## **Supporting Information**

## Connecting the Conformational Behavior of Cyclic Octadepsipeptides With Their Ionophoric Property and Membrane Permeability

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#### **NMR Assignments:**



**Figure S 1**. <sup>13</sup>C-HSQC spectra of PF1022A (1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (top) and in CD<sub>3</sub>OH (bottom). Empty regions are cut out for clarity. S 7v: not visible with the employed contour levels.

**Table S 1**. Assignment of the major (asymmetric) and minor (symmetric) conformation of PF1022A (1) in  $CDCI_3$  referenced to the residual  $CHCI_3$  shift in the solvent set to 7.29 ppm. \* indicates non-assignable signals due to overlap.

		Ηα	Ηβ	Hγ	Ηδ	Ηε	Ηζ	HMe
Lac <sup>1</sup>		5.10	1.03	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>2</sup>		4.49	1.75	1.63	1.05, 0.97	-	-	2.85
Phl <sup>3</sup>		5.70	3.15	-	7.25	7.31	7.28	-
Mle <sup>4</sup>		5.47	1.73, 1.53	0.91	0.86, 0.84	-	-	2.82
Lac⁵		5.43	1.41	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>		5.52	1.77, 1.49	1.29	0.92, 0.91	-	-	2.83
Phl <sup>7</sup>		5.64	3.17, 3.11	-	7.26	7.30	7.27	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>		5.37	1.68, 1.60	0.98	0.83, 0.83	-	-	3.04
Lac <sup>15</sup>		5.44	1.39	-	-	-	-	-
MIe <sup>26</sup>		5.23	1.72, 1.58	1.44	0.92, 0.90	-	-	2.73
Phl <sup>37</sup>		5.70	3.16, 3.11	-	7.25-7.35*	7.25-7.35*	7.25-7.35*	-
MIe <sup>48</sup>		5.63	1.68, 1.50	1.05	0.90, 0.85	-	-	2.74
	С	Сα	Сβ	Сү	Сб	Сε	Сζ	СМе
Lac <sup>1</sup>	171.6	68.6	15.8	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>2</sup>	171.2	57.1	38.0	24.7	21.2, 23.4	-	-	29.4
Phl <sup>3</sup>	170.0	71.2	37.6	135.1	129.5	128.6	127.2	-
Mle <sup>4</sup>	169.8	54.0	37.0	24.7	21.0, 23.4	-	-	30.5
Lac⁵	170.4	66.9	17.1	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>	169.8	54.0	37.5	25.1	23.6, 20.9	-	-	30.6
Phl <sup>7</sup>	170.2	70.8	38.0	135.4	129.5	128.5	127.1	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>	171.0	54.1	36.2	24.3	23.4, 21.1	-	-	31.2
Lac <sup>15</sup>	169.9	67.5	16.4	-	-	-	-	-
MIe <sup>26</sup>	170.6	55.1	36.7	24.9	23.1, 21.7	-	-	31.1
Phl <sup>37</sup>	169.4	70.8	37.8	135.4	129.7	128.5	127.0	-
Mle <sup>48</sup>	170.9	54.1	37.1	24.6	21.6, 23.2	-	-	30.5

