

## Supplementary information

### 4-Methylpseudoproline derived from $\alpha$ -methylserine – synthesis and conformational studies

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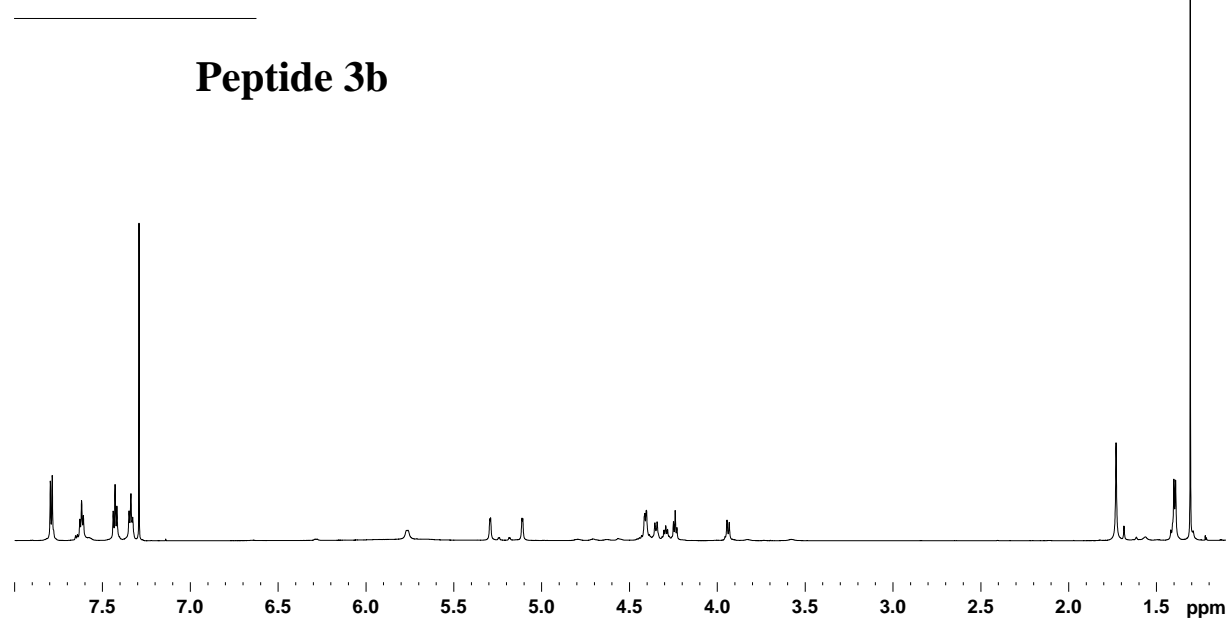
