Ligations of *N*-Acyl tryptophan units to give Native Peptides *via* 7-, 10-, 11- and 12-membered Cyclic Transition states

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1. General Information. All commercial materials (Aldrich, Fluka) were used without further purification. All solvents were reagent grade or HPLC grade (Fisher Solvents were dried using standard protocols kept under a dry atmosphere of nitrogen. Melting points were determined on a capillary point apparatus equipped with a digital thermometer and are uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, DMSO- d_6 or CD₃OD using a 300 MHz spectrometer (with TMS as an internal standard) at ambient temperature unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million relative to residual solvent CDCl₃ (¹H, 7.26 ppm; ¹³C, 77.16 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (¹H, 2.50 ppm; ¹³C, 39.52 ppm), CD₃OD (¹H, 3.31 ppm; ¹³C, 49.00 ppm). All ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with complete proton decoupling. The data have been reported in order to provide the maximum amount of information regarding coupling constants, which has necessarily led to integrals reported following a group of peaks in some instances. High-resolution and highperformance liquid chromatography mass spectral analyses were performed by the University of Florida chemistry department facility staff. Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All microwave assisted reactions were carried out with a single mode cavity Discover Microwave Synthesizer (CEM Corporation, NC). The reaction mixtures were transferred into a 10 mL glass pressure microwave tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was closed with a silicon septum and the reaction mixture was subjected to microwave irradiation (Discover mode; run time: 60 sec.; PowerMax-cooling mode). Analytical TLC was performed on E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates and visualized by UV and potassium permanganate staining. Flash column chromatography was performed on E. Merck silica gel 60 (40–63 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds. HPLC-MS analyses were performed on reverse phase gradient Phenomenex Synergi Hydro-RP $(2.1 \times 150 \text{ mm}; 5 \text{ um}) + \text{guard column} (2 \times 4 \text{ mm})$ or Thermoscientific Hypurity C8 (5um; 2.1 × 100 mm + guard column) using 0.2% acetic acid in H_2O /methanol as mobile phases; wavelength = 254 nm; and mass spectrometry was done with electro spray ionization (ESI).

Experimental Procedure

Procedure for preparation of isodipeptide 3

DBU (0.78 g, 5.10 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of N^{α}-Boc-L-Trp-OBn (2.00 g, 5.07 mmol) and Cbz-L-Ala-Bt (1.64 g, 5.07 mmol) in dry MeCN (30 mL) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at this temperature. After that the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystallized from hot hexanes to give N^{α}-Boc-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn **3** (2.37 g, 3.95 mmol).

N^{α} -Boc-L-Trp(Z-L-Ala)-OBn (3)



Procedure for preparation of hydrogen chloride of unprotected isodipeptide 4

 N^{α} -Boc-L-Trp-OBn **3** (0.40 g, 0.67 mmol) was dissolved in 4N HCl solution in 1,4–dioxane (15 ml) at 23 °C and stirred for 4 h. Reaction mixture was evaporated and recrystallized from diethyl ether to give L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride **4** (0.32 g, 0.60 mmol). Yield 90%.

L-Trp(Z-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (4)



27.0, 18.1. Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₀ClN₃O₅: C, 64.98; H, 5.64; N, 7.84. Found C, 64.60; H, 5.83; N, 7.57.

General procedure for preparation of isotripeptides 8a-c

L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride **4** (0.54 g, 1.0 mmol) and benzotriazolide of Boc-protected α -, β - or γ -amino acids **7a-c** (1.0 mmol) were dissolved in MeCN (15 mL) at ice-bath cooling and then DIPEA (0.52 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added to the mixture. The reaction was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C and 8 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in 50 mL of EtOAc and washed with saturated solution of sodium carbonate. Organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate. Evaporation and then recrystallization from diethyl ether gave corresponding isotripeptides **8a-c**.

Boc-Gly-L-Trp(Z-L-Ala)-OBn (8a)



White microcrystals, 76% yield, mp 75–76 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.08 (m, 15H), 6.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.18–4.88 (m, 6H), 3.99–3.55 (m, 2H), 3.28–3.13 (m, 2H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9,

169.8, 169.7, 156.2, 155.7, 136.0, 135.8, 134.8, 130.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 125.5, 124.0, 123.0, 118.7, 117.4, 116.8, 79.9, 67.4, 67.1, 52.0, 49.2, 44.3, 28.1, 27.1, 18.9. Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₄₀N₄O₈: C, 65.84; H, 6.14; N, 8.53. Found C, 65.44; H, 6.22; N, 8.44.

Boc-β-Ala-L-Trp(Z-L-Ala)-OBn (8b)



White microcrystals, 63% yield, mp 126–128 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.08 (m, 15H), 5.21–4.95 (m, 6H), 3.39–3.11 (m, 4H), 2.41 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.33 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 173.8, 172.9, 172.7, 158.2, 158.1, 138.0, 137.3, 136.8, 131.6, 129.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 126.3, 124.9, 124.3, 119.8, 119.1, 117.7, 80.1, 68.1, 67.8, 53.8, 50.8, 37.9, 36.9, 28.7,

28.1, 18.3. Anal. Calcd for $C_{37}H_{42}N_4O_8$: C, 66.25; H, 6.31; N, 8.35. Found C, 66.04; H, 6.27; N, 8.10.