		Ηα	Ηβ	Нγ	Ηδ	Ηε	Ηζ	HMe
Lac <sup>1</sup>		5.19	0.94	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>2</sup>		4.78	1.85, 1.74	1.58	1.06, 0.99	-	-	2.82
Phl <sup>3</sup>		5.83	3.19, 3.08	-	7.24-7.35	7.24-7.35*	7.24-7.35*	-
Mle <sup>4</sup>		5.40	1.69, 1.64	0.86	0.84	-	-	2.90
Lac <sup>5</sup>		5.55	1.40	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>		5.45	1.75, 1.69	1.33	0.95, 0.90	-	-	2.92
Phl <sup>7</sup>		5.75	3.17, 3.11	-	7.24-7.35	7.24-7.35*	7.24-7.35*	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>		5.24	1.58, 1.51	0.94	0.83, 0.80	-	-	3.01
Lac <sup>15</sup>		5.37	1.38	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>26</sup>		5.15	1.61	1.39	0.91, 0.87	-	-	2.94
Phl <sup>37</sup>		5.70	3.10	-	7.32	7.24-7.35*	7.24-7.35*	-
Mle <sup>48</sup>		5.35	1.66	1.14	0.89, 0.87	-	-	2.95
	С	Cα	Сβ	Сү	Сδ	Сε	Сζ	СМе
Lac <sup>1</sup>	C 173.1	Cα 68.5	Cβ 15.8	Сү -	Cδ -	Cε -	Cζ -	CMe -
Lac <sup>1</sup>	C 173.1 171.0	Cα 68.5 57.2	Cβ 15.8 37.6	Cγ - 24.7	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3	Cε - -	Cζ - -	CMe - 28.6
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1	Cβ 15.8 37.6 37.2	Cγ - 24.7 134.8	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4	Cε - - 128.4	Cζ - - 126.9	CMe - 28.6 -
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3	Cβ 15.8 37.6 37.2 36.4	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0	Cε - - 128.4 -	<i>Cζ</i> - - 126.9 -	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1	Cβ 15.8 37.6 37.2 36.4 16.1	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 -	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 -	Cε - - 128.4 - -	Cζ - - 126.9 - -	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 -
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup> Mle <sup>6</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1 169.6	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1 54.1	Cβ 15.8 37.6 37.2 36.4 16.1 37.2	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 - 24.8	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 - 22.5, 19.7	Cε - - 128.4 - - -	Cζ - - 126.9 - - -	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 - 29.7
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup> Mle <sup>6</sup> Phl <sup>7</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1 169.6 171.7	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1 54.1 70.9	Cβ 15.8 37.6 37.2 36.4 16.1 37.2 37.5	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 - 24.8 135.1	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 - 22.5, 19.7 129.3	Cε - 128.4 - - - 128.3	<i>Cζ</i> - 126.9 127.0	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 - 29.7 -
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup> Mle <sup>6</sup> Phl <sup>7</sup> Mle <sup>8</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1 169.6 171.7 170.7	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1 54.1 70.9 54.0	Cβ         15.8         37.6         37.2         36.4         16.1         37.2         37.5         35.9	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 - 24.8 135.1 23.8	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 - 22.5, 19.7 129.3 22.2, 20.3	Cε - - 128.4 - - - 128.3 -	<i>Cζ</i> 126.9 127.0 -	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 - 29.7 - 30.6
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup> Mle <sup>6</sup> Phl <sup>7</sup> Mle <sup>8</sup> Lac <sup>15</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1 169.6 171.7 170.7 171.9	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1 54.1 70.9 54.0 68.3	Cβ         15.8         37.6         37.2         36.4         16.1         37.2         37.5         35.9         15.4	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 - 24.8 135.1 23.8 -	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 - 22.5, 19.7 129.3 22.2, 20.3 -	Cε - - 128.4 - - - 128.3 - - - 128.3	<i>Cζ</i> 126.9 127.0	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 - 29.7 - 30.6 -
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup> Mle <sup>6</sup> Phl <sup>7</sup> Mle <sup>8</sup> Lac <sup>15</sup> Mle <sup>26</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1 169.6 171.7 170.7 171.9 n.d.	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1 54.1 70.9 54.0 68.3 55.3	Cβ         15.8         37.6         37.2         36.4         16.1         37.2         37.5         35.9         15.4         36.8	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 - 24.8 135.1 23.8 - 24.6	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 - 22.5, 19.7 129.3 22.2, 20.3 - 22.3, 20.1	Cε - - 128.4 - - - 128.3 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	<i>Cζ</i> 126.9	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 - 29.7 - 30.6 - 31.0
Lac <sup>1</sup> Mle <sup>2</sup> Phl <sup>3</sup> Mle <sup>4</sup> Lac <sup>5</sup> Mle <sup>6</sup> Phl <sup>7</sup> Mle <sup>8</sup> Lac <sup>15</sup> Mle <sup>26</sup> Phl <sup>37</sup>	C 173.1 171.0 171.7 169.3 172.1 169.6 171.7 170.7 171.9 n.d. 170.7	Cα 68.5 57.2 71.1 54.3 67.1 54.1 70.9 54.0 68.3 55.3 71.3	Cβ         15.8         37.6         37.2         36.4         16.1         37.2         37.5         35.9         15.4         36.8         37.1	Cγ - 24.7 134.8 24.1 - 24.8 135.1 23.8 - 24.6 135.5	Cδ - 20.2, 22.3 129.4 22.3, 20.0 - 22.5, 19.7 129.3 22.2, 20.3 - 22.3, 20.1 129.3	Cε - - 128.4 - - - 128.3 - - 128.3 - - 128.3	<i>Cζ</i> 126.9 127.0 127.0 127.8	CMe - 28.6 - 29.9 - 29.7 - 30.6 - 31.0 -

