An Extended Planar C_5 Conformation and a 3_{10} -Helical Structure of Peptide Foldamer Composed of Diverse α -Ethylated α , α -Disubstituted α-Amino Acids

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Abstract: Optically active peptide foldamers Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (10) and Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)-Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (11) composed of diverse α -ethylated α , α -disubstituted α -amino acids were synthesized. The dominant conformation of these peptides in solution was an unusual, fully extended planar conformation, and that in the crystal state was both right-handed (P) and left-handed (M) 3_{10} -helical structures in 10 and a P 3_{10} -helical structure in 11, respectively. The preferred planar C_5 conformation of the peptides prepared from chiral α -ethylated α , α -disubstituted α amino acids was drastically different from the 3₁₀-helical structure of the peptides prepared from chiral α -methylated α , α -disubstituted α -amino acids.

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Introduction

Foldamers, which were named by Gellman, [1] are oligomers having well-defined secondary structural preferences. Within the past decade, many unnatural oligomers bearing interesting conformational properties have been reported, because control of the folding pattern leads to new types of molecules with useful properties. In particular, peptide-foldamers such as β -peptides, [2] which are made from β -amino acids, and the peptides prepared from α,α -disubstituted α -amino acids^[3] have been focused on by organic, peptide, and medicinal

It has been well known that the homopeptides prepared from achiral 2-aminoisobutyric acid (Aib) form a 3₁₀-helical structure, [4] whereas those from diethylglycine [Deg: 2-ethyl-2-aminobutyric acid $((\alpha \text{Et})\text{Abu})]$, [5a] dipropylglycine (Dpg), [5b,c] and diphenylglycine form a fully extended planar C_5 conformation.^[5] Recently, the Toniolo and the Seebach groups concentrated on the conformation of oligopeptides prepared from optically active α,α -disubstituted α -amino acids, because proteinogenic α -amino acids are chiral mole-

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heteropeptides prepared from chiral α -methylated α,α -disubstituted α -amino acids [(α Me)AAs] formed the 3₁₀-helical structures in the crystal state and in solution, and the screw sense of helicity, right-handed (P) or left-handed (M) helicity, depended on the chiral center of the quaternary carbon of (aMe)AAs.[3e,f, 6, 7] On the other hand, we reported that the conformation of homopeptides prepared from a chiral α ethylated α , α -disubstituted α -amino acid [(α Et)AA]; (S)butylethylglycine [(S)-Beg, α -ethylnorleucine, (S)-(α Et)Nle] was the fully planar C_5 conformation both in the crystal state and in solution.[8] The fully extended conformation was formed in the case of unusual homopeptides prepared from glycine, [9] Deg, Dpg, or (S)-(α Et)Nle (Beg), and also was observed in the case of unusual heteropentapeptides containing one chiral α -amino acid as a guest molecule in the sequences of Deg residues.[10, 11] We herein describe for the first time the synthesis of heteropentapeptide Tfa-[(S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Val}$ - $[(S)-(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Leu}]$ - $[(S)-(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nva}]$ -Deg- $[(S)-(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nle}]$ -OEt (11), in which each of the amino acid residues is a different α -ethylated α , α -disubstituted α -amino acid, and also report its 3_{10} -helical and planar C_5 conformation in the crystal state and in solution.

cules except for glycine. They reported that the homo- and

Results and Discussion

Design of heteropentapeptide: As an $(\alpha Et)AA$ heteropeptide, we designed pentapeptide Tfa-[(S)- (αEt) Val]-[(S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Leu}$ - $[(S)-(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nva}]$ -Deg- $[(S)-(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nle}]$ -OEt

which has different $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{AAs}$ as the individual amino acid residues, and the structure is very different from those of the Deg and (S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nle}$ homopeptides, [8] which preferentially form the planar C_5 conformation.

Asymmetric synthesis of (S)- α ethylated α , α -disubstituted α amino acids: We synthesized the optically active $(\alpha Et)AAs$ by an asymmetric alkylation of the β -keto ester by using (R,R)cyclohexane-1,2-diol as a chiral auxiliary, and subsequent Schmidt rearrangement, as shown in Scheme 1.[12, 13] That is to say, chiral 1, which consists of (R,R)-cyclohexane-1,2-diol and ethyl 2-ethylacetoacetate, alkylated with LDA was (5 equiv), Pr-I (5 equiv), and HMPA (5 equiv) in THF at -78 to -40 °C or room temperature to give enol ethers 2a and 2b in 83 and 70% yield, respectively. The cyclohexane-1,2-diol moiety in 2 was removed by treatment with BF₃·OEt₂ in EtOH/H₂O to afford β-keto esters 3a (83%) and 3b (70%). The optical purities (>95% op) and absolute configurations of 3a and 3b were determined by comparison with the reported specific rotations. [13] The obtained β -keto esters 3a and 3b could be converted into the α,α -disubstituted α -amino acids **4a** in 48% and 4b in 40 % yield by Schmidt rearrangement. The protecting group in 4 was removed by hydrolysis with concentrated HCl, and then the N terminus was protected as a trifluoroacetyl group to produce Tfa-[(S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nva}$ -OH **5a** in 55% and Tfa-[(S)- (αEt) Val]-OH **5b** in 40% yield, respectively.

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of the optically active $(\alpha Et)AAs$.

11 Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt

Scheme 2. Preparation of heteropentapeptide 11. Yields are based on recovered materials.

Preparation of heteropentapeptide Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt: We prepared the heteropentapeptide Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (11) by the solution-phase methods, employing an ethyl ester as the C terminus and a trifluoroacetyl group as the N terminus

(Scheme 2). At first, the dipeptide **8** was prepared in 74% yield by the coupling of H-(S)-(α Et)Nle-OEt (**6**) and Tfa-Deg-OH (**7**) by using 1-ethyl-3-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC). Removal of the trifluoroacetyl group in **8** by NaBH₄ reduction followed by coupling with Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-OH (**5a**) by treatment with EDC in refluxing MeCN gave tripeptide **9** in 50% yield based on the

recovered material. Tetra- and pentapeptides **10** (55%) and **11** (31%) were synthesized in a manner similar to that described for **9**. The spectroscopic data of all compounds supported their structures.

