

## **Supporting Information**

### **Triostin A derived hybrid for simultaneous DNA binding and metal coordination**

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## Peptide Synthesis

### **Z-D-Dap-L-Ala-L-Cys(Acm)-L-propargyl-Gly-β-D-Dap(Boc)-L-Ala-L-Cys(Acm)-L-Val-OH (7)**

Solid phase peptide synthesis was performed on a 2-chlorotrityl resin preloaded with valine (339 mg, 312 μmol). (Benzotriazol-1-yl)-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HBTU) and HBTU (5 eq) dissolved in NMP (5 mL) were used for coupling of Fmoc-amino acids (5 eq) (Fmoc-L-Ala-OH, Boc-D-Dap(Fmoc)-OH and Z-D-Dap(Fmoc)-OH). Diisopropylethylamine (DIEA) (5 eq) was added and the solution added to the deprotected and NMP-swollen peptidyl resin and shaken for 1 h. After coupling, the resin was washed with NMP (5 x 10 mL). DIC coupling: Fmoc-L-Cys(Acm)-OH (5 eq) was dissolved in DCM/NMP = 4/1 (5 mL). DIC (10 eq) was added and the resulting solution immediately added to the deprotected and DCM/NMP = 4/1 swollen peptidyl resin and shaken for 1 h. After coupling, the resin was washed with NMP (5 x 10 mL) and DCM (5 x 10 mL). HATU coupling: Fmoc-L-propargyl-Gly-OH (2 eq) was dissolved in NMP (2 mL) with HATU (1.9 eq) and HOAt (2.0 eq). DIEA (10 eq) was added and the solution added to the deprotected and NMP-swollen peptidyl resin and shaken for 1 h. After coupling, the resin was washed with NMP (5 x 10 mL). Deprotection: A solution of DMF/piperidine = 4/1 (5 mL) was added to the Fmoc-protected peptidyl resin and shaken for 15 min. After deprotection the resin was washed with NMP (5 x 10 mL). Cleavage: After Fmoc-deprotection the peptidyl resin was washed with MeOH and DCM (5 x 10 mL each) and dried over KOH for 12 h. The unprotected peptidyl resin was shaken with DCM/hexafluoroisopropanol = 4/1 (7 mL) for 45 min and then washed with the same solution (2 x 5 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated to dryness and the resulting residue was precipitated with methyl-*tert*-butyl-ether (3 x 10 mL). The colorless precipitate was dissolved in water (50 mL) and lyophilized to give the linear octapeptide **7** (476 mg, 87%) as a white solid with a purity of >98% as indicated by HPLC (preparative, 10-70% B in 30 min,  $R_t$  = 25.3 min).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (600 MHz,  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.88 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 6.7 Hz, 3 H, Val- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.98 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 6.7 Hz, 3 H, Val- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.20 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H, Ala- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.26 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H, Ala- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.37 (s, 9 H, Boc- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.86 (s, 3 H, Acm- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.87 (s, 3 H, Acm- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.06 (m, 1 H, Val- $\text{CH}_\beta$ ), 2.41-2.47 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 2.55 (ddd,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 16.7 Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $^4J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 2.64-2.70 (m, 2 H, Cys-