**Table S 2**. Assignment of the major (asymmetric) and minor (symmetric) conformation of PF1022A in  $CD_3OH$  referenced to the residual  $CH_3OH$  shift in the solvent set to 3.33 ppm. \* indicates non-assignable signals due to overlap and n.d. indicates signals that could not be detected.



**Figure S 2**. <sup>13</sup>C-HSQC spectra of emodepside (**2**) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (top) and in CD<sub>3</sub>OH (bottom). Empty regions are cut out for clarity.

**Table S 3.** Assignment of the major (asymmetric) and minor (symmetric) conformation of emodepside (2) in  $CDCl_3$  referenced to the residual  $CHCl_3$  shift in the solvent set to 7.28 ppm. \* indicates non-assignable signals due to overlap. Mor1 is the C/H next to the oxygen in the morpholine ring, and Mor2 is the C/H next to the nitrogen in the morpholine ring.

		Ηα	Ηβ	Hγ	Ηδ	Ηε		HMe	HMor1	HMor2
Lac1		5.09	1.03	-	-	-		-	-	-
Mle <sup>2</sup>		4.49	1.77	1.64	1.05, 0.98	-		2.85	-	-
Phm <sup>3</sup>		5.65	3.08	-	7.13-7.17*	6.84		-	3.12-3.16*	3.87
Mle <sup>4</sup>		5.47	1.73, 1.54	0.94	0.85	-		2.82	-	-
Lac⁵		5.43	1.42	-	-	-		-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>		5.53	1.81,1.54	1.31	0.92	-		2.85	-	-
Phm <sup>7</sup>		5.59	3.07	-	7.13-7.17*	6.85		-	3.12-3.16*	3.87
Mle <sup>8</sup>		5.36	1.68, 1.60	1.0	0.83	-		3.02	-	-
Lac <sup>15</sup>		5.44	1.39	-	-	-		-	-	-
Mle <sup>26</sup>		5.21	1.73, 1.60	1.45	0.92, 0.90	-		2.76	-	-
Phm <sup>37</sup>		5.64	3.04	-	7.13-7.17*	6.83		-	3.11	3.87
Mle <sup>48</sup>		5.63	1.69, 1.51	1.09	0.90, 0.86	-		2.74	-	-
	С	Сα	Сβ	Сү	Сδ	Cε	Сζ	CMe	CMor1	CMor2
Lac1	171.7	68.6	15.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>2</sup>	171.2	57.1	38.1	24.7	21.2, 23.4	-	-	29.4	-	-
Phm <sup>3</sup>	170.1	71.3	36.8	126.1	130.3	115.6	150.3- 150.4*	-	49.3-49.4*	66.9
Mle <sup>4</sup>	169.8	54.0	37.0	24.6	21.1, 23.6	-	-	30.5	-	-
Lac⁵	170.3	66.9	17.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>	169.8	54.0	37.6	25.1	20.9, 23.7	-	-	30.6	-	-
Phm <sup>7</sup>	170.4	70.9	37.1	126.6	130.3	115.6	150.3- 150.4*	-	49.3-49.4*	66.9
Mle <sup>8</sup>	171.1	54.0	36.2	24.2	21.2, 23.5	-	-	31.2	-	-
Lac <sup>15</sup>	169.9	67.6	16.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>26</sup>	170.6	55.2	36.7	24.8	23.1, 21.6	-	-	31.2	-	-
Phm <sup>37</sup>	169.6	70.9	36.9	126.7	130.4	115.6	150.3	-	49.4	66.9
Mle <sup>48</sup>	171.0	54.1	37.1	24.6	21.8, 23.4	-	-	30.5	-	-