Crystal-state conformational analysis: We determined the molecular and crystal structures of the three terminally protected tri-, tetra-, and pentapeptides 9, 10, and 11 by X-ray crystallographic analysis. [14] Crystals of good quality for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an EtOH or EtOH/CHCl₃ solution at room temperature. The molecular structures of 9, 10, and 11 with atomic-numbering schemes are given in Figures 1–4. Relevant backbone and side-chain torsion angles are summarized in Table 1. The intra- and intermolecular hydrogen-bond parameters are listed in Table 2.

The structure of tripeptide **9** was solved in the space group $P2_12_12_1$. Two intramolecular hydrogen bonds are observed, that is to say, intramolecularly hydrogen-bonded C_5 conformations of the residues (S)- (αEt) Nva¹ and (S)- (αEt) Nle³ are formed in the crystal state. The set of torsion angles ϕ , ψ for the residue are +177.6, -179.8° for (S)- (αEt) Nva¹ and +177.0, $+177.5^{\circ}$ for (S)- (αEt) Nle³. The N1 ··· O1 distance is 2.54 Å and the N3 ··· O3 is 2.60 Å. The torsion angles of Deg² are -59.5, -42.8° . In the packing mode, one intermolecular hydrogen bond is shown between the H–N2 peptide donor and the C2'=O2' carbonyl oxygen atom of the peptide of a symmetry-related molecule $(-x+\frac{1}{2}, -y, z+\frac{1}{2})$, with an N2 ··· O2' distance of 2.93 Å. The conformation of **9** in the

Table 1. Selected torsion angles ω , ϕ , ψ , and $\chi^{[a]}$ [°] for the peptides 9, 10, and 11 as determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

Torsion angle	Tripeptide 9	Tetrapeptide 10 molecule \mathbf{A} (M) molecule \mathbf{B} (P)		Pentapeptide 11	
ω_0	- 173.1	176.5	- 174.6	- 170.6	
ϕ_1	177.6	53.7	-58.2	-58.3	
ψ_1	-179.8	37.1	-34.9	-37.5	
ω_1	-172.8	169.6	-178.4	-173.9	
ϕ_2	- 59.5	56.0	-48.4	-57.4	
ψ_2	-42.8	26.0	-34.5	-19.1	
ω_2	-171.2	177.8	-175.8	176.3	
ϕ_3	177.0	53.7	-52.0	-48.7	
ψ_3	177.5	33.6	-39.7	-32.1	
ω_3	-176.7	179.0	-177.2	-175.1	
ϕ_4	_	-48.6	46.9	-52.8	
ψ_4	_	-53.0	56.2	-37.5	
ω_4	_	-175.1	174.0	-178.9	
ϕ_5		_		47.2	
ψ_5	_	-	_	52.7	
ω_5	_	_	_	174.9	
$\chi_1^{\rm e}$	-53.2	-176.1	58.7	30.3	
χ ^a	52.3	-66.5	179.6	$-71.0^{[b]}$	
χ_2^e	65.7	176.3	64.7	66.2	
χ_2^a	-177.1	-61.4	-178.4	81.0	
χ ^e ₃	-58.5	-177.1	60.8	63.3	
χ_3^a	57.7	-49.5	177.5	179.2	
$\chi_4^{\rm e}$	-	65.2	-175.1	60.1	
χ_4^a	-	-175.8	-66.9	179.6	
χ ^e ₅	_	_	_	-174.9	
χã	-	_	_	-65.3	

[a] The superscripts e and a refer to the ethyl and the alkyl side chains, respectively. [b] The angle $\chi_1^a = 165.8^\circ$ also exists because the substituent of the side chain is an isopropyl group.

Table 2. Intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bond parameters for the peptides 9, 10, and $11^{\rm [a]}$

Donor D–H	Acceptor A	Distance [Å] D··· A	Angle [°] D−H···A	Symmetry operations			
Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (9)							
N_1-H	\mathbf{O}_1	2.54	110	x,y,z			
N_3 -H	O_3	2.60	108	x,y,z			
N_2 -H	$O_{2'}$	2.93	173	$-x+\frac{1}{2}$, $-y$, $z+\frac{1}{2}$			
T	$\text{fa-}[(S)\text{-}(\alpha \text{Et})]$	Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nv	a]-Deg-[(S)-(a	tEt)Nle]-OEt (10)			
$\mathbf{A}(M)$							
N_{3a} -H	O_{0a}	3.18	164	x,y,z			
N_{4a} – H	O_{1a}	3.06	166	<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i>			
B (P)							
$N_{3b}-H$	O_{0b}	3.01	161	x,y,z			
N_{4b} -H	O_{1b}	3.00	150	<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i>			
N_{1a} $-H$	$O_{4b'}$	2.92	172	<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i>			
N_{2a} -H	$O_{5b'}$	3.34 ^[b]	135	x,y,z			
$N_{1b}-H$	$O_{4a'}$	2.87	179	x - 1, y - 1, z - 1			
N_{2b} $-H$	$O_{5a'}$	3.25 ^[b]	141	x - 1, y - 1, z - 1			
Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (11)							
N_3 -H	O_0	3.10	168	x,y,z			
N_4 -H	O_1	3.12	162	x,y,z			
N_5 -H	O_2	3.13	179	x,y,z			
N_1-H	$O_{4'}$	2.91	172	x,y,z-1			
N_2 -H	$O_{5'}$	3.47 ^[b]	158	x,y,z-1			

[a] The number of the amino-acid residues begins at the N terminus of the peptide chain. [b] The distance of $D\cdots A$ is somewhat long for a hydrogen bond.

crystal state is a bent planar C_5 conformation, which is very similar to that of homotripeptide Tfa-(Deg)₃-OEt prepared from diethylglycine^[5d] and that of homotripeptide Tfa-[(S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nle}]_3$ -OEt prepared from (S)-butylethylglycine (Figure 1).^[8]

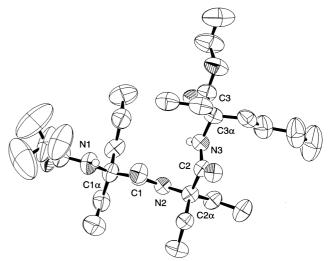


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of the molecular structure of Tfa-[(S)-(aEt)-Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(aEt)Nle]-OEt (9) with atom numbering (ellipsoids at 50 % probability).

