = 2.033 mM)



Figure S7: Enlargement of the a) measured ESI mass spectrum of the $[ZnH_{-2}L]$ species in the zinc(II):Ac-GNIHHKPG-NH₂ system at pH 10 (m/z = 500.677) and b) the simulated spectrum of the $[ZnC_{39}H_{59}N_{15}O_{10}]K^+H^+$ species (m/z = 500.678)