

# Amino Acid Side Chain Induced Selectivity in the Hydrolysis of Peptides Catalyzed by a Zr(IV)-Substituted Wells-Dawson Type Polyoxometalate

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## Supporting Information

Table S1. Fitting indices and hydrolysis yields at the end of the kinetic reaction.

Dipeptide	R <sup>2</sup> -value	Hydrolysis yield	Dipeptide	R <sup>2</sup> -value	Hydrolysis yield
Gly-Gly	0,998	100%	Gly-Ser	0,99	97%
Gly-Ala	0,999	73%	Ser-Gly	0,986	50%
Ala-Gly	0,982	73%	Gly-Thr	0,997	100%
Gly-Val	0,993	69%	Gly-Tyr	0,974	55%
Gly-Leu	0,997	70%	Leu-Ser	0,997	100%
Gly-Ile	0,993	94%	Ile-Ser	0,966	75%
Gly-Phe	0,996	96%	Gly-Lys	0,996	75%
Gly-Asp	0,994	95%	Gly-Arg	0,996	81%
Gly-Asn	0,972	92%	Gly-His	0,991	94%
Gly-Glu	0,997	56%	His-Gly	0,995	81%
Gly-Gln	0,986	77%			

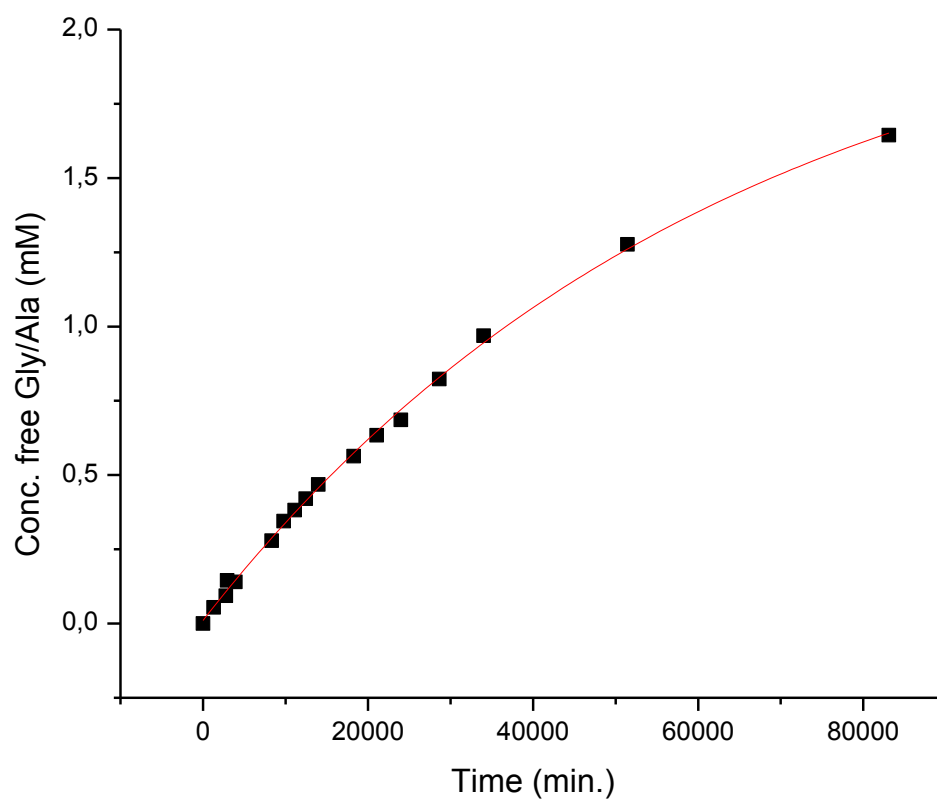


Figure S1. Concentration of the free amino acids Gly/Ala in function of time during the hydrolysis of 2mM Gly-Ala in the presence of 2mM of 1 (pD 5.0, 60 °C). An exponential fit was used to determine the  $k_{\text{obs}}$  of the hydrolysis reaction.