HMor1 Ηα Ηβ Hγ Ηδ Нε HMe HMor2 Lac<sup>1</sup> 5.18 0.94 ------Mle<sup>2</sup> 4.78 1.88, 1.76 1.06, 1.00 1.58 2.84 ---Phm<sup>3</sup> 5.79 3.11, 3.02 7.19 6.92 3.12-3.14\* 3.83 --Mle<sup>4</sup> 5.40 1.65 0.85 0.84 2.87 ---Lac⁵ 5.55 1.40 ------Mle<sup>6</sup> 5.45 1.75 1.35 0.96, 0.91 2.94 ---5.71 Phm<sup>7</sup> 3.11, 3.03 -7.19 6.92 -3.12-3.14\* 3.83 Mle<sup>8</sup> 5.23 1.57, 1.50 0.92 0.83, 0.80 3.00 ---Lac<sup>15</sup> 5.36 1.37 ------Mle<sup>26</sup> 5.33 1.65 1.11 0.89, 0.87 2.97 ---Phm<sup>37</sup> 5.68 3.01 -7.18 6.92 3.12 3.83 -Mle<sup>48</sup> 5.11 1.65 1.40 0.92, 0.89 2.92 ---С Сα Сβ Сү Сδ Сε Сζ СМе CMor1 CMor2 Lac<sup>1</sup> 173.1 68.5 15.8 -------Mle<sup>2</sup> 170.9 57.2 37.6 24.7 20.2, 22.3 --28.6 --171.8 150.6-Phm<sup>3</sup> 71.2 36.5 125.5 130.0 115.5 49.1-49.2\* 66.6 -150.7\* 36.5 Mle<sup>4</sup> 169.4 54.2 24.0 22.5, 20.1 30.0 ----172.1 Lac⁵ 67.1 16.1 -------Mle<sup>6</sup> 169.6 54.1 37.2 24.8 22.5, 19.7 29.7 ----70.9 171.8 36.7 Phm<sup>7</sup> 125.8 130.0 115.5 150.6-49.1-49.2\* 66.6 -150.7\* Mle<sup>8</sup> 170.7 54.0 36.0 23.6 22.4, 20.3 30.6 ----Lac<sup>15</sup> 171.9 68.3 15.4 -------Mle<sup>26</sup> 54.2 36.8 22.3, 20.4 n.d. 24.3 -31.3 ---Phm<sup>37</sup> 170.8 71.3 36.4 130.0 126.4 115.6 150.5 49.3 66.6 -Mle<sup>48</sup> 170.4 24.7 22.4, 20.1 30.3 n.d. n.d. ----

**Table S 4.** Assignment of the major (asymmetric) and minor (symmetric) conformation of emodepside (2) in  $CD_3OH$  referenced to the residual  $CH_3OH$  shift in the solvent set to 3.33 ppm. \* indicates non-assignable signals due to overlap and n.d. indicates signals that could not be detected. Mor1 is the C/H next to the oxygen in the morpholine ring, and Mor2 is the C/H next to the nitrogen in the morpholine ring.



**Figure S 3.** <sup>13</sup>C-HSQC spectra of bis-aza-PF1022A analog (**8**) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (top) and in CD<sub>3</sub>OH (bottom). Empty regions are cut out for clarity.

