

Supporting Information

Conformational ensembles of flexible β -turn mimetics in DMSO- d_6

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Aggregation studies

Figure S1 shows the variation in the amide proton ^1H NMR chemical shifts for APGA in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ as a function of the logarithm of peptide concentration. The chemical shift of an amide proton is often very sensitive to hydrogen bonding. Consequently, these data provide insight on the concentrations at which aggregation (*i.e.* intermolecular hydrogen bonding) occurs. None of the three amide protons display concentration dependence, suggesting that this peptide does not aggregate in the concentration range examined. Figure S2 shows the ^1H NMR spectra for APGA over a concentration range of 1.6 to 100 mM in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$. The observed chemical shifts as well as spectral line widths in this concentration range are essentially unchanged, supporting the conclusion that intermolecular association is absent over the concentration range examined. Because A(4*R*)MePGA and A(4*S*)MePGA have only one additional methyl group in the proline ring, it was concluded that these peptides exhibit virtually identical aggregation behavior as observed for APGA.

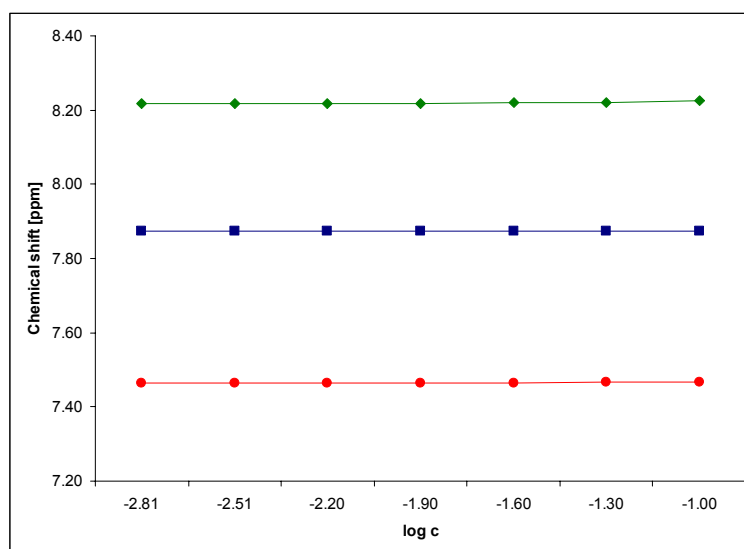


Figure S1. Amide proton chemical shifts in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 299 K, as a function of the logarithm of APGA concentration: (♦) Gly-NH, (■) Ala²-NH, and (●) Ala¹-NH.

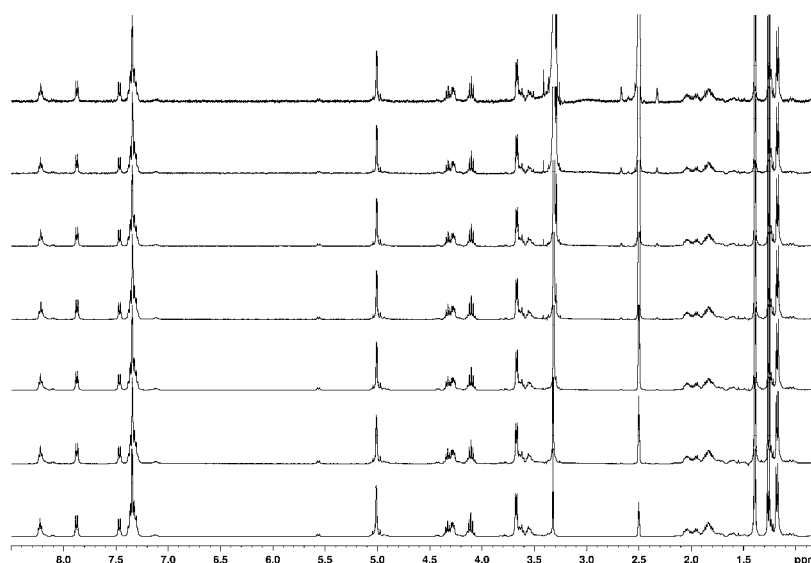


Figure S2. The ^1H NMR spectra for APGA over a concentration range of 1.6 (top) to 100 mM (bottom) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ at 299 K. The spectra have been normalized to approximately same peak intensity.

For a comparison, aggregation studies of APGA were performed also in CDCl_3 solution. Figure S3 shows the variation in the amide proton ^1H NMR chemical shifts for APGA in CDCl_3 as a function of the logarithm of peptide concentration. In Figure S4, the ^1H NMR spectra for APGA over a concentration range of 1.6 to 100 mM in CDCl_3 is displayed. These data show that APGA has a strong tendency to aggregate in CDCl_3 , even at low concentrations.

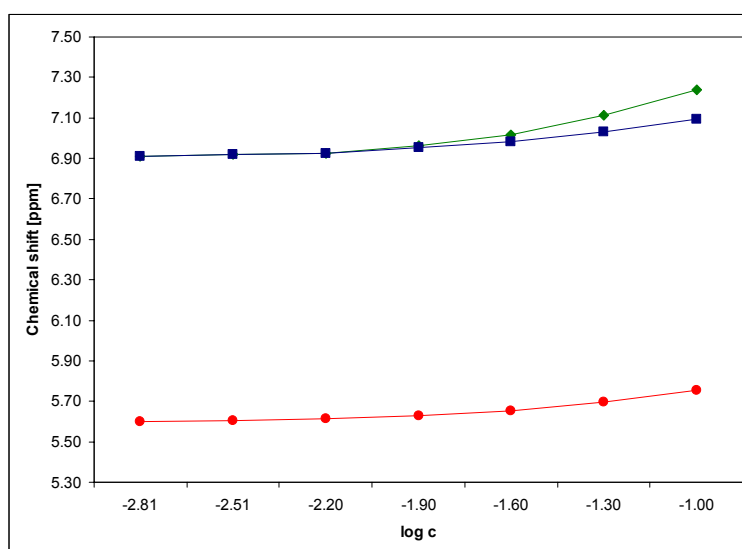


Figure S3. Amide proton chemical shifts in CDCl_3 at 299 K, as a function of the logarithm of APGA

concentration: (◆) Gly-NH, (■) Ala²-NH, and (●) Ala¹-NH.

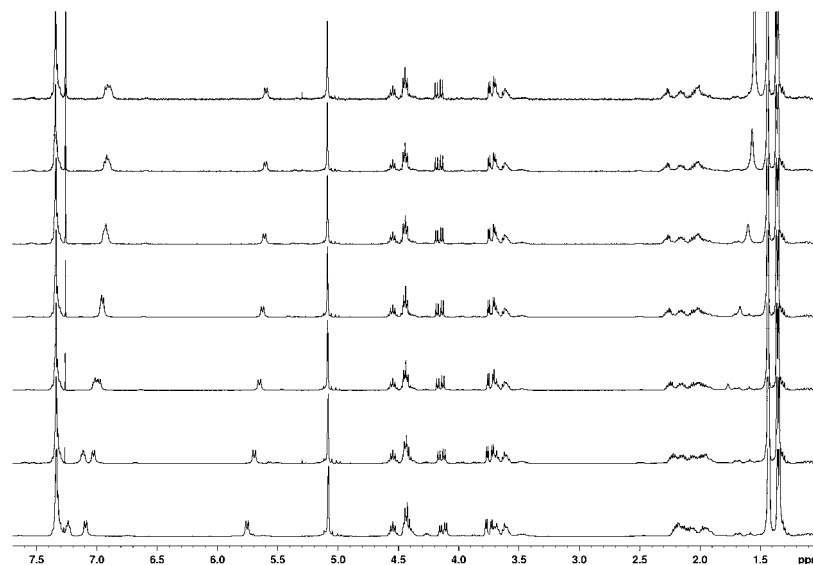


Figure S4. The ¹H NMR spectra for APGA over a concentration range of 1.6 (top) to 100 mM (bottom) in CDCl₃ at 299 K. The spectra have been normalized to approximately same peak intensity.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR parameters for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA**Table S1.** ^1H NMR chemical shifts for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA in DMSO-*d*₆ at 299 K (ppm).

| proton | APGA | A(4 <i>R</i>)MePGA | A(4 <i>S</i>)MePGA |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CBz-Ar | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| CBz-CH ₂ | 5.026; 5.005 | 5.016 | 5.006 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | 7.477 | 7.519 | 7.402 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | 4.329 | 4.306 | 4.314 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 1.179 | 1.174 | 1.164 |
| Pro-H α | 4.279 | 4.332 | 4.231 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 2.042 | 1.681 | 2.246 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | 1.818 | 1.940 | 1.390 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 1.857 | | 2.215 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | 1.955 | 2.407 | |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 3.631 | 3.133 | 3.945 |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | 3.549 | 3.712 | 3.009 |
| Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 0.970 | 1.026 |
| Gly-NH | 8.231 | 8.185 | 8.351 |
| Gly-H α ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 3.674 ^a | 3.652 | 3.631 |
| Gly-H α ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | 3.674 ^a | 3.692 | 3.694 |
| Ala ² -NH | 7.882 | 7.863 | 7.875 |
| Ala ² -H α | 4.105 | 4.106 | 4.095 |
| Ala ² -CH ₃ | 1.261 | 1.257 | 1.268 |
| O <i>t</i> Bu-CH ₃ | 1.393 | 1.393 | 1.391 |

^a Degeneracy resulted in a deceptively simple triplet.

Table S2. ¹H NMR coupling constants for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA in DMSO-*d*₆ at 299 K (Hz).^a

| proton 1 | proton 2 | APGA | A(4 <i>R</i>)MePGA | A(4 <i>S</i>)MePGA |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -Hα | 7.36 | 7.55 | 7.13 |
| Ala ¹ -Hα | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 6.95 | 6.93 | 7.01 |
| Gly-Hα ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Gly-Hα ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | | -17.09 | -16.94 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-Hα ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | 5.97 | 5.93 | 5.70 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-Hα ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | 5.97 | 6.05 | 6.24 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -Hα | 6.89 | 6.96 | 6.77 |
| Ala ² -Hα | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 7.31 | 7.30 | 7.31 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | 8.26 | 8.90 | 7.38 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | 4.79 | 3.02 | 9.58 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | -12.46 | -12.59 | -11.98 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | 6.91 | | 6.43 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | 8.09 | 9.53 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | 6.00 | | 11.40 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | 6.77 | 6.28 | |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | -12.21 | | |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | 7.11 | | 7.50 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | 5.69 | | 10.24 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | 7.46 | 8.22 | |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | 7.17 | 7.48 | |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | -9.98 | -9.82 | -9.80 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)}} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | | 6.34 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)}} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 6.63 | |
| CBz-CH ¹ | CBz-CH ² | -12.84 | | |

^a Coupling constants in italics were not used in the NAMFIS analysis.

Table S3. Off-resonance ROESY derived interproton distances for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA in DMSO-*d*₆ at 299 K (Å).

| proton 1 | proton 2 | APGA | A(4 <i>R</i>)MePGA | A(4 <i>S</i>)MePGA |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -Hα | 2.60 | 2.60 | 2.58 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.75 | 2.76 | 2.76 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 3.81 | 3.55 | 3.78 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 4.12 | 4.44 | 3.96 |
| Ala ¹ -Hα | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.52 | 2.51 | 2.52 |
| Ala ¹ -Hα | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 2.18 | | 2.02 |
| Ala ¹ -Hα | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | 2.30 | 2.24 | 2.73 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | 3.70 | 4.47 | 3.87 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | 3.14 | 3.12 | 3.10 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Gly-NH | 4.26 | 4.39 | 4.31 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Ala ² -NH | 4.31 | 4.40 | 4.44 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | | 2.25 | |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 2.71 | 2.78 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 3.79 | |
| Pro-Hα | Gly-NH | 2.07 | 2.15 | 2.02 |
| Pro-Hα | Ala ² -NH | 3.77 | 3.67 | 3.58 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 1.78 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 2.90 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | | 2.85 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 2.97 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Gly-NH | | | 3.41 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 2.36 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 3.38 | 2.65 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 3.49 | |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Gly-NH | 3.02 | 3.17 | 3.12 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | | 2.92 | |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 2.29 | |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 2.66 | |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Gly-NH | | 3.12 | |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | | 1.78 ^a | 1.78 ^a |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>R</i>)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 2.94 | 3.58 |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 3.22 | 2.90 |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(<i>S</i>)} | Gly-NH | 3.45 | | 3.55 |
| Gly-NH | Ala ² -NH | 2.61 | 2.72 | 2.50 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -Hα | 2.48 | 2.47 | 2.48 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.70 | 2.70 | 2.70 |
| Ala ² -Hα | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.45 ^a | 2.45 | 2.46 |

^a Internal calibration distance.