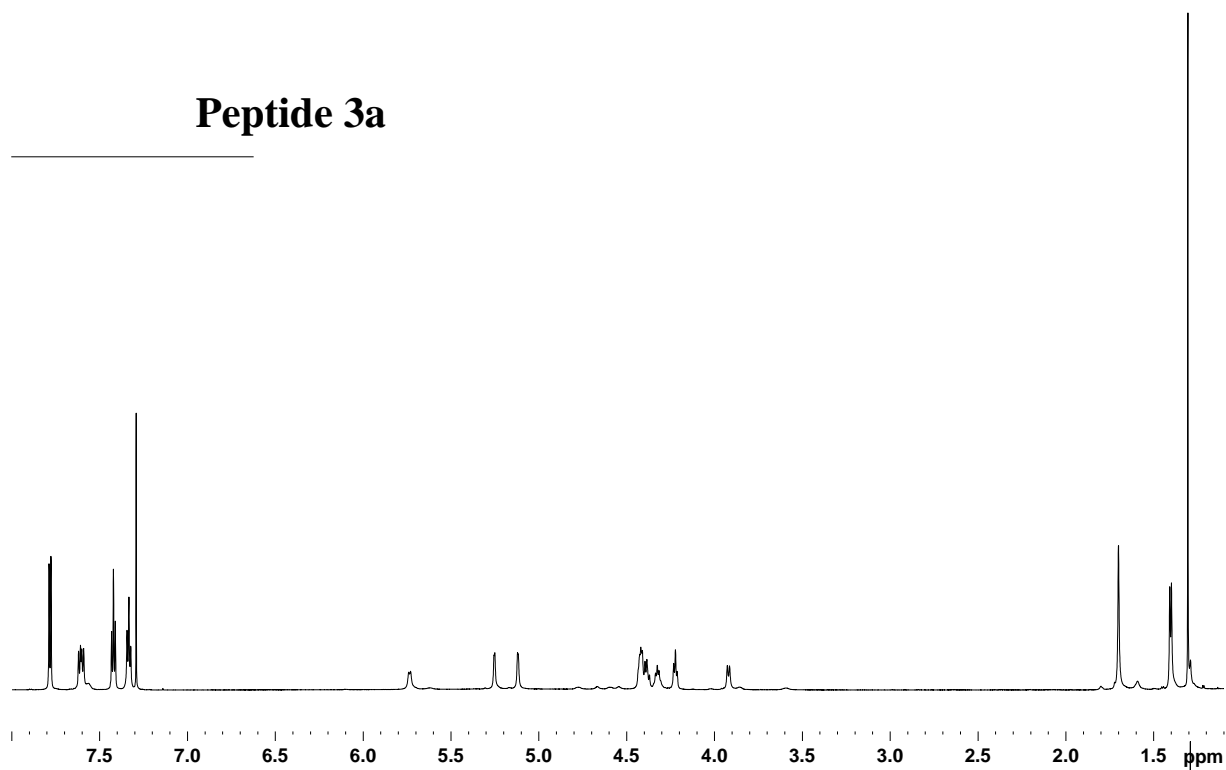
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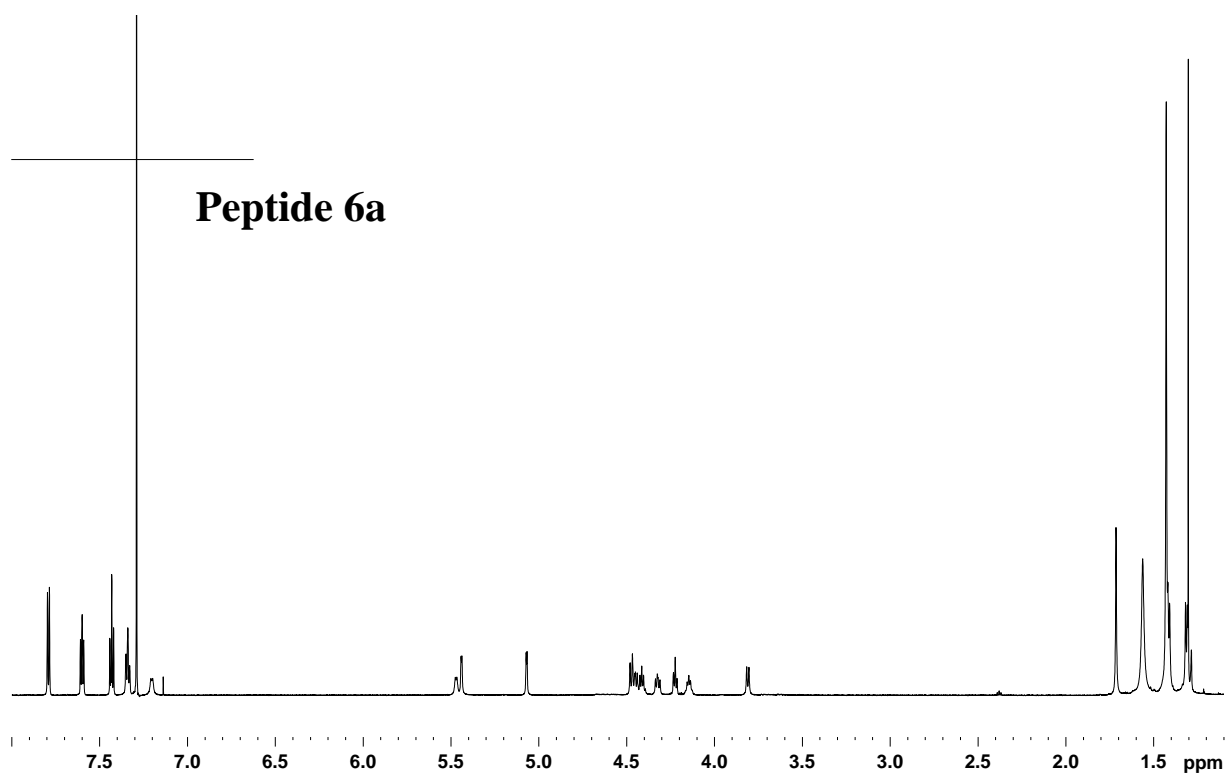
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