

Supporting Information

Self-assembly of PEGylated tetra-phenylalanine derivatives: structural insights from solution and solid state studies

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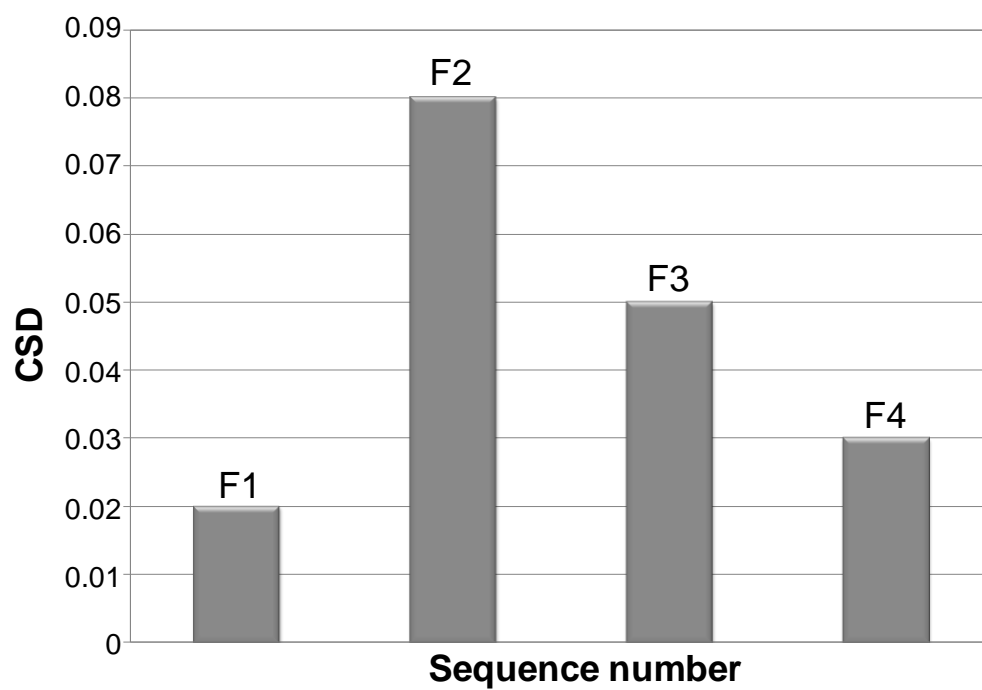
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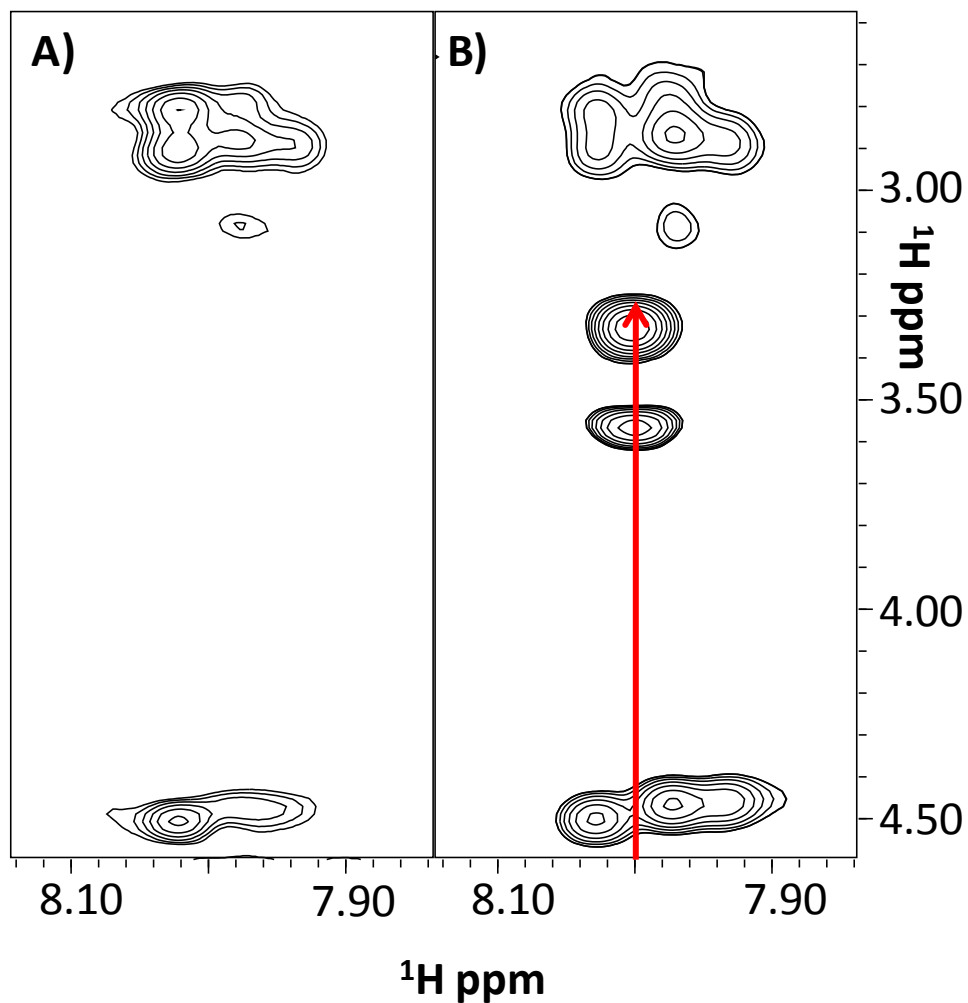
Supporting Table S1. ¹H chemical shifts (ppm) for DOTA-L₆-F4 (0.45 mg/mL-340 μM) at 298 K and 600 MHz.