CH<sub>2</sub>β), 2.75 (t, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CHδ), 2.90-2.96 (m, 2 H, Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 2.96-3.01 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.16-3.27 (m, 2 H, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.41-3.48 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 4.04-4.09 (m, 1 H, Dap-CHα), 4.12-4.21 (m, 3 H, AcM-CH<sub>2</sub>, Val-CHα), 4.27-4.40 (m, 6 H, AcM-CH<sub>2</sub>, Ala-CHα, Dap-CHα, propargyl-Gly-CHα), 4.52-4.61 (m, 2 H, Cys-CHα), 5.07 (s, 2 H, Z-CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.71 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Dap-NHα), 7.30-7.40 (m, 5 H, Z-CH), 7.60 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ala-NH), 7.69 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, Val-NH), 7.88-7.93 (m, 2 H, Dap-NHβ), 7.95 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, Dap-NHα), 7.96-8.02 (m, 2 H, Dap-NHβ, propargyl-Gly-NH), 8.11 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH), 8.18 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 7.1 Hz, 1 H, Ala-NH), 8.22 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH), 8.49 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 6.3 Hz, 1 H, AcM-NH), 8.54 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 6.3 Hz, 1 H, AcM-NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO): δ = 17.7 (Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3, 18.4 (Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.0 (propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 22.4, 22.5 (AcM-CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (Boc-CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.8 (Val-CHβ), 32.0, 23.2 (Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 39.0-40.0 (AcM-CH<sub>2</sub>, DMSO), 40.2, 40.6 (Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 48.2, 48.3 (Ala-CHα), 51.5 (propargyl-Gly-CHα), 52.2 (Cys-CHα), 52.4 (Dap-CHα), 52.5 (Cys-CHα), 54.1 (Dap-CHα), 57.1 (Val-CHα), 66.0 (Z-CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.9 (propargyl-Gly-CHδ), 78.5 (Boc-C), 80.2 (propargyl-Gly-Cγ), 127.8, 127.9, 128.3 (Z-CH), 136.5 (Z-C), 155.0 (Boc-CO), 155.9 (Z-CO), 168.3 (Dap-CO), 169.5, 169.9, 170.0, 170.1, 170.2 (AcM-CO, Cys-CO, Dap-CO, propargyl-Gly-CO), 171.9, 172.2 (Ala-CO), 172.6 (Val-CO) ppm. MS (ESI, MeOH): *m/z* (%) = 1109 (100) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>73</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>15</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 1109.47543, found: 1109.47456.

#### **[Z-D-Dap-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-propargyl-Gly-β-D-Dap(Boc)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-Val-OH]-disulfide**

A solution of **7** in AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O = 4/1 (50 mL) was saturated with argon. Iodine (91 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added and the solution stirred for 1 h at rt. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL) and extracted with CCl<sub>4</sub> (6 x 15 mL). The aqueous layer was evaporated and dried in vacuo to give a brown solid which was purified by HPLC (preparative, 30-80% B in 30 min, *R*<sub>t</sub> = 19.2 min) to give a colorless solid (9.0 mg, 26%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO): δ = 0.88 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 6.4 Hz, 3 H, Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 6.4 Hz, 3 H, Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18-1.29 (m, 6 H, Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (s, 3 H, Boc-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (s, 6 H, Boc-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15-2.12 (m, 1 H, Val-CHβ), 2.56 (ddd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 17.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 7.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 2.64 (ddd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 17.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 6.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 2.74 (t, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CHδ), 2.89 (dd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H,H</sub> = 13.9 Hz,

$^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 10.5$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 2.94-3.02 (m, 2 H, Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.09 (dd,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 13.9$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 2.4$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.15-3.20 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.22 (dd,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 13.6$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 3.9$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.27-3.33 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 3.48-3.55 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 4.00-4.08 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH<sub>α</sub>), 4.18 (dd,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.4, 8.6$  Hz, 1 H, Val-CH<sub>α</sub>), 4.25-4.37 (m, 4 H, Ala-CH<sub>α</sub>, Dap-CH<sub>α</sub>, propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>α</sub>), 4.68-4.74 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH<sub>α</sub>), 4.80-4.87 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH<sub>α</sub>), 5.07 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 14.2$  Hz, 1 H, Z-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.09 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 14.2$  Hz, 1 H, Z-CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, Dap-NH<sub>α</sub>), 7.26-7.41 (m, 5 H, Z-CH), 7.60 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H, Ala-NH), 7.63-7.69 (m, 2 H, Ala-NH, Dap-NH<sub>β</sub>), 7.90 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 8.6$  Hz, 1 H, Val-NH), 7.91-7.97 (m, 2 H, Dap-NH<sub>2</sub>β), 8.17-8.26 (m, 3 H, Cys-NH, Dap-NH<sub>α</sub>, propargyl-Gly-NH), 8.47 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 8.6$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH), 12.70 (s<sub>br</sub>, 1 H, COOH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO): δ = 17.7 (Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 28.0 (Boc-CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.0 (Val-CH<sub>β</sub>), 40.1, 40.6 (Dap-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 42.1, 42.3 (Cys-CH<sub>2</sub>β), 48.2, 48.6 (Ala-CH<sub>α</sub>), 52.2, 52.2 (Cys-CH<sub>α</sub>), 52.3 (propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>α</sub>), 52.4 (Dap-CH<sub>α</sub>), 57.1 (Val-CH<sub>α</sub>), 66.1 (Z-CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.7 (propargyl-Gly-Cγ), 78.8 (Boc-C), 80.5 (propargyl-Gly-CH<sub>δ</sub>), 172.8, 172.9, 128.3 (Z-CH), 136.5 (Z-C), 154.7 (Boc-CO), 155.9 (Z-CO), 168.4, 169.5, 169.7, 169.9 (Cys-CO, Dap-CO, propargyl-Gly-CO), 172.1, 172.5 (Ala-CO), 172.6 (Val-CO) ppm. MS (ESI, MeOH): *m/z* (%) = 965 (100) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>13</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 965.38555, found: 965.38527.