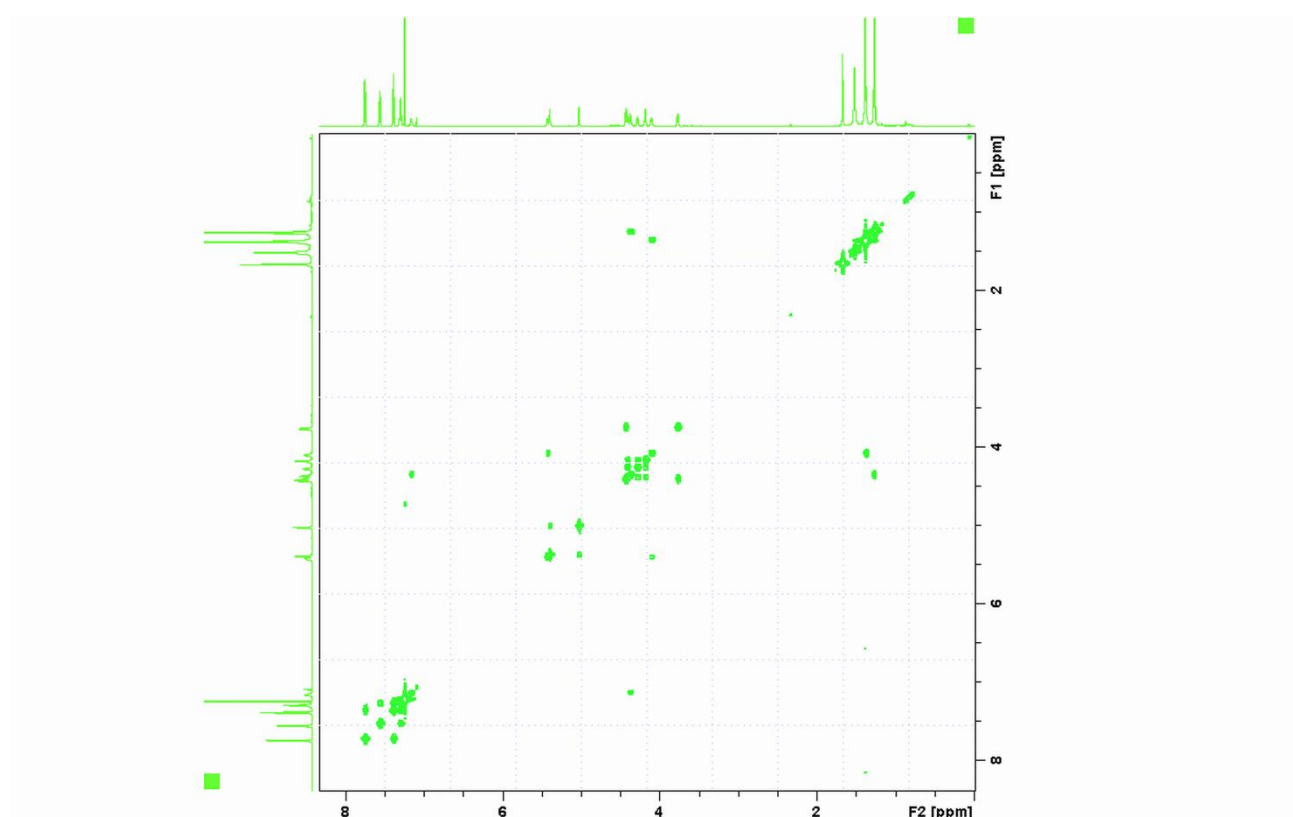
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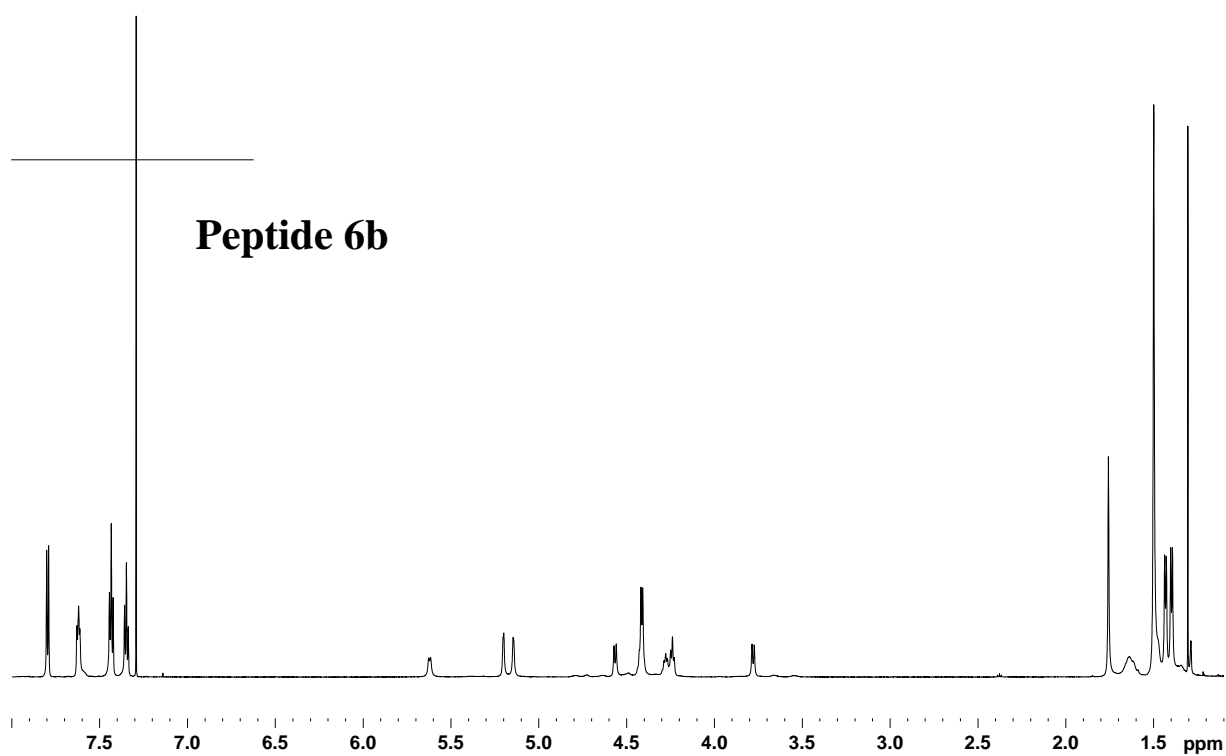
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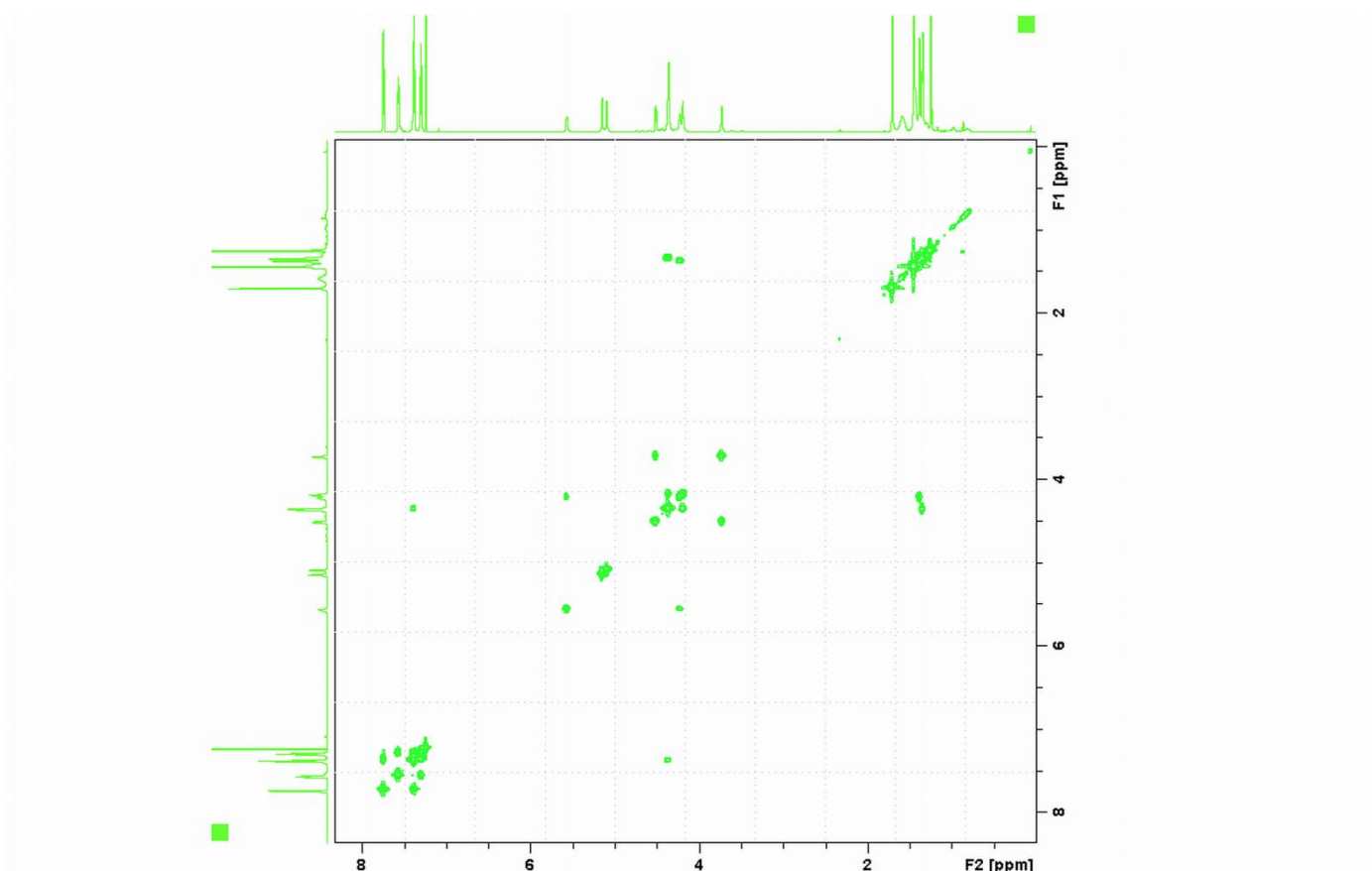
