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Supplementary Information

Characterization of peptide O…HN hydrogen bonds via ¹H-detected ¹⁵N/¹⁷O solid-state NMR spectroscopy

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Experimental methods

The N-acetyl-[U-¹³C,¹⁵N,70%-¹⁷O]-L-valyl-L-leucine (N-Ac-VL) sample used here was prepared by ¹⁷O labeling U-¹³C,¹⁵N-FMOC-L-valine and U-¹³C,¹⁵N-FMOC-L-leucine with H₂¹⁷O via a multiple turnover reaction.¹ The procedure involves reacting an FMOC, BOC, Trt, or OtBu amino acid with excess carbodiimide and in this case 70% H₂¹⁷O. The reaction is a kinetically enhanced multiple turnover process that provides the ¹⁷O-labeled FMOC amino acids in high yield and an isotopic enrichment equal to that of the starting H₂¹⁷O. It appears to be a generally applicable approach for ¹⁷O carboxyl groups. Further details of the procedure are available in Refs. 1,2.

NMR experiments were acquired at 18.8 T on a Bruker Avance III HD console using a triple-resonance probe designed and constructed at the NHMFL using a JEOL 0.75 mm MAS stator. The carrier frequencies for ¹H, ¹⁷O, and ¹⁵N were 800.12, 108.48, and 81.08 MHz, respectively. All experiments were performed at a spinning frequency $\omega_r/2\pi = 90$ kHz. In all instances, the initial ¹⁷O polarization was enhanced by saturation/inversion of the ¹⁷O satellite-transitions using a WURST pulse^{3,4} with a sweep width equal to the MAS frequency of 90 kHz, 1 ms pulse duration, peak *rf* field $\omega_1/2\pi = 12.4$ kHz, and an offset of +450 kHz, leading to ¹⁷O signal enhancement for the N-Ac-VL sample by a factor of approximately three. Other experimental parameters are given in Figs. S1-S3. The cosine low-power MQMAS sequence (cos-lpMQMAS)^{5,6} with triple-/single-quantum split-*t*₁ evolution was used to obtain isotropic ¹⁷O resolution using cosine pulses with a duration of two rotor periods, and a ratio k = 19/12 for S = 5/2 nuclei.^{7,8} For ¹H-¹⁷O heteronuclear dipolar recoupling during the RESPDOR⁹ portion of the ohNH^{O} experiment, the SR4²₁ sequence¹⁰ was used on the ¹H channel at an *rf* field amplitude $\omega_1/2\pi$ twice the spinning frequency, 180 kHz. The RESPDOR build-up curve was fit using the following equation¹¹

$$\left(1 - S_r/S_0\right) = \frac{5}{6} - \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{144} \sum_{k=1}^{5} \left[10 - 2(k-1)\right] J_{1/4}\left(\frac{k\pi d_{HO}t_{mix}}{4}\right) J_{-1/4}\left(\frac{k\pi d_{HO}t_{mix}}{4}\right)$$

where $J_{\pm 1/4}$ are Bessel functions of the first kind, d_{HO} is the ¹H-¹⁷O dipolar coupling, and t_{mix} is the total duration of SR4²₁ dipolar recoupling. The dipolar coupling in units of hertz is defined as

$$d_{HO} = -\frac{\gamma_H \gamma_O \hbar}{2\pi r_{HO}^3} \cdot 10^{-7}$$

where $\gamma_{\rm H}$ (26.75222×10⁷ rad·T⁻¹·s⁻¹) and $\gamma_{\rm O}$ (-36.264×10⁷ rad·T⁻¹·s⁻¹) are the gyromagnetic ratios of the ¹H and ¹⁷O nuclei, \hbar (1.05457×10⁻³⁴ J·s) is Planck's constant divided by π , and $r_{\rm HO}$ is the distance in meters between the H and O sites. The dipolar coupling between ¹⁵N and ¹⁷O nuclei can be calculated using the above equation by replacing the ¹H related parameters with ¹⁵N ones, e.g., $\gamma_{\rm N} = -2.7116 \times 10^7$ rad·T⁻¹·s⁻¹.

¹H chemical shifts were referenced indirectly to neat tetramethylsilane ($\delta_{iso} = 0$ ppm) by setting the highest frequency peak of histidine·HCl·H₂O to 17.2 ppm.¹² ¹⁵N and ¹⁷O shifts were referenced to liquid NH3 and D₂O at 0 ppm, respectively, by using the reference frequency for ¹H at 0 ppm and the IUPAC recommended standard frequency ratios.¹³ All spectra were processed using Bruker Topspin 4.1.1 and imported into MATLAB R2020b Update 6 (9.9.0.1718557) for analysis and plotting. The isotropic ¹⁷O dimension of 3D spectra, the axis was scaled and referenced according to the 'unified' convention for MQMAS and STMAS.¹⁴ Essentially, the ¹⁷O spectral window was divided by a factor (3 - *k*) = 17/12, while keeping the Larmor frequency and shift reference the same as for conventional 1D ¹⁷O spectra.