Table S4. ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA in DMSO- d_6 at 299 K (ppm).

| carbon | APGA | A(4 <i>R</i>)MePGA | A(4 <i>S</i>)MePGA |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| CBz-Ar | 128.31; 127.77; 127.68 | 128.32; 127.77; 127.65 | 128.30; 127.76; 127.65 |
| CBz-Ar(q) | 137.02 | 137.08 | 137.03 |
| CBz-CH ₂ | 65.36 | 65.32 | 65.33 |
| CBz-CO | 155.61 | 155.60 | 155.62 |
| Ala ¹ -C α | 47.97 | 47.89 | 48.01 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 16.68 | 16.74 | 16.49 |
| Ala ¹ -CO | 171.05 | 171.08 | 170.77 |
| Pro-C α | 59.86 | 59.78 | 60.68 |
| Pro-C β | 28.93 | 36.49 | 36.90 |
| Pro-C γ | 24.58 | 32.03 | 33.22 |
| Pro-C δ | 46.72 | 53.39 | 53.71 |
| Pro-4-CH ₃ | | 16.99 | 16.49 |
| Pro-CO | 171.86 | 171.80 | 171.73 |
| Gly-C α | 41.71 | 41.67 | 41.83 |
| Gly-CO | 168.61 | 168.60 | 168.65 |
| Ala ² -C α | 48.25 | 48.23 | 48.29 |
| Ala ² -CH ₃ | 17.02 | 17.04 | 16.97 |
| Ala ² -CO | 171.66 | 171.65 | 171.66 |
| O <i>t</i> Bu-C(q) | 80.34 | 80.36 | 80.29 |
| O <i>t</i> Bu-CH ₃ | 27.59 | 27.58 | 27.59 |

Classification of β -turns

By definition, a β -turn comprises four consecutive amino acids where the distance between $C^\alpha(i) - C^\alpha(i + 3)$ is less than 7 \AA , and the tetrapeptide chain is not in a helical conformation.¹ A β -turn can be stabilized by a hydrogen bond between the backbone $CO(i)$ and the backbone $NH(i + 3)$ or it can be “open”, *i.e.* have no intraturn hydrogen bond.² The classification of β -turns is based on the preferred ϕ and ψ values of the central residues $i + 1$ and $i + 2$. The currently accepted nomenclature, described by Hutchinson and Thornton,³ contains nine distinct types of β -turn: I, I', II, II', IV, VIa1, VIa2, VIb, and VIII. Each of these turn types, except type IV, have idealized ϕ, ψ values from which the maximum deviation of $\pm 30^\circ$ is allowed on three of these angles, while the fourth can deviate $\pm 45^\circ$. If the criteria are not fulfilled, the turn is classified as type IV. However, it has been argued that a representative type IV turn does not rigorously satisfy the definition of an authentic β -turn and therefore cannot be considered one.¹ The majority of β -turns (excluding type IV) in folded proteins adopt type I and type II conformations.

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Detection of β -turns by ^1H NMR

The peptides under study contain only L-amino acids. Therefore, not all types of β -turn are relevant. For peptides with *trans* proline peptide bonds and a proline residue at the $i + 1$ position of the turn, only the type I and II β -turns need to be considered. All three peptides contain the Pro-Gly motif, which is known to strongly prefer the type II β -turn conformations over the type I β -turn conformations.¹⁻⁴ Therefore, the type II β -turn structures are expected to be significantly more populated than the type I β -turn structures. The low population of the type I β -turns can be rationalized by the lack of favorable side chain interactions in the Pro-Gly motif. The characteristic NOE connectivities for several different types of β -turns have been summarized by Wüthrich *et al.*⁵ For both type I and type II β -turns, a strong $d(NH_{i+2}, NH_{i+3})$ NOE connectivity should be observed together with a weaker $d(H\alpha_{i+1}, NH_{i+3})$ connectivity. Type I and type II turns can be distinguished by the NOE connectivity between the backbone protons of residues $i + 1$ and $i + 2$: $d(NH_{i+1}, NH_{i+2})$ connectivities

are expected for type I turns, whereas $d(\text{H}\alpha_{i+1}, \text{NH}_{i+2})$ connectivities are expected for type II turns. However, detection of the $d(\text{NH}_{i+1}, \text{NH}_{i+2})$ connectivity is not possible for the peptides under study, since the residue $i + 1$ is proline in all cases. In this case, the Pro- $\text{H}\delta^{\text{pro}(S)}$ proton may be regarded as equivalent to an NH proton. Type I and type II β -turns can also, in principle, be distinguished on the basis of ${}^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ coupling constants at positions $i + 1$ and $i + 2$ of the turn.⁶ This coupling constant should adopt a value of approximately 5.5 – 6.5 Hz for $\phi = 80^\circ$ at position $i + 2$ in type II turns and 7 – 8 Hz for $\phi = -90^\circ$ in type I turns. In both type I and type II turns, residue $i + 1$ should have a ${}^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ of about 4 – 4.5 Hz for $\phi = -60^\circ$. Except for the peptides in which the population of β -turn structures is very large, ${}^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ coupling constants are not much reduced below the extended chain values. Therefore, they are less useful than other parameters in distinguishing between different types of β -turn.

Linear peptides, such as those under study, are present in solution as conformational ensembles containing a large number of widely different conformers, so that the observable NMR parameters represent population weighted averaged values.⁷⁻⁹ However, the characteristic NOE/ROE connectivities and ${}^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ coupling constants, which are diagnostics of β -turns, are often sufficient to identify even quite small populations of these structures. The qualitative analysis of the T-ROESY spectra provided evidence for relatively stable β -turn structures in APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA in DMSO- d_6 solution. All three peptides displayed a strong connectivity between Gly-NH and Ala²-NH resonances together with a weak connectivity between Pro-H α and Ala²-NH resonances. In addition, a strong correlation between Pro-H α and Gly-NH was observed for all peptides under study. These findings suggested that the type II β -turn conformations were highly populated in an ensemble of conformations available for these peptides. However, in addition to the above-mentioned correlations, a weak correlation between Pro- $\text{H}\delta^{\text{pro}(S)}$ and Gly-NH was observed for all three peptides. Consequently, type I β -turn conformations may also exist in the conformational pool of these peptides. The existence of the type I turn structures was supported by observation of a weak correlation between Ala¹-CH₃ and Gly-NH resonances for all peptides under study. In addition to the above-mentioned connectivities, several other inter- and intraresidue correlations were observed in the T-ROESY spectra of all three peptides. Many of these connectivities cannot be explained by a single conformation. For example, a strong sequential $d(\text{H}\alpha_i, \text{NH}_{i+1})$ connectivity (for proline and 4-methylproline, $d(\text{H}\alpha_i, \text{H}\delta_{i+1})$ connectivity) was observed together with a weak $d(\text{H}\beta_i, \text{NH}_{i+1})$ correlation between Pro and Gly residues. In addition, weak $d(\text{H}\beta_i, \text{NH}_{i+3})$ and $d(\text{NH}_i, \text{H}\beta_{i+3})$ connectivities were

observed between Ala¹ and Ala² residues. Among the intraresidue connectivities observed were $d(\text{H}\alpha_i, \text{NH}_i)$ connectivity for Ala¹, Gly, and Ala² residues, and $d(\text{H}\beta_i, \text{NH}_i)$ connectivity for Ala¹ and Ala² residues. Furthermore, several correlations between the protons of the proline ring were observed.

The $^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ coupling constants of flexible peptides often give equivocal results and are usually of less value than NOE/ROE connectivities in identifying different classes of β -turn structures. In the peptides under study, the $^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ coupling constant value of the pro(*R*) C ^{α} H proton of Gly residues lies between 5.7 and 6.0 Hz, which is in the range of the expected value for a type II β -turn (5.5 – 6.5 Hz for $\phi = 80^\circ$). However, these values are not greatly different from the value of *ca.* 7 – 8 Hz observed for unfolded peptides. The low field C ^{α} H proton of Gly residues was tentatively assigned as pro(*S*) (except for APGA, in which degeneracy results in a deceptively simple triplet), based on a proposed connection between chemical shift and coupling constant for the assignment of diastereotopic Gly C ^{α} H protons (according to this proposition, low field and large coupling imply pro(*S*) configuration).¹⁰ See Table S2 for the measured $^3J(\text{NH}, \text{H}\alpha)$ coupling constants for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA.

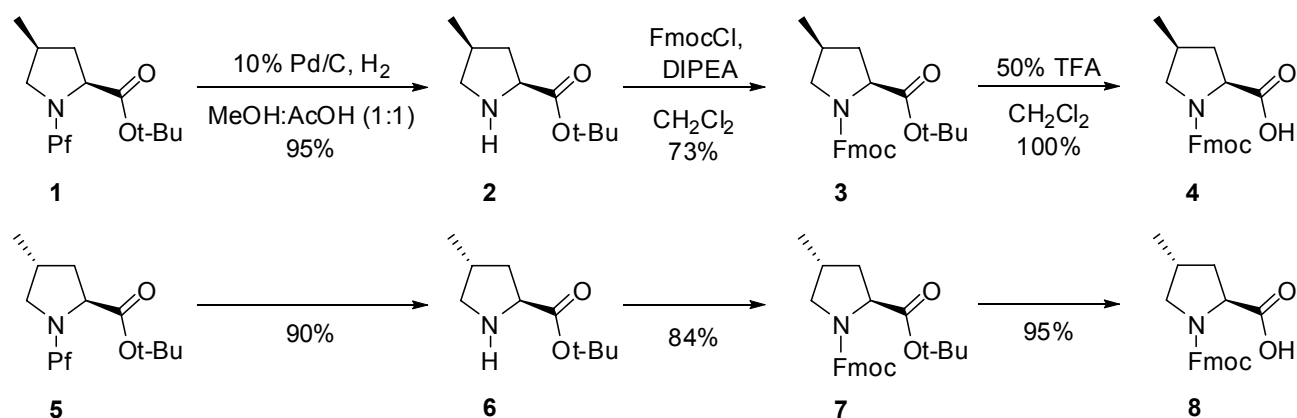
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Synthesis

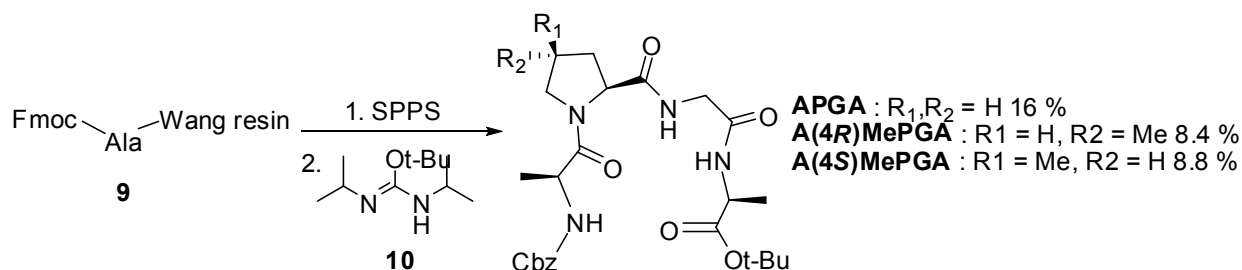
Diastereomerically pure fully protected proline **1** was obtained using literature procedure described by Koskinen *et al.* (Scheme S1).¹ Pf-protection from this proline **1** was removed by hydrogenation in excellent crude yield (95%). Reprotection with Fmoc-group in moderate yield (73%) and removal of *tert*-butyl ester with 50% TFA in dichloromethane in quantitative yield gave finally (2*S*,4*S*)-4-methylproline **4** suitable for solid phase peptide synthesis (SPPS). The (2*S*,4*R*) diastereomer **5** was reacted in the same fashion as the (2*S*,4*S*) diastereomer **1**, giving similar yields.

Scheme S1

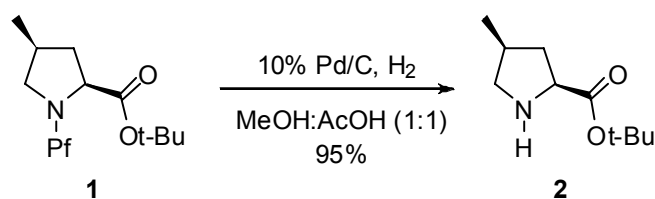


Peptide synthesis was carried out using SPPS techniques starting from commercially available Wang resin **9** (Scheme S2). First, the functionality of the synthetic route was tested using natural (2*S*)-proline. After esterification of the crude peptide with isourea **10**, it was purified using flash chromatography and fully protected APGA was obtained in 16% overall yield. The procedure was deemed reliable and it was repeated using the two 4-methylprolines. With (2*S*,4*S*)-4-methylproline, A(4*S*)MePGA was after flash chromatography in 15% yield. Further purification with the preparative HPLC lowered the yield to 8.8%. In a similar fashion with (2*S*,4*R*)-4-methylproline yields of A(4*R*)MePGA were 15% and 8.4%.

Scheme S2



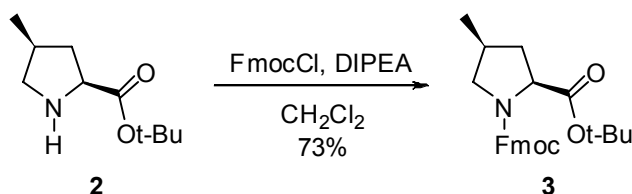
General methods. All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in flame-dried glassware, unless otherwise noted. Nonaqueous reagents were transferred under argon *via* syringe or cannula and dried prior to use. MeOH was distilled from Mg(OMe)₂, and CH₂Cl₂ from CaH₂. Other solvents and reagents were used as obtained from supplier, unless otherwise noted. Analytical TLC was performed using Merck silica gel F₂₅₄ (10-12 μm) plates and analyzed by UV light or by staining upon heating either with ninhydrin solution (1 g ninhydrin, 100 mL ethanol, 5 drops glacial acetic acid), PMA solution (2.5 g phosphomolybdic acid, 100 mL EtOH, 5 mL conc. H₂SO₄, 1.5 mL 85% H₃PO₄) or KMnO₄ solution (1 g KMnO₄, 2 g Na₂CO₃, 100 mL H₂O). For silica gel chromatography, the flash chromatography technique was used, with Merck silica gel 60 (40-63 μm) and p.a. grade solvents, unless otherwise noted. Melting points were measured with a Gallenkamp GMP apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum One spectrometer. Optical rotations were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 343 polarimeter. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ at 298 K on a Bruker Avance DPX400 (¹H 400.13 MHz; ¹³C 100.61 MHz) spectrometer. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26) for ¹H NMR. For the ¹³C NMR spectra, the CDCl₃ (δ 77.0) was used as the internal standard. Brackets “[]” in NMR data denote rotameric pairs of protons or carbons. HRMS spectra were recorded on Waters LCT Premier mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN Elemental Analyzer.