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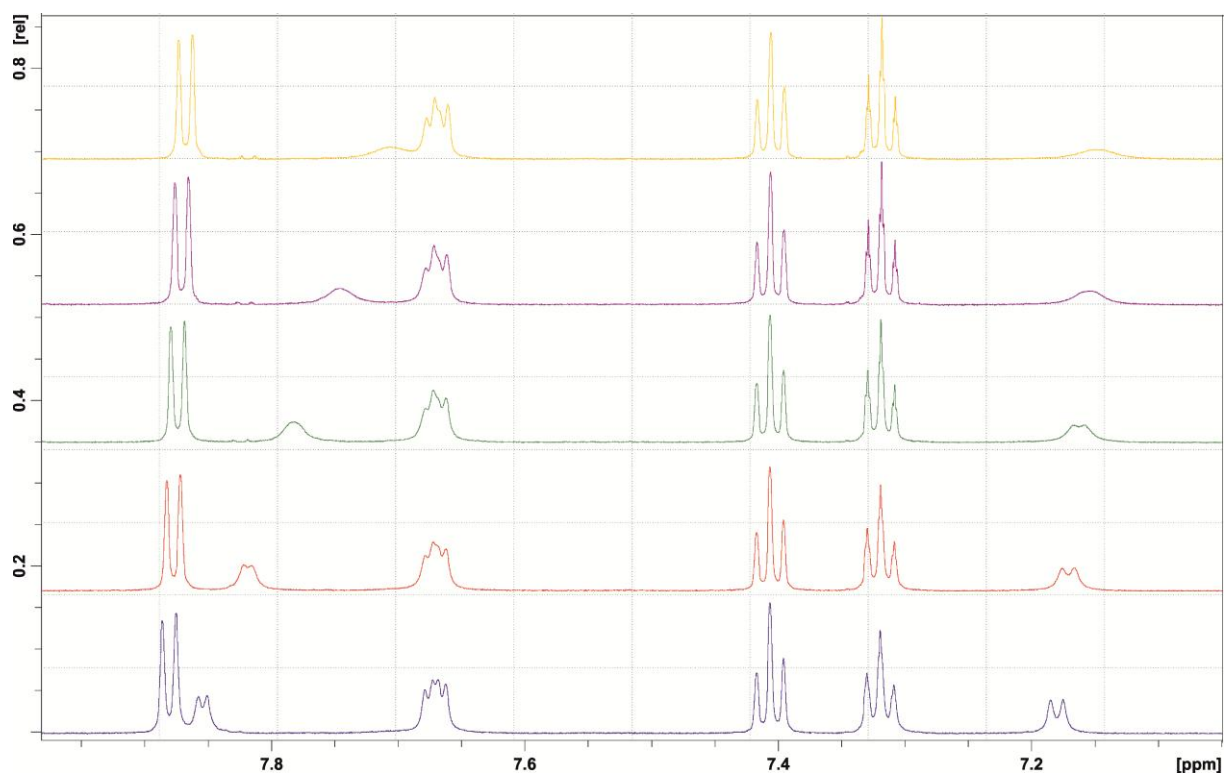
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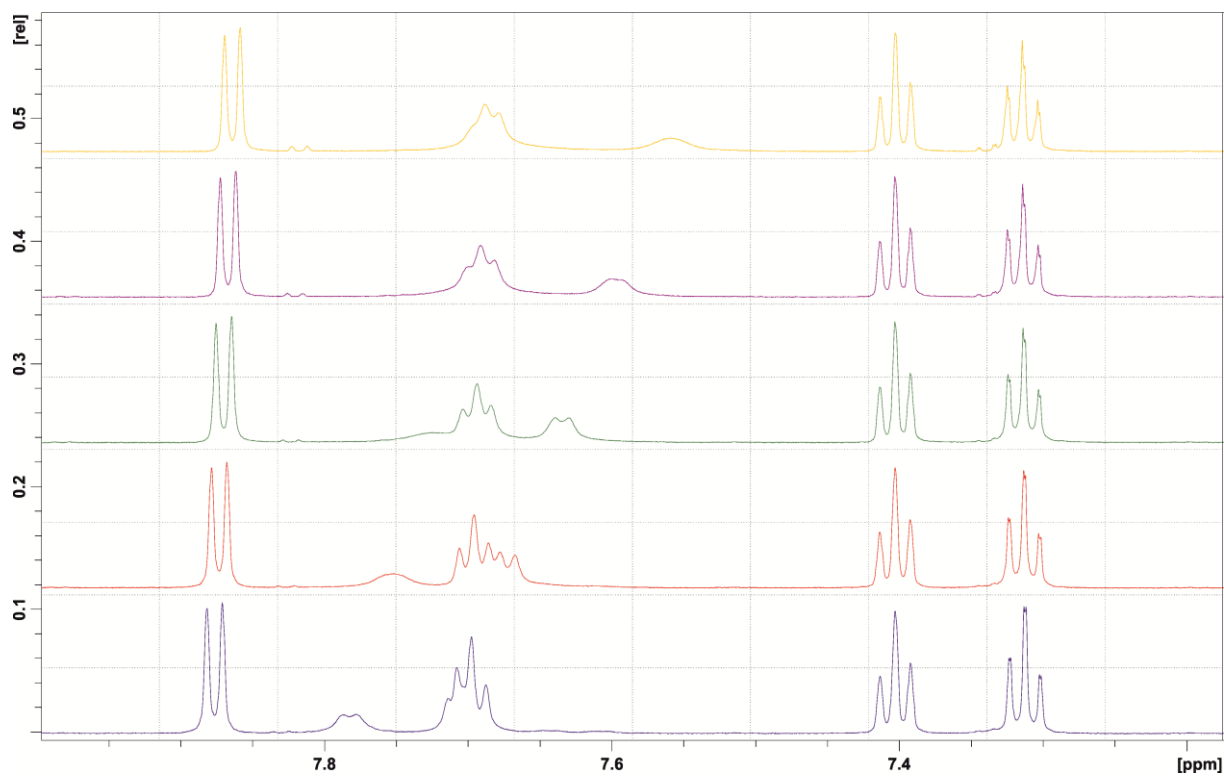