		Ηα	Ηβ	Hγ	Ηδ	Ηε	Hζ	HMe
Lac1		4.96	1.08	-	-	-	-	-
MIn <sup>2</sup>		-	3.67, 3.35	2.07	0.98, 0.86	-	-	3.13
Phl <sup>3</sup>		5.42	3.14	-	7.25	7.34	7.26	-
MIn <sup>4</sup>		-	3.69, 2.93	1.54	0.89, 0.89	-	-	3.16
Lac <sup>5</sup>		5.57	1.39	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>		5.56	1.72, 1.54	1.32	0.92	-	-	2.87
Phl <sup>7</sup>		5.59	3.18, 3.13	-	7.26	7.31	7.29	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>		5.38	1.67, 1.54	0.94	0.83, 0.82	-	-	2.96
Phl <sup>3'</sup>		5.81						
Lac <sup>5'</sup>		5.28						
Mle6'		3.68						
Phl7'		5.99						
Mle8'		5.01						
	С	Сα	Сβ	Сү	Сδ	Сε	Сζ	СМе
Lac1	173.4	69.6	16.0	-	-	-	-	-
MIn <sup>2</sup>	154.7	-	58.6	27.2	20.5, 19.8	-	-	35.4
Phl <sup>3</sup>	168.7	72.6	37.7	134.9	129.4	128.7	127.1	-
MIn <sup>4</sup>	154.0	-	57.2	27.3	20.2, 19.8	-	-	38.9
Lac <sup>5</sup>	171.0	67.6	17.7	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>	170.2	53.7	37.8	25.2	23.6, 21.0	-	-	30.5
Phl <sup>7</sup>	170.2	70.7	38.0	135.4	129.5	128.5	127.4	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>	171.5	54.1	36.3	24.3	21.2, 23.3	-	-	31.1

**Table S 5.** Assignment of the major conformation (asymmetric) as well as assignment of H $\alpha$  chemical shifts for the minor conformation (symmetric) denoted with ' of the bis-aza PF1022A analog (8) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> referenced to the residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> shift in the solvent set to 7.28 ppm.

		Ηα	Ηβ	Нγ	Ηδ	Ηε	Hζ	HMe
Lac <sup>1</sup>	_	4.98	1.06	-	-	-	•	-
MIn <sup>2</sup>		-	3.69, 3.57	2.05	0.97, 0.87	-	-	3.11
Phl <sup>3</sup>		5.60	3.16	-	7.34	7.34	7.29	-
MIn <sup>4</sup>		-	3.64, 2.98	1.55	0.89, 0.88	-	-	3.23
Lac⁵		5.59	1.38	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>		5.46	1.72	1.36	0.95, 0.92	-	-	2.96
Phl <sup>7</sup>		5.72	3.19, 3.10	-	7.32	7.32	7.28	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>		5.22	1.58, 1.49	0.90	0.82, 0.81	-	-	2.98
	С	Сα	Сβ	Сү	Сδ	Cε	Сζ	CMe
Lac1	174.2	69.3	16.1	-	-	-	-	-
MIn <sup>2</sup>	154.7	-	58.2	26.9	19.4, 18.8	-	-	34.7
Phl <sup>3</sup>	169.7	72.6	37.1	134.8	129.3	128.4	127.1	-
MIn <sup>4</sup>	153.9	-	57.0	27.0	18.9, 19.2	-	-	38.1
Lac⁵	172.3	67.9	16.6	-	-	-	-	-
Mle <sup>6</sup>	169.9	53.9	37.4	24.9	22.4, 19.8	-	-	29.7
Phl <sup>7</sup>	171.9	70.9	37.5	135.1	129.4	128.3	127.0	-
Mle <sup>8</sup>	171.2	54.1	36.1	23.8	22.2, 20.3	-	-	30.5

**Table S 6.** Assignment of the major conformation of the bis-aza PF1022A analog (8) in CD<sub>3</sub>OH referenced to the residual CH<sub>3</sub>OH shift in the solvent set to 3.33 ppm.

	Mle² N	Mle² Nα	Mle <sup>4</sup> N	Mle⁴ Nα	Mle <sup>6</sup> N	Mle <sup>8</sup> N	Mle <sup>26</sup> N	Mle <sup>48</sup> N	Mor N
PF1022A	107.4	-	110.6	-	104.8	112.6	110.2	111.4	-
PF1022A CD <sub>3</sub> OH	110.5	-	114.2	-	107.2	115.6	n.d.	n.d.	-
Emodepside	107.4	-	110.7	-	104.9	112.7	110.3	111.3	103.1
CDCI <sub>3</sub>									
Emodepside	110.6	-	114.6	-	107.3	115.9	n.d.	n.d.	103.0
CD <sub>3</sub> OH									
bis-aza PF1022A analogue	95.2	122.5	94.5	123.9	104.1	112.7	n.d.	n.d.	-
bis-aza PF1022A analogue	96.3	122.5	96.8	123.6	106.5	115.2	n.d.	n.d.	-
CD₃OH									

Table S 7. <sup>15</sup>N chemical shifts of 1, 2 and 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and CD<sub>3</sub>OH. n.d. indicates signals that could not be detected.