 $t_1: 32 \times 22.2 \ \mu s = 0.71 \ ms$ $t_2: 32 \times 800 \ \mu s = 25.6 \ ms$

128 transients, 0.05 s recycle delay, experimental time = 11.8 hr

Fig. S1. Pulse sequence schematic and experimental parameters used for the three-dimensional OhNH experiment.

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------ OhNH pulse sequence in Bruker format ------
; OhNH.ih - written by ivan
  - 3D H/N/O correlation under fast MAS
  - O(aniso) - (CP) -> H - (CP) -> N - (CP) -> H
;parameters:
;ns : 4*n
;p1 : 1H 90 pulse at PL1
;p2 : 15N 90 pulse at PL2
;p3 : 170 90 pulse at PL3
;p8 : ST-saturation WURST pulse at SP8
;p14 : 170->1H contact time at SP5(1H) + PL9(170)
;p15 : 1H->15N contact time at SP0(1H) + PL5(15N)
;p16 : 15N->1H contact time at SP1(1H) + PL6(15N)
;p27 : duration of water suppression (MISSISSIPI)
;pcpd1 : =25us for 10kHz waltz16
;pcpd2 : =25us for 10kHz waltz16
;d0 : initial t2 delay
;d1 : recycle delay
;d20 : initial t1 delay
; in0 : = t2(15N) increment
;in20 : = t1(170) increment
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;pl1 : 1H pulse power level
;pl2 : 15N pulse power level
;pl3 : 170 pulse power level
;pl5 : 15N CP(1H->15N) power level
;pl6 : 15N CP(15N->1H) power level
;pl9 : CP(170->1H) power level
;pl11 : 1H dec power level
;pl12 : 15N dec power level
;pl17 : 1H WS power level
;sp0 : 1H CP(1H->15N) power level
;sp1 : 1H CP(15N->1H) power level
;sp5 : 1H CP(1H->170) power level
;sp8 : ST-saturation WURST power level
;spnam8 : WURST shape, linear frequency sweep
;spoffs8 : ST-saturation WURST offset
;cpdprg1 : waltz16 at PL11
;cpdprg2 : waltz16 at PL12
;130 : # rotor periods for WURST pulse
;$TYPE=ivan
"p8=1s*130/cnst31"
"d0=0"
"d20=0"
agseg 312
1 ze
2 10m do:f2
  d1
  (p8:sp8 ph20):f3 ;WURST ST saturation pulse
  3u
  5u pl1:f1 pl5:f2 pl3:f3
  (p3 ph1):f3 ;170 90 pulse
  d20 ; 170 t1 evolution
  (p14:sp5 ph22):f1 (p14 ph20 pl9):f3 ;170->1H CP
  (p15:sp0 ph20):f1 (p15 ph2 pl5):f2 ;1H->15N CP
  1u pl11:f1
  (1u cpds1):f1
  (center (d0):f2 (p3*2 ph20 pl3):f3) ;170 pi-pulse @ mid t2
  2u
  (ralign (1u do):f1 (p2 ph20 pl2):f2) ;15N 90 for z-filter
  (p27*0.25 ph20 p217):f1 ;MISSISSIPI
  (p27*0.25 ph21):f1
  (p27*0.25 ph22):f1
  (p27*0.25 ph23):f1
  (p2 ph3):f2 ;15N 90
  (p16:sp1 ph4):f1 (p16 ph20 pl6):f2 ;15N->1H CP
  0.5u pl12:f2
  go=2 ph31 cpds2:f2 finally do:f2
  lu do:f2
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144 transients, 0.05 s recycle delay, experimental time = 15.4 hr

Fig. S2. Pulse sequence schematic and experimental parameters used for the three-dimensional OhNH experiment.

