

Abstract

# N-Aminoimidazole-2-Ones Peptide Mimics Synthesis and Applications <sup>†</sup>

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**Abstract:** Peptide secondary structures have privileged roles in molecular recognition and therapeutic potential.  $\alpha$ -Amino lactam residues have been commonly used as conformational constraints to study peptide structure-activity relationship for drug discovery [1]. N-Aminoimidazolone (Nai) residues offer similar means for constraining peptide backbone geometry [1, 2]. In model peptides, (4-methyl)Nai residues were found to adopt the central position of  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -turn secondary structures. The addition of substituents at the 4- and 5-positions of the Nai residues may be used to mimic side chain function and orientation [3, 4]. Our presentation will feature the synthesis and application of Nai residues in the study of peptide structure-activity relationships [5].

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