

Supporting Information

Microwave-Assisted Synthesis of Difficult Sequence Containing Peptide Using Isopeptide Method.

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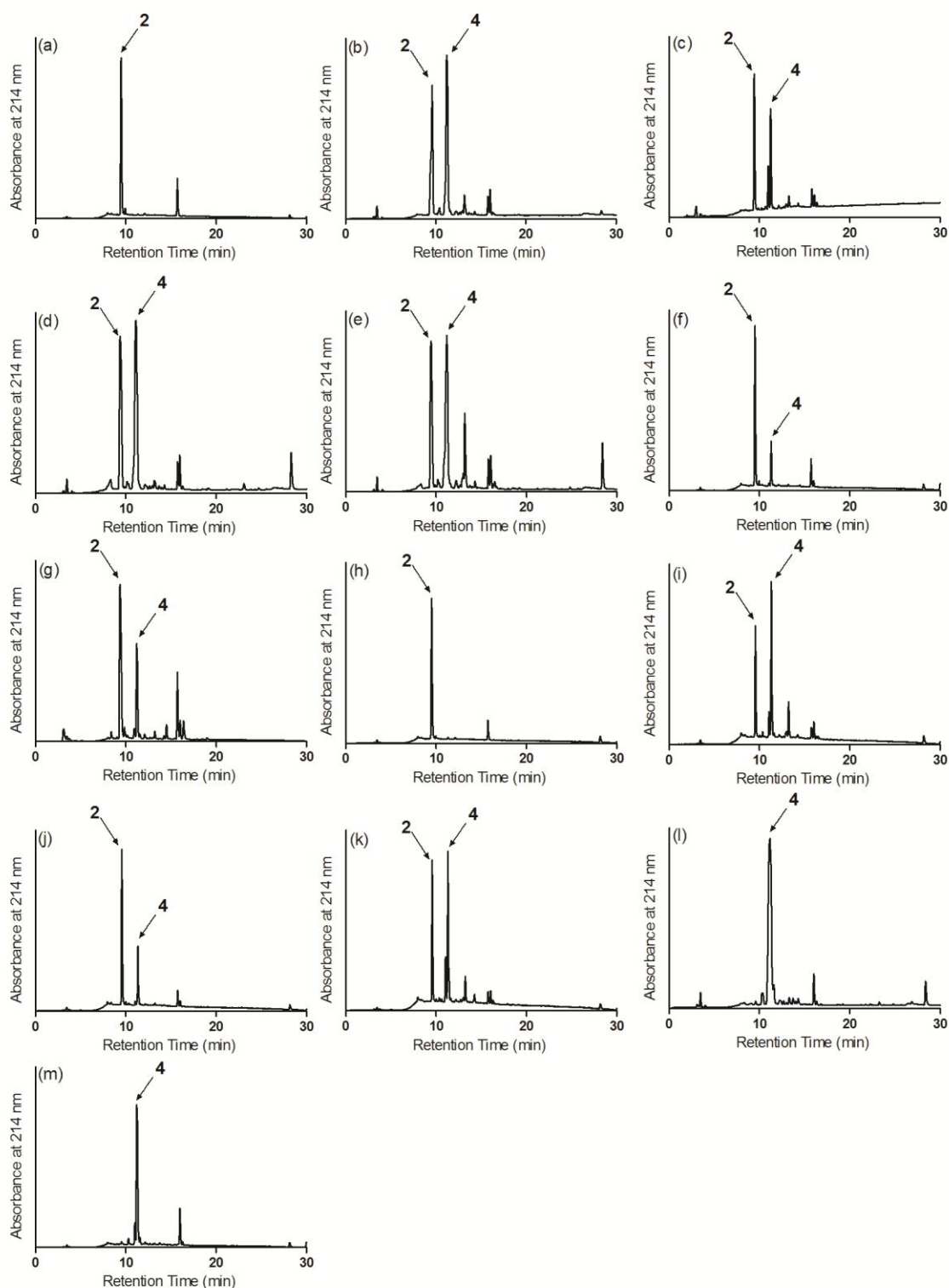