**Cyclo[β-D-Dap(Z)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-propargyl-Gly-β-D-Dap(Boc)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-Val-OH]-disulfide (8)**

Peptide [Z-D-Dap-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-propargyl-Gly-β-D-Dap(Boc)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-Val-OH]-disulfide (7.5 mg, 7.8 μmol) was dissolved in dry DCM/DMF = 9/1 (25 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. HOAt (1.1 mg, 7.8 μmol), NMM (2.6 μL, 23.3 μmol) and DIC (12 μL, 78 μmol) were added and the solution stirred for 1 h at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt and was stirred for further 48 h. The resulting solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue purified by HPLC (preparative, 50-100% B in 30 min, *R<sub>t</sub>* = 16.5 min) to give a white solid (2.2 mg, 30%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO): δ = 0.79 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.8$  Hz, 3 H, Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.6$  Hz, 3 H, Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H, Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.22-1.29 (m, 3 H, Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (s, 6 H, Boc-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (s, 3 H, Boc-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32-2.42 (m,

1 H, Val-CH $\beta$ ), 2.56-2.68 (m, 2 H, propargyl-Gly-CH $_2\beta$ , -CH $\delta$ ), 2.69-2.76 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CH $_2\beta$ ), 2.79-2.88 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $_2\beta$ ), 2.91-3.00 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $_2\beta$ ), 3.03-3.11 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $_2\beta$ ), 3.11-3.18 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $_2\beta$ ), 3.18-3.24 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH $_2\beta$ ), 3.25-3.45 (m, Dap-CH $_2\beta$ , H $_2$ O), 3.75-3.90 (m, 2 H, Dap-CH $_2\beta$ ), 3.93-3.99 (m, 0.5 H, Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 3.99-4.08 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.08-4.15 (m, 0.5 H, Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.25-4.36 (m, 2 H, Val-CH $\alpha$ , propargyl-Gly-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.42-4.49 (m, 1 H, Ala-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.49-4.57 (m, 1 H, Ala-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.97-5.10 (m, 3 H, Cys-CH $\alpha$ , Z-CH $_2$ ), 5.21-5.28 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $\alpha$ ), 6.71 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.4$  Hz, 1 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 6.83 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.7$  Hz, 0.3 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 7.01-7.06 (m, 0.7 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 7.24 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, Ala-NH), 7.27-7.38 (m, 5 H, Z-CH), 7.40 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, Ala-NH), 7.59-7.67 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\beta$ ), 7.81-7.87 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\beta$ ), 7.90 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 9.8$  Hz, Val-NH), 7.94 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 9.3$  Hz, propargyl-Gly-NH), 8.77 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 9.6$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH), 8.83 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 8.9$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz, [D $_6$ ]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 16.7 (Val-CH $_3$ ), 17.9, 18.8 (Ala-CH $_3$ ), 19.1 (Val-CH $_3$ ), 22.0 (propargyl-Gly-CH $_2\beta$ ), 28.0 (Boc-CH $_3$ ), 29.7 (Val-CH $\beta$ ), 40.1, 40.4 (Dap-CH $_2\beta$ ), 41.2, 42.9 (Cys-CH $_2\beta$ ), 50.9 (propargyl-Gly-CH $\alpha$ ), 53.0, 53.3 (Cys-CH $\alpha$ ), 54.9, 57.2 (Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 65.8 (Z-CH $_2$ ), 72.1 (propargyl-Gly-C $\gamma$ ), 78.7 (Boc-C), 80.4 (propargyl-Gly-CH $\delta$ ), 127.6, 127.6, 127.8, 128.3 (Z-CH), 136.7 (Z-C), 154.7 (Boc-CO), 155.7 (Z-CO), 168.4, 168.9 (Dap-CO), 169.7, 170.0 (Cys-CO), 170.7 (Val-CO), 172.2 (propargyl-Gly-CO), 173.1, 173.2 (Ala-CO) ppm. MS (ESI, MeOH):  $m/z$  (%) = 969 (100) [M+Na] $^+$ , 945 (100) [M-H] $^-$ . HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C $_{41}$ H $_{59}$ N $_{10}$ O $_{12}$ S $_2$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 947.37499, found: 947.37495.

