

# Intrinsic folding of the cysteine residue: competition between folded and extended forms mediated by the -SH group

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**Table S1: Structural and energetic parameters of Z-Cys-NH<sub>2</sub> : effect of the Z-tail rotamerism on the folded and extended forms from the DFT-D (B97-D3/def2-TZVPPD) calculations (same legend as Table 1).**

Molecule	Bn-O-CO-Cys-NH <sub>2</sub>					
	#1			#2		
Conformation	Folded			Extended		
Structure	5 <sup>γ</sup> ( <sup>γ</sup> 6)-7			5-6 <sup>γ</sup>		
Z-cap	gauche +	gauche-	trans	gauche-	gauche +	trans
Energetics (kJ/mol)						
ΔE (electronic)	0	1.0	4.6	4.9	5.4	9.1
ΔH (0K)	0	1.4	3.7	3.8	4.5	6.6
ΔG (300K)	0	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.2	2.8
Interatomic distance (pm) (NBO ΣE <sub>HB</sub> ) (kcal/mol)						
NH <sub>Cys</sub> /NH <sub>2</sub> – O	7 : 202 (6.2)	203	203	5 : 215 (1.7)	215	215
NH <sub>Cys</sub> /NH <sub>2</sub> – S	5 <sup>γ</sup> : 261 (2.1)	261	261	6 <sup>γ</sup> : 249 (5.5)	250	248
SH – O	<sup>γ</sup> 6 : 238 (1.3)	237	238			

**Table S2: Structural, energetic and vibrational parameters of the folded and extended structures of Ac-Cys-NH<sub>2</sub> at the DFT-D (B97-D3/def2-TZVPPD) level of theory, for comparison with Tables 1 and 2 (same legend as Table 1).**

Molecule	Ac-Ala-NH <sub>2</sub>	
	#1	#2
Conformation	Folded	Extended
Structure <sup>a</sup>	f-7	5-f
Energetics (kJ/mol)		
ΔE (electronic)	0	6.0
ΔH (0K)	0	3.9
ΔG (300K)	0	1.0
Interatomic distances (pm)		
NH <sub>Cys</sub> /NH <sub>2</sub> – O	7 : 206	5 : 220
Vibrational frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		
NH stretches sym. NH <sub>2</sub>	7 : 3369	
NH <sub>Ala</sub>		5 : 3442

a) The label f designates a free NH

**Table S3: Comparison of the structural, energetic and vibrational parameters of the C5 and C7 structures of Ac-Ala-NH<sub>2</sub> and Ac-Cys-NHMe at the DFT-D (RI-B97-D3(BJ)abc/def2-TZVPPD) level of theory.**

Molecule	Ac-Cys-NH <sub>2</sub>			Ac-Cys-NH-Me		
		#1	#2		#1	#2
Conformation		folded	extended		folded	extended
Structure		5 <sup>γ</sup> ( <sup>γ</sup> 6)-7	5-6 <sup>γ</sup>		5 <sup>γ</sup> ( <sup>γ</sup> 6)-7	5-6 <sup>γ</sup>
Interatomic distances (pm)	NH <sub>Cys</sub> – O/S	5 <sup>γ</sup> : 257	5 : 214	NH <sub>Cys</sub> – O/S	5 <sup>γ</sup> : 261	5 : 215
	NH <sub>2</sub> – O/S	7 : 200	6 <sup>γ</sup> : 249	NH <sub>C-term</sub> – O/S	7 : 202	6 <sup>γ</sup> : 249
Scaled NH stretch frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	NH <sub>Cys</sub> – O/S	5 <sup>γ</sup> : 3408	5 : 3427	NH <sub>Cys</sub> – O/S	5 <sup>γ</sup> : 3406	5 : 3421
	NH <sub>2</sub> – O/S	7 : 3353	6 <sup>γ</sup> : 3380	NH <sub>C-term</sub> – O/S	7 : 3322	6 <sup>γ</sup> : 3379

**Table S4: Dependence of the calculated rotational parameters of the lowest energy C5 and C7 conformers of Ac-Ala-NH<sub>2</sub> with the theoretical method and basis set employed.**