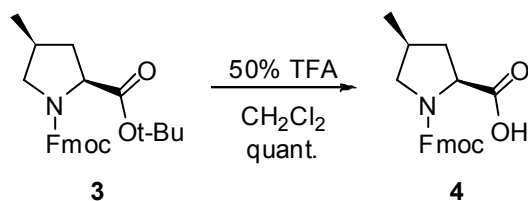
(2S,4S)-4-Methylproline *tert*-butyl ester (2). Following the procedure described by Koskinen *et al.*,¹ proline **1** (0.955 g, 2.24 mmol, 100 mol-%) was dissolved in MeOH (8.5 mL) and AcOH (8.5 mL). To this solution was added 10% Pd / C (0.11 g, 0.10 mmol, 5 mol-%) and flask was flushed with argon. Argon atmosphere was replaced with H₂ (1 atm) using suction. This procedure was repeated four times to remove all other gases and reaction mixture was stirred for 19 h at room temperature. The mixture

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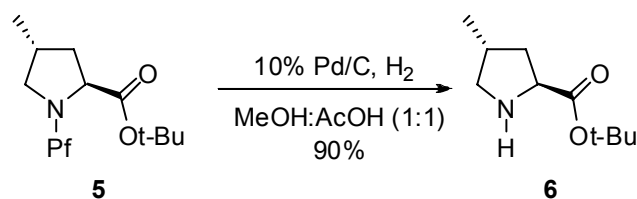
was filtered through celite followed by MeOH washings. Solvents were evaporated and the residue was partitioned between 1 M AcOH solution (20 mL) and ether (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether. The combined organic extracts were back extracted with 1 M AcOH solution (10 mL), and the combined aqueous phases were basified with saturated Na₂CO₃ solution. This aqueous phase was extracted five times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated to give 0.390 g (95%) of amine **2** as an oil. The crude product was used as such in the next reaction. *R_f* = 0.30 (10% MeOH / CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.35 (td, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 12.3 Hz), 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.15-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.29 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 2.46 (br s, 1H), 2.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.7 Hz, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 3.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.7 Hz, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 3.68 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz). These data match those reported in the literature.¹



(2*S*,4*S*)-4-Methyl *N*-[(9-fluorenyl)-methoxycarbonyl]-proline *tert*-butyl ester (3**).** To a stirred solution of amine **2** (0.395 g, 2.13 mmol, 100 mol-%) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added DIPEA (0.60 mL, 3.36 mmol, 160 mol-%) and FmocCl (0.840 g, 3.15 mmol, 150 mol-%) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 22 h and then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). The mixture was washed with 0.5 M H₃PO₄ solution (20 mL) and the organic phase was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo and purification with flash chromatography (5-10% EtOAc / hexanes gave) 0.760 g (87%) of proline **3** as off-white solids. Further purification by recrystallization from EtOAc / hexanes (1:4) gave pure **3** (0.638 g, 73%) as white granules. *R_f* = 0.53 (40% EtOAc / hexanes); mp. 135-136 °C; IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 2975, 2934, 1742, 1707, 1451, 1417, 1351, 1254, 1197, 1177, 1155, 1105, 758, 740; [α]²⁰ = -99.4 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [1.09 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 1.11 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 3H], [1.43 (s), 1.46 (s), 9H], 1.49-1.66 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.36 (m, 1H), [2.43 (td, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 2.51 (td, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 1H], [3.07, (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 3.11 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 1H], [3.79 (dd, *J* = 7.3 Hz, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 7.3 Hz, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 1H], 4.15-4.34 (m, 3H), 4.38-4.49 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.79 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.0, 17.1, 27.9, 27.9, 32.3, 33.2, 37.9, 39.0, 47.2, 47.2, 53.6, 54.0, 59.9, 60.2, 67.3, 67.6, 81.1, 81.3, 119.8, 125.1, 125.1, 125.4, 126.9, 126.9, 126.9, 127.0, 127.5, 127.6, 141.1, 141.2, 143.5, 143.9, 144.2, 144.3, 154.2, 154.5, 171.8, 172.0. Rotameric pairs could not be fully identified for ¹³C spectra. Anal. calcd. for C₂₅H₂₉NO₄: C, 73.68; H, 7.17; N, 3.44. Found: C, 73.84; H, 7.18; N, 3.37.



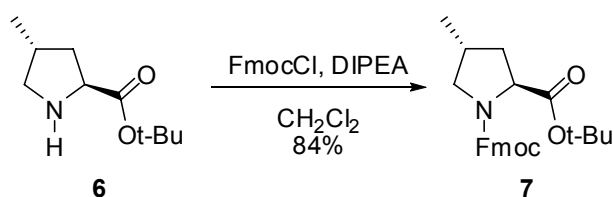
(2*S*,4*S*)-4-Methyl *N*-[(9-fluorenyl)-methoxycarbonyl]-proline (4). To a stirred solution of proline **3** (0.597 g, 1.46 mmol, 100 mol-%) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (7 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h, then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) and distilled water (15 mL) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organic phases washed with brine and the aqueous phase back extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated to dryness. Filtration through a 2 cm pad of silica using first 0-5% MeOH / CH₂Cl₂ gave 0.530 g (quant.) of off white foamish solid. *R_f* = 0.22 (10% MeOH / CH₂Cl₂); IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 3066 (broad band), 2959, 1747, 1705, 1451, 1425, 1354, 1195, 1178, 759, 737; [α]²⁰ = -69.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [1.03 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.07 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3H], 1.53-1.79 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.55 (m, 1H), [3.00 (t, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 3.04 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 1H], [3.75 (dd, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 1H], 4.05-4.40 (m, 3H), [4.44 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 4.46 (t, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 1H], 7.10-7.90 (m, 8H), 9.78 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 16.8, 17.0, 32.5, 33.1, 37.2, 38.9, 47.1, 53.6, 53.9, 58.8, 59.6, 67.5, 67.8, 119.8, 119.9, 124.8, 124.9, 125.0, 125.0, 127.0, 127.5, 127.7, 141.1, 141.2, 143.6, 143.6, 143.8, 144.0, 154.3, 155.5, 176.6, 178.1. Rotameric pairs could not be fully identified for ¹³C spectra. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calc. for C₂₁H₂₁NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 374.1368, found: 374.1381, Δ = 3.5 ppm.



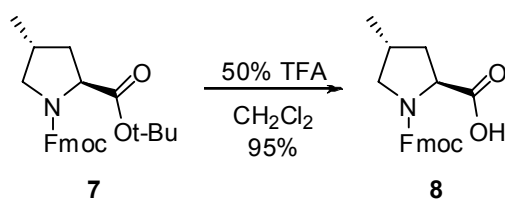
(2*S*,4*R*)-4-Methylproline *tert*-butyl ester (6). Following the procedure described for (2*S*,4*S*)-diastereomer **2** using 0.360 g (0.84 mmol, 100%) of proline **5** to give amine **6** (0.141 g, 90%) as an oil. The product was used as such. *R_f* = 0.22 (10% MeOH / CH₂Cl₂); IR (thin film, cm⁻¹) 3350, 2960, 2931, 28.71, 1728, 1456, 1367, 1339, 1244, 1157, 849; [α]²⁰ = -27.0 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.60-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.96-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.62 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.70 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.9, 28.0, 33.3, 38.8,

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54.7, 60.5, 80.8, 174.9; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calc. for $C_{10}H_{20}NO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 186.1494, found: 186.1487, $\Delta = -3.8$ ppm.



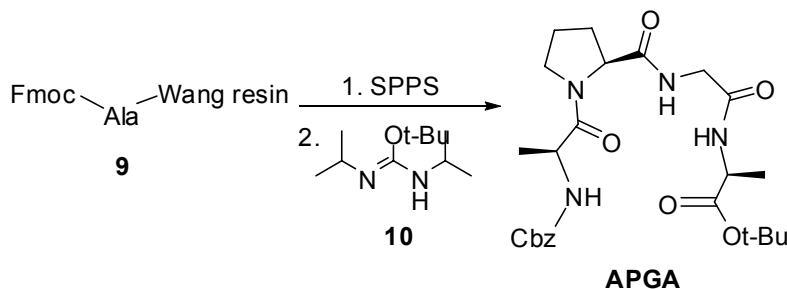
(2S,4R)-4-Methyl N-[(9-fluorenyl)-methoxycarbonyl]-proline tert-butyl ester (7). Following the procedure described for (2S,4S)-diastereomer **3**, using 0.140 g (0.75 mmol, 100%) of amine **6** to give proline **7** (0.258 g, 84%) as a clear glass. $R_f = 0.54$ (40% EtOAc / hexanes); IR (thin film, cm^{-1}) 2972, 1740, 1708, 1451, 1417, 1366, 1349, 1155, 1144, 758, 740; $[\alpha]^{20} = -57.0$ (c 1.0, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ [1.07 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 1.08 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 3H], [1.43 (s), 1.46 (s), 9H], [1.83 (ddd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 10.1$ Hz, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 1.89 (ddd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 10.4$ Hz, $J = 12.9$ Hz), 1H], [2.08 (ddd, $J = 2.9$ Hz, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 2.12 (ddd, $J = 2.7$ Hz, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $J = 12.9$ Hz), 1H], 2.35-2.54 (m, 1H), [3.04 (dd, $J = 4.2$ Hz, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 3.06 (dd, $J = 4.5$ Hz, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 1H], [3.79 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, $J = 10.6$ Hz), 3.82 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 1H], 4.15-4.37 (m, 3H), [4.41 (dd, $J = 7.2$ Hz, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 4.44 (dd, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 1H], 7.26-7.80 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 17.4, 17.5, 27.9, 28.0, 30.9, 31.9, 37.6, 38.7, 47.2, 47.3, 53.3, 53.8, 59.9, 60.0, 67.3, 67.5, 81.2, 81.4, 119.9, 125.1, 125.1, 125.2, 125.4, 126.9, 127.0, 127.0, 127.6, 127.6, 141.2, 141.2, 141.2, 143.6, 143.9, 144.2, 144.3, 154.4, 154.7, 171.7, 171.8. Rotameric pairs could not be fully identified for ^{13}C spectra. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calc. for $C_{25}H_{29}NO_4Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 430.1994, found: 430.1991, $\Delta = -0.7$ ppm.



(2S,4R)-4-Methyl N-[(9-fluorenyl)-methoxycarbonyl]-proline (8). Following the procedure described for (2S,4S)-diastereomer **4**, using 0.243 g (0.59 mmol, 100%) of proline **7** to give proline **8** (0.199 g, 95%) as an off-white foamish solid. $R_f = 0.25$ (10% MeOH / CH_2Cl_2); $[\alpha]^{20} = -40.0$ (c 1.0, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ [1.02 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 3H], 1.72-1.94 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.95-3.05 (m, 1H), 3.73 (q, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 4.08-4.52 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.85 (m, 8H),

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9.61 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 17.3, 31.0, 32.1, 36.7, 38.5, 47.1, 47.1, 53.3, 53.6, 58.7, 59.5, 67.4, 67.9, 119.8, 119.9, 124.8, 124.9, 125.0, 125.0, 127.5, 127.7, 141.2, 143.6, 143.7, 143.8, 143.9, 154.3, 155.9, 176.0, 178.0. Rotameric pairs could not be fully identified for ^{13}C spectra. These data match those reported in the literature.²



CBz-Ala-Pro-Gly-Ala-OtBu (APGA). Wang resin (0.30 g, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol-%, 100-200 mesh, 0.67 mmol g^{-1}) was allowed to swell for 30 min in DMF (3 mL).

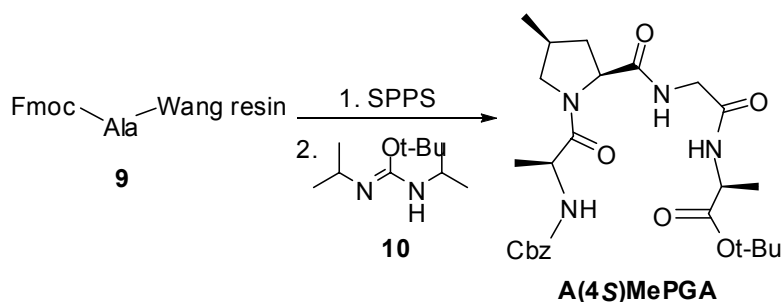
Method for attachment of amino acids: The resin was treated with 20% piperidine / DMF solution for 5 min. The solvent was removed and the resin was treated a second time with 20% piperidine / DMF solution for 30 min. The solvent was removed and the resin was washed with DMF (10 x 3 mL). A solution of Fmoc-protected amino acid (0.40 mmol, 200 mol-%), HBTU (0.152 g, 0.40 mmol, 200 mol-%), HOBT (0.062 g, 0.40 mmol, 200 mol-%) and DIPEA (0.14 mL, 0.80 mmol, 400 mol-%) in DMF was stirred for 15 min and then added onto resin. This mixture was stirred at least 4 h. The solvent was removed and the resin was washed with DMF (4 x 3 mL). The resin was treated with a solution of Ac_2O (0.057 mL, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol-%) and DIPEA (0.10 mL, 0.20 mmol, 100 mol-%) in DMF (3 mL) for 30 min. The solvent was removed and the resin was finally washed with DMF (3 x 3 mL). The procedure was repeated with 1. Fmoc-Gly-OH, 2. Fmoc-Pro-OH and 3. Cbz-Ala-OH.

Cleavage: The resin was treated with 100% TFA solution (3 mL) for 30 min and then rinsed with DCM (4 x 3 mL) and MeOH (4 mL). Collected organic extracts were evaporated to dryness in vacuo to give an oil.

Esterification: The crude product was dissolved in dry THF (3 mL) and treated with *O*-*tert*-butyl *N,N*-diisopropylisourea³ (0.17 g, 0.85 mmol, 425 mol-%) and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and the solids were filtered off. After evaporation of solvents, the crude product was purified by flash chromatography using 5% MeOH in EtOAc to yield 0.017 g (16%) of

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APGA as a foam. $R_f = 0.12$ (5% MeOH / EtOAc); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.41 (m, 5H), 6.92-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.57-5.73 (m, 1H), 5.00-5.18 (m, 2H), 4.48-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.32-4.48 (m, 2H), 4.08-4.21 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.78 (m, 3H), 1.53-2.35 (m, 5-6H), 1.39-1.46 (m, 9H), 1.29-1.32 (m, 6H). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calc. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 527.2482, found: 527.2483, $\Delta = 0.2$ ppm.