**Cyclo[ $\beta$ -D-Dap(Z)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-propargyl-Gly- $\beta$ -D-Dap(thymine-1-yl-acetyl)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-Val]-disulfide (11)**

A solution of peptide **8** (6.6 mg, 7.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in TFA/DCM = 1/1 (8 mL) was stirred for 15 min at rt. The mixture was evaporated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in dry DCM/DMF = 9/1 (10 mL). (thymine-1-yl)-acetic acid (**9**) (5.1 mg, 27.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was added and the solution cooled to 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . HOAt (3.8 mg, 28  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), NMM (9.2  $\mu\text{L}$ , 84  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and DIC (44  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.28 mmol) were added and the solution stirred for 1 h at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ , the solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for further 48 h. The mixture was evaporated to dryness in vacuo and the residue purified by HPLC (preparative, 40-80% B in 30 min,  $R_t$  = 14.5 min) to yield a white solid (3.3 mg, 47%).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (600 MHz, [D $_6$ ]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 0.81

(d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.5$  Hz, 3 H, Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.83-0.92 (m, 3 H, Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15-1.30 (m, 6 H, Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.77 (s, 3 H, Thymine-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31-2.40 (m, 1 H, Val-CH $\beta$ ), 2.55-2.61 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CH $\delta$ ), 2.62-2.70 (m, 2 H, propargyl-Gly-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 2.81-2.95 (m, 2 H, Cys-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 3.01-3.11 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 3.13-3.25 (m, 3 H, Cys-CH $_{2\beta}$ , Dap-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 3.68-3.73 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 3.81-3.89 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 4.01-4.08 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.19-4.25 (m, 1 H, Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.24-4.28 (m, 1 H, Val-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.27 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 16.6$  Hz, 1 H, acetyl-CH $_2$ ), 4.38 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 16.6$  Hz, 1 H, acetyl-CH $_2$ ), 4.43-4.52 (m, 2 H, Ala-CH $\alpha$ ), 4.52-4.58 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-CH $\alpha$ ), 5.02-5.12 (m, 3 H, Cys-CH $\alpha$ , Z-CH $_2$ ), 5.23-5.29 (m, 1 H, Cys-CH $\alpha$ ), 7.03-7.11 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 7.25 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ala-NH), 7.29-7.41 (m, 6 H, Ala-NH, Z-CH), 7.44 (s, 1 H, thymine-CH), 7.58-7.67 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\beta$ ), 7.87-7.93 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\beta$ ), 7.95 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, Val-NH), 8.08 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 8.08$  Hz, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-NH), 8.14 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 6.2$  Hz, 1 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 8.80 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH), 8.85 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H, Cys-NH), 11.28 (s, 1 H, thymine-NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO):  $\delta$  = 11.8 (thymine-CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.8 (Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.8, 18.9 (Ala-CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.2 (Val-CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.9 (propargyl-Gly-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 29.8 (Val-CH $\beta$ ), 40.2, 40.5 (Dap-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 41.9, 43.1 (Cys-CH $_{2\beta}$ ), 47.3, 47.4 (Ala-CH $\alpha$ ), 50.1 (acetyl-CH $_2$ ), 50.9 (propargyl-Gly-CH $\alpha$ ), 53.2, 53.4 (Cys-CH $\alpha$ ), 55.8, 57.2 (Dap-CH $\alpha$ ), 57.3 (Val-CH $\alpha$ ), 65.8 (Z-CH $_2$ ), 72.3 (propargyl-Gly-C $\gamma$ ), 80.4 (propargyl-Gly-CH $\delta$ ), 108.4 (thymine-C5), 127.6, 127.8, 128.3 (Z-CH), 136.7 (Z-C), 141.9 (thymine-CH6), 151.1 (thymine-C2), 155.4 (Z-CO), 164.3 (thymine-C4), 167.0 (acetyl-CO), 167.9, 168.4 (Dap-CO), 169.9, 170.0 (Cys-CO), 171.3, 172.2 (Val-CO, propargyl-Gly-CO), 173.2, 173.3 (Ala-CO) ppm. MS (ESI, MeOH):  $m/z$  (%) = 1035 (100) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 1011 (100) [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>13</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 1013.36040, found: 1013.36065.