	HN	H α	H β	Aromatic H
F1	8.05	4.50	2.91-2.83	H δ 7.14 H ϵ 7.30
F2	7.99	4.47	2.88-2.80	H δ 7.09 H ϵ 7.27
F3	7.95	4.46	2.92-2.88	H δ 7.15 H ϵ 7.31
F4	7.99	4.46	2.90-3.09	H δ 7.26 H ϵ 7.34
L6	NHCOCH 2 2.42 NHCOCH 2 CH 2 3.61 NHCH 2 CH 2 3.58, 3.34 NHCH2CH2 8.01 OCH 2 CH 2 O 3.52, 3.55			
DOTA	3.78, 3.45, 3.38, 3.09, 3.03			

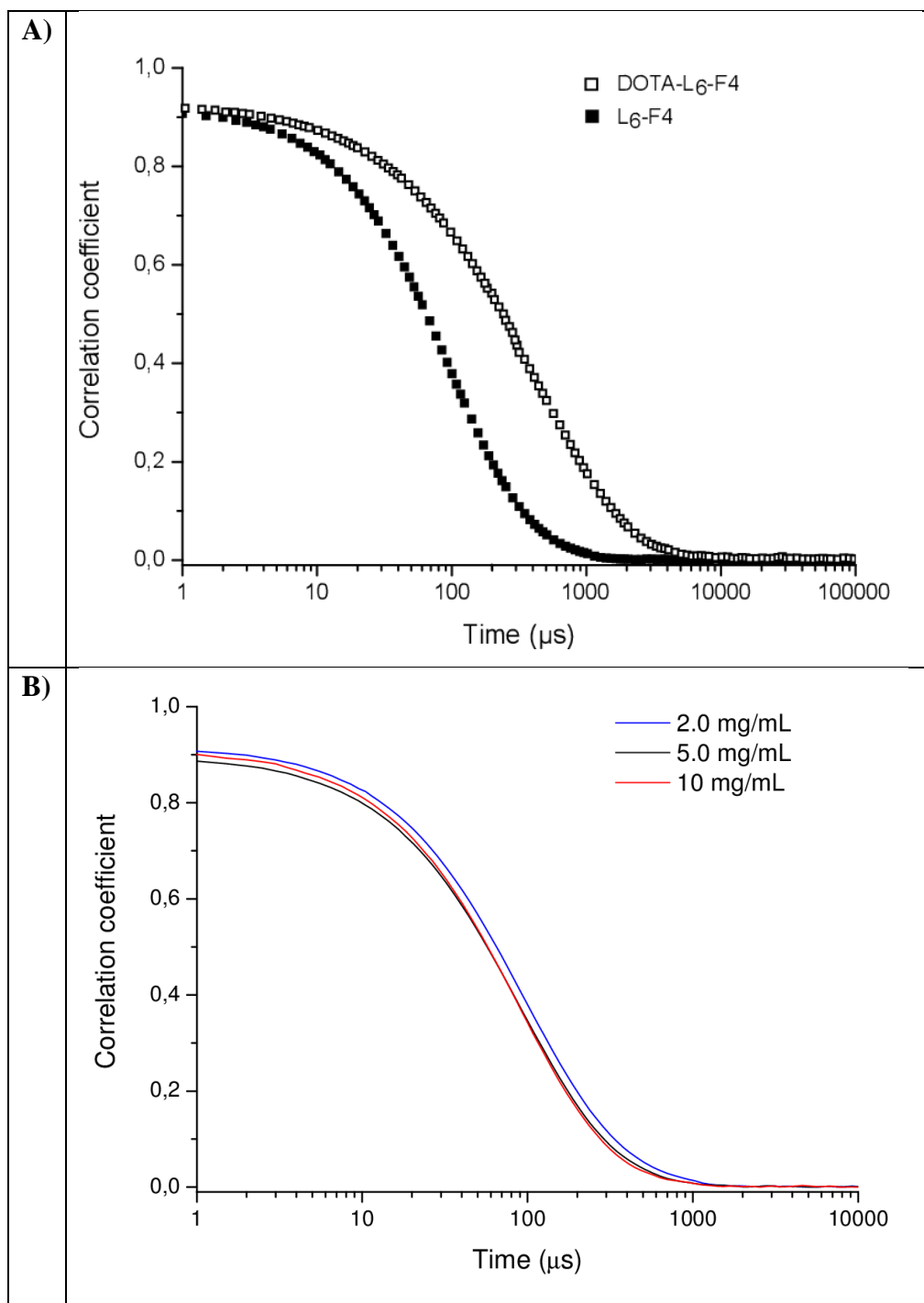
Supporting Figure S1. Secondary structure by chemical shift analysis. Chemical shifts deviations of H α protons from random coil values $\Delta\delta_{H\alpha} = \delta_{H\alpha\text{observed}} - \delta_{H\alpha\text{random-coil}}$