CBz-Ala-(4S)-MePro-Gly-Ala-OtBu (A(4S)MePGA). Wang resin (0.746 g, 0.50 mmol, 100 mol-%, 100-200 mesh, 0.67 mmol g^{-1}) was allowed to swell for 30 min in DMF (4 mL).

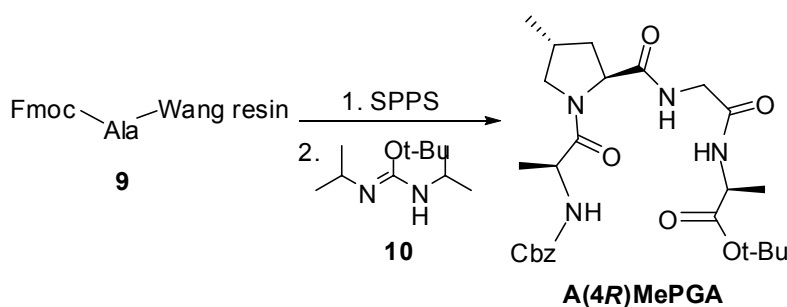
Method for attachment of amino acids: The resin was treated with 20% piperidine / DMF –solution (4 mL) for 5 min. The solvent was removed and the resin treated second time with 20% piperidine / DMF –solution (4 mL) for 30 min. The solvent was removed and the resin was washed with DMF (10 x 4 mL). A solution of Fmoc-protected amino acid (1.0 mmol, 200 mol-%), HBTU (0.379 g, 1.0 mmol, 200 mol-%), HOBT (0.153 g, 1.0 mmol, 200 mol-%) and DIPEA (0.35 mL, 2.0 mmol, 400 mol-%) in DMF (3 mL) was stirred for 15 min and then added onto resin. This mixture was mixed overnight. The solvent was removed and the resin was washed with DMF (4 x 4 mL). The resin was treated with a solution of Ac_2O (0.047 mL, 0.50 mmol, 100 mol-%) and DIPEA (0.087 mL, 0.50 mmol, 100 mol-%) in DMF (4 mL) for 30 min. The solvent was removed and the resin was finally washed with DMF (4 x 4 mL). The procedure was repeated with 1. Fmoc-Gly-OH, 2. Fmoc-(4S)-MePro-OH using 100 mol-% of amino acid, HBTU, HOBT, and 200 mol-% DIPEA, 3. Cbz-Ala-OH.

Cleavage: The resin was treated with 100% TFA solution (3 mL) for 30 min and rinsed with DCM (4 x 4 mL) and MeOH (4 mL). Collected organic extracts were evaporated to dryness in vacuo to give oil.

Esterification: The crude product was dissolved in dry THF (5 mL) and treated with *O-tert-butyl N,N*-diisopropylisourea³ (0.50 g, 2.5 mmol, 500 mol-%) and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and the solids were filtered off. After evaporation of solvents, the crude product was purified by flash chromatography using 5% MeOH in EtOAc to yield 0.041 g (15%) of

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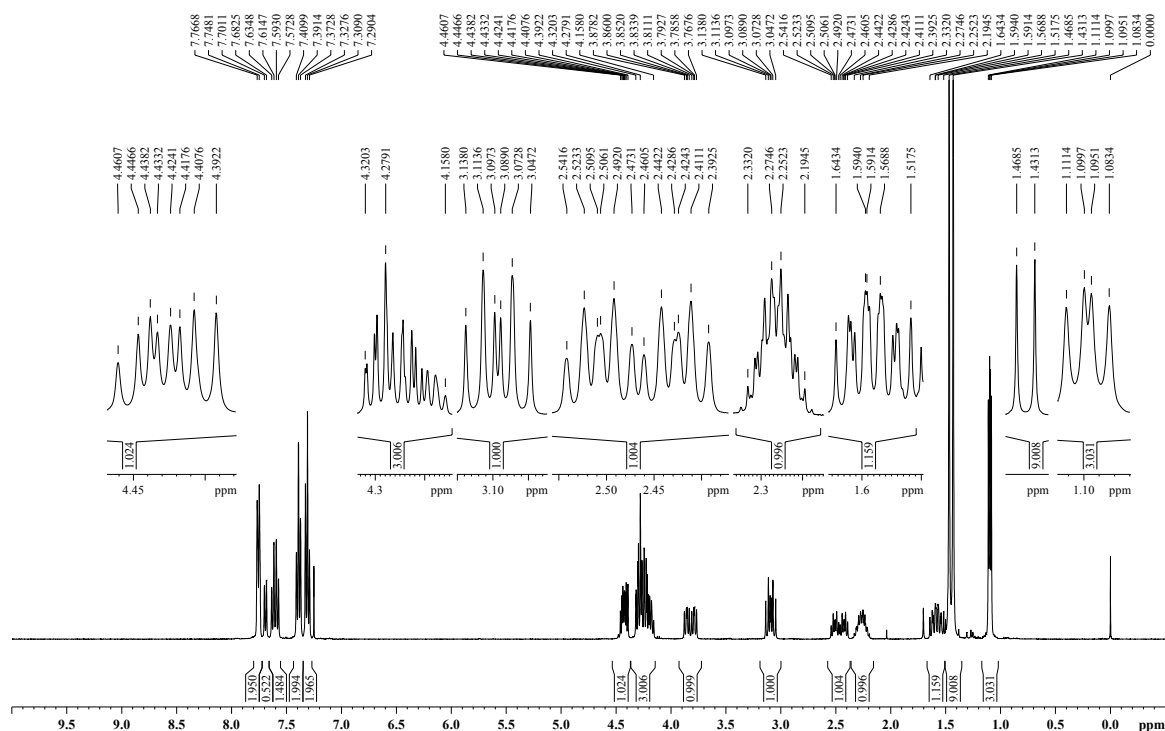
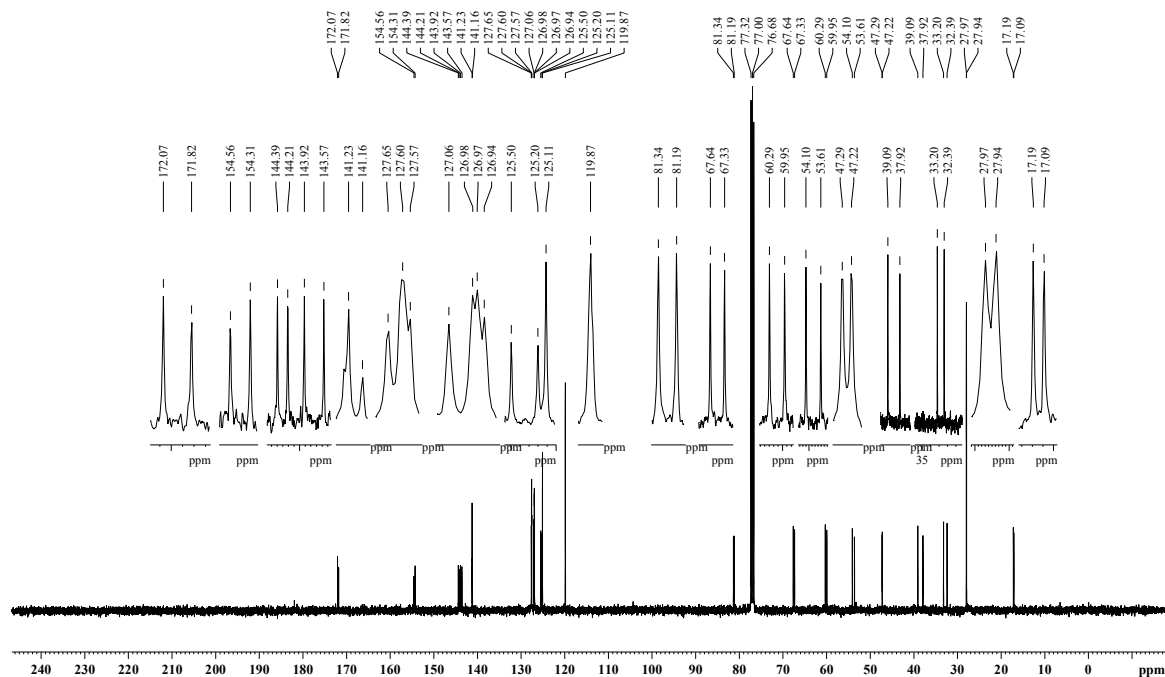
A(4*S*)MePGA as oil. A second purification was done by using preparative HPLC (Shandon Hypersil 10x250 mm, 10 μ m) and 5% IPA / hexanes as eluent to give 0.023 g (8.8%) of clear oil. R_f = 0.23 (5% MeOH / EtOAc); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.41 (m, 5H), 6.87-7.09 (br s, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.04-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.53 (dq, J = 6.9 Hz, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dq, J = 7.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (obs dd, J = 6.8 Hz, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (obs dd, J = 7.3 Hz, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (dd, J = 4.6 Hz, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.17-2.39 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.35 (obs d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (obs d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 3H). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calc. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 541.2638, found: 541.2642, Δ = 0.7 ppm.

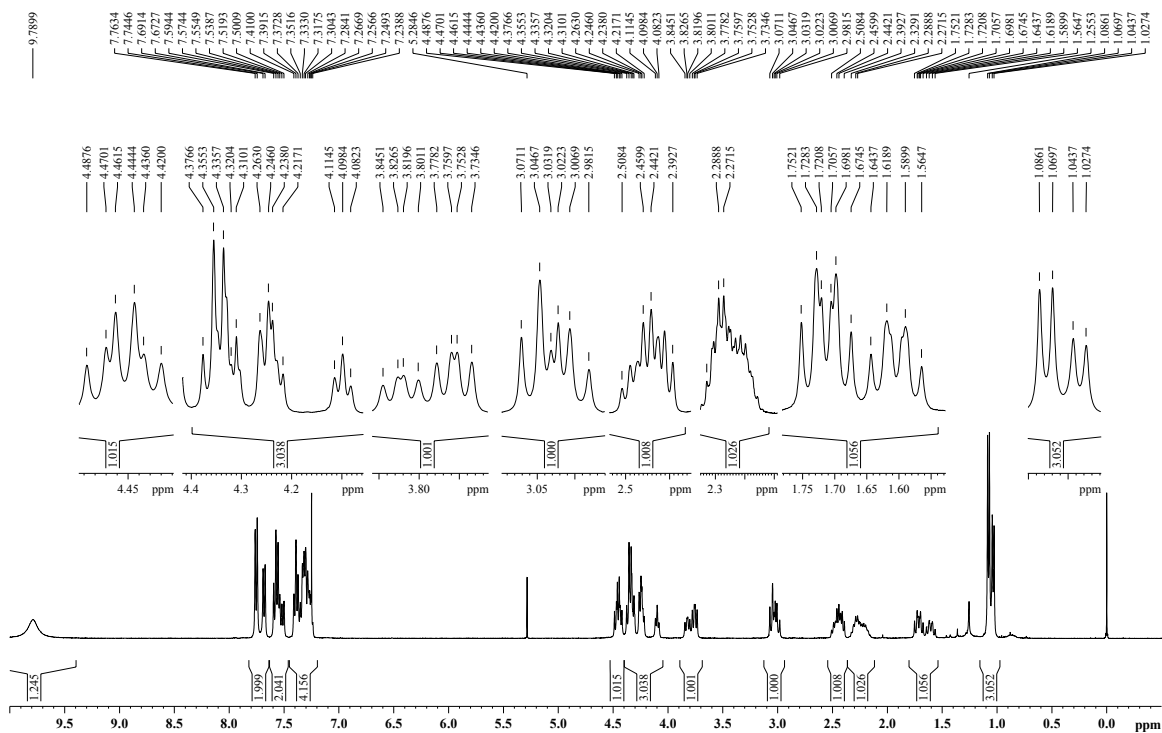
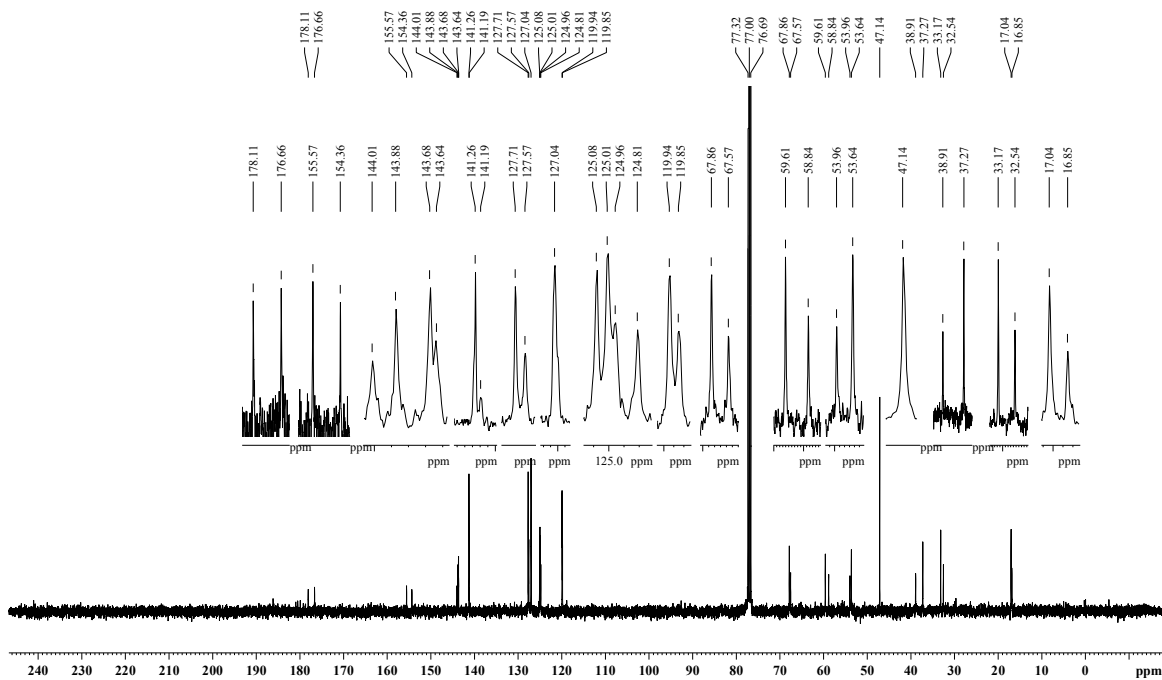