Tetrapeptide **10** crystallizes in the triclinic space group P1. Two crystallographically independent molecules **A** and **B** exist in the asymmetric unit of **10**. Both molecules **A** and **B** are folded into the 3_{10} -helical structure: molecule **A** has a left-handed (M) structure and molecule **B** is right-handed (P), as shown in Figure 2. The corresponding ϕ, ψ torsion angles

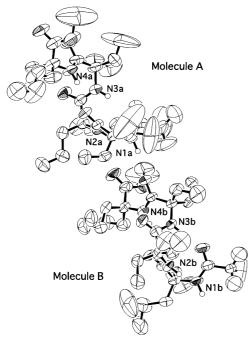


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of the molecular structure of Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)-Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (**10**) with atom numbering (ellipsoids at 50% probability).

between two molecules of opposite helicity are different by sign, but the absolute values are similar. The relationship of the two molecules A and B is not enantiomeric but diastereomeric because the chiral centers of amino acid residues in both molecules A and B are the same S configuration. In molecule **A**, the signs of the ϕ and ψ torsion angles (-48.6, -53.0°) of the (S)-(α Et)Nle^{4a} residue at the C terminus are opposite to those of the preceding residues (S)- (αEt) Leu^{1a}, (S)- (αEt) Nva^{2a} and Deg^{3a} (positive signs); also, in molecule **B**, the signs of the torsion angles $(+46.9, +56.2^{\circ})$ of the (S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nle}^{4b}$ residue are opposite to those of the preceding residues (negative signs); this phenomenon is frequently observed in the 3₁₀-helical peptides of Aib.^[4] Molecule A shows two intramolecular hydrogen bonds between the H-N3a and C0a=O0a oxygen atom of the trifluoroacetyl group with an N3a ··· O0a distance of 3.18 Å and between H-N4a and C1a=O1a (N4a ··· O1a = 3.06 Å), and molecule **B** similarly shows two intramolecular hydrogen bonds between H-N3b and C0b=O0b (N3b \cdots O0b = 3.01 Å) and between H-N4b and C1b=O1b (N4b ··· O1b = 3.00 Å). In the packing mode, two intermolecular hydrogen bonds are formed between the H-N1a peptide donor and C4b'=O4b' O atom $(N1a \cdots O4b' = 2.92 \text{ Å})$, and between H-N1b and C4a'=O4a' of a symmetry-related molecule (x-1, y-1, z-1) (N1b... O4a' = 2.87 Å). Moreover, two weak intermolecular hydrogen bonds are observed between H-N2a and C5b'=O5b' (N2a··· O5b' = 3.34 Å) and also between H-N2b and C5a'=O5a' of a symmetry-related molecule (x-1, y-1, z-1) (N1b... O5a' = 3.25 Å). The chains of intermolecularly hydrogenbonded molecules are formed in a head-to-tail alignment of $P3_{10}$ -helix (molecule **B**) and $M3_{10}$ -helix (molecule **A**), that is, $\cdots P \cdots M \cdots P \cdots M \cdots$ chains of the 3₁₀-helical molecules **A** and B are formed.

The structure of heteropentapeptide $\mathbf{11}$ was solved in the monoclinic space group $P2_1$. Only one 3_{10} -helical structure exists in the asymmetric unit (Figure 3). The screw sense of helicity is a right-handed (P) helix, but a flip of the torsion

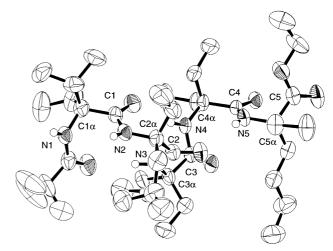


Figure 3. ORTEP Drawing of the molecular structure of Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)-Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (11) with atom numbering (ellipsoids at 50% probability).

angles at the C terminus occurs, that is, the signs of the ϕ and ψ torsion angles (+47.2, +52.7°) of the (S)-(α Et)Nle⁵ residue are opposite to those of the preceding residues (S)-(α Et)Val¹, (S)-(α Et)Leu², (S)-(α Et)Nva³ and Deg⁴ (negative signs), corresponding to a change (M) in the handedness of the helix at the C terminus. The mean values of the ϕ and ψ torsion angles for the sequence (S)-(α Et)Val¹ to Deg⁴ are ϕ = -54.3 and ψ = -31.6°, close to the ideal right-handed (P) 3₁₀-helix (-49 and -26°).[3d] Figure 4 shows the ORTEP drawing of the

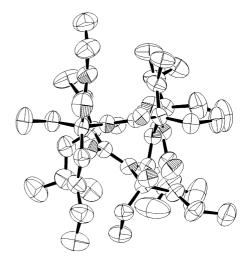


Figure 4. ORTEP Drawing of **11** as view along the helix axis (ellipsoids at 50% probability).

P 3₁₀-helical structure along the helix axis. There are three intramolecular hydrogen bonds between H–N3 and the C0=O0 oxygen atom of the trifluoroacetyl group with an N3…O0 distance of 3.10 Å, between H–N4 and C1=O1 (N4…O1 = 3.12 Å), and between H–N5 and C2=O2 (N5…

O2 = 3.13 Å). In the packing mode, one intermolecular hydrogen bond is observed between H-N1 and the C4'=O4' O atom of a symmetry-related molecule (x, y, z-1) (N1... O4' = 2.91 Å), and the $N2 \cdots O5'$ distance of 3.47 Å is somewhat long for a hydrogen bond between H-N2 and C5'=O5' carbonyl oxygen atom. As a result, the chains of intermolecularly hydrogen-bonded 3₁₀-helices are formed in the $\cdots P \cdots P \cdots P \cdots P \cdots$ mode of the head-to-tail alignment, along the c direction.