**Cyclo[ $\beta$ -D-Dap(*N*<sup>6</sup>-Z-adenine-9-yl-acetyl)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-propargyl-Gly- $\beta$ -D-Dap(thymine-1-yl-acetyl)-L-Ala-L-Cys-L-Val]-disulfide (5)**

Peptide **11** was dissolved in TFA/thioanisole = 10/1 (5 mL) and stirred at rt for 48 h. The mixture was evaporated to dryness and the residue dissolved in dry DMF (50  $\mu\text{L}$ ). This solution was cooled to 0 °C and (*N*<sup>6</sup>-Z-adenine-9-yl)-acetic acid (**10**) (8.5 mg, 26  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), PyBroP (12 mg, 26  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and DIEA (13  $\mu\text{L}$ , 78  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and then allowed to come

to rt followed by further stirring at rt for 48 h. The solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue purified by HPLC (preparative, 10-70% B in 30 min,  $R_t$  = 24.4 min) to yield a colorless solid (2.3 mg, 37%).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (600 MHz,  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.78 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 6.9 Hz, 3 H, Val- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.80 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 6.9 Hz, 3 H, Val- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.21 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 7.4 Hz, 3 H, Ala- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.22 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 7.3 Hz, 3 H, Ala- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.76-1.78 (m, 3 H, thymine- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.11-2.19 (m, 1 H, Val- $\text{CH}\beta$ ), 2.60-2.68 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 2.68-2.71 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}\delta$ ), 2.71-2.78 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 2.80-2.88 (m, 1 H, Cys- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 2.88-2.99 (m, 1 H, Cys- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 3.03-3.07 (m, 1 H, Cys- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 3.14-3.20 (m, 1 H, Cys- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 3.20-3.29 (m, 2 H, Dap- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 3.68-3.78 (m, 2 H, Dap- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 4.07-4.10 (m, 1 H, Dap- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 4.18-4.22 (m, 1 H, Val- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 4.22-4.25 (m, 1 H, Dap- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 4.27 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 16.4 Hz, 1 H, acetyl- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.38 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 16.4 Hz, 1 H, acetyl- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.45-4.50 (m, 1 H, Ala- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 4.50-4.54 (m, 1 H, Ala- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 4.56-4.61 (propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 4.98 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 16.6 Hz, 1 H, acetyl- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.06 (d,  $^2J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 16.6 Hz, 1 H, acetyl- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.14-5.20 (Cys- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 5.22 (s, 2 H, Z- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.26-5.35 (m, 1 H, Cys- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 7.32-7.39 (m, 2 H, Ala-NH), 7.39-7.46 (m, 5 H, Z-CH), 7.47 (s, 1 H, thymine-CH), 7.59-7.65 