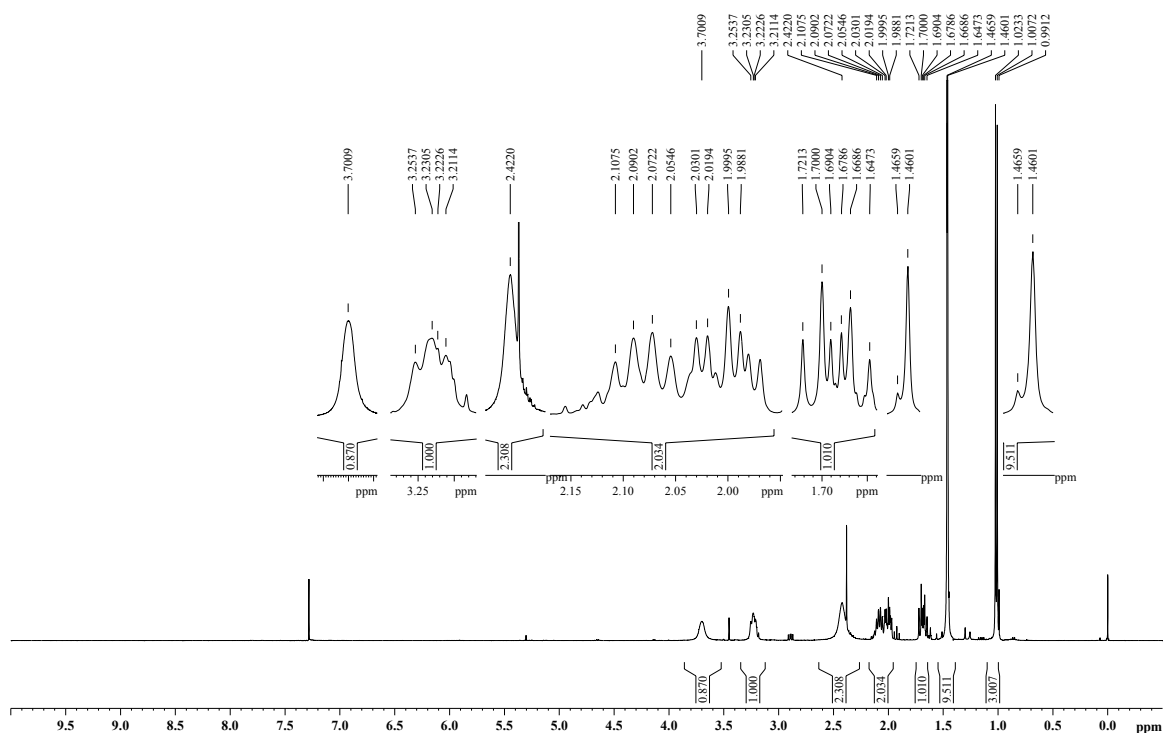
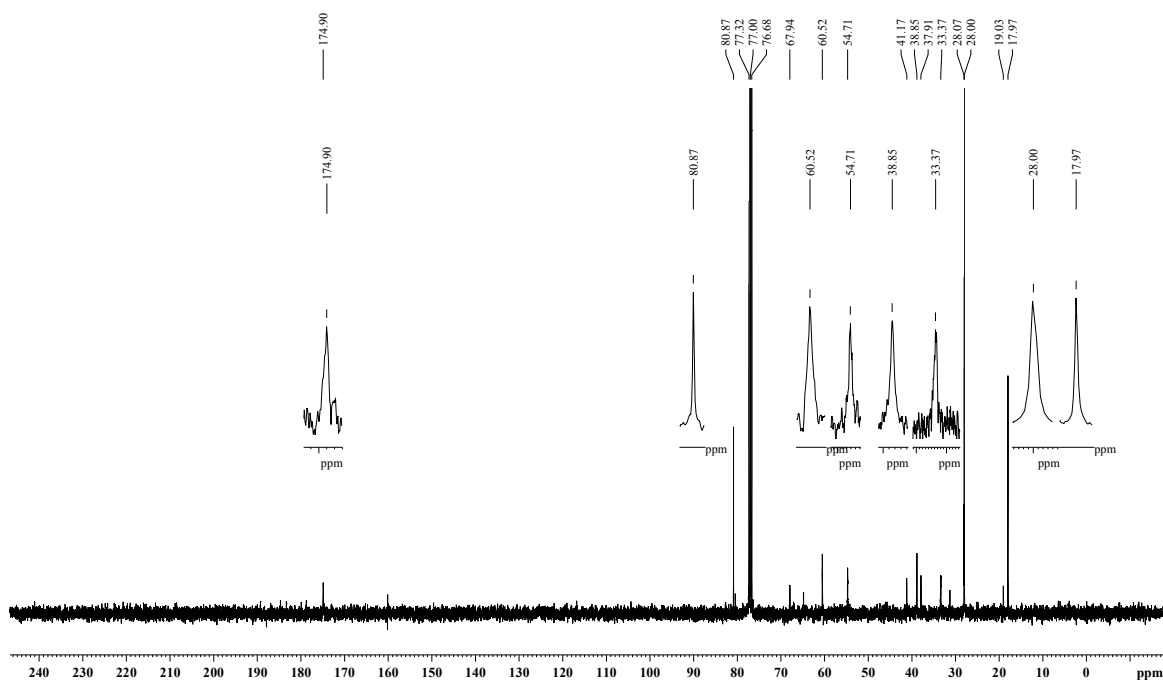
CBz-Ala-(4*R*)-MePro-Gly-Ala-OtBu (A(4*R*)MePGA). In this procedure, Fmoc-(4*R*)-MePro-OH was used instead of Fmoc-(4*S*)-MePro-OH. Yields of A(4*R*)MePGA were found to be after chromatography 0.039 g (15%) and after preparative HPLC 0.022 g (8.4%). R_f = 0.21 (5 % MeOH / EtOAc); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) Major conformer: δ 7.27-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.17 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.58 (m, 3H), 4.11 (dd, J = 6.7 Hz, 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 5.2 Hz, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.34 (ddd, J = 2.7 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.35 (obs d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (obs d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calc. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 541.2638, found: 541.2633, Δ = -0.9 ppm.

