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PICKAPEP



Visualization and Calculation of Cyclized and Modified Peptidomimetics Made Easy

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INTRODUCTION

Recently, the interest in peptides and peptidomimetic structures has risen enormously.¹ Novel modification strategies including nonnatural amino acids, sophisticated cyclization strategies, and side chain modifications to improve the pharmacokinetic properties of peptides are continuously arising. However, a calculator tool accompanying the current development in peptide sciences towards modified peptides is missing. Herein, we present the application **PICKAPEP**, enabling the virtual **construction** and **visualization** of peptidomimetics with regular and self-designed amino acids.² **Calculated** parameters include the molecular weight, the **LogP**, the **TPSA**, and the peptide **SMILES code**.³ To our knowledge, **PICKAPEP** is the first tool allowing users to add custom amino acids (**AA**) as building blocks and also the only tool giving the possibility to process **large peptide libraries** and calculate parameters for multiple peptides at once.

USER FRIENDLY GRAPHICAL INTERFACE

- Enter sequence
- Modify N- & C-terminus
- Cyclize your peptide

AMINO ACID BUILDING BLOCKS

- Non-Natural Amino Acids**
- D- or N-methylated
 - Peptoid building blocks
 - Various

Natural Amino Acids
One or three letter code

Own Amino Acids
Backbone template

Post-Translational Modifications

- Glycosylation
- Phosphorylation

Fatty Acid Derivatization

Spacer + Linker + Fatty (di)acid

AMINO ACID MODIFICATIONS

Common Side Products from Synthesis

- Sulfur oxidation
- Formation of aspartimide and isoaspartate

- > 100 predefined AAs
- Create your own AAs
- Modify side chains

- Efficiently calculate multiple peptides at once

Backbone Involved

- Head to tail
- Head to sidechain
- Tail to sidechain

CYCLIZATIONS

- Multiple Cyclizations**
- Bicycle formation
 - Stitched peptides

Sidechain to Sidechain

- Natural and nonnatural
- Two component

C-/N-TERMINUS MODIFICATIONS

- Visualize your peptides in 2D and 3D
- Get all important parameters

MULTIPLE PEPTIDE PROCESSING

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Input Linear Sequence	Nterm	Cterm	Cyclizations	Modifications	Status	Sequence Lines	
2	Angiotensin I	D-R-V-Y-I-H-P-F-H-L					Done	N-Term, D-R-V	
3	Angiotensin II	Asp-Arg-Val-Tyr-Ile-His-Pro-I					Done	N-Term, D-R-V	
4	Ciclosporin A	V-Lnme-A-Ad-Lnme-Lnme-V			Head, Tail		Done	N-Term * V-Ln	
5	Linaclotide	CCEYCCNPACTGCV			1, 6, disulfide; 2, 10, c		Done	N-Term, C-C-E	
6	Liraglutide	HAEGTFTSDVSSYLEGQAAKEFI				20, fa, 1, y-glu, c16ac	Done	N-Term, H-A-I	
7	Semaglutide	HAIBEGTFTSDVSSYLEGQAAKE				20, fa, 2, ado, 1, y-glu, c1	Done	N-Term, H-A-I	
8	Motixafortide	Motix1-R-Motix3-C-Y-Cit-K-K		Am	4, 13, disulfide		Done	N-Term, Moti	
9	Zilucoplan	K-V-E-R-F-D-Dnme-Ziluc8-Y;Ac			1, 6, amide	15, fa, 1, y-glu, c16 ac	Done	N-Term / Ac-K	
10									
11	Peptide 1	P-J-C-K-A-P-E-P					Unknown aminoacid: J		
12	Peptide 2	P-I-C-K-A-P-E-P			2, 8, disulfide		Reaction 1 not possible		
13	Peptide 3	P-I-C-K-A-P-E-P				3, sulfiac; 7, a-D-GalNac	Glycosylation not possible		
14	Peptide 4	P-I-C-K-A-P-E-P		Am			N-Terminus not available		
15									

OUTPUT AND VISUALIZATION

Chemical Formula: C₃₈H₆₃N₉O₁₁S

Number of Amino Acids: 8

Molecular Weight: 854.04

LogP: -1.78

Exact Weight: 853.4368

TPSA: 298.77

[M+H]⁺: 854.4446

Rotatable Bonds: 23

[M+2H]²⁺: 427.7262

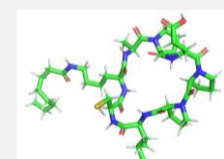
Number of HBA: 12

[M+3H]³⁺: 285.4867

Number of HBD: 10

[M+4H]⁴⁺: 214.367

Aromatic Rings: 0



CONCLUSION

With **PICKAPEP**, we provide an open-source tool which can be used to generate numerous types of cyclized and modified peptidomimetics. Combined with its user-friendly comprehensive GUI and various options, **PICKAPEP** can be used **without** substantial **computational expertise** or **knowledge in peptide chemistry**.

Resources and contact information

Resources

Open source software:
ETH research collectionSource code:
Github

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