Boc-GABA-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn (8c)



White microcrystals, 67% yield, mp 134–136 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.10 (m, 14H), 5.16–4.91 (m, 6H), 3.39–3.13 (m, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.73–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.39 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 175.6, 172.9, 172.8, 158.4, 158.2, 138.1, 137.4, 136.8, 131.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 126.3, 124.9, 124.2,

119.8, 119.3, 117.7, 79.9, 68.1, 67.8, 53.9, 50.9, 40.7, 34.0, 28.8, 28.0, 27.2, 18.2. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₄₄N₄O₈: C, 66.65; H, 6.48; N, 8.18. Found C, 66.36; H, 6.37; N, 8.02.

General procedure for preparation of hydrogen chlorides of unprotected isodipeptides 9a-c

Boc-protected isotripeptides **8a-c** (1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 4N HCl solution in 1,4–dioxane (15 ml) at 23 °C and stirred for 4 h. Reaction mixture was evaporated and recrystallized from diethyl ether to give corresponding hydrogen chloride salts of unprotected isodipeptides **9a-c**.

Gly-L-Trp(Z-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (9a)



28.7, 28.2, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{31}H_{33}CIN_4O_6 [M - HCl + H]^+ 557.2395$, found 557.2410.

β-Ala-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (9b)



White microcrystals, 92% yield, mp 130–133 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.22 (m, 10H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 2H), 5.23–4.87 (m, 6H), 3.42–3.16 (m, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 173.0, 172.7, 172.2, 158.2, 138.0, 137.4, 136.8, 131.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 126.3, 124.9, 124.4,

119.8, 119.1, 117.7, 68.2, 67.8, 53.8, 50.8, 36.9, 32.5, 28.1, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{35}ClN_4O_6 [M - HCl + H]^+ 571.2551$, found 571.2547.

GABA-L-Trp(Z-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (9c)



White microcrystals, 94% yield, mp 85–88 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.11 (m, 12H), 5.18–4.94 (m, 5H), 3.41–3.13 (m, 2H), 2.93–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.43–2.30 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 174.5, 172.9, 172.7, 158.2, 138.0, 137.3, 136.8, 131.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 126.3, 124.9, 124.2, 119.8,

119.3, 117.6, 68.1, 67.8, 53.8, 50.9, 40.2, 33.3, 28.0, 24.3, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{33}H_{37}ClN_4O_6 [M - HCl + H]^+ 585.2708$, found 585.2711.

SPECTRA (¹H, ¹³C, CHN or MS)

N^a-Boc-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn (3)



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L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (4)



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Boc-Gly-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn (8a)





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Boc-GABA-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn (8c)







Gly-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (9a)



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β-Ala-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (9b)









GABA-L-Trp(Cbz-L-Ala)-OBn hydrogen chloride (9c)







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HRMS of Ligated Product 10c





HPLC chromatograms and ESI-MS

General procedure for chemical ligation of *N*-acyl-isotripeptide 9b,c in buffer

Isotripeptide (**9b,c**) (0.20 mmol) was suspended in deoxygenated phosphate buffer (NaH₂PO₄/Na₂HPO₄) (1M, pH = 7.4, 7 mL). The mixture was irradiated with microwave (50 °C, 50 W, 3 h) in a microwave tube. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperaturet and acidified with 2N HCl to pH = 1. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The ligation mixture was weighed and then a solution in methanol (1 mg mL⁻¹) was analysed by HPLC-MS.

General procedure for chemical ligation of *N*-acyl-isotripeptide 9a-c in DMF-piperidine

Isotripeptide (**9a-c**) (0.20 mmol) was dissolved in the mixture of DMF-piperidine (5mL/1.5mL). The mixture was irradiated with microwave (50 °C, 50 W, 3 h) in a microwave tube. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperaturet and acidified with 2N HCl to pH = 1. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The ligation mixture was weighed and then a solution in methanol (1 mg mL⁻¹) was analysed by HPLC-MS.

HPLC chromatograms and ESI-MS for chemical ligation of 9b,c in buffer

Summary Chromatogram: HPLC/(+)ESI-MS integrated ion-peaks for the 9b (top, rt 48.9), 10b (top,







11b (bottom).





Summary Chromatogram: HPLC/(+)ESI-MS integrated ion-peaks for the 9c (rt 48.9), 10c (rt 59.5).

(+)ESI-MS of 9c (top) and 10c (bottom).





11c (MW 789) eluted at RT 65 min (bottom) and produced the (+)ESI-MS (top).

HPLC chromatograms and ESI-MS for chemical ligation of 9a-c in DMF-piperidine

Summary Chromatogram: HPLC/(+)ESI-MS integrated ion-peaks for the 9a (top, rt 48.2), 10a (top,





(+)ESI-MS spectra of 10a (top) and 9a (bottom).



(+)ESI-MS of 11a.



Summary Chromatogram: HPLC/(+)ESI-MS integrated ion-peaks for the 9b (rt 48.2), 10b (rt 57.1).



(+)ESI-MS/MS of the m/z 571 [M+H]+ ions of 9b (top) and 10b (bottom).



HPLC/(+)ESI-MS of **10c** (top, rt 54.24) and **9c** (bottom, rt 45.16).



(+)ESI mass spectra of 11c (top) and 9c (bottom).