----- OhNH pulse sequence in Bruker format -----; OihNH.ih - written by ivan
; - 3D H/N/O correlation under fast MAS
; - O(iso) - (CP) -> H - (CP) -> N - (CP) -> H

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;parameters:
;ns : 24*n
;p1 : 1H 90 pulse at PL1
;p2 : 15N 90 pulse at PL2
;p3 : 170 90 pulse at PL3
;p7 : CT<->3Q conversion pulse at SP7
;p8 : ST-saturation WURST pulse at SP8
;p14 : 170->1H contact time at SP5(1H) + PL9(170)
;p15 : 1H->15N contact time at SPO(1H) + PL5(15N)
;p16 : 15N->1H contact time at SP1(1H) + PL6(15N)
;p27 : duration of water suppression (MISSISSIPI)
;pcpd1 : =25us for 10kHz waltz16
;pcpd2 : =25us for 10kHz waltz16
;d0 : initial t2 delay
;d1 : recycle delay
;d7 : =k*t1 delay for isotropic 170 evolution
;d20 : initial t1 delay
; in0 : =t2(15N) increment
; in7 : =k*t1 increment for isotropic 170 evolution
;in20 : =rotor period, t1(170) increment
;pl1 : 1H pulse power level
;pl2 : 15N pulse power level
;pl3 : 170 pulse power level
;pl5 : 15N CP(1H->15N) power level
;pl6 : 15N CP(15N->1H) power level
;pl9 : CP(170->1H) power level
;pl11 : 1H dec power level
;pl12 : 15N dec power level
;pl20 : 170 saturation pulse power level
;pl27 : 1H WS power level
;sp0 : 1H CP(1H->15N) power level
;sp1 : 1H CP(15N->1H) power level
;sp5 : 1H CP(1H->170) power level
;sp7 : CT<->3Q conversion power level
;sp8 : ST-saturation WURST power level
;spnam7 : COS shape, cosine amplitude-modulated pulse
;spnam8 : WURST shape, linear frequency sweep
;spoffs8 : ST-saturation WURST offset
;cpdprg1 : waltz16 at PL11
;cpdprg2 : waltz16 at PL12
;cnst31 : MAS frequency [Hz]
;130 : # rotor periods for WURST pulse
;$TYPE=ivan
"p7=2s/cnst31"
"p8=1s*130/cnst31"
"d0=0"
"d20=0"
"d7=(2s/cnst31)*1.583333-p3"
"in7=in20*1.583333" ;k for S=5/2
agseg 312
1 ze
2 10m do:f2
  d1
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(p8:sp8 ph20):f3 ;WURST ST saturation pulse 3u 5u pl1:f1 pl5:f2 pl3:f3 (p3 ph1):f3 ;170 90 pulse (p7:sp7 ph1):f3 ;170 1Q->3Q d20 ; 170 t1 evolution (p7:sp7 ph20):f3 ;170 3Q->1Q (p3*2 ph20 pl3):f3 ;170 180 pulse d7 (p14:sp5 ph22):f1 (p14 ph20 pl9):f3 ;170->1H CP (p15:sp0 ph20):f1 (p15 ph2 pl5):f2 ;1H->15N CP 1u pl11:f1 (1u cpds1):f1 (center (d0):f2 (p3*2 ph20 pl3):f3) ;170 pi-pulse @ mid t2 2u (ralign (1u do):f1 (p2 ph20 pl2):f2) ;15N 90 for z-filter (p27*0.25 ph20 pl27):f1 ;MISSISSIPI (p27*0.25 ph21):f1 (p27*0.25 ph22):f1 (p27*0.25 ph23):f1 (p2 ph3):f2 ;15N 90 (p16:sp1 ph4):f1 (p16 ph20 pl6):f2 ;15N->1H CP 0.5u pl12:f2 go=2 ph31 cpds2:f2 finally do:f2 1u do:f2 10m mc #0 to 2 F1PH(calph(ph1,+30), caldel(d20,+in20)&caldel(d7,+in7)) F2PH(calph(ph2,+90), caldel(d0,+in0)) exit ph1=(12) 0 2 4 6 8 10 ph2= 1 ph3={1}*6 {3}*6 ph4={1}*12 {3}*12 {0}*12 {2}*12 ph20=0 ph21=1 ph22=2 ph23=3 ph31={{0 2 0 2 0 2}^2}^2 ------ OhNH pulse sequence in Bruker format ------



384 transients, 0.05 s recycle delay, experimental time = 7.7 hr

Fig. S3. Pulse sequence schematic and experimental parameters used for the three-dimensional ohNH^{O} experiment.