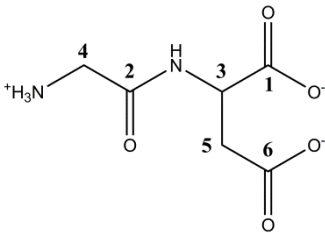
Table S2. Comparison of the reaction behavior of Gly-Ala and Ala-Gly in an equimolar mixture with 1(1:1, 2 mM, pD 5, 60 °C).

Dipeptide start- product	t <sub>1/2</sub> for glycine formation	Max.% of cyclic product	Max.% of 'inversed' dipeptide
Gly-Ala	30 days	40	10
Ala-Gly	15.9 days	15	4

Table S3. Normalization factors for rate constant for the Gly-Aa dipeptides. (Factor = rate constant of the disappearance of the dipeptide / rate constant of growth free amino acid content)

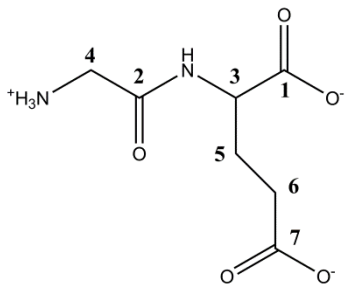
Dipeptide	Normalization factor
Gly-Gly	1.22
Gly-Ala	6.34
Gly-Val	1.0
Gly-Leu	4.58
Gly-Ile	1.29
Gly-Phe	1.58
Gly-Asp	1.99
Gly-Glu	2.94
Gly-Gln	3.87
Gly-Thr	1.26
Gly-Tyr	1.98
Gly-His	1.73

Table S4. Observed <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift values for the dipeptide Gly-Asp both in the presence and absence of 1 at pD 5.0.



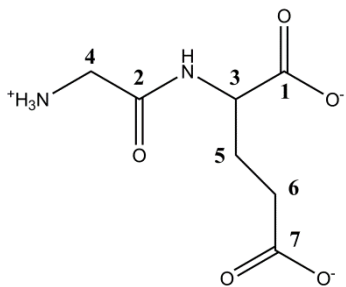
	Gly-Asp (ppm)	Gly-Asp + Zr-WD-POM (ppm)	$\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
C <sub>O</sub> Asp (1)	177.52	178.05	0.53
C <sub>O</sub> Gly (2)	166.45	166.51	0.06
C <sub>O</sub> Asp (6)	177.35	177.94	0.58
C <sub><math>\alpha</math></sub> Asp (3)	52.44	52.91	0.46
C <sub><math>\alpha</math></sub> Gly (4)	40.54	40.69	0.14
C <sub><math>\beta</math></sub> Asp (5)	38.38	38.98	0.60

Table S5. Observed <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift values for the dipeptide Gly-Glu both in the presence and absence of 1 at pD 5.0. Only the 1:2 species is found at these conditions



	16 mM Gly-Glu (ppm)	16 mM Gly-Glu + 4 mM Zr-WD-POM (ppm)	$\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
Co Glu (1)	178.08	178.19	0.11
Co Gly (2)	166.48	166.56	0.08
Co Glu (7)	179.86	180.23	0.37
Ca Glu (3)	54.92	54.94	0.02
Ca Gly (4)	40.46	40.56	0.10
C $\beta$ Glu (5)	27.51	27.56	0.05
C $\gamma$ Glu (6)	32.31	32.56	0.25

Table S6. Observed <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift values for the dipeptide Gly-Glu both in the presence and absence of 1 at pD 5.0. About 83.1 % of 1:1 and 16.9 % of 1:2 species are present at these conditions.