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\beta$ ), 7.87-7.91 (m, 1 H, Dap-NH $\beta$ ), 7.98 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 9.7 Hz, 1 H, Val-NH), 8.05-8.10 (m, 1 H, propargyl-Gly-NH), 8.13 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 8.18 (d,  $^3J_{\text{H,H}}$  = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, Dap-NH $\alpha$ ), 8.42 (s, 1 H, adenine-CH), 8.53 (s, 1 H, adenine-CH), 8.75-8.80 (m, 1 H, Cys-NH), 8.81-8.86 (m, 1 H, Cys-NH), 10.65 ( $s_{\text{br}}$ , 1 H, adenine-NH), 11.29 (s, 1 H, thymine-NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$ ):  $\delta$  = 11.8 (thymine- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 17.2 (Val- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 18.6, 19.0 (Ala- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 19.5 (Val- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.0 (propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 29.6 (Val- $\text{CH}\beta$ ), 30.2, 30.3 (Dap- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 42.0, 44.0 (Cys- $\text{CH}_2\beta$ ), 46.0 (acetyl- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 47.2, 47.5 (Ala- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 50.0 (acetyl- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 50.8 (propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 53.0, 53.3 (Cys- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 55.8, 55.9 (Dap- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 56.8 (Val- $\text{CH}\alpha$ ), 66.1 (Z- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 72.4 (propargyl-Gly- $\text{C}\gamma$ ), 80.6 (propargyl-Gly- $\text{CH}\delta$ ), 108.3 (thymine- $\text{C}5$ ), 122.9 (adenine- $\text{C}5$ ), 127.7, 127.9, 128.3 (Z-CH), 136.3 (Z-C), 141.9 (thymine- $\text{CH}6$ ), 144.8 (adenine- $\text{CH}8$ ), 149.4 (Z-CO), 151.1 (thymine- $\text{C}2$ ), 151.4, 151.9, 152.1 (adenine- $\text{CH}2$ , - $\text{C}4$ , - $\text{C}6$ ), 164.3 (thymine- $\text{C}4$ ), 166.5, 167.0, 167.8, 169.9, 170.0, 170.1, 171.4, 172.3 (acetyl-CO, Cys-CO, Dap-CO, propargyl-Gly-CO, Val-CO), 173.1, 173.3 (Ala-CO) ppm. MS (ESI, MeOH):  $m/z$  (%) = 1188 (20)  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ . HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{62}\text{N}_{17}\text{O}_{14}\text{S}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 1188.4098, found: 1188.4066.

### Temperature dependent UV spectra

Melting curves were recorded with a JASCO V550 UV/VIS-spectrophotometer. The temperature was regulated by a programmable JASCO ETC-50S/ETC-505T-peltier element, whereas the temperature was measured directly next to the cuvette. A blackened quartz cuvette ( $d = 1.0$  cm) and detection at wavelengths 280, 260 and 255 nm were used. Concentrations were calculated from UV absorption at 20 °C. The following temperature program was employed for all measurements: 20 °C  $\rightarrow$  80 °C (10 min)  $\rightarrow$  80 °C (3 min)  $\rightarrow$  -2 °C (26 min)  $\rightarrow$  -2 °C (60 min)  $\rightarrow$  85 °C (120 min)  $\rightarrow$  -2 °C (120 min)  $\rightarrow$  -2 °C (60 min)  $\rightarrow$  85 °C (120 min)  $\rightarrow$  -2 °C (120 min)  $\rightarrow$  28 °C (5 min). The hyperchromicity ( $A_{\text{rel}}$  / %) is defined as:

$$A_{\text{rel}}(T) = \frac{(A(T) - A_0) \cdot 100}{A_0}$$

Whereas  $A(T)$  is the absorption at temperature  $T$  and  $A_0$  the minimal absorption of a decoupling experiment. All UV measurements were done with 2  $\mu\text{M}$  DNA solutions in (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinethansulfonic acid (HEPES) buffer (2 mM HEPES, 10 mM NaCl, pH = 7.0).