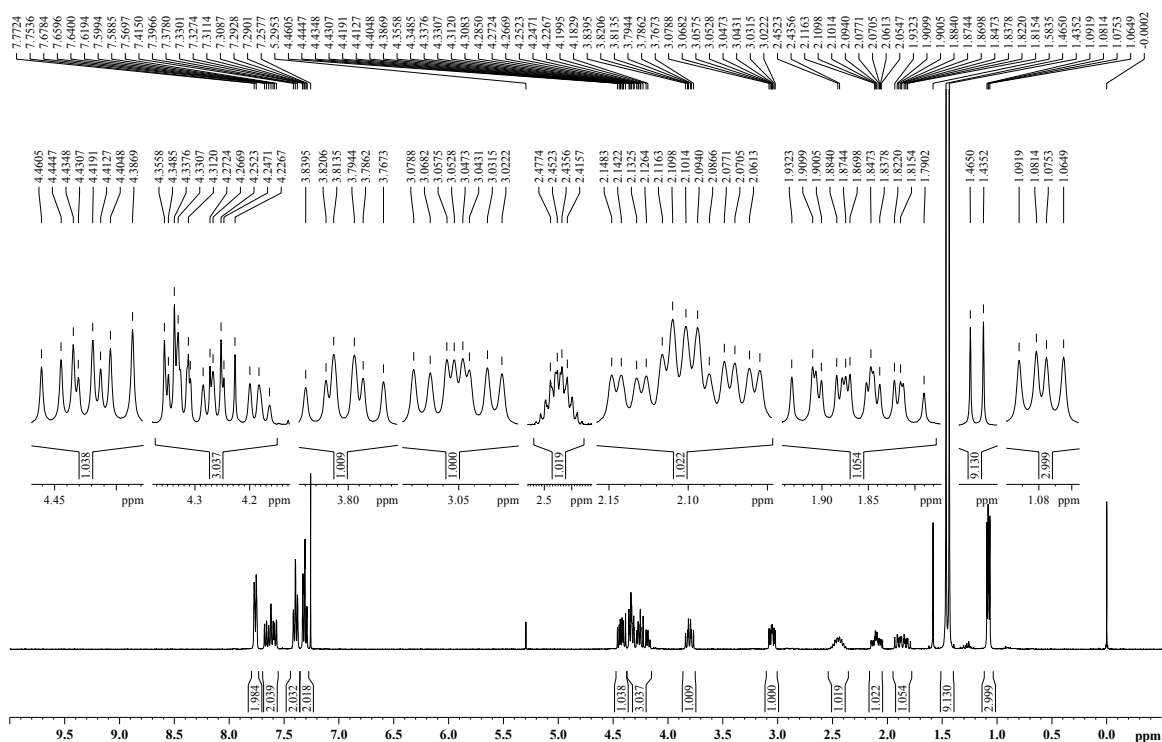
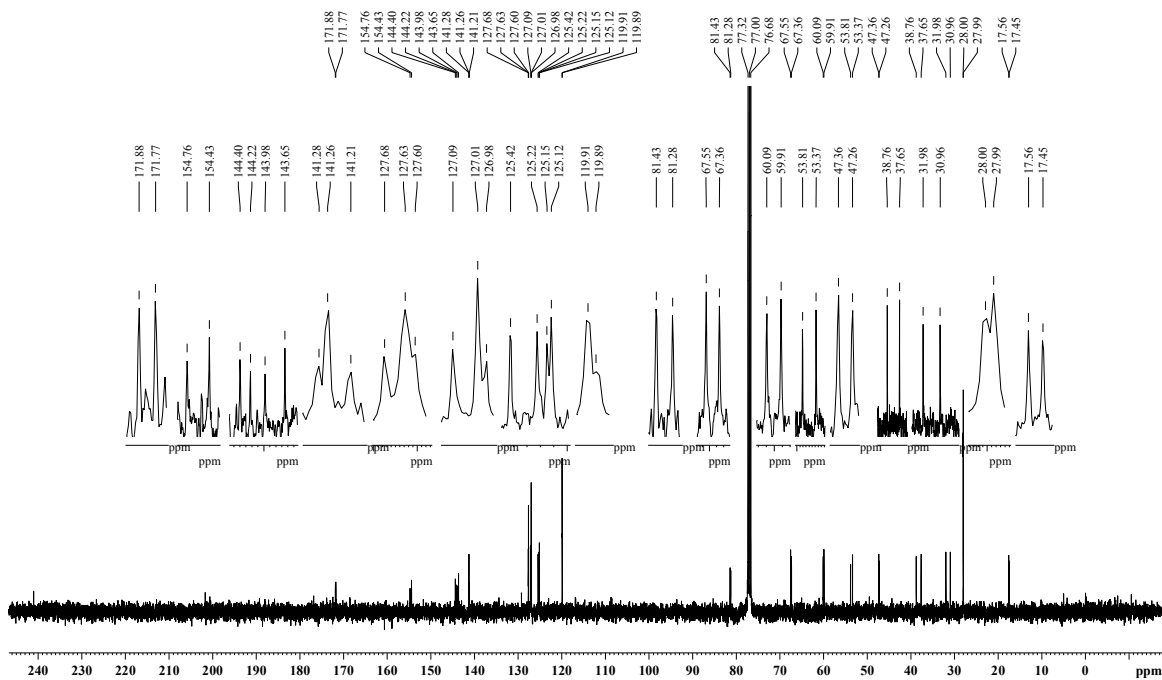
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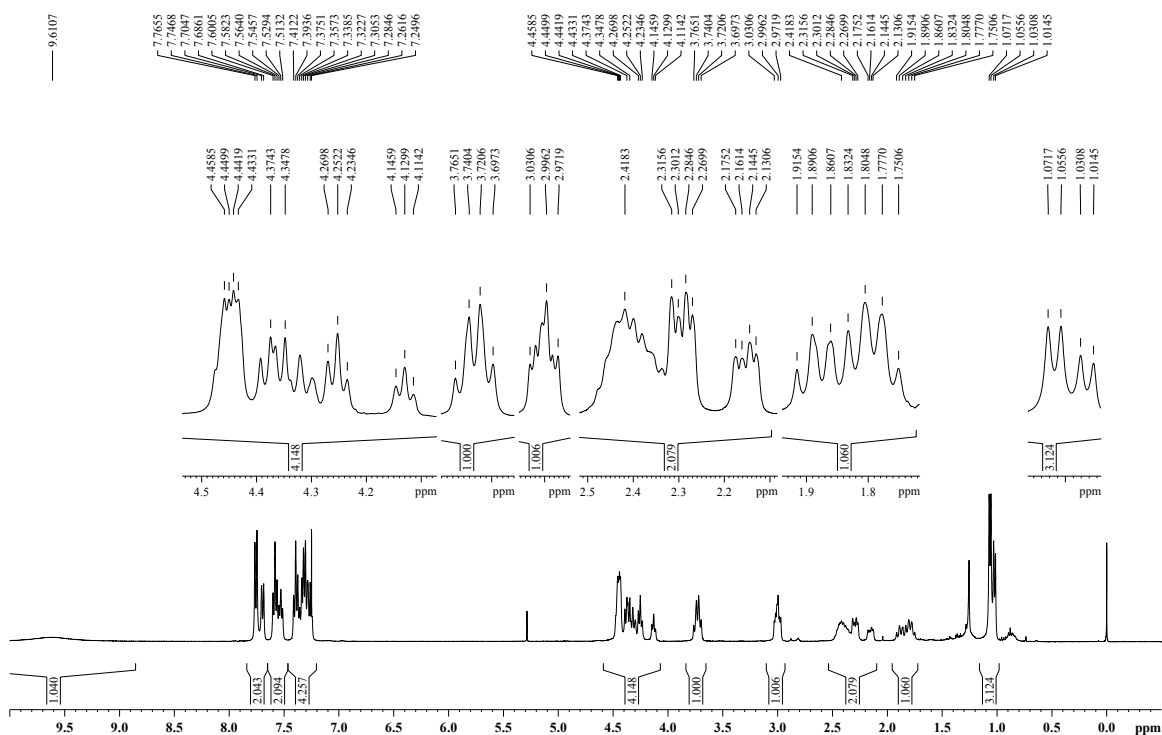
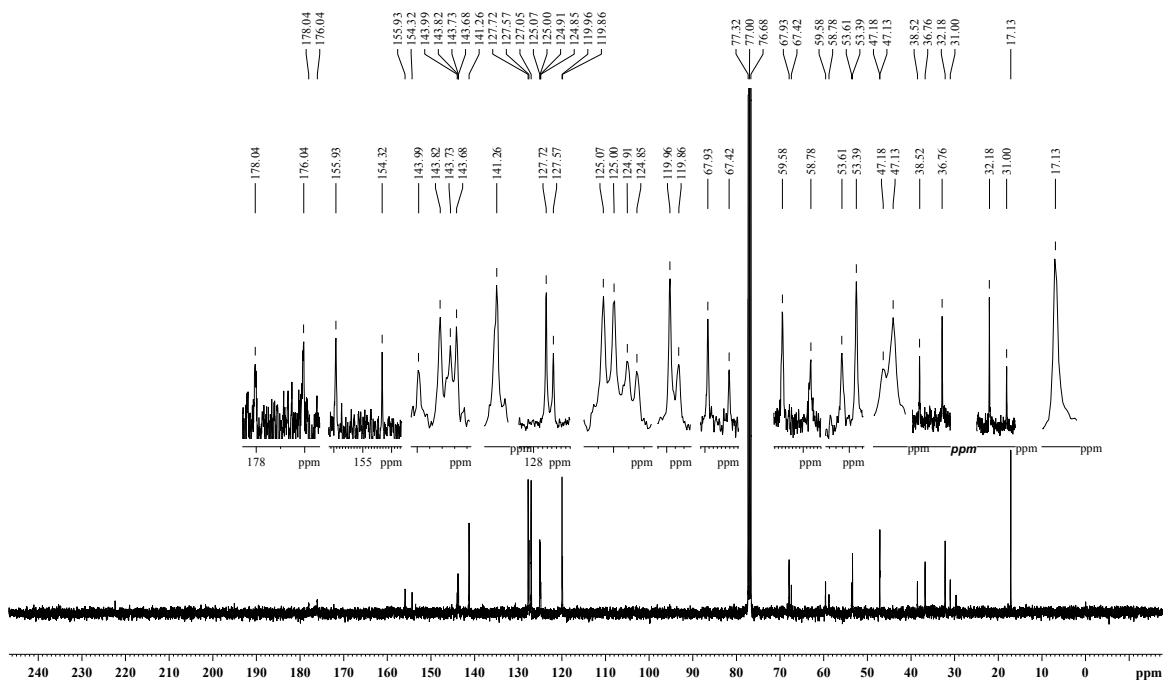
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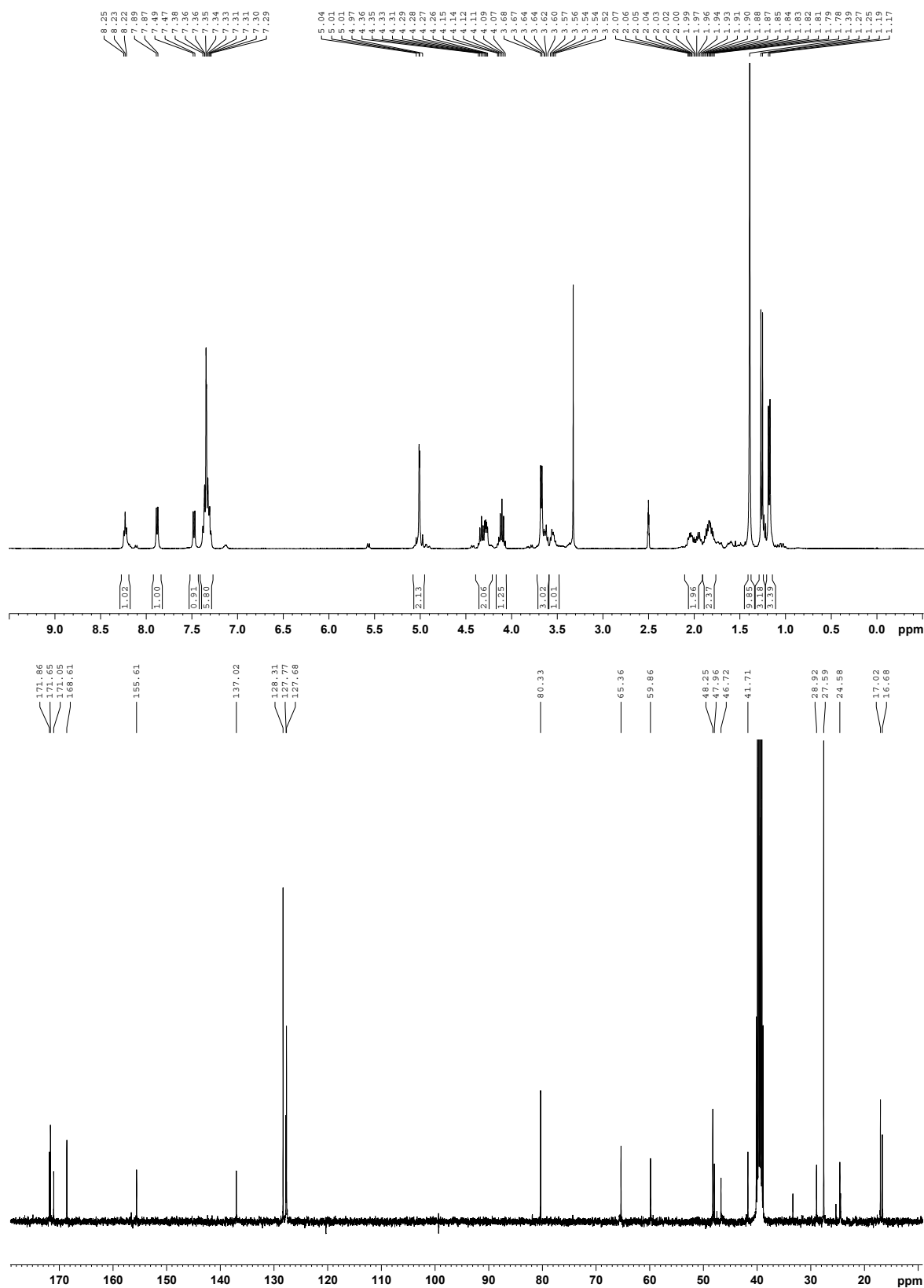
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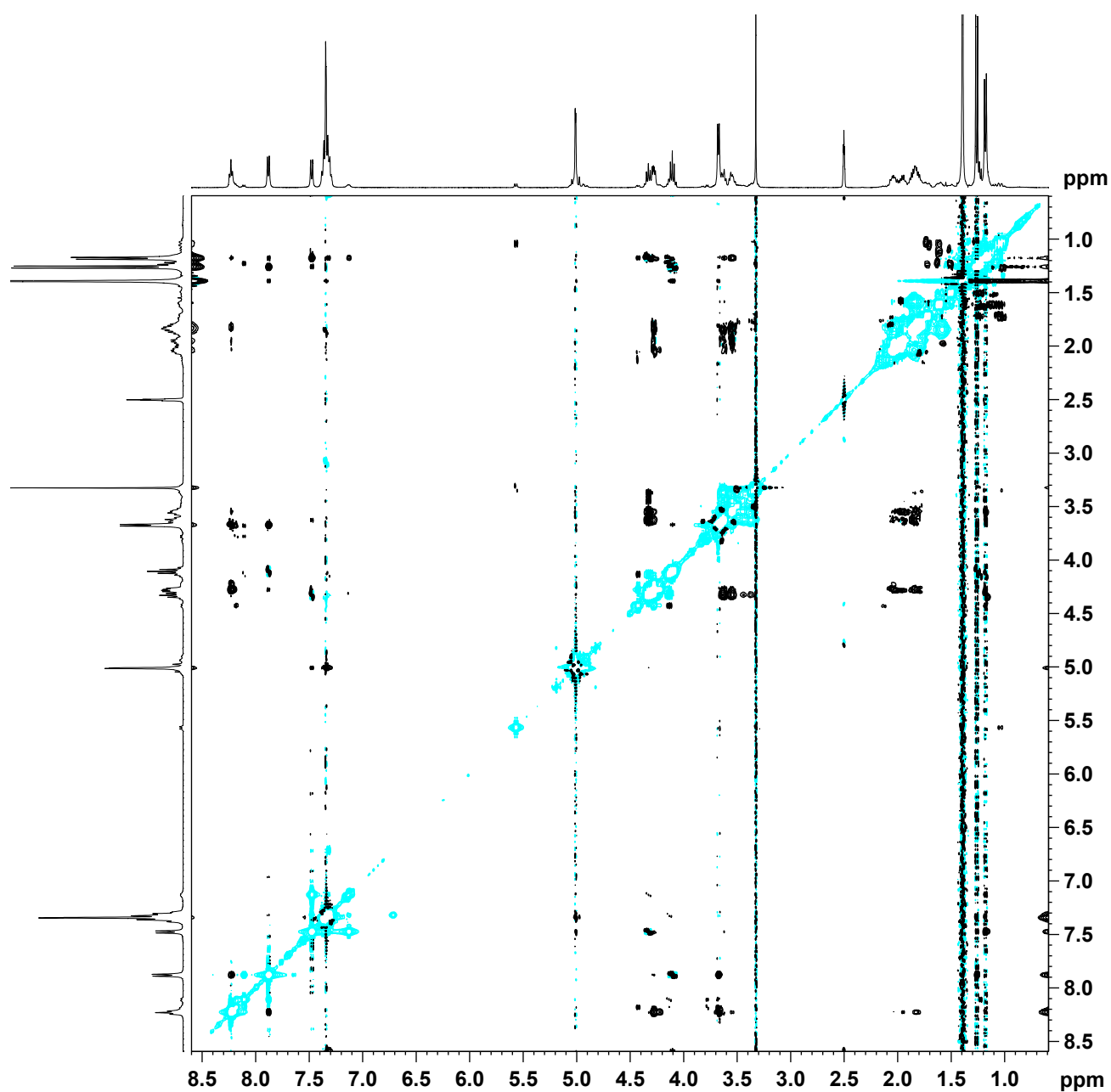
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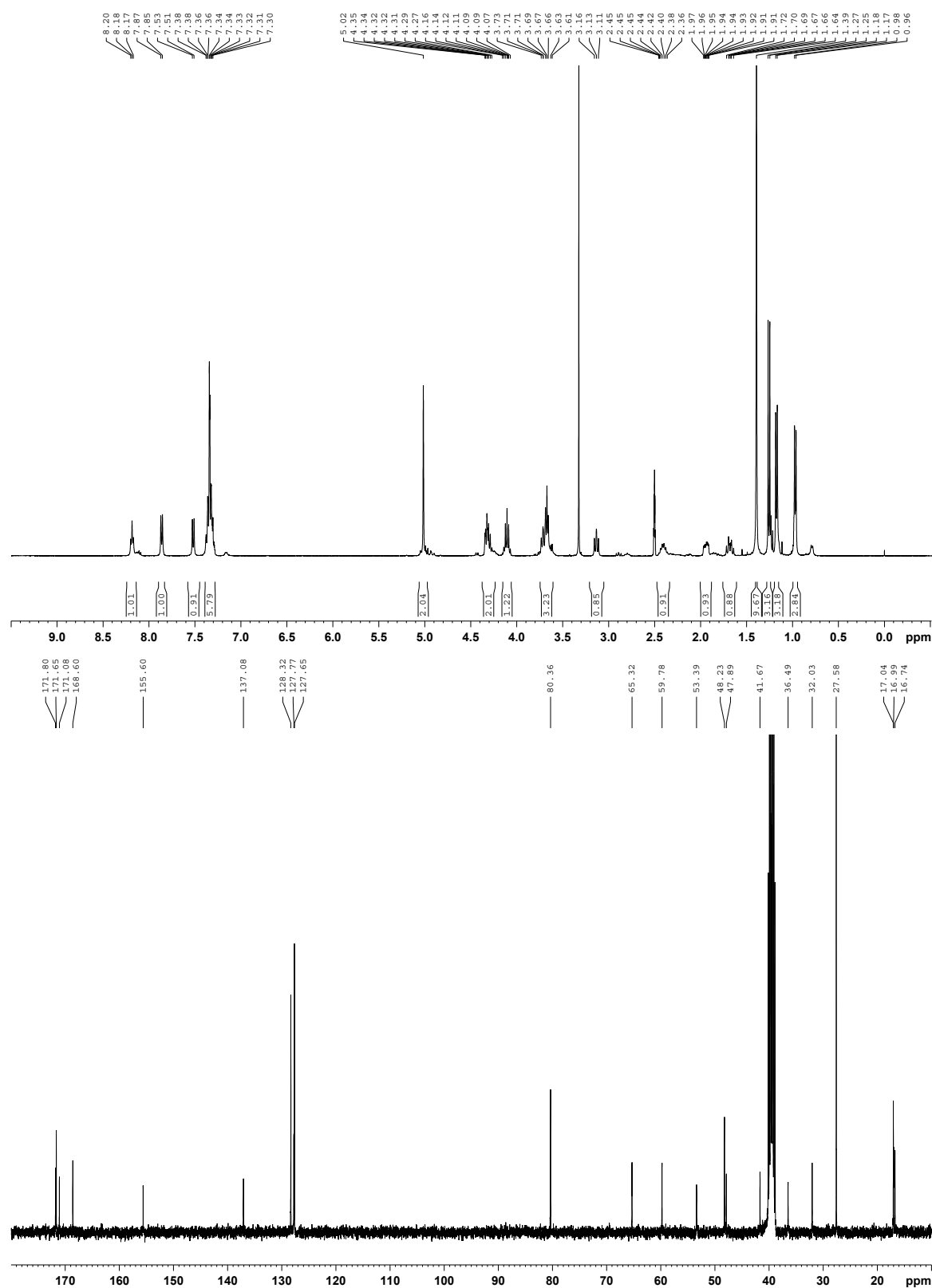