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------ OhNH<sup>{O}</sup> pulse sequence in Bruker format ------
; OhNHo.ih - written by ivan
  - 3D H/N/O correlation under fast MAS
   - pseudo-3D hNH spectra with 170/1H RESPDOR in the 3rd dimension
;
  - SR4 1H/170 dipolar recoupling
;
;parameters:
;ns : 32*n
;p1 : 1H 90 pulse at PL1
;p2 : 15N 90 pulse at PL2
;p3 : 170 90 pulse at PL3
;p8 : ST-saturation WURST pulse at SP8
;p14 : 170->1H contact time at SP5(1H) + PL9(170)
;p15 : 1H->15N contact time at SPO(1H) + PL5(15N)
;p16 : 15N->1H contact time at SP1(1H) + PL6(15N)
;p20 : 170 RESPDOR saturation pulse at PL20
;p21 : 1H SR4 pulse at PL10, =tr/4
;p27 : duration of water suppression (MISSISSIPI)
;pcpd1 : =25us for 10kHz waltz16
;pcpd2 : =25us for 10kHz waltz16
;d0 : initial t2 delay
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;d1 : recycle delay
;in0 : =t2(15N) increment
;pl1 : 1H pulse power level
;pl2 : 15N pulse power level
;pl3 : 170 pulse power level
;pl5 : 15N CP(1H->15N) power level
;pl6 : 15N CP(15N->1H) power level
;pl9 : CP(170->1H) power level
;pl10 : =2vr, 1H SR4 power level
;pl11 : 1H dec power level
;pl12 : 15N dec power level
;pl20 : 170 saturation pulse power level
;pl27 : 1H WS power level
;sp0 : 1H CP(1H->15N) power level
;sp1 : 1H CP(15N->1H) power level
;sp5 : 1H CP(1H->170) power level
;sp8 : ST-saturation WURST power level
;spnam8 : WURST shape, linear frequency sweep
;spoffs8 : ST-saturation WURST offset
;cpdprg1 : waltz16 at PL11
;cpdprg2 : waltz16 at PL12
;cnst20 : # rotor periods for 170 RESPDOR saturation pulse
;cnst31 : MAS frequency [Hz]
;18 : L8*2 = # SR4 rotor periods to increment mixing time per t1
;110 : initial # SR4 rotor periods
;130 : # rotor periods for WURST pulse
;$TYPE=ivan
"p8=1s*130/cnst31"
"p20=1s*cnst20/cnst31"
"p21=0.25s/cnst31"
"d0=0"
"d25=(1s/cnst31)"
"d26=(0.25s/cnst31)"
"d28=(1s/cnst31)-0.5u"
"10=0"
"12=0"
"18=110"
"cnst6=0"
"cnst8=0"
aqseq 312
1 ze
2 10m do:f2
  5u rpp16
  5u rpp17
  5u rpp18
  5u rpp19
"cnst6=180*trunc(((12)/16)%2)"
  5u ip16+cnst6
  5u ip17+cnst6
  5u ip18+cnst6
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5u ip19+cnst6
  d1
  (p8:sp8 ph20):f3 ;WURST ST saturation pulse
  3u
  5u pl1:f1 pl5:f2 pl3:f3
  (p3 ph1):f3 ;170 90 pulse
  (p14:sp5 ph22):f1 (p14 ph20 pl9):f3 ;170->1H CP
  (p15:sp0 ph20):f1 (p15 ph2 pl5):f2 ;1H->15N CP
  1u pl11:f1
  (1u cpds1):f1
  (center (d0):f2 (p3*2 ph20 pl3):f3) ;170 pi-pulse @ mid t2
  2u
  (ralign (1u do):f1 (p2 ph20 pl2):f2) ;15N 90 for z-filter
  (p27*0.25 ph20 pl27):f1 ;MISSISSIPI
  (p27*0.25 ph21):f1
  (p27*0.25 ph22):f1
  (p27*0.25 ph23):f1
  (p2 ph3):f2 ;15N 90
  (p16:sp1 ph4):f1 (p16 ph20 pl6):f2 ;15N->1H CP
if "12%2==0"{
    d25 pl20:f3
}
if "12%2==1"{
     d25 pl=0[Watt]:f3
}
15 (p21 ph16 pl10):f1
   (p21 ph17):f1
   (p21 ph16^):f1
   (p21 ph17^):f1
  lo to 15 times 110
  d26
  (center (p1*2 ph5 pl1):f1 (p20 ph20):f3)
  d26
25 (p21 ph18 pl10):f1
   (p21 ph19):f1
   (p21 ph18^):f1
  (p21 ph19^):f1
  lo to 25 times 110
  d28
  0.5u pl12:f2
  go=2 ph31 cpds2:f2 finally do:f2
  lu do:f2
  10m mc #0 to 2
   F1PH( calph(ph2,+90), caldel(d0,+in0) )
    F2PH( calclc(12,+1), calclc(110,+18) )
exit
ph1= 1 3
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ph2= 1

ph3= 1 1 3 3

ph4= 1

ph5={0}*4 {1}*4 {2}*4 {3}*4

ph16=(360) 90 270 210 30 330 150

ph17=(360) 270 90 30 210 150 330

ph18=(360) 90 270 210 30 330 150

ph19=(360) 270 90 30 210 150 330

ph20=0

ph21=1

ph22=2

ph31={0 2 2 0}^2

------ OhNH<sup>{O}</sup> pulse sequence in Bruker format ------
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