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= non-covalent bond(s)

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covalent bond

covalently crosslinked polymers

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tautomerism/ prototropy

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Synthesis of a Urethane Macromonomer



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 Hydrogen-Bond-Assembled Material

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About 30% of all protein secondary structure comprises α-helices.

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Comparison of Stapled Peptide Potency



IC₅₀ values are similar, despite the prediction that an increased conformational rigidity of th stapled peptides would, in turn increase the potency of inhibition.

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Characteristic Features of α-Helix Mediated PPIs A Model PPI: p53-hDM2 UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Glycine Ni(NO₃)₂.6

 H_2O

NaOMe

96%

i) 3M HCI, MeOH

95%

ii) Fmoc-OSu,

Na₂CO₃, H₂O,

Dioxane. 86%

Synthesis of Amino Acids

FmocHN

CO

Often, the *i*, i + 3 or i + 4 and i + 7 or i + 8 chains of an α -helix are found to play a critical role in a protein-protein interaction.



p53 is a transcription factor that initiates apoptosis – it is deactivated in many human cancers. HDM2 transcription is induced after p53 activation and negatively regulates p53 by: Physically blocking activation by direct interaction Targeting p53 for degradation by ubiquitinylation

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1-iodopentene

NaOH, MeCN

78%

One Diastereoisomer





'easy (?) to make' amide bonds connect the monomers - approach amenable to solid phase

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Literature Compound

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Synthesis of Labelled Analogues

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