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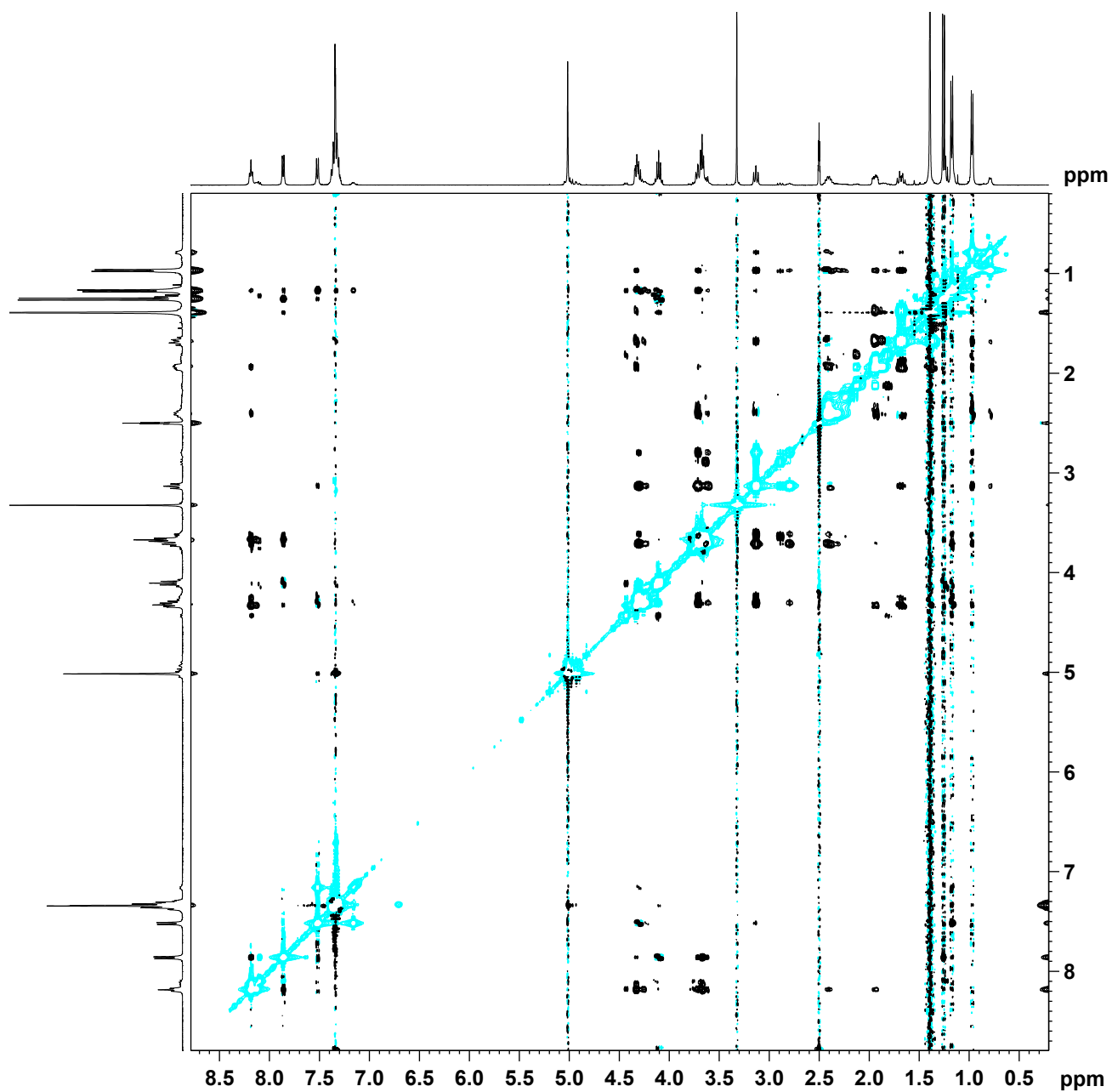
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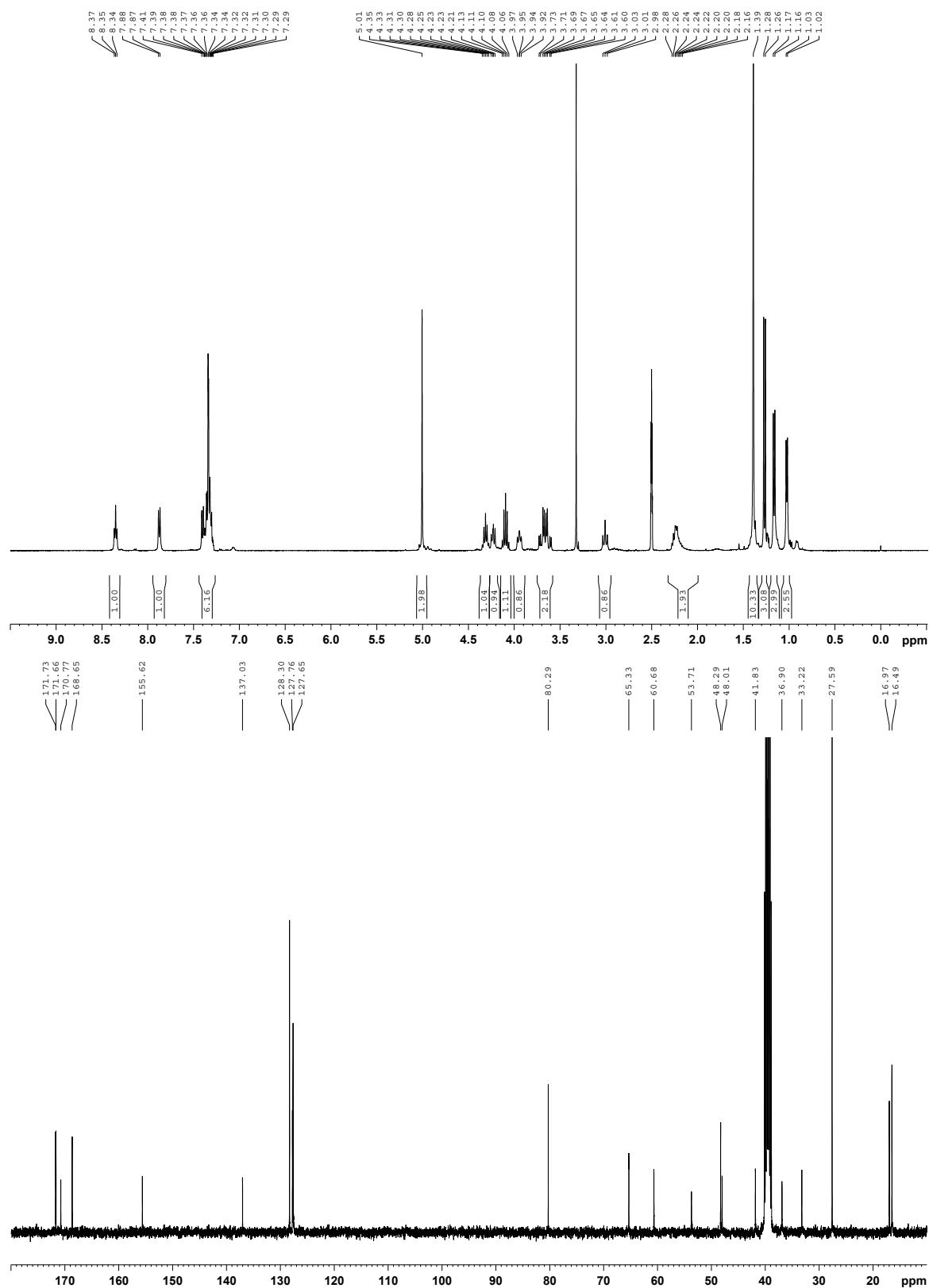
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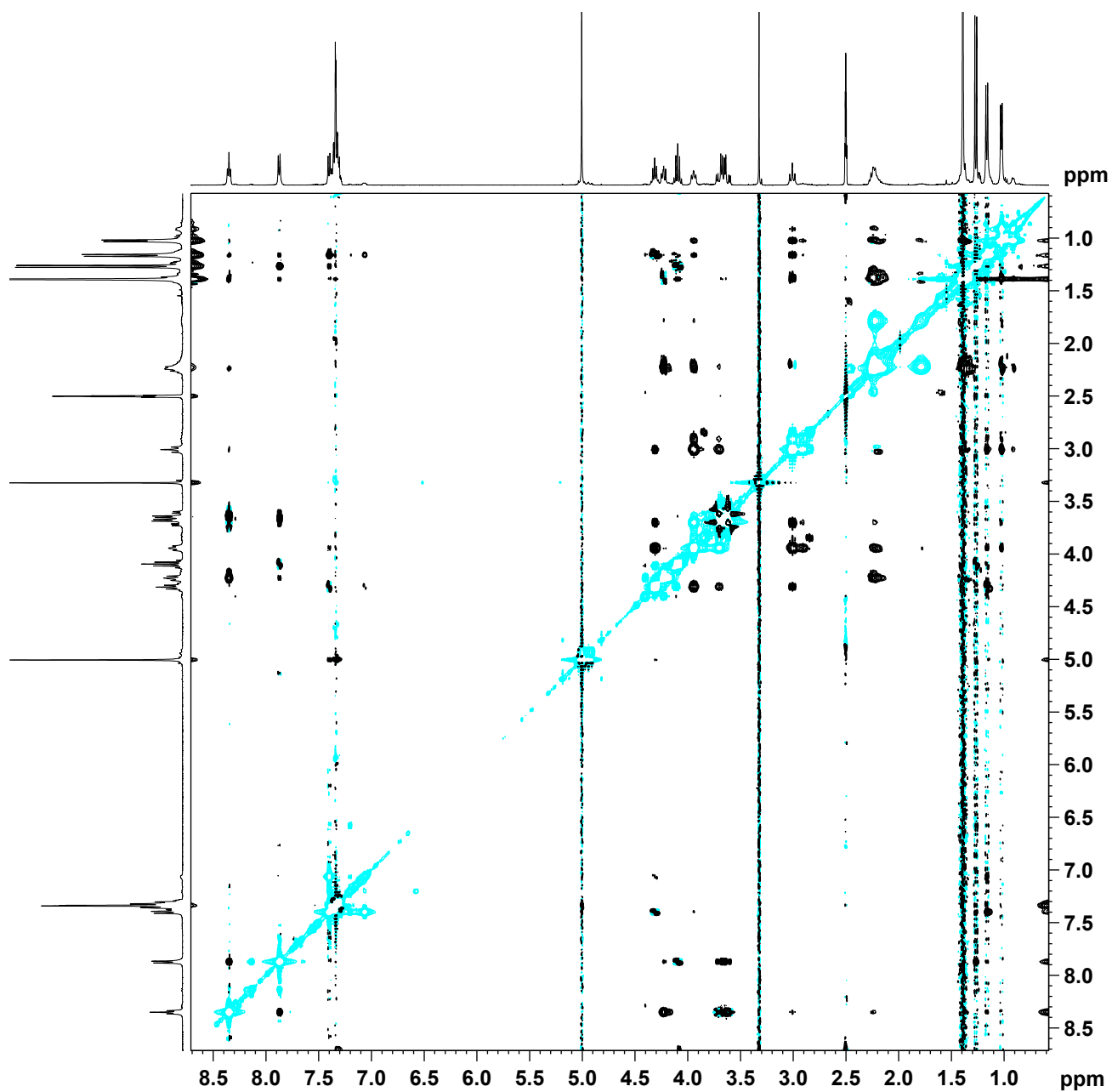
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CBz-Ala-(4*S*)-MePro-Gly-Ala-O*t*Bu (A(4*S*)MePGA): ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 299 K)



