Supplementary Information

Design and Synthesis of Non-Peptide Mimetics Mapping the Immunodominant Myelin Basic Protein (MBP₈₃₋₉₆) Epitope to Function as T-cell Receptor Antagonists

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Figure S1. (a) Plot of rms values over time for the C α atoms of T cell receptor (TCR) residues in complex with compounds **14-19**, (b) atomic positional fluctuations for the different residues in the TCR for the different molecular dynamics (MD) simulation runs, and (c) rms values for compounds **14-19**, during the MD simulations.

Ambinter Code	Structure	Molecular Weight	logPª	PSA ^b
<u>Amb11063559</u> C25H30N6O		430.545	3.2859	58.67
Amb10213450 C24H28N4O3		420.504	4.1151	89.16

Table S1. The chemical structures and properties of compounds **1-13**, purchased from Ambinter Chemicals.

Amb11124336 C24H28N4O2S	436.57	4.5836	104.26
<u>Amb11124920</u> C27H26N6O2S	498.599	5.5493	121.56
<u>Amb11049469</u> C21H31N7O2	413.517	0.2879	79.62
Amb11020966 C24H24N6O3S	476.551	2.6686	132.55
Amb11084608 C24H23ClN4O	418.919	5.3195	51.97
<u>Amb20310491</u> C26H27N3O4	445.51	3.392	75.02

<u>Amb562959</u> C25H21N5O3		439.466	4.5193	94.06
Amb499010	H _B C, CH ₃			
C29H29N5O3		495.572	5.2454	94.06
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Amb409596 C28H31N5O2		469.578	5.4761	79.26
Amb509000 C25H22N6S2		470.612	5.7381	122.06
Amb58395 C26H25N3O3		427.495	5.212	65.38

^{a,b} logP and PSA values are reported as shown on Ambinter Chemicals catalogue: (http://www.ambinter.com/)

Method	Whole Receptor Selected Site Residue		
PM7	-34.39	-24.09	
PM6-D	6.00	0.26	
PM6-DH2	-0.57	-6.16	
AM1	19.30	16.41	
PM6	27.89	18.178	
RM1 28.60 23		23.21	
PM3 25.65 18.71		18.71	
PM6-D3	-1.02	-6.21	
PM6-DH+	-1.56	-5.87	

Table S2. Semi-empirical (SE) binding energy in solvent, for molecule **15** in complex with the whole TCR and with selected binding site residues (kcal/mol).

MD Snapshot	Analogue 15 Interaction Energy (Kcal/mol)			
1	-53.6571			
2	-68.5798			
3	-51.6185			
4	-52.5194			
5	-43.5009			
6	-47.5047			
7 -46.076				
8	-43.8191			
9	-39.9552			
10	-55.3105			
11	-48.8477			
12	-50.9680			
13	-28.8528			
14	-44.3055			
15	-45.3845			
16	-42.7999			
17	-52.5803			
18	-38.2581			
19	-44.1766			
20	-48.007			
Mean	-47.2926			
Standard Deviation	7.9095			
Standard Error (SE)	1.77			

Table S3. Interaction energies for 20 MD snapshots of analogue 15, using PM7 in solvent.

DFT Method	Basis Set					
in Solvent	cc-pVTZ	cc-pVDZ	6-311G	6-31G	6-31G**	6-31+G**
B31yp	-10.88	-24.40	-18.46	-23.84	-23.78	-6.66
Cam-b3lyp	-18.58	-32.12	-26.74	-31.53		
M06	-33.25	-40.09		-38.58		
M06-2X	-31.63	-40.75				
B97D	-42.41			-54.58		
MPW1PW91	-11.33			-22.23		
BHandH	-41.77			-51.86		
B3lyp-D	-42.85					

Table S4. Interaction energy for molecule **15** in solvent as calculated by different density functional theory (DFT) methodologies, employing different basis sets.

 Table S5. Interaction energies for analogues 17-19, using PM7.

Compounds	Interaction Energy (Kcal/mol)
17	-35.39
18	-37.28
19	-35.40



Figure S2. RP-HPLC chromatogram (top) and ESI-MS (bottom) of final analogue 15 (MW_{theoretical}: 285.34).

RP-HPLC Conditions:

i) Column: Agilent ZORBAX Eclipse Plus C18 (3.5µm, 100x4.6mm),

ii) Solvents: H2O (0.08% TFA), AcN (0.08% TFA),

iii) Gradient elution: from 10% AcN to 100% AcN over 30min.

iv) tr: 19.3 min, Purity: 99%



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectra of analogue **15** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.27-7.36 (m, 4 H, Ph, Ar), 7.20-7.22 (m, 2 H, Ph), 6.78 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.8, 2.4 Hz, Ar), 6.52 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.8, 2.0 Hz, Ar), 5.13 (s, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 3.46 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂), 3.35 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂).



Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectra of analogue **15** (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 168.6 (C=O), 159.0 (C=NH), 139.0 (C Ph), 129.8 (2 × CH Ph), 129.0 (CH), 128.5 (2 × CH Ph), 125.4 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 120.1 (C Ar), 109.0 (CH Ar), 54.5 (CH₂Ph), 42.4 (CH₂), 39.4 (CH₂).



Figure S5. RP-HPLC chromatogram (top) and ESI-MS (bottom) of final analogue 16 (MW_{theoretical}: 285.34).

RP-HPLC Conditions:

i) Column: Agilent ZORBAX Eclipse Plus C18 (3.5µm, 100x4.6mm),

ii) Solvents: H2O (0.08% TFA), AcN (0.08% TFA),

iii) Gradient elution: from 5% AcN to 100% AcN over 30min.

iv) tr: 20.2 min.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectra of analogue **16** (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.19-7.27 (m, 3 H, Ph), 7.07 (d, 2 H, = 7.8 Hz, Ph), 6.97-6.98 (m, 1 H, Ar), 6.79-6.80 (m, 1 H, Ar), 6.14-6.15 (m, 1 H, Ar), 5.59 (s, 2 H, 3.40 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂), 3.26 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂).



Figure S7. ¹³C NMR spectra of analogue **16** (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 165.2 (C=O), 159.9 (C=NH), 140.6 Ph), 129.5 (2 × CH Ph), 129.3 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 (2 × CH Ph), 126.0 (C Ar), 114.9 (CH Ar), 109.0 (CH Ar), 52.7 (CH₂Ph), 42.4 (CH₂), 39.3 (CH₂).



Figure S8. RP-HPLC chromatogram (top) and ESI-MS (bottom) of final analogue 17 (MW_{theoretical}: 353.48).

RP-HPLC Conditions:

i) Column: Agilent ZORBAX Eclipse Plus C18 (3.5µm, 100x4.6mm),

ii) Solvents: H2O (0.08% TFA), AcN (0.08% TFA),

- iii) Gradient elution: from 10% AcN to 100% AcN over 30min.
- iv) tr: 17.7 min, Purity: 99%



Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectra of analogue **17** (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.95 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar'), 7.90 (s, 1 H, Ar'), 7.57 (t, 1 H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar'), 7.43 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar'), 7.41 (app dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.4, 1.8 Hz, Ar), 6.85 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 3.0, 2.4 Hz, Ar), 6.56 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 3.0, 1.8 Hz, Ar), 5.26 (s, 2 H, CH₂Ar'), 3.47 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH₂), 3.36 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH₂).



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectra of analogue **17** (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 168.6 (C=O), 159.0 (2 × C=NH), 140.8 (C Ar'), 131.5 (CH), 131.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.3 (C Ar'), 125.4 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 120.5 (C Ar), 109.4 (CH Ar), 54.0 (CH₂Ar'), 42.4 (CH₂), 39.5 (CH₂).



Figure S11. RP-HPLC chromatogram (top) and ESI-MS (bottom) of final analogue **18** (MW_{theoretical}: 343.39).

RP-HPLC Conditions:

i) Column: Agilent ZORBAX Eclipse Plus C18 (3.5µm, 100x4.6mm),

ii) Solvents: H₂O (0.08% TFA), AcN (0.08% TFA),

iii) Gradient elution: from 10% AcN to 100% AcN over 30min.

iv) tr: 16.6 min, Purity: 98%.



Figure S12. ¹H NMR spectra of analogue **18** (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.33 (app dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.4, 1.8 Hz, Ar), 7.27 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, Ar'), 7.17 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, Ar'), 6.78 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 3.0, 2.4 Hz, Ar), 6.52 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 3.0, 1.8 Hz, Ar), 5.11 (s, 2 H, CH₂Ar'), 3.59 (s, 2 H, CH₂CO₂H), 3.46 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH₂), 3.35 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH₂).



Figure S13. RP-HPLC chromatogram (top) and ESI-MS (bottom) of final analogue **19** (MW_{theoretical}: 343.38).

RP-HPLC Conditions:

i) Column: Agilent ZORBAX Eclipse Plus C18 (3.5µm, 100x4.6mm),

ii) Solvents: H2O (0.08% TFA), AcN (0.08% TFA),

iii) Gradient elution: from 5% AcN to 100% AcN over 30min.

iv) tr: 18.9 min, Purity: 99%.



Figure S14. ¹H NMR spectra of analogue **19** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.98 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar'), 7.36 (app t, 1 H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, Ar), 7.28 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar'), 6.81-6.82 (m, 1 H, Ar), 6.55 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.8, 2.0 Hz, Ar), 5.23 (s, 2 H, CH₂Ar'), 3.89 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.47 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH₂), 3.35 (t, 2 H, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH₂).