Solution conformational analysis: At first, the preferred conformation of the heteropeptides in CDCl3 solution was studied by FT-IR spectroscopy. The IR spectra of tetra- and pentapeptides 10 and 11 remain essentially unchanged at the concentration range of 1.0-10.0 mm. These results mean that the concentration of the peptide does not affect the strength of the intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Figure 5 shows the IR

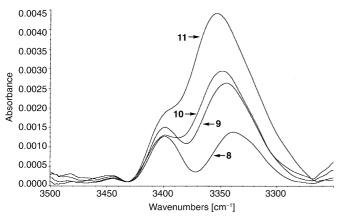


Figure 5. FT-IR Absorption spectra (3500 – 3250 cm⁻¹ region) of the heteropeptides 8, 9, 10, and 11 in CDCl₃ solution. Peptide concentration 1.0 mм.

absorption of the di- to pentapeptides 8-11 in the 3250-3500 cm⁻¹ region at a peptide concentration of 1.0 mм. The band at 3380 – 3420 cm⁻¹ is assigned to amide NH groups with a relatively strong $C-F \cdots H(N) \cdots O=C$ intramolecular hydrogen bond, and that at 3340 – 3360 cm⁻¹ to peptide NH groups with N-H ··· O=C intramolecular hydrogen bonds of different strength. With increasing the peptide main-chain length, the relative intensity of the absorption band at 3340-3360 cm⁻¹ region increases, and also the absorption observed at 3340 cm⁻¹ in the dipeptide **8** shifts to higher wave numbers (3360 cm⁻¹ in the pentapeptide 11). These IR spectra are very similar to those of the Deg and (S)-(α Et)Nle homopeptides that form the extended planar C_5 conformation in solution, [5d, 8a] but very different from those of Aib homopeptides and heteropeptides which form the 3₁₀-helical structure.^[4, 8a, 10]

Next, we measured the ¹H NMR spectra of the tetrapeptide 10 and the pentapeptide 11 under various conditions. In the ¹H NMR spectra of **10** and **11** in CDCl₃, the signals of the trifluoroacetamide NH at the N terminus are unambiguously determined by their high-field position at $\delta = 6.78$ ppm (br s, 1H) both in 10 and 11, and those of the amide NH at the C terminus are assigned by their low-field position to $\delta = 8.10$ (br s, 1 H) in **10** and 8.17 ppm (br s, 1 H) in **11**, on analogy of the

N- and C-terminal NH signals of dipeptide 8. The precise assignments of the two remaining internal NH protons in 10 and three NH protons in 11 cannot be made, and these signals appear in a narrow region of $\delta = 7.35 - 7.49$ ppm. The chemical shifts of all NH protons in 10 were essentially independent of the concentration at the examined range of $1.0-10.0\,\mathrm{mm}$ in 10. The additional effects of the strong hydrogen-bonding acceptor solvent, DMSO or the paramagnetic free radical 2,2,6,6tetramethyl-1-piperidyloxyl (TEMPO), on the chemical shifts of NH signals were measured for the tetrapeptide 10 and pentapeptide 11. Figure 6 shows the results that all NH signals both in 10 and 11 are almost insensitive to the addition of the two perturbing agents DMSO (0-10% (v/v)) and TEMPO $(0-5\times10^{-2}\% (w/v))$; this means that no solvent-exposed NH protons exist in the peptides. It has been known that two NH protons forming intermolecular hydrogen bonds of the 3₁₀helical structures are sensitive to addition of the perturbing agents, but all NH protons of the fully planar C_5 conformation are insensitive. [6, 10] These ¹H NMR experiments of the heteropeptides 10 and 11 are the same as those of the Deg and (S)- (αEt) Nle homopeptides, which form the fully planar C_5 conformation in solution.^[5d, 8a]

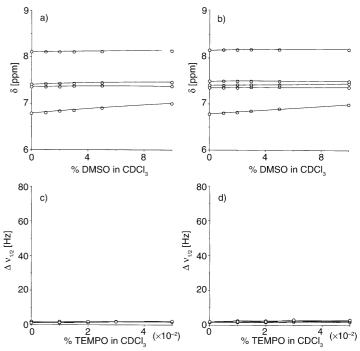


Figure 6. a) Plots of NH chemical shifts in the 1H NMR spectra of Tfa- $[(S)-(\alpha Et)Leu]-[(S)-(\alpha Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(\alpha Et)Nle]-OEt$ (10; 1.0 mm), and b) of Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)- $(\alpha Et)Nle$ -OEt (11; 1.0 mm) as a function of increasing percentages of DMSO (v/v) added to the CDCl₃ solution; c) plots of the bandwidth of the NH protons of 10 (1.0 mm), and d) of 11 (1.0 mm) as a function of increasing percentages of TEMPO (w/v) added to the CDCl₃ solution.

We also measured the CD spectra of the heteropeptides 8, 9, 10, and 11 in 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (CF₃CH₂OH). It is known that the negative and positive maxima and intensity of two bands at 222 nm and 208 nm, and a band at 192 nm in the CD spectra, indicates the screw sense of helicity and also a 3₁₀or α -helical structure of peptides that contain chiral α - methylated α , α -disubstituted α -amino acids.^[15] The CD spectra of **10** and **11** are quite different from those of the 3_{10} -helical peptides. This may be attributed to the fact that the peptides **10** and **11** form the fully planar C_5 conformation in solution, albeit the main-chain length of peptide is too short for the precise analysis of conformation by the CD spectra (not shown).

Computational analysis:[16] The conformational search calculation with MacroModel was applied to the heteropentapeptide 11. AMBER* and MMFF were used as a force field. The calculated torsion angles are summarized in Table 3. The calculation by AMBER* produced the P 3₁₀-helical structure (conformation A) as a global minimum-energy conformation. The conformational search starting from the extended structure as an initial conformation by the Monte Carlo method^[17] did not afford the

Table 3. Selected calculated (MacroModel and MMFF) torsion angles ω , ϕ , ψ , and $\chi^{[a]}$ [°] for the heteropentapeptides 11.