CBz-Ala-(4*S*)-MePro-Gly-Ala-O*t*Bu (A(4*S*)MePGA): Off-Resonance ROESY ($\Delta = 180$ ms, DMSO-*d*₆, 299 K)



DFT energies and cartesian coordinates for (4R)MePG-I, (4R)MePG-II, (4S)MePG-I and (4S)MePG-II

Table S5. DFT energies for (4R)MePG-I, (4R)MePG-II, (4S)MePG-I and (4S)MePG-II.^a

| peptide | E (Hartree) |
|-------------|-------------|
| (4R)MePG-I | -820.876773 |
| (4R)MePG-II | -820.877489 |
| (4S)MePG-I | -820.876429 |
| (4S)MePG-II | -820.878225 |

^a Calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G** level of theory using the PBF solvation model with DMSO as solvent.

Cartesian coordinates for (4R)MePG-I

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H36 20.4608190000000 -17.9917970000000 -6.7628950000000

Cartesian coordinates for (4R)MePG-II

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Cartesian coordinates for (4S)MePG-I

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Cartesian coordinates for (4S)MePG-II

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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| H36 | -13.4163310000000 | 7.2701380000000 | 4.0184170000000 |

Additional NAMFIS analyses

In order to test the strength of the NAMFIS analyses, a series of additional NAMFIS calculations were performed. First, the 13, 16, and 13 conformation datasets of APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA, respectively, were resubmitted to separate NAMFIS calculations to examine how well the NMR-derived parameters are reproduced. Second, the most populated members of each of the 6 structural motifs were similarly evaluated. The results, in terms of the differences between the experimental and the NAMFIS calculated NMR parameters, are given in Tables S6, S7, and S8 for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA, respectively. In the case of the 13, 16, and 13 member conformer pools, the maximum differences between the experimental and predicted NOE distances and coupling constant values are only 0.25 Å and 0.93 Hz for APGA, 0.24 Å and 0.53 Hz for A(4*R*)MePGA, and 0.26 Å and 0.62 Hz for A(4*S*)MePGA. The SSD values for each peptide are identical to those from the original calculations with 2259, 1996, and 2485 conformers for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA, respectively. In the case of the 6 member conformer pools, the maximum deviations are slightly larger, being 0.88 Å and 1.31 Hz for APGA, 0.64 Å and 1.05 Hz for A(4*R*)MePGA, and 0.96 Å and 0.70 Hz for A(4*S*)MePGA. In this case, also the SSD values are somewhat larger. These data strongly suggest that NAMFIS is capable of selecting a small collection of very discriminating conformers from a large pool. These conformers collectively retain both the important features of NMR-derived structure and characteristics of conformational families.

Table S6. Comparison between the experimental and the NAMFIS calculated NOE and coupling constant values for APGA.

| NOE's | | experimental (Å) | 13 member conf. pool difference (Å) | 6 member conf. pool difference (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -H α | 2.60 | 0.07 | 0.10 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.75 | 0.18 | 0.10 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 3.81 | 0.09 | 0.88 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 4.12 | 0.05 | 0.81 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.52 | 0.11 | 0.10 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 2.18 | 0.12 | 0.10 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.30 | 0.18 | 0.19 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 3.70 | 0.25 | 0.40 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 3.14 | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Gly-NH | 4.26 | 0.09 | 0.16 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Ala ² -NH | 4.31 | 0.14 | 0.10 |
| Pro-H α | Gly-NH | 2.07 | 0.20 | 0.19 |
| Pro-H α | Ala ² -NH | 3.77 | 0.06 | 0.10 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | Gly-NH | 3.02 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | Gly-NH | 3.45 | 0.08 | 0.11 |
| Gly-NH | Ala ² -NH | 2.61 | 0.07 | 0.16 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -H α | 2.48 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.70 | 0.24 | 0.21 |
| Ala ² -H α | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.45 | 0.18 | 0.17 |
| J's | | | | |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -H α | 7.36 | 0.28 | 0.71 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-H α ^{Pro(R)} | 5.97 | 0.71 | 1.31 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-H α ^{Pro(S)} | 5.97 | 0.17 | 0.08 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -H α | 6.89 | 0.00 | 0.39 |
| Pro-H α | Pro-H β ^{Pro(R)} | 8.26 | 0.25 | 0.12 |
| Pro-H α | Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | 4.79 | 0.22 | 0.37 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | 6.91 | 0.22 | 0.23 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H γ ^{Pro(S)} | 8.09 | 0.71 | 1.16 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | 6.00 | 0.93 | 0.37 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-H γ ^{Pro(S)} | 6.77 | 0.34 | 0.34 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 7.11 | 0.04 | 0.11 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 5.69 | 0.85 | 0.49 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 7.46 | 0.70 | 1.10 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 7.17 | 0.02 | 0.15 |
| SSD | | | 8.7 | 13.6 |

Table S7. Comparison between the experimental and the NAMFIS calculated NOE and coupling constant values for A(4*R*)MePGA.

| NOE's | | experimental (Å) | 16 member conf. pool difference (Å) | 6 member conf. pool difference (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -Hα | 2.60 | 0.09 | 0.01 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.76 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | 3.55 | 0.10 | 0.12 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 4.44 | 0.04 | 0.64 |
| Ala ¹ -Hα | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.51 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| Ala ¹ -Hα | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.24 | 0.15 | 0.19 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | 4.47 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | 3.12 | 0.14 | 0.10 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Gly-NH | 4.39 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Ala ² -NH | 4.40 | 0.12 | 0.51 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | 2.25 | 0.09 | 0.10 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.71 | 0.09 | 0.11 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 3.79 | 0.01 | 0.17 |
| Pro-Hα | Gly-NH | 2.15 | 0.14 | 0.16 |
| Pro-Hα | Ala ² -NH | 3.67 | 0.14 | 0.07 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | 1.78 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.90 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | 2.85 | 0.12 | 0.19 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 2.97 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.36 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | 3.38 | 0.14 | 0.04 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 3.49 | 0.13 | 0.09 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | Gly-NH | 3.17 | 0.13 | 0.03 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | 2.92 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.29 | 0.07 | 0.08 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 2.66 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | Gly-NH | 3.12 | 0.20 | 0.06 |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | 1.78 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 2.94 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 3.22 | 0.20 | 0.25 |
| Gly-NH | Ala ² -NH | 2.72 | 0.11 | 0.24 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -Hα | 2.47 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.70 | 0.24 | 0.29 |
| Ala ² -Hα | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.45 | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| J's | | | | |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -Hα | 7.55 | 0.46 | 0.91 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-Hα ^{Pro(R)} | 5.93 | 0.53 | 0.05 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-Hα ^{Pro(S)} | 6.05 | 0.10 | 0.24 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -Hα | 6.96 | 0.07 | 0.42 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | 8.90 | 0.53 | 0.65 |
| Pro-Hα | Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | 3.02 | 0.45 | 0.45 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | 9.53 | 0.01 | 1.05 |
| Pro-Hβ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | 6.28 | 0.22 | 0.22 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(R)} | 8.22 | 0.22 | 0.72 |
| Pro-Hγ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-Hδ ^{Pro(S)} | 7.48 | 0.07 | 0.11 |
| SSD | | | 7.9 | 12.3 |

Table S7. Comparison between the experimental and the NAMFIS calculated NOE and coupling constant values for A(4S)MePGA.

| NOE's | | experimental (Å) | 13 member conf. pool difference (Å) | 6 member conf. pool difference (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -H α | 2.58 | 0.07 | 0.33 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.76 | 0.14 | 0.08 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 3.78 | 0.05 | 0.96 |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 3.96 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | 2.52 | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 2.02 | 0.13 | 0.12 |
| Ala ¹ -H α | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.73 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 3.87 | 0.08 | 0.05 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 3.10 | 0.15 | 0.19 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Gly-NH | 4.31 | 0.15 | 0.01 |
| Ala ¹ -CH ₃ | Ala ² -NH | 4.44 | 0.07 | 0.25 |
| Pro-H α | Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | 2.78 | 0.24 | 0.26 |
| Pro-H α | Gly-NH | 2.02 | 0.24 | 0.25 |
| Pro-H α | Ala ² -NH | 3.58 | 0.14 | 0.13 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(R)} | Gly-NH | 3.41 | 0.17 | 0.09 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 2.65 | 0.22 | 0.19 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | Gly-NH | 3.12 | 0.19 | 0.48 |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 1.78 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 3.58 | 0.26 | 0.28 |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-4-CH ₃ | 2.90 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | Gly-NH | 3.55 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| Gly-NH | Ala ² -NH | 2.50 | 0.03 | 0.07 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -H α | 2.48 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.70 | 0.26 | 0.21 |
| Ala ² -H α | Ala ² -CH ₃ | 2.46 | 0.16 | 0.16 |
| J's | | | | |
| Ala ¹ -NH | Ala ¹ -H α | 7.13 | 0.34 | 0.25 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-H α ^{Pro(R)} | 5.70 | 0.62 | 0.56 |
| Gly-NH | Gly-H α ^{Pro(S)} | 6.24 | 0.12 | 0.07 |
| Ala ² -NH | Ala ² -H α | 6.77 | 0.00 | 0.22 |
| Pro-H α | Pro-H β ^{Pro(R)} | 7.38 | 0.41 | 0.45 |
| Pro-H α | Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | 9.58 | 0.10 | 0.53 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | 6.43 | 0.22 | 0.12 |
| Pro-H β ^{Pro(S)} | Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | 11.40 | 0.41 | 0.18 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(R)} | 7.50 | 0.55 | 0.70 |
| Pro-H γ ^{Pro(R)} | Pro-H δ ^{Pro(S)} | 10.24 | 0.05 | 0.50 |
| SSD | | | 9.1 | 14.1 |

Finally, a set of calculations was done to explore the sensitivity of NAMFIS populations to variations of the experimental datasets. Altogether 6 additional analyses were performed on the conformer pools of 2259 (APGA), 1996 (A(4*R*)MePGA), and 2485 (A(4*S*)MePGA) structures. The results are given in Tables S9, S10, and S11 for APGA, A(4*R*)MePGA, and A(4*S*)MePGA, respectively. The following analyses were performed:

1. **Only 17 common NOE's + all J's:** Only those 11 interresidue and 6 intraresidue NOE's that are common to all three peptides were retained (see Table S3). All coupling constants were retained.
2. **No J's:** All NOE's were retained, but all coupling constants were removed.
3. **No backbone J's:** All NOE's were retained and only backbone coupling constants were removed.
4. **No NOE's:** All NOE's were removed, but all coupling constants were retained.
5. **No intrares. NOE's:** Only intraresidue NOE's were removed. Interresidue NOE's and all coupling constants were retained.
6. **No interres. NOE's:** Only interresidue NOE's were removed. Intraresidue NOE's and all coupling constants were retained.

The results show that the family characteristics and populations are well preserved when at least most of the interresidue NOE's are retained. A significant redistribution of the familial populations relative to the original data set was observed when all NOE's or all interresidue NOE's were omitted. In these cases, additional turn structures appeared that are not necessarily realistic (inverse γ -turn (APGA and A(4*R*)MePGA), type VIII β -turn (APGA)).

Table S9. Family populations from additional NAMFIS analyses for APGA.

| motif | original NAMFIS analysis | only 17 common NOE's + all J's | no J's | no backbone J's | no NOE's | no intrares. NOE's | no interres. NOE's |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ideal β II | 37.3 | 34.5 | 28.2 | 23.5 | 4.4 | 42.2 | |
| distorted β II | 9.3 | 18.8 | 5.8 | 15.4 | | 22.7 | 15.0 |
| combined βII | 46.6 | 53.3 | 34.0 | 38.9 | 4.4 | 64.9 | 15.0 |
| ideal β I | 13.9 | 4.1 | 12.7 | 10.9 | 17.2 | 3.5 | 45.9 |
| distorted β I | 3.9 | 10.0 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 14.7 | 7.3 | |
| combined βI | 17.8 | 14.1 | 17.1 | 16.1 | 31.9 | 10.8 | 45.9 |
| bend II | 28.8 | 19.1 | 42.8 | 34.3 | | 7.7 | |
| bend I | | | | | | 4.2 | |
| combined bends | 28.8 | 19.1 | 42.8 | 34.3 | 0.0 | 11.9 | 0.0 |
| extended | 6.7 | 13.5 | 6.2 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 |
| inverse γ -turn | | | | | 60.0 | | 39.2 |
| distorted β VIII | | | | | 3.7 | | |
| <i>endo/exo</i> | 6/7 | 7/6 | 6/7 | 6/7 | 6/5 | 7/5 | 5/5 |

Table S10. Family populations from additional NAMFIS analyses for A(4R)MePGA.

| motif | original NAMFIS analysis | only 17 common NOE's + all J's | no J's | no backbone J's | no NOE's | no intrares. NOE's | no interres. NOE's |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ideal β II | 36.6 | 40.7 | 31.2 | 32.6 | | 40.7 | 32.6 |
| distorted β II | 10.3 | 1.2 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 21.2 | 19.4 | 23.9 |
| combined βII | 46.9 | 41.9 | 41.4 | 42.2 | 21.2 | 60.1 | 56.5 |
| ideal β I | | 0.5 | | | 48.1 | 7.6 | 35.2 |
| distorted β I | 15.9 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 14.5 | 9.8 | |
| combined βI | 15.9 | 9.7 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 62.6 | 17.4 | 35.2 |
| bend II | 15.1 | 19.3 | 30.3 | 29.7 | | 12.0 | |
| bend I | 4.7 | | 15.3 | 15.1 | | | 4.8 |
| combined bends | 19.8 | 19.3 | 45.6 | 44.8 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 4.8 |
| extended | 17.5 | 29.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 10.4 | 0.0 |
| inverse γ -turn | | | | | 16.3 | | 3.4 |
| <i>endo/exo</i> | 13/3 | 10/2 | 10/3 | 10/3 | 6/3 | 11/3 | 6/3 |

Table S11. Family populations from additional NAMFIS analyses for A(4S)MePGA.

| motif | original NAMFIS analysis | only 17 common NOE's + all J's | no J's | no backbone J's | no NOE's | no intrares. NOE's | no interres. NOE's |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ideal β II | 41.3 | 35.6 | 40.3 | 36.4 | | 46.9 | |
| distorted β II | 21.0 | 29.9 | 24.6 | 28.3 | 31.5 | 21.7 | 40.7 |
| combined βII | 62.3 | 65.5 | 64.9 | 64.7 | 31.5 | 68.6 | 40.7 |
| ideal β I | | 4.0 | | | 25.5 | | 44.2 |
| distorted β I | 8.3 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 8.3 | | 5.7 | 15.1 |
| combined βI | 8.3 | 12.4 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 25.5 | 5.7 | 59.3 |
| bend II | 13.2 | 14.9 | 9.9 | 11.7 | | 7.2 | |
| bend I | 5.1 | | 5.3 | 5.1 | 10.7 | 6.7 | |
| combined bends | 18.3 | 14.9 | 15.2 | 16.8 | 10.7 | 13.9 | 0.0 |
| extended | 11.2 | 7.2 | 12.2 | 10.2 | 32.4 | 11.9 | 0.0 |
| <i>endo/exo</i> | 2/11 | 3/12 | 3/12 | 1/14 | 1/6 | 1/13 | 1/7 |