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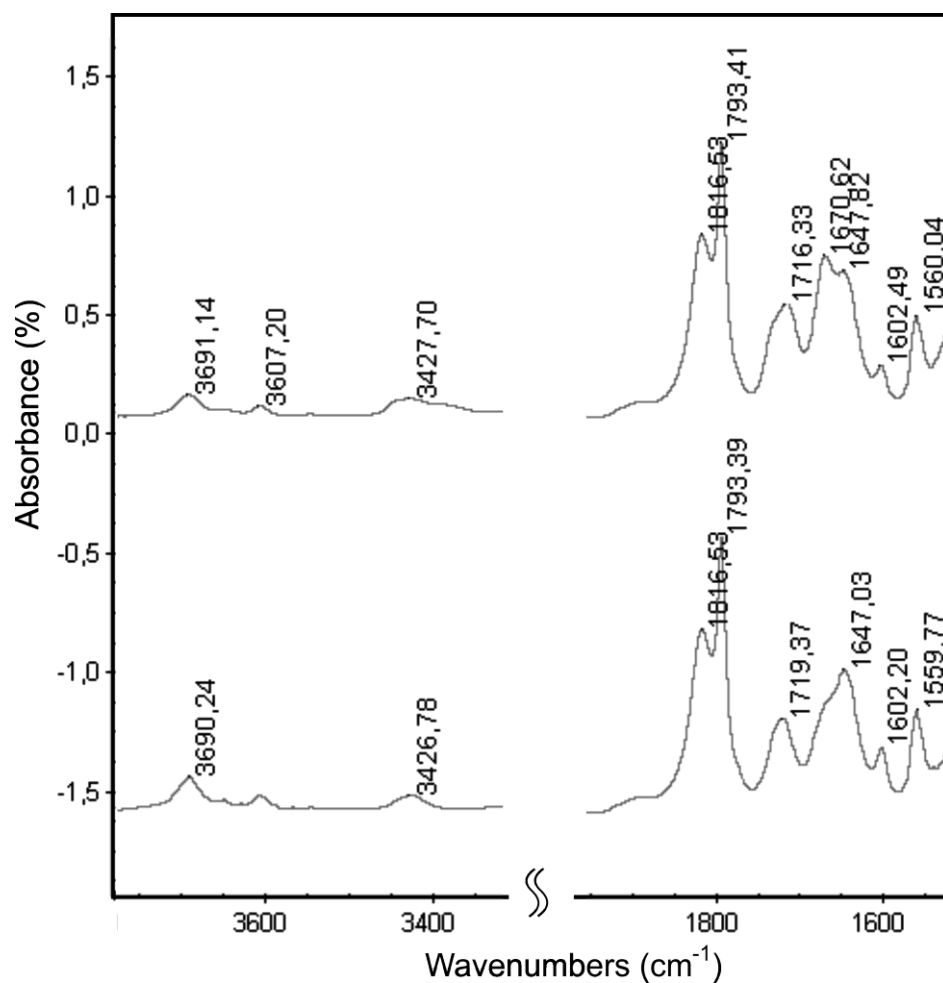
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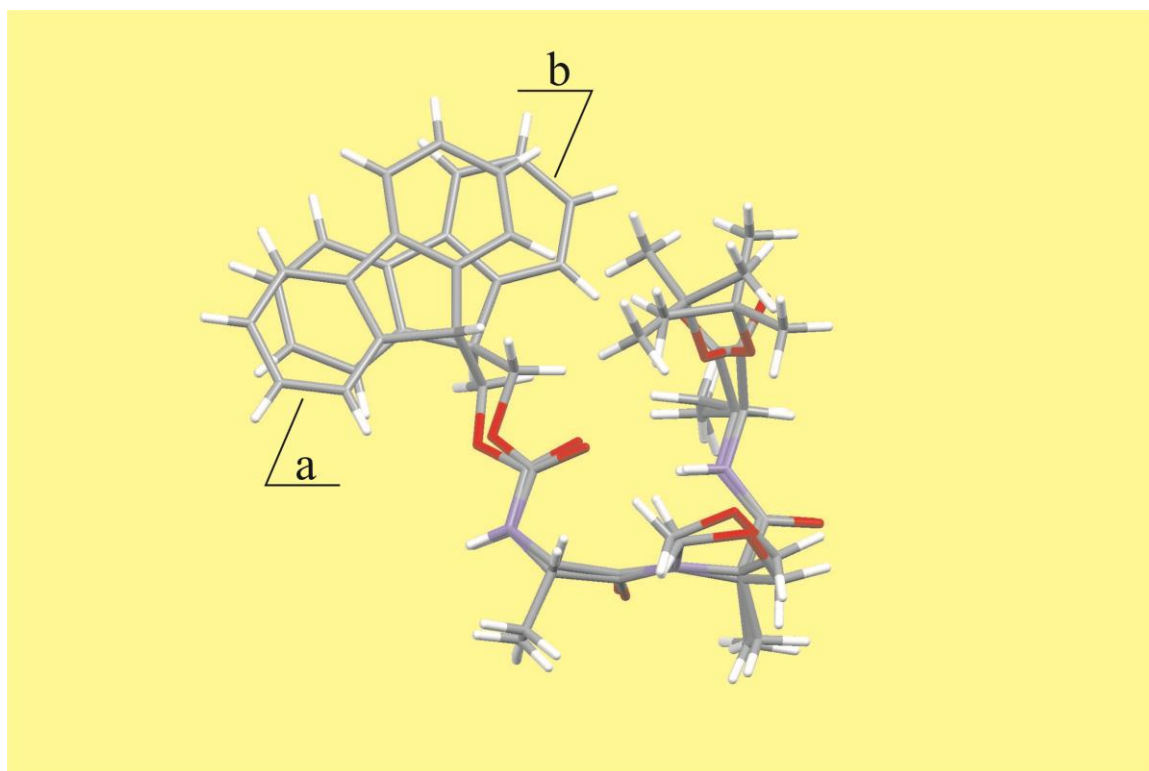