C7	B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVP	B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVPPD	B97-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVP	B97-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVPPD	RI-B97-D3(BJ)-abc/def2-TZVP	RI-B97-D3(BJ)-abc/def2-TZVPPD
<b>A</b>	1475	1475	1459	1459	1453	1453
<b>B</b>	833	833	829	828	829	828
<b>C</b>	601	600	597	597	596	596
Dipole moment (Debye)						
Total	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0
a/b/c components	1.7/1.4/0.2	1.7/1.5/0.2	1.6/1.2/0.2	1.7/1.5/0.1	1.5/1.4/0.2	1.5/1.4/0.2
Energetics	0	0	0	0	0	0

C5	B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVP	B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVPPD	B97-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVP	B97-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVPPD	RI-B97-D3(BJ)-abc/def2-TZVP	RI-B97-D3(BJ)-abc/def2-TZVPPD
<b>A</b>	1432	1431	1423	1423	1421	1423
<b>B</b>	781	781	771	770	770	768
<b>C</b>	538	538	534	534	533	533
Dipole moment (Debye)						
Total	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
a/b/c components	1.3/0.8/0.3	1.3/0.8/0.3	1.3/0.8/0.3	1.3/0.8/0.4	1.3/0.8/0.3	1.3/0.8/0.4
Energetics (kJ/mol)						
ΔH 0K	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>
ΔG 300K	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>

**Table S5 : Dependence of the structural parameters of the lowest energy C5 and C7 conformers of Ac-Ala-NH<sub>2</sub> with the theoretical method and basis set employed. Ramachandran and side chain  $\chi_1$  dihedrals are given in degrees, H-bond distances as well as backbone and side chain covalent bonds (two last lines of each sub-table) in pm.**

**B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVP**

Parameters	Folded C7	Extended C5
$\phi$	-82	-160
$\psi$	63	174
$\chi_1$	51	199
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---O	200	211
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---S	257	249
SH---O	236	
C7 --- CO: 123/122; SH:134; NH <sub>2</sub> : 101/101; NH: 101; CC: 151/155/153(SC); CS:183; CN:135/145/135		
C5 --- CO: 122/122; SH:134; NH <sub>2</sub> : 101/101; NH: 101; CC: 151/154/154(SC); CS:183; CN:136/144/135		

**B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVPPD**

Parameters	Folded C7	Extended C5
$\phi$	-82	-160
$\psi$	63	174
$\chi_1$	51	198
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---O	199	212
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---S	258	250
SH---O	237	
C7 --- CO: 123/122; SH:134; NH <sub>2</sub> : 101/101; NH: 101; CC: 151/155/153(SC); CS:183; CN:135/145/135		
C5 --- CO: 122/122; SH:134; NH <sub>2</sub> : 101/101; NH: 101; CC: 151/154/154(SC); CS:183; CN:136/144/135		

**B97-D3(BJ)-abc/def2-TZVPPD**

Parameters	Folded C7	Extended C5
$\phi$	-82	-159
$\psi$	64	173
$\chi_1$	51	198
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---O	199	213
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---S	257	249
SH---O	237	
C7 --- CO: 124/123; SH:135; NH <sub>2</sub> : 102/101; NH: 101; CC: 152/156/153(SC); CS:183; CN:136/146/135		
C5 --- CO: 123/123; SH:135; NH <sub>2</sub> : 101/101; NH: 101; CC: 152/154/155(SC); CS:183; CN:136/144/136		

**RI-B97-D3(BJ)-abc/def2-TZVPPD**

Parameters	Folded C7	Extended C5
$\phi$	-82	-158
$\psi$	64	173
$\chi_1$	51	198
NHCys/NH <sub>2</sub> ---O	200	214
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C5 --- CO: 123/123; SH:135; NH <sub>2</sub> : 101/101; NH: 101; CC: 152/154/155(SC); CS:183; CN:136/144/136		



Figure S1: Structure of the *trans*-Me-CONH-Me...MeSH intermolecular complex at the DFT-D (RI-B97-D3/def2-TZVPPD) level of theory.