### Identification of Additional Conformers Based on Exchange, Exemplified for Compound 1



**Figure S 4**. Detail of ROESY spectrum showing the exchange between  $Mle^2 H\alpha$  and  $Mle^{26} H\alpha$  as well as  $Mle^6 H\alpha$  and  $Mle^{26} H\alpha$  of PF1022A (1) in chloroform (blue). ROE-peaks (red) have opposite phase relative to the diagonal whereas EXSY peaks have the same phase (black). Based on additional exchange peaks to  $Mle^2 H\alpha$ , at least two additional conformers with very low intensity could be identified.





**Figure S 5.** Volumes extracted from the CPMG <sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectra plotted against the echo time to obtain the corresponding  $T_2$  relaxation times for PF1022A (1) in chloroform. The plots were created with Prism.

# Extracted Volumes and $M_0$ Values Used for Calculation of Site-to-Site Exchange Rates for compounds 1 (A), 2 (B), 8 (C) and 11 (D) in chloroform:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{77.9}{1} & \frac{1.52}{1.5} & \frac{1.55}{1.5} \\ \frac{1.59}{1} & \frac{236}{1.5} & \frac{0}{1.5} \\ \frac{1.75}{1} & \frac{0}{1.5} & \frac{200}{1.5} \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{65.8}{1} & \frac{0.93}{1.8} & \frac{1.18}{1.8} \\ \frac{1.00}{1} & \frac{232}{1.8} & \frac{0}{1.8} \\ \frac{1.32}{1} & \frac{0}{1.8} & \frac{216}{1.8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{12.9}{1} & \frac{0.50}{9.8} \\ \frac{0.46}{1} & \frac{387}{9.8} \end{pmatrix} \qquad D = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{95}{1} & \frac{1.58}{1.5} & \frac{1.7}{1.5} \\ \frac{2.41}{1} & \frac{235}{1.5} & \frac{0}{1.5} \\ \frac{1.82}{1} & \frac{0}{1.5} & \frac{218}{1.5} \end{pmatrix}$$

### **MSM Building**



**Figure S 6**. (Left): Implied timescales for the MSM of the symmetric subset of PF1022A (1) in chloroform. Six slow transitions were observed. (Right): The seven conformational states of the symmetric subset plotted with the second and third TICA element. The first TICA element describes mainly the dihedral undergoing *cis-trans* isomerization and is thus not relevant for the symmetric subset.

State	Stationary distribution [%]	Estimated free energy [kT]
1	3.1	3.5
2	6.5	2.7
3	7.4	2.6
4	11.3	2.2
5	11.9	2.1
6	16.5	1.8
7	43.2	0.8

**Table S 8**. Stationary distribution and corresponding free energies of the seven conformational states in the MSM of the symmetric subset of PF1022A (1) in chloroform.



### Titration of Emodepside with KSCN. General Procedure for the Fitting of Titration Data.

**Figure S 7.** H $\alpha$  region of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 5 mM emodepside (2) in CD<sub>3</sub>OH at different KSCN concentrations. Chemical shift changes were observed for the symmetric conformation, best seen for the signal of the H $\alpha$  proton in residue Phm<sup>37</sup> (blue labels). In addition, a change in the ratio between the symmetric and asymmetric conformation is observed. Also the asymmetric conformation shows small chemical shift changes at high salt concentrations.

The concentration of the symmetric conformation in dependence of the salt concentration was fitted with the following equation (damped logistic growth function):

$$[P_{free}] = [P_{all}] - ([P_{all}] - [P_0]) * e^{\frac{-a*[S]}{[S]+b}}$$

where  $[P_{free}]$  is the concentration of the free symmetric peptide,  $[P_{all}]$  the total peptide concentration,  $[P_0]$  the symmetric peptide concentration without salt, [S] the salt concentration, and *a* and *b* are the fitting parameters.

