

The reservoir solution was 15–25% (w/v) PEG 8K, 1 M LiCl and 100 mM Bicine, pH 7.0–9.0. Protein and reservoir solutions were mixed at a 1:1 ratio and microseeded. Crystals typically grew in radial clusters as elongated plates or prisms, reaching a maximal size ($\sim 0.1 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3$ or $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3$) within 2 weeks. Single crystals were harvested by transferring briefly to a cryoprotectant solution, suspended in a rayon loop and cooled by plunging into liquid nitrogen. The cryoprotectant consisted of 11–26% (w/v) PEG 8K, 1 M LiCl, 100 mM Bicine, pH 7.0–8.0, and 10% (v/v) butanediol.

Data collection and processing. All diffraction data were collected at 100 K. Data for WT, AAG, AMG, AAA, AMA and O-loop structures were processed with DENZO and SCALEPACK³². Data for AAG were processed with MOSFLM and SCALA³³. Data for AAA and AMA did not merge well in space group $P2_1$, giving R_{sym} values of 12.3% and 10.6%, respectively, in the low-resolution bins (16.0% and 13.2% overall). Reprocessing of these data in space group $P1$ gave much better statistics. The corresponding reduction to ~ 2.1 -fold data redundancy does not account for the drastically lowered R_{sym} values in $P1$, because scaling in $P2_1$ of truncated data sets that have ~ 2 -fold redundancy results in R_{sym} values in the low-resolution bins that remain at 10.9% and 8.8%, respectively (15.0% and 11.1% overall). Processing of data for WT, AAG, AMG and O-loop structures in space group $P1$ did not result in a significant reduction in R_{sym} values. Crystallographic statistics are given in Table 3.

Crystallographic refinement. Refinements were initiated with rigid-body minimization of the WT CypA-CA^N(1–151) model (PDB accession code 1AK4)¹⁷, from which water molecules were deleted. CA^N residues 85–95 were given zero occupancy, and CA^N and CypA molecules were treated as independent units. Crystallographic computing made extensive use of the CCP4 suite³⁴. Initial refinement was done with X-PLOR³⁵. For all structures, inspection of $F_o - F_c$ difference maps revealed clearly interpretable electron density for the omitted loop, which was built into the electron density using O³⁶, and water added. For AMG, AAA and AMA, solvent structure was built using ARP³⁷ and REFMAC³⁸. Final refinement of all structures was completed using REFMAC5 (ref. 39) with a maximum-likelihood target function and a Babinet-type bulk solvent correction. Riding hydrogen atoms were placed during refinement, but not written to the output coordinate files. During final refinement rounds of the AMA structure, a minor CA^N Ala89-Pro90 *cis*-proline conformation was apparent for the two loops that had been initially modeled as *trans*. These were modeled as alternate conformations for CA^N residues 88–91 and refined using a version of REFMAC5, modified for this purpose. Residues 89 and 90 of the minor *cis* conformations overlap closely with the fully occupied *cis* structures of the AMG and O-loop structures although, presumably because of the low occupancy, the minor conformations were not very stable in refinement. The occupancies were adjusted manually so that the temperature factors of residues 88 and 91 refined to similar values for the two conformations. The two loops showing this disorder in AMA were estimated to be $\sim 80\%$ *trans* and 20% *cis*. Difference density for AAA-A was also suggestive of a similar minor conformation, although in that case the occupancy was too low for reliable model building.

We further investigated the crystal structure of a CypA-tetrapeptide complex that has been used as the starting point for a molecular dynamics simulation³¹. This structure was reported to show twists of 21° and 14° from *cis* planarity for the two copies in the asymmetric unit²³, although these values are expected to be overestimates because this structure, which was published some years ago, was refined at that time in the presence of weak restraints toward the *trans* conformation²³. We subsequently refined this structure with conventional weights using the same procedure as for the CypA-CA^N complexes, and found that both X-Pro peptides differ by only 13° from perfect *cis* planarity after one round (50 cycles) of refinement. Unfortunately, these data are not of sufficient resolution to permit a reasonable unrestrained refinement.

Coordinates. The refined atomic coordinates and processed structure factor amplitudes have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank with the following accession codes: WT, 1M9C; O-loop, 1M9D; AAG, 1M9E; AMG, 1M9F; AAA, 1M9Y; AMA, 1M9X.

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