	2 mM Gly-Glu (ppm)	2 mM Gly-Glu + 0.5 mM Zr-WD-POM (ppm)	$\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
Co Glu (1)	178.06	178.33	0.27
Co Gly (2)	166.48	166.46	-0.02
Co Glu (7)	179.84	181.22	1.38
C $\alpha$ Glu (3)	54.93	55.19	0.26
C $\alpha$ Gly (4)	40.47	40.52	0.05
C $\beta$ Glu (5)	27.52	27.94	0.42
C $\gamma$ Glu (6)	32.3	33.32	1.02



Table S7. <sup>1</sup>H shifts of three protons in Gly-His at different pD-values.

pD	$\alpha$ -H Gly $\Delta\delta$ (ppm)	C <sub>7</sub> -H $\Delta\delta$ (ppm)	C <sub>8</sub> -H $\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
4.0	0.31	0.15	0.29
5.0	0.34	0.15	0.31
6.5	0.33	0.19	0.43
8.0	0.33	0.30	0.75

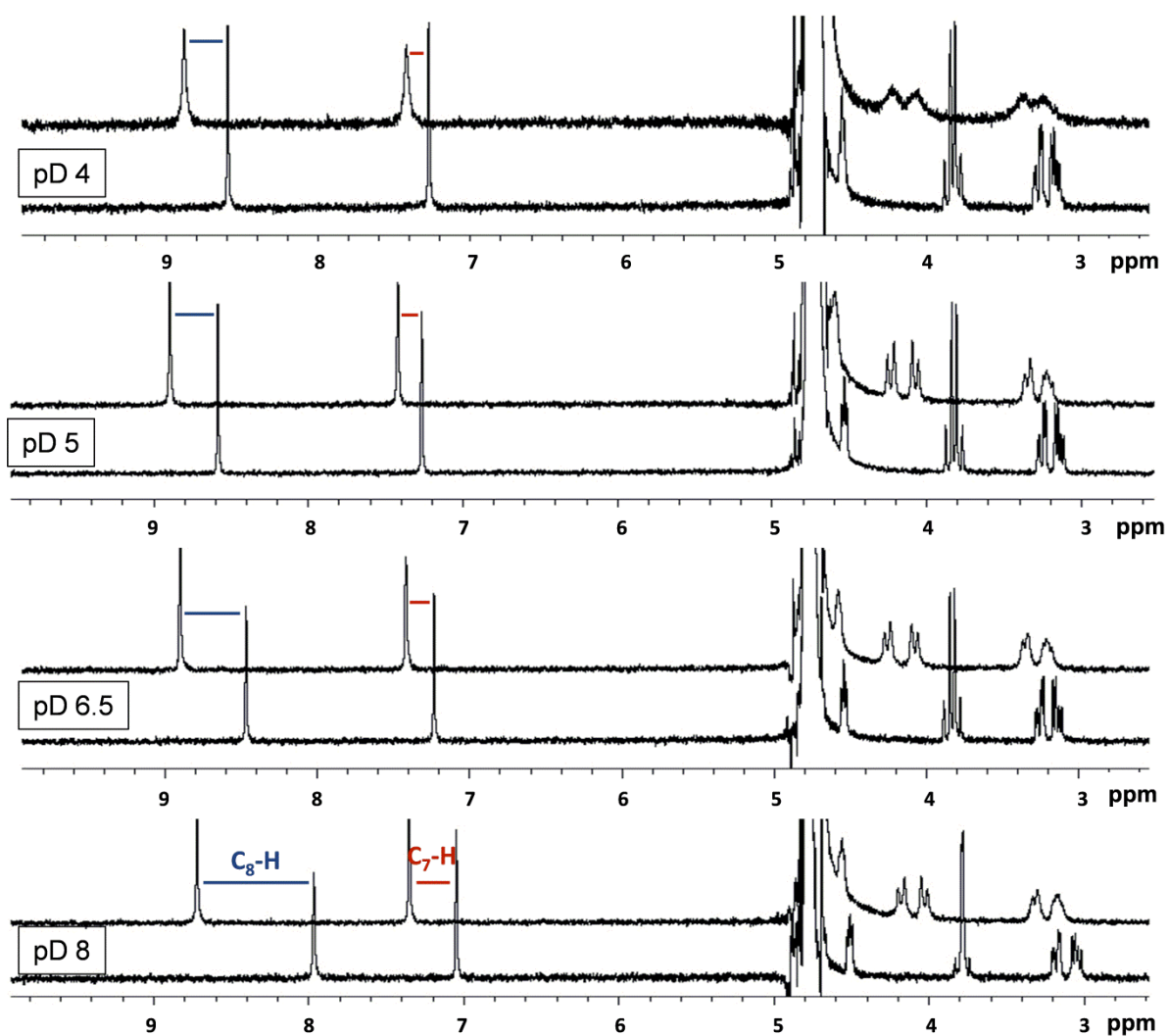