Figure S1. HPLC traces of crude product **4** obtained after coupling the isodipeptide unit (**1**) to peptide **2** on the resin under different coupling conditions. (a) The first 6 amino acids (**2**) synthesized by the microwave. HPLC signal of **2** was used as a reference to calculate the efficiency of the isodipeptide unit coupling. Coupling conditions of isodipeptide unit: (b) HATU/DIPEA at 50 °C (2 x 15 min); (c) HATU/DIPEA at RT (3 min) and at 50 °C (2 x 15 min); (d) HATU/DIPEA at 70 °C (2 x 10 min); (e) HATU/DIPEA at 70 °C (2 x 20 min); (f)

DIC/HOBT at 50 °C (2 x 15 min); (g) DIC/HOBT at 70 °C (2 x 10 min); (h) EEDQ at 70 °C (2 x 10 min); (i) PyBOP/DIPEA at 70 °C (2 x 10 min); (j) EDC/HOBT at 70 °C (2 x 10 min); (k) HBTU/HOBT/ DIPEA at 70 °C (2 x 10 min); (l) HATU/DIPEA at RT (2 x 2 h); (m) HATU/DIPEA at RT (1 x 30 min).

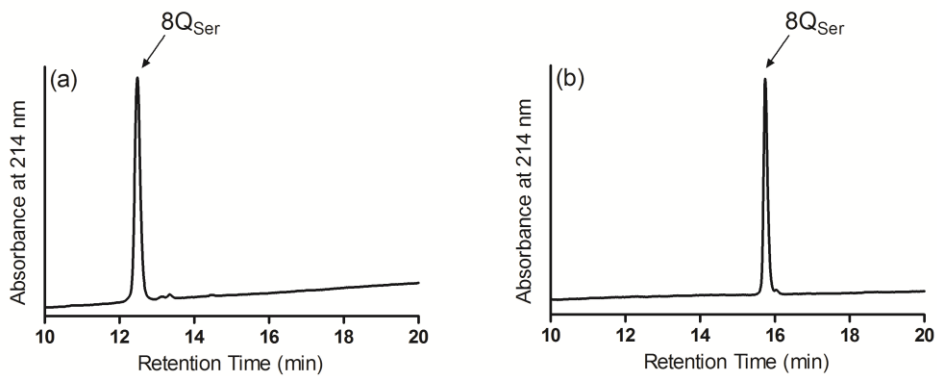


Figure S2. HPLC analysis of purified 8Q_{Ser} carried out on (a) C4 column, purity > 98% and (b) C18 column, purity > 98%.

Table S1. Effect of 20% piperidine at 70 °C on the ester bond of the isodipeptide unit.

| number of cycles ^a | HPLC Yield ^b of isopeptide 4 (%) |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 72 |
| 5 | 62 |
| 10 | 57 |
| 20 | 51 |

^a One cycle is (1 x 2.5 min and 1 x 5 min) at 70 °C.

^b HPLC Yield calculated based on the integration of the analytical HPLC signals.

Table S2. Comparison of the purity of the crude iso-8Q_{Ser} synthesized by using different methods.

| method | conditions for the synthesis of iso-8Q _{Ser} | HPLC Yield ^a (%) |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| B | isopeptide method at RT | 70 |
| C | isopeptide method under microwave irradiation and 20% piperidine (1 x 2.5 min and 1 x 5 min at 70 °C) for removal of Fmoc | 46 |
| D | isopeptide method under microwave irradiation and 20% piperidine (1 x 1 min and 2 x 5 min at RT) for removal of Fmoc | 71 |

^a Yield calculated based on the integration of the analytical HPLC signals

Table S3. Comparison of the purity of the crude 8Q_{Ser} synthesized by using different methods.

| method | conditions for the synthesis of 8Q _{Ser} | HPLC Yield ^a (%) |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| A | standard SPPS at RT | 43 |
| B | isopeptide method at RT | 73 |
| C | isopeptide method under microwave irradiation and 20% piperidine (1 x 2.5 min and 1 x 5 min at 70 °C) for removal of Fmoc | 53 |
| D | isopeptide method under microwave irradiation and 20% piperidine (1 x 1 min and 2 x 5 min at RT) for removal of Fmoc | 73 |

^a Yield calculated based on the integration of the analytical HPLC signals