チオエステル化における CPE ペプチドの立体的要因

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A peptide thioester is a key building block for protein synthesis by chemical ligation. We have reported that a peptide containing a cysteinyl prolyl ester (CPE) moiety at the C-terminus (CPE peptide 1) is transformed into a diketopiperazine (DKP) thioester 2 via an intramolecular *N-S* acyl shift reaction, followed by DKP formation, which is ligated with a Cys-peptide in a one-pot procedure. We also reported that the reaction rate of thioester formation is enhanced when the Pro residue is replaced by the *N*-substituted Gly residue and also when a bulky amino acid residue is attached at the C-terminus of the CPE peptide. It is also known that D-Val-L-Pro is more likely to form a DKP structure than L-Val-L-Pro. In this study the difference in reactivity of CPE peptide stereoisomers in the Cys-Pro moiety is investigated. As a result, we found that the thioesterification occurs at the Pro residue, forming a thiolactone 3, when the CPE peptide with D-Cys-L-Pro or L-Cys-D-Pro is reacted.

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ペプチドチオエステルは長鎖ペプチド,蛋白質合成におけるカギとなる合成ブロックである. これまでに,C 末端に Cys-Pro エステル配列を持つペプチド 1 は分子内反応によってジケトピペラジン (DKP) チオエステル 2 に変換され,Cys ペプチドを共存させるとライゲーション反応が進行することを報告している $^{1-3}$)。一方で,D-Val-L-Pro エステルが L-Val-L-Pro エステルよりも DKP を形成しやすいとの報告がある 4 . 本研究では,Cys-Pro の絶対配置の組合せによる反応性を検討した.その結果,組合せが同じ場合(LL あるいは DD),DKP チオエステル 2 が生成し,異なる場合(DL あるいは LD),Cys 残基が C 末端のエステルと反応してチオラクトン 3 が生成することがわかった。また,この反応を利用した環状ペプチド合成例についても報告する.

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