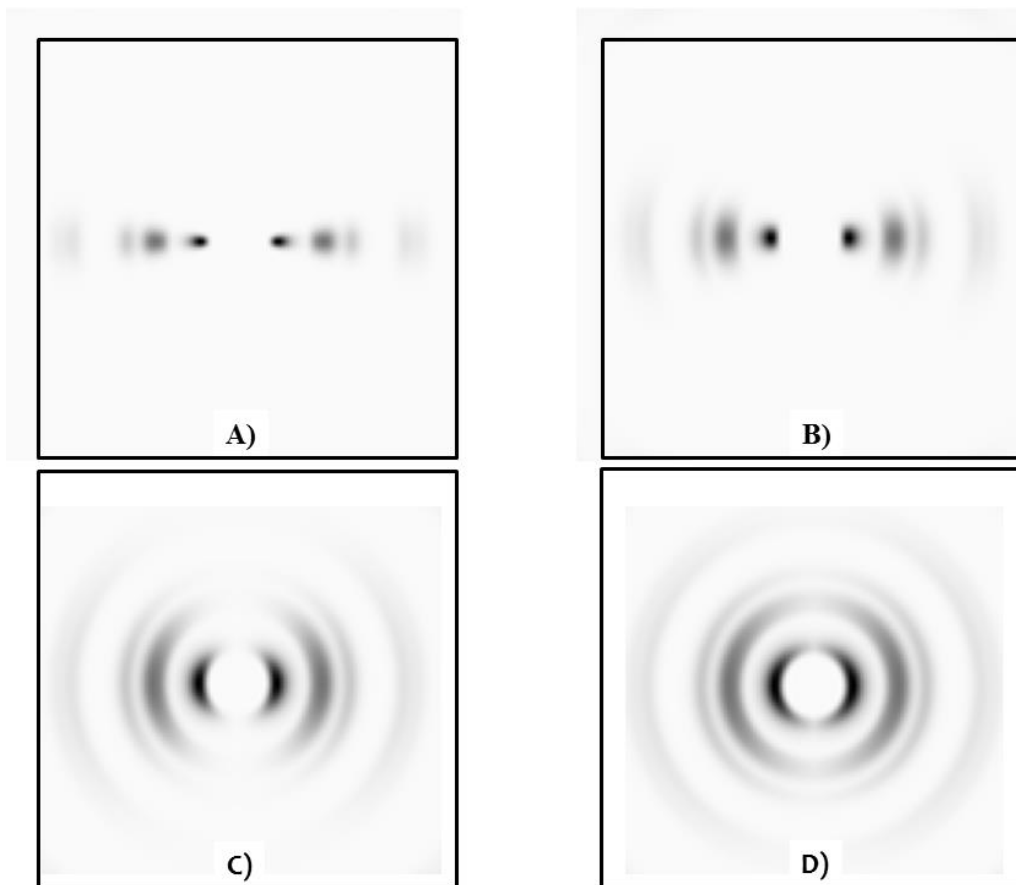
Supporting Figure S2. Comparison of 2D [^1H , ^1H] TOCSY spectra of L₆-F4 (0.15 mM concentration) (A) and DOTA-L₆-F4 (0.1 mM concentration) (B). The H_N-high field correlation region is shown; in panel (B) an additional amide H_N spin system (indicated by the red arrow), belonging to the linker region L6, that connects the peptide portion to the DOTA ring, can be seen.



Supporting Figure S3. Intensity correlation functions for: A) DOTA-L₆-F4 (□) and L₆-F4 (■) in aqueous solutions at 1.5 mM concentration; B) L₆-F4 in aqueous solutions at 2.0, 5.0 and 10 mg/mL that correspond to 2.23, 5.58 and 11.2 mM, respectively



Supporting Figure S4. Simulations of 2D fiber diffraction patterns, computed for increasing fiber disorder: 0.1 rad (5.7°) in (A), 0.2 rad (11.4°) in (B), 0.5 rad (28.6°) in (C) and 0.75 rad (43°) in (D).



Supporting Figure S5. 2D SAXS data of L₆-F4 (A) and DOTA-L₆-F4 (B) dried fibers. 1D patterns of L₆-F4 (C) and DOTA-L₆-F4 (D).