		AMBER*		MMFF			
	$A^{[b]}$	$\mathbf{B}^{[c]}$	$C^{[d]}$	$\mathbf{D}^{[e]}$	$\mathrm{E}^{[\mathfrak{c}]}$	$F^{[d]}$	$G^{[d]}$
energy [kcal mol ⁻¹]	0	+1.90	+25.4	+1.80	+ 2.27	+1.08	0
ω_0	-179.5	178.1	-178.8	-167.4	167.0	-178.8	-178.8
ϕ_1	-51.3	51.5	-177.2	-57.7	50.9	-177.7	-177.7
ψ_1	-25.5	28.8	159.4	-28.1	31.8	171.9	171.9
ω_1	-174.4	-175.4	177.7	-177.2	174.7	177.0	177.0
ϕ_2	-51.0	45.7	173.6	-49.9	54.1	-174.2	-174.2
ψ_2	-20.1	33.4	-173.3	-28.4	32.8	-172.1	-171.8
ω_2	172.6	-178.9	-173.1	-170.9	172.3	-173.9	-174.1
ϕ_3	-42.8	54.2	179.1	-61.7	60.0	-172.9	-172.6
ψ_3	-36.8	18.7	-172.6	-35.9	21.8	176.8	176.3
ω_3	-178.6	-169.9	-177.0	-178.8	176.0	178.2	178.1
ϕ_4	-54.1	44.7	178.7	68.6	62.4	176.8	176.9
ψ_4	-23.0	41.7	-179.2	-45.9	32.8	-178.4	-177.3
ω_4	-177.7	175.2	-177.1	-176.0	178.5	-179.1	-177.5
ϕ_5	-45.0	46.7	179.7	179.7	-62.9	-179.0	-178.3
ψ_5	-35.9	51.9	-179.8	-6.5	-19.4	-179.9	- 1.0
ω_5	178.3	179.9	179.9	-176.0	-175.5	179.6	-179.7
χ_1^e	31.1	-46.9	-52.4	58.9	174.9	-42.3	-42.4
χ_1^{ip}	-174.4	-37.7	49.6	-173.9	-59.9	52.7	52.9
χ_1^{ip}	48.1	-161.0	173.7	60.7	64.9	-179.9	- 179.8
χ_2^e	45.8	-48.4	63.5	-65.9	176.2	-54.3	-54.5
χ_2^{ib}	64.3	-49.7	59.8	-81.5	-43.0	77.3	77.3
χ_3^e	61.3	68.8	-46.9	59.4	175.2	-49.1	-49.1
χ_3^p	-172.4	-30.7	46.6	-176.7	-59.2	54.3	54.0
χ ^e ₄	-68.9	-56.6	52.1	-65.0	173.8	-57.1	-56.7
χ ^e ₄	33.1	178.9	-53.0	-60.6	-57.4	53.9	53.8
χes	52.1	176.8	-60.3	-56.1	62.0	-61.5	-61.0
χ_5^b	67.4	-58.5	62.0	54.8	66.1	62.9	62.6

[a] The superscripts e, b, p, ip, and ib refer to the ethyl, butyl, propyl, isopropyl, and isobutyl side chains, respectively. [b] $P \, 3_{10}$ -helix. [c] $M \, 3_{10}$ -helix. [d] Planar. [e] $P \,$ distorted 3_{10} -helix.

M 3₁₀-helical structure or the planar C_5 conformation. Therefore, the calculation was performed starting from the typical M 3₁₀-helix ($\phi = 60$, $\psi = 30^\circ$), and the M 3₁₀-helical structure (conformation B) obtained as a local minimum-energy conformation which exhibits an energy of +1.90 kcal mol⁻¹. The energy of the planar C_5 conformation (conformation C) in which the torsion angles of the peptide main-chain were constrained as the planar conformation, was estimated to be +25.4 kcal mol⁻¹ by AMBER*.

In the conformational search starting from the extended structure by the Monte Carlo method, the calculation by MMFF produced the planar C_5 conformation (conformation G), in which the torsion angles ($\phi = -178.3$, $\psi = -1.0^{\circ}$) at the (S)-(α Et)Nle⁵ residue were planar, but not with the C_5 conformation as the global minimum-energy conformation. The fully extended C_5 planar structure (conformation F) for which five consecutive C_5 conformations were formed, was obtained as a local minimum-energy conformation $(+1.08 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1})$. The 3_{10} -helical structure was not given by MMFF when the extended structure was used as an initial structure of the conformational search. Therefore, the conformations A and B, which were produced as the minimumenergy conformations by AMBER*, were used as the initial structure of the conformational search by the Monte Carlo method and MMFF. The MMFF calculation afforded the $P3_{10}$ -helical structure (conformation D, $+1.80 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$) with distorted torsion angles at Deg⁴ and (S)-(αEt)Nle⁵ residues, and the (M) 3₁₀-helical structure (conformation E,

+2.27 kcalmol⁻¹) with the flip of torsion angles at the C terminus as the local minimum-energy conformations, respectively.

Conformation A is similar to that determined by the X-ray crystallographic analysis, except for the C-terminal structure. Figure 7 shows the pentapeptide 11 as determined by X-ray

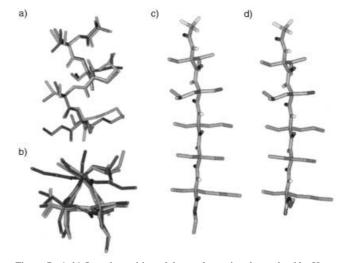


Figure 7. a), b) Superimposition of the conformation determined by X-ray analysis (in dark) and of the calculated (MacroModel, AMBER*) minimum-energy conformation A (in light) of the heteropentapeptide 11; c) the calculated (MacroModel, MMFF) minimum-energy conformation F of 11; d) the calculated (MacroModel, MMFF) minimum-energy conformation G of 11.

crystallographic analysis, superimposed on the minimum-energy conformation A calculated by AMBER*, and the conformations F and G as the minimum-energy conformation calculated by MMFF of MacroModel, which may preferentially be formed in solution.

Conclusion

We have synthesized chiral α -ethylated amino acids, (S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Val}$ and (S)- $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nva}$, by using (R,R)-cyclohexane-1,2diol as a chiral auxiliary, and we have also prepared the heteropeptides 10 and 11 composed of diverse chiral (aEt)AAs. The overall yield of pentapeptide was not satis factory because of the steric hindrance of $(\alpha Et)AAs$, but for the first time the heteropentapeptide containing different (αEt)AAs was prepared. The X-ray crystallographic analysis revealed that the preferred conformation of the tetrapeptide 10, which has three chiral centers, in the crystal state was both P and M 3_{10} -helical structures in a 1:1 ratio, and that of the pentapeptide 11, which has four chiral centers of S configuration, was the right-handed P 3₁₀-helical structure. This may be attributed to the fact that three chiral quaternary carbons of $(\alpha Et)AAs$ are too weak to govern the screw sense of the 3₁₀-helical structure, and four chiral centers of S configuration may regulate the screw sense of helicity to the right-handed (P) helix, or perhaps the P 3_{10} -helical structure of 11 crystallized out by chance. The relationship between the screw sense of helicity and the chiral center of the $(\alpha Et)AAs$ seems to be that the S configuration of amino acid induces the right-handed (P) helix, as natural L- α -amino acids (S configuration) induce the right-handed (P) α -helix. The calculation by MacroModel also suggested that the P 3₁₀-helical structure of 11 was more stable than the M helical structure. In solution, the dominant conformation of 10 and 11 was not the 3_{10} helical structure shown in the crystal state, but the fully planar C_5 conformation; similarly the Deg homopeptide and the Deg heteropeptide with an (S)- (αEt) Nle residue have different conformations in the crystal state and in solution.^[5d, 10] We speculate that two intermolecular hydrogen bonds exist in the 3₁₀-helical structure, but no intermolecular hydrogen bonds in the planar C_5 conformation. Therefore, the intermolecular hydrogen bonds in a minor 3₁₀-helical structure existing in solution affect the nucleation events, and the 3₁₀-helical structure was preferentially induced in the crystal state. The conformation of (S)-(α Et)Nle homotetrapeptide was the fully planar C_5 conformation both in solution and in the crystal state, [8a] but those of 10, 11, and the Deg homopeptide have different conformations in solution and in the crystal state. It is not clear why the different conformations in the crystal state were formed from the similar dominant planar conformations of 10, 11, and (S)-(α Et)Nle homopeptide in solution. The Toniolo and the Seebach groups independently reported that the homo- and heteropeptides prepared from chiral (α Me)AAs would form the 3₁₀-helical structure. [6, 7] However, the results presented here and previously by us[8] establish for the first time that the homopeptides and heteropeptides 10 and 11 prepared from chiral (α Et)AAs preferentially form the fully extended planar C_5 conformation. The fully planar