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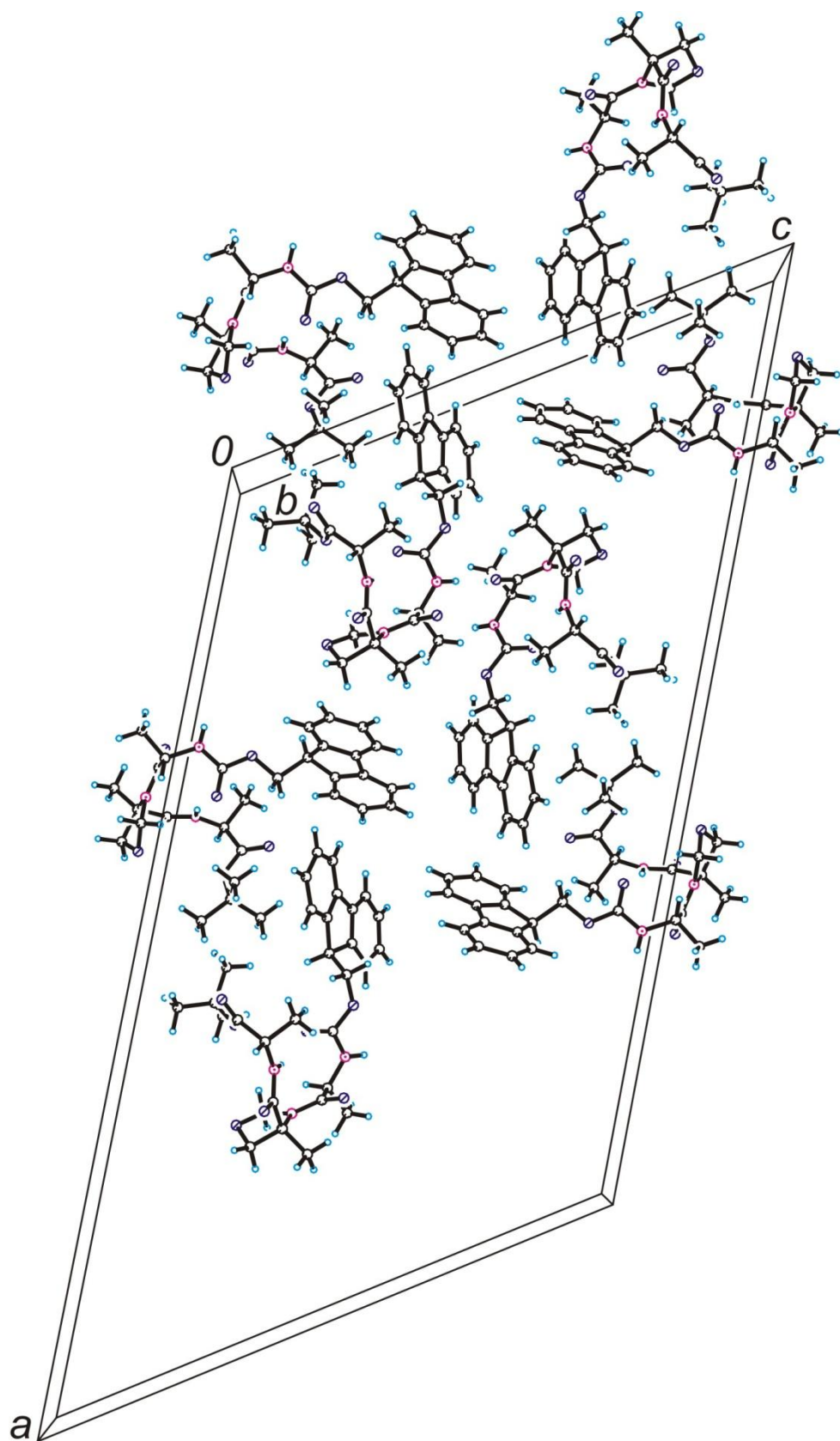


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**Figure S9.** Superposition of the two symmetrically independent molecules **a** and **b** of the Fmoc-Ala-(*R*)- $\alpha$ MeSer( $\Psi$ Pro)-Ala-OBu<sup>t</sup> (**6a**). Only distances between the respective main chain atoms were minimized. The root mean square displacement of the fit was 0.19 Å.