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Gly-His in the presence (upper) and absence (lower) of 1 at different pD-values.

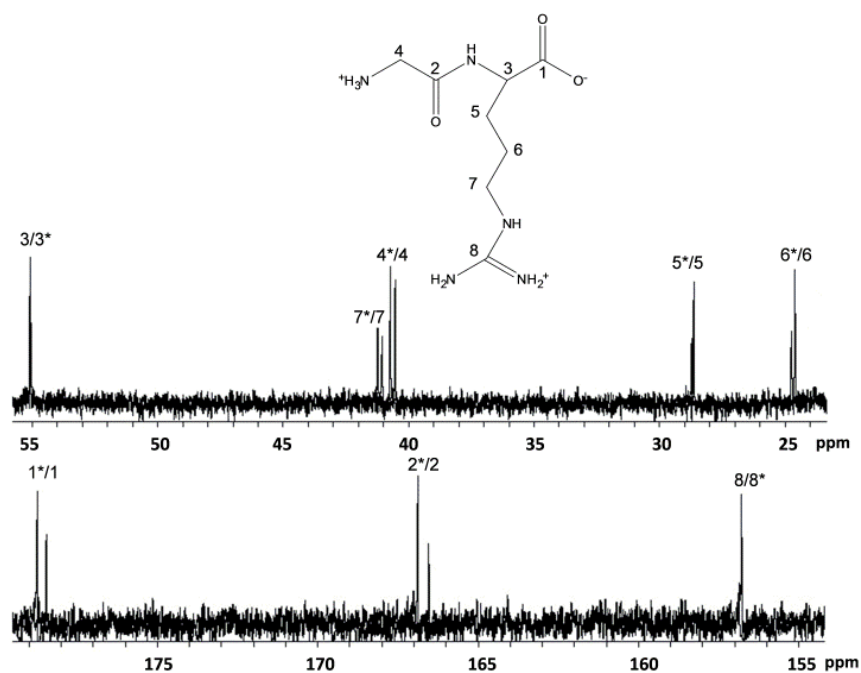


Figure S3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Gly-Arg in the presence (\*) and absence of 1.

Table S8. Observed <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift values for the dipeptide Gly-Arg both in the presence and absence of 1 at pD 5.0.

	30.0 mM Gly-Arg	24.0 mM Gly-Arg + 8.0 mM 1	Δ(ppm)
C <sub>O</sub> Arg (1)	178.43	178.71	0.28
C <sub>O</sub> Gly (2)	166.51	166.85	0.34
C <sub>α</sub> Arg (3)	55.06	55.02	-0.04
C <sub>α</sub> Gly (4)	40.41	41.03	0.52
C <sub>β</sub> Arg (5)	28.61	28.69	0.08
C <sub>γ</sub> Arg (6)	24.59	24.71	0.13
C <sub>δ</sub> Arg (7)	40.71	41.21	0.51
C <sub>N</sub> Arg (8)	156.83	156.76	-0.07