conformation built of $(\alpha Et)AAs$ will be used as a novel structure for the design of molecular devices and catalysts.^[18]

Experimental Section

General: Ethyl (2RS)-3,3-[(1R,2R)-cyclohexane-1,2-dioxy]-2-ethylbutanoate (1), (S)-(aEt)Leu (5c), (S)-(aEt)Nle (6), and Deg 11 were prepared according to our previous reports^[5d, 8, 10, 13]. Optical rotations $[a]_D$ were measured with a Jasco DIP-316 polarimeter with 1.0 dm cell. Circular dichroism spectra (CD) were measured with a Jasco J-720W spectropolarimeter with a 1.0 mm path length cell. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Nicolet Avatar-320 spectrometer for conventional measurement (KBr), and the solution (CDCl₃) method used an NaCl cell with a 0.1 mm path length. ¹H NMR spectra were determined at 270 MHz (Jeol GX-270). FABMS spectra were taken on a Jeol JMS 610H or Jeol JMS-SX 102 spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed at the Analytical Center of the Faculty of Sciences, Kyushu University.

Ethyl (2*R*)-2-ethyl-2-propyl-3-[(1*R*,2*R*)-2-hydroxycycloheyloxy]-3-butenoate (2a):^[13] nBuLi (3.1 mL, 47.8 mmol, 1.5 m in hexane) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of diisopropylamine (6.8 mL, 47.8 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at $-78\,^{\circ}$ C; the solution was warmed to 0 °C and then stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. The solution was cooled to $-78\,^{\circ}$ C, HMPA (8.3 mL, 47.8 mmol) was added, and then 1 (2.48 g, 9.56 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at $-78\,^{\circ}$ C for 30 min, and then 1-iodopropane (4.63 mL, 47.8 mmol) was added dropwise to the stirred solution. The solution was stirred at $-78\,^{\circ}$ C for 3 h, $-40\,^{\circ}$ C for 2 h, and diluted with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. This was then extracted with EtOAc, and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent afforded an oily residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. The fraction eluted with $10\,^{\circ}$ EtOAc in hexane gave enol ether 2a (2.37 g, 83 %) as a colorless oil: $[a]_{D}^{2D} - 60.5$ (c = 1.00 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl (2*R*)-2-ethyl-2-isopropyl-3-[(1*R*,2*R*)-2-hydroxycycloheyloxy]-3-butenoate (2b):^[13] Compound 2b was prepared from 1 in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of 2a: 70 %; a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{28} - 43.1$ (c = 1.10, CHCl₂).

Ethyl (2*R*)-2-ethyl-2-propylacetoacetate (3a):^[13] BF₃·OEt₂ (10 mL, 83.9 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **2a** (2.50 g, 8.39 mmol) in EtOH (125 mL) and H₂O (50 mL) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1 h, the solution was diluted with brine, extracted with EtOAc, and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent afforded an oily residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in hexane) to give β -keto ester **3a** (1.4 g, 83%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_0^{\infty} - 1.1$ (c = 1.40 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl (2R)-2-ethyl-2-isopropylacetoacetate (3b):^[13] Compound 3b was prepared from 2b in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of 3a: 70 %; a colorless oil; $[a]_{\rm D}^{128} + 13.8$ (c = 1.08 in CHCl₃).

(5)-N-Acetyl-α-ethylnorvaline ethyl ester (4a):^[13] Methansulfonic acid (5.0 mL, 70.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of β-keto ester 3a (1.40 g, 6.97 mmol) in CHCl₃ (35 mL) at 0 °C; NaN₃ (1.81 g, 27.8 mmol) was then added. After refluxing for 6 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with H₂O, neutralized with diluted aqueous NH₃, extracted with diethyl ether, and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent afforded an oily residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50 % EtOAc in hexane) to give 4a (719 mg, 48 %): colorless crystals: m.p. 49 – 50 °C (recryst. from CHCl₃); $[α]_D^{30} + 12.0$ (c = 0.99 in CHCl₃).

(S)-N-Acetyl- α -ethylvaline ethyl ester (4b):^[13] Compound 4b was prepared from 3b in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of 4a: 40%; a colorless oil; $[\alpha]_0^{30} + 12.2$ (c = 1.92 in CHCl₃).

(S)-N-Trifluoroacetyl- α -ethylnorvaline (Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-OH; 5a): A mixture of 4a (1.08 g, 5.06 mmol) in concentrated aqueous HCl (5 mL) was refluxed for 48 h, and then the solution was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in (Tfa)₂O (2.0 mL), and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was poured into 5% aqueous NaHCO₃, and the solution washed with Et₂O and then acidified with citric acid. The solution was extracted with EtOAc, and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent afforded 5a (676 mg, 55%). The acid 5a was used in the next reaction without purification: colorless crystals. M.p. 75 – 76°C; [α] $_{57}^{27}$ + 11.6

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 $(c = 0.91 \text{ in CHCl}_3)$; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.26 \text{ (br s, 1 H)}$, 2.80 (br, 1 H), 2.41 – 2.58 (m, 2 H), 1.78 – 1.95 (m, 2 H), 0.96 – 1.32 (m, 2 H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.81 ppm (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr): $\tilde{v} = 3349$, 3120 (br), 1740, 1708, 1543 cm $^{-1}$; MS (FAB): m/z: 242 [M+H] $^+$.