The chemical shift change in dependence of the salt concentration was fitted using the following equations assuming a fast equilibrium between the free symmetric species, the 1:1 complex and a 2:1 complex:

$$\delta_{obs} = \delta_P - \frac{(\delta - \delta_{PS}) * [S_{tot}] * K_1 * [P_{free}] + 2 * (\delta_P - \delta_{P2S}) * [S_{tot}] * K_1 * K_2 * [P_{free}]^2}{P_0 * (1 + K_1 * [P_{free}] + K_1 * K_2 * [P_{free}]^2)}$$

$$0 = K_1 * K_2 * [P_{free}]^3 + K_1 * (2 * K_2 * [S_{tot}] - K_2 * [P_{tot}] + 1) * [P_{free}]^2$$

$$+ (K_1 * ([S_{tot}] - [P_{tot}]) + 1) * [P_{free}] - [P_{tot}]$$
with  $K_1 = \frac{[PS]}{[P_{free}][S]}$  and  $K_2 = \frac{[P_2S]}{[PS][S]}$ 

where  $\delta_{obs}$  corresponds to the observed chemical shift,  $\delta_P$  is the chemical shift of the symmetric free peptide,  $\delta_{PS}$  is the chemical shift of the 1:1 symmetric peptide-cation complex (*PS*),  $\delta_{P2S}$  the shift of the 2:1 symmetric peptide-cation complex (*P*<sub>2</sub>*S*), [*P*<sub>tot</sub>] the total concentration of the peptide (all symmetric species), directly determined from the integral of the signal of the symmetric species in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, [*S*<sub>tot</sub>] is the total salt concentration, [*P*<sub>free</sub>] the free symmetric peptide concentration, and *K*<sub>1</sub> and *K*<sub>2</sub> are the equilibrium constants for the 1:1 and the 2:1 complexes. Fitting was done with R.

### **Experimental Results for mono-iodine analog (11):**

Table S 9. Ratio between asymmetric and symmetric conformer in CD<sub>3</sub>OH and CDCl<sub>3</sub> for compounds 11.

Compound	Conformer ratio in CD₃OH (asymmetric : symmetric)	Conformer ratio in CDCl <sub>3</sub> (asymmetric : symmetric)
Mono-iodo analog ( <b>11</b> )	5:1	3:1

**Table S 10**. Exchange rates between asymmetric and symmetric conformers of **11** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> determined from EASY-ROESY experiment with mixing time of 100 ms.

Compound	k₁ [s⁻¹]	k <sub>2</sub> [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	k <sub>ex</sub> [s <sup>-1</sup> ]
Mono-iodo analog ( <b>11</b> )	0.17	0.09	0.26

**Table S 11**. Change in ratio between asymmetric and symmetric conformer without salt and after addition of a 25-fold excess of CsSCN in CD<sub>3</sub>OH.





**Figure S 8**. Titration of 5 mM mono-iodine analog (**11**) with CsSCN in CD<sub>3</sub>OH while the total volume was kept constant. (Left): Change in concentration of the symmetric conformation upon the addition of CsSCN. The data points were fitted with a damped logistic growth function. (Right): Change of the chemical shift of the averaged signal of PhII<sup>3</sup> and PhII<sup>7</sup> H $\alpha$  proton of the symmetric conformation as a function of the salt concentration.

### Permeability Data PAMPA for compounds 1, 2 and 8

**Table S 12.** PAMPA results of compounds **1**, **2** and **8** with and without the addition of 100 mM KCl. Carbamazepine was used as control for the PAMPA and showed permeabilities between 7.94 and 11.1 \*  $10^{-6}$  cm s<sup>-1</sup> and recovery rates between 85.4 and 199.9 %.

Compound	Average Permeability with standard deviation in brackets [10 <sup>-6</sup> cm s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Average Recovery Rate [%]
PF1022A ( <b>1</b> )	0.06 [0.03]	18.4
Emodepside ( <b>2</b> )	0.00 [0.00]	78.7
Bis-aza analog ( <b>8</b> )	0.08 [0.03]	26.2
PF1022A ( <b>1</b> ) + 100 mM KCl	0.02 [0.01]	57.4
Emodepside (2) + 100 mM KCl	0.00 [0.00]	27.3
Bis-aza analog ( <b>8</b> ) + 100 mM KCl	0.00 [0.00]	6.8