**Figure S10.** Packing diagram of Fmoc-Ala-(*R*)- $\alpha$ MeSer( $\Psi$ Pro)-Ala-OBu<sup>1</sup> (**6a**) with hydrogen bonds indicated with dashed lines.

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$\phi(1)$	C(15)-N(1)-C(16)-C(18)	-57.4(3)
	C(45)-N(4)-C(46)-C(48)	-58.8(3)
$\psi(1)$	N(1)-C(16)-C(18)-N(2)	139.5(2)
	N(4)-C(46)-C(48)-N(5)	129.1(2)
$\omega(1)$	O(1)-C(15)-N(1)-C(16)	179.0(3)
	O(8)-C(45)-N(4)-C(46)	-179.6(3)
$\phi(2)$	C(18)-N(2)-C(21)-C(23)	78.8(3)
	C(48)-N(5)-C(51)-C(53)	69.6(3)
$\psi(2)$	N(2)-C(21)-C(23)-N(3)	1.4(3)
	N(5)-C(51)-C(53)-N(6)	10.4(3)
$\omega(2)$	C(16)-C(18)-N(2)-C(21)	176.0(2)
	C(46)-C(48)-N(5)-C(51)	178.2(2)
$\phi(3)$	C(23)-N(3)-C(24)-C(26)	-124.5(3)
	C(53)-N(6)-C(54)-C(56)	-131.9(3)
$\psi(3)$	N(3)-C(24)-C(26)-O(6)	-16.8(4)
	N(6)-C(54)-C(56)-O(14)	59.5(3)
$\omega(3)$	C(21)-C(23)-N(3)-C(24)	177.6(2)
	C(51)-C(53)-N(6)-C(54)	171.9(2)

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<b>D-H...A</b>	<b>D-H</b>	<b>H...A</b>	<b>D...A</b>	<b>D-H...A</b>	<b>Symmetry code</b>
N(1)-H(1)...O(3)	0.88	1.96	2.841(4)	177	3/2-x,1/2+y,1-z
N(3)-H(31)...O(2)	0.88	2.29	3.095(4)	152	x,y,z
N(4)-H(4)...O(10)	0.88	2.03	2.897(4)	169	1/2-x,y-1/2,-z
N(6)-H(6)...O(9)	0.88	2.06	2.903(4)	161	x,y,z

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**Table S3** Endocyclic 1,3-oxazolidine torsion angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) for each symmetrically independent molecule **A** (upper section) and **B** (lower section) of Fmoc-Ala-(*R*)- $\alpha$ MeSer( $\Psi$ Pro)-Ala-OBu<sup>t</sup> (**6a**) accompanied by the three lowest asymmetry parameters ( $^{\circ}$ ).

Independent molecule	Torsion angle ( $^{\circ}$ )	
<b>A</b>	O(4)-C(19)-N(2)-C(21)	4.7(3)
	C(19)-N(2)-C(21)-C(20)	18.1(3)
	N(2)-C(21)-C(20)-O(4)	-34.9(3)
	C(21)-C(20)-O(4)-C(19)	40.8(3)
	C(20)-O(4)-C(19)-N(2)	-28.1(3)
	$\Delta C_s^{C(20)} = 8.2(3)$ $\Delta C_2^{N(2)} = 10.6(3)$ $\Delta C_s^{O(4)} = 23.2(3)$	
<b>B</b>	O(11)-C(49)-N(5)-C(51)	14.1(3)
	C(49)-N(5)-C(51)-C(50)	10.7(3)
	N(5)-C(51)-C(50)-O(11)	-32.1(3)
	C(51)-C(50)-O(11)-C(49)	43.4(3)
	C(50)-O(11)-C(49)-N(5)	-35.4(3)
	$\Delta C_2^{N(5)} = 3.3(3)$ $\Delta C_s^{O(11)} = 14.0(3)$ $\Delta C_s^{C(50)} = 23.2(3)$	