(S)-N-Trifluoroacetyl- α -ethylvaline (Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-OH 5b): Compound 5b was prepared from 4b in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of **5a**: 40% yield; colorless crystals; m.p. 99-101°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 12.1 \ (c = 0.98 \text{ in CHCl}_3); {}^{1}\text{H NMR } (270 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3): \delta = 7.29 \ (\text{br s},$ 1H), 4.00 (br, 1H), 2.61-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.07 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.82 ppm (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr): $\tilde{v} =$ 3339, 3118, 1736, 1714, 1548 cm⁻¹; MS (FAB): m/z: 242 [M+H]⁺.

Ethyl trifluoroacetyldiethylglycyl-(S)- α -ethylnorleucinate (Tfa-Deg-[(S)- (αEt) Nle]-OEt; 8): A solution of 6 (500 mg, 2.66 mmol), 7 (402 mg, 2.21 mmol), and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC; 508 mg, 2.66 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) was refluxed for 24 h, and the solution was then evaporated. The residue was diluted with CHCl₃, washed with 3 % HCl, 5 % aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine, and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc in hexane) to afford $\pmb{8}$ (645 mg, 74%). Colorless crystals: m.p. 69-70°C (recryst. from EtOH); $[a]_{\rm D}^{29} + 5.4^{\circ} (c = 1.12 \text{ in CHCl}_3); {}^{1}\text{H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl}_3): \delta = 7.95 \text{ (br s,}$ 1 H), 6.80 (br s, 1 H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.59 – 2.75 (m, 2 H), 2.36 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.14-1.26 (m, 2H),0.88-1.05 (m, 2H), 0.72-0.88 ppm (m, 12H); IR (KBr): $\tilde{v} = 3350$, 3322, 1718, 1663, 1518 cm⁻¹; MS (FAB): *m/z*: 419 [*M*+Na]⁺, 397 [*M*+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{18}H_{31}F_3N_2O_4$: C 54.53, H 7.88, N, 7.07; found C 54.25, H 7.79, N 6.84.

Ethyl trifluoroacetyl-(S)- α -ethylnorvalyldiethylglycyl-(S)- α -ethylnorleucinate (Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Nva]-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt; 9): NaBH₄ (400 mg, 10.6 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of 8 (800 mg, 2.02 mmol) in EtOH (50 mL) at room temperature. After being refluxed for 2 h, the mixture was poured into 1% aqueous HCl (50 mL), and then EtOH was evaporated. The residue was diluted with 5% aqueous NaHCO3, extracted with EtOAc, and dried over MgSO4. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by column choromatography on silica gel (2% MeOH in CHCl₃ to give H-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (280 mg, 46%, 79% based on recovered material). The solution of H-Deg-[(S)-(α Et)Nle]-OEt (325 mg, 1.08 mmol), **5a** (217 mg, 0.903 mmol), and EDC (206 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (17 mL) was refluxed for 24 h. After evaporation, the residue was diluted with CHCl₃, washed with 3% aqueous HCl, and 5% aqueous NaHCO3, and dried over MgSO4. Removal

of the solvent afforded the white solid, which was purified by column choromatography on silica gel. The fraction eluted with 50% EtOAc in hexane gave 9 (356 mg, 63%). Colorless crystals: m.p. 162-163°C (recryst. from EtOH); $[\alpha]_D^{26} + 15.7$ (c = 0.93in CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.00 \text{ (br s, 1 H)}, 7.39 \text{ (br s, 1 H)}, 6.78 \text{ (br s, }$ 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.34 - 2.72 (m, 6H), 1.58-1.90 (m, 6H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.00-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.85-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.73-0.92 ppm (m, 18H); IR (KBr): $\tilde{v} = 3390, 3328, 3295, 1731, 1655 \text{ cm}^{-1}; \text{ MS}$ (HR-FAB(+)): m/z calcd for $C_{25}H_{44}O_5N_3F_3$ [M+H]+: 524.3311; found 524.3297.

Ethyl trifluoroacetyl-(S)- α -ethylleucyl-(S) α , α -ethylnorvalyldiethylglycyl-(S)- α -ethyl-(Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Leu]-[(S)norleucinate $(\alpha \text{Et})\text{Nva}$ -Deg-[(S)-(αEt)Nle]-OEt; 10): Compound 10 was prepared from 9 and 5c in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of 9: 31 % (55 % based on recovered material); colorless crystals; m.p. 136-137°C (recryst. from CHCl₃/EtOH); $[\alpha]_D^{24} + 14.5$ (c = 1.48 in CHCl₃); ¹H NMR $(270 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: $\delta = 8.10 \text{ (br s, 1 H)}, 7.42$ (brs, 1H), 7.36 (brs, 1H), 6.78 (brs, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 - 2.68 (m, 8 H). 1.59 - 1.84 (m, 8H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00-1.34 (m, 5H), 0.73-1.00 ppm (m,

29 H); IR (KBr): $\tilde{v} = 3399$, 3348 (br), 3312, 1728, 1679, 1660, 1492 cm⁻¹; MS (FAB): *m/z*: 687 [*M*+Na]⁺, 665 [*M*+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₃H₅₉F₃N₄O₆: C 59.62, H 8.94, N 8.43; found C 59.62, H 8.94, N 8.34.

Ethyl trifluoroacetyl-(S)- α -ethylvalyl-(S)- α -ethylleucyl-(S) α , α -ethylnorvalyl-diethylglycyl-(S)- α -ethylnorleucinate (Tfa-[(S)-(α Et)Val]-[(S)- (αEt) Leu]- $[(S)-(\alpha Et)$ Nva]-Deg- $[(S)-(\alpha Et)$ Nle]-OEt; 11): Compound 11 was prepared from 10 and 5b in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of 9: 5% (31% based on recovered material); colorless crystals; m.p. 152-153 °C (recryst. from CHCl₂/EtOH); $[\alpha]_D^{22}+11.7$ (c= 0.33 in CHCl₃); IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3336$ (br), 3228, 1725, 1709, 1681, 1666, 1644, 1529 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.17$ (br s, 1 H), 7.49 (br s, 1 H), 7.41 (br s, 1 H), 7.35 (br s, 1 H), 6.78 (br s, 1 H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 – $2.90 \text{ (m, } 11 \text{ H)}, 1.55 - 1.95 \text{ (m, } 8 \text{ H)}, 1.32 \text{ (t, } J = 7.2 \text{ Hz, } 3 \text{ H)}, 1.15 - 1.35 \text{ (m, } 1.15 - 1.35 \text{$ 5H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.73 – 1.00 ppm (m, 32 H); MS (HR-FAB(+)): m/z calcd for $C_{40}H_{73}O_7N_5F_3$ [M+H]+: 792.5462; found 792.5545.

X-ray crystal structure determination: The crystals of 9 and 10 were grown from EtOH, and 11 from CHCl3/EtOH. Data collection was performed on a Rigaku-RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate diffractometer, equipped with graphite-monochromated MoKa radiation. Indexing was performed from 1 oscillation which was exposed for 10 min. The camera radius was 127.4 mm. Readout was performed in the 0.10 mm pixel mode. A total of 44 images, corresponding to 220° oscillation angles, were collected with two different goniometer settings. Exposure time was 4.0 min deg-1 for 9, and 5.0 min deg⁻¹ for **10** and **11**. Data were processed by the PROCESS-AUTO program package. Crystal and collection parameters are listed in Table 4. All crystals remained stable during the X-ray data collection. The structures were solved by direct methods[19] and expanded by Fourier techniques.[20] All non-H atoms were given anisotropic thermal parameters, some H atoms were refined isotropically, and the remaining H atoms included in calculated positions given isotropic thermal parameters. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement of 9 gave an R factor of 0.139 $(R_w = 0.184)$ based on 3875 $[I > -10.00 \sigma(I)]$ reflections and an R_1 factor of 0.063 based on 971 $[I > 2.0 \sigma(I)]$ reflections, and the largest peak and hole in the final difference Fourier map were 0.29 and -0.22 e Å^{-3} . The R factor of 10 was 0.176 $(R_{\rm m} = 0.240)$ based on 8924 $[I > -10.00\,\sigma(I)]$ reflections and an R_1 factor of 0.106 based on 4803 $[I > 2.0 \sigma(I)]$ reflections, and the largest peak and hole in the final difference Fourier map were 0.71 and $-0.30 \,\mathrm{e}\,\mathrm{\AA}^{-3}$. The *R* factor of **11** was 0.099 ($R_{\scriptscriptstyle W}\!=\!0.154$) based on 5289 $[I>-10.00\,\sigma(I)]$ reflections and an R_1 factor of 0.062 based on 2822 [I> $2.0\,\sigma(I)$ reflections, and the largest peak and hole in the final difference

Table 4. Crystal and diffraction parameters of the peptides 9, 10, and 11.

	9	10	11
formula	$C_{25}H_{44}O_5N_3F_3$	$C_{33}H_{59}O_6N_4F_3 \times 2$	$C_{40}H_{72}O_{7}N_{5}F_{3}$
<i>M</i> r	523.6	664.8×2	792.0
crystal dimensions [mm]	$0.40\times0.10\times0.10$	$0.50\times0.30\times0.15$	$0.30\times0.30\times0.30$
<i>T</i> [°C]	23	23	23
crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic	monoclinic
a [Å]	15.490	10.852	11.637
b [Å]	18.264	19.179	18.071
c [Å]	10.759	10.564	12.222
α [°]	90	101.40	90
β [\circ]	90	113.53	115.76
γ [°]	90	89.25	90
$V[\mathring{\mathbf{A}}^3]$	3043.9	1970.9	2314.8
space group	$P2_12_12_1$	P1	$P2_1$
\overline{Z}	4	1	2
$ ho_{ m calcd}$ [g cm $^{-3}$]	1.143	1.120	1.136
F(000)	1128	720	860
$\mu (\mathrm{Mo}_{\mathrm{K}a}) [\mathrm{cm}^{-1}]$	0.91	0.86	0.85
$2\theta_{ m max}$ [°]	54.9	55	55
observed reflections $[I > -10.0 \sigma(I)]$	3875	8924	5289
parameters	327	830	518
R/R_w	0.139/0.184	0.176/0.240	0.099/0.154
reflections used for R_I [$I > 2.0 \sigma(I)$]	971	4803	2822
R_1	0.063	0.106	0.062
GOF	0.90	2.07	1.32
solvent	EtOH	EtOH	CHCl ₃ /EtOH

Fourier map were 0.25 and - 0.21 e Å $^{-3}$. All calculations were performed by means of the teXsan $^{[21]}$ crystallographic package.

Molecular mechanics calculations: Conformational search calculations were performed with the package of MacroModel Ver. $6.5^{[17]}$ on an SGI O_2 workstation. The parameters used were as follows: conformational search, Monte Carlo method; force field, AMBER* or MMFF; more than $15\,000$ structures were minimized; solvent: water for AMBER* and CHCl $_3$ for MMFF. The fully extended conformation of 11 was used as the initial conformation for the calculations.

The calculation by AMBER* afforded the conformation A [0 kcal mol $^{-1}$; $P\ 3_{10}$ -helix] as the global minimum-energy conformation, but neither M-helix nor planar conformation. The calculation by AMBER* starting from the typical $M\ 3_{10}$ -helical structure ($\phi=60,\,\psi=30^\circ$) as an initial conformation gave the conformation B $(+1.90\ kcal\ mol^{-1};\,M\ 3_{10}$ -helix) as a local minimum-energy conformation. The energy of the conformation C (planar C_5 conformation) was estimated to be $+25.4\ kcal\ mol^{-1}$ by the AMBER* calculation. The calculation by MMFF afforded the conformations F $(+1.08\ kcal\ mol^{-1};\,planar\ conformation)$ and G (0 kcal $mol^{-1};\,planar\ conformation)$ as the global minimum-energy conformations of 11 within 3.0 kcal mol^{-1} , but not 3_{10} -helical structures. By using the conformations A and B as the initial conformations, the calculation by MMFF produced the conformation D $(+1.80\ kcal\ mol^{-1};\,P\ distorted\ 3_{10}$ -helix) and the conformation E $(+2.27\ kcal\ mol^{-1};\,M\ 3_{10}$ -helix) as the local minimum-energy conformations.

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