

Figure 1. Proposed structure for a 1:1 complex between (S,S)-1 and L-tryptophan.

chloride (1.7 equiv, DMF, Et₃N) afforded the monosubstituted naphthoyl ester 3^{10} in 50% yield. Reaction of 3 with bromoacetic acid (1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, CH₂Cl₂) gave 4 (82%), which upon reaction with monoazacrown ether $\bar{5}^{11}$ (CH₂Cl₂, reflux, 4 days) afforded 1 in 87% yield.¹²

Despite its ionic structure, receptor 1 is scarcely soluble in water, but almost freely soluble in common organic solvents. The affinity of 1 toward amino acids was therefore determined by liquid-liquid single-extraction experiments, in which 0.5 mL of an aqueous solution of L-Trp, L-Phe, or L-Val (0.2 M) was extracted into 2 mL of a CH₂Cl₂ solution of 1 (5.5 × 10⁻³ M). The extraction efficiencies (i.e., fraction of receptor molecules occupied by substrate) in the organic phase, determined by NMR integration, were ca. 40% for L-Trp and L-Phe, but L-Val, without any aromatic side chain, was not detected.¹³ A competition experiment with a mixture of all three amino acids (0.2 M each) resulted in 100:97:6 Phe/Trp/Val ratios.¹⁴ The results of the extraction of a 2-mL aqueous solution of a more complex mixture of 13 amino acids (4.9 \times 10⁻² M each) by a 3-mL CH₂Cl₂ solution of receptor 1 (9.7 × 10⁻³ M) are shown in Table I.¹⁵ In this case, selectivity for phenylalanine was enhanced, and some lipophilic substrates, like leucine, were also extracted to a significant extent.

Chiral recognition was confirmed by the observation (NMR) that the corresponding D-enantiomers were not extracted. Reciprocally, use of (R,R)-1 allowed the extraction of D-Phe or D-Trp, but not of the L-enantiomers. A more precise account of the selectivity was achieved by HPLC analysis of diastereomeric dipeptides prepared from extracts of racemic samples of Phe or Trp and a suitable optically pure L-Leu derivative.¹⁶ The amount of D-isomer in the extracts was lower than 0.5% for D-Trp (determined as L-Leu-D-Trp) and 2% or less for D-Phe (as L-Leu-D-Phe). This high degree of chiral recognition can be explained by the three simultaneous^{2c} noncovalent interactions of the substrate with the flexible and foldable receptor. ¹H-NMR data (upfield shifts for the naphthoyl protons) support the binding model illustrated in Figure 1 for a 1:1 complex of (S,S)-1 with L-Trp. No similar model can be assembled (CPK) for the Denantiomer.17

Full NMR studies of the complexes, and development of related amino acid receptors with enhanced side-chain recognition features, are currently underway.

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(17) With the data available, the more hindered 2:1 complexes could not be ruled out, however.

Structural and Spectroscopic Characterization of Chiral Ferric Tris-Catecholamides: Unraveling the Design of Enterobactin

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Enterobactin, a siderophore of Escherichia coli, is remarkable not only in forming the most stable known complex of iron¹ but also in preferentially forming a specific tris-chelate isomer with labile metal ions.² Efficient iron accumulation, including recognition at the cell receptor,³ depends on these features. Furthermore, the Δ conformation assigned to [Fe(enterobactin)]³⁻ (Ent_{Fe})⁴ is unusual among siderophores.^{5,6} The source of stereospecific chelation has been ascribed to nonbonded interactions rather than steric strain within the chiral backbone.⁷ Similar interactions between peripheral appendages in tris-bidentate metal chelates have been identified as important energetic contributors to the diastereomeric distributions^{8,9} and the thermodynamic stability 10 of kinetically labile metal complexes. The role of these weakly polar interactions,¹¹ especially between aromatic groups packed in a herringbone fashion, has only recently been appreciated in stabilizing protein structures and metal complexes.¹² Moreover, ligands incorporating aromatic rings which stereospecifically ligate labile metals have potential application in asymmetric induction in organic transformations.¹³ A group of ferric and gallium complexes have been synthesized and structurally characterized that provide insights into enterobactin's

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Figure 1. (A) Structure of the complete anion of 1_{Fe}. Selected structural parameters (Å, deg): Fe-O1, 1.990 (6); Fe-O2, 2.028 (7); O1-Fe-O2, 79.5 (3); HN1-O1, 1.951. Twist angle 37.4, Δ chirality. (B) Stereoview of the complete anion of 2_{Fe} . Selected structural parameters (Å, deg): Fe-O1, 2.020 (5); Fe-O2, 1.999 (6); O1-Fe-O2, 79.8 (2); HN1-O1, 1.797; HN2-O2, 1.853. Twist angle 41.5, Λ chirality.

Scheme I



stereospecificity and metal coordination geometry and allow a definitive assignment of the stereochemistry in Ent_{Fe}.

The ligands TrenCAMH₆ (1)¹⁴ and (S)-(PhMe)₂TAMH₂ (2) are shown in Scheme I.15 Crystal structures of [Fe(TrenCAM)]3 (1_{Fe}) and $[Fe((S)-(PhMe)_2TAM)_3]^{3-}(2_{Fe})$ (parts A and B, respectively, of Figure 1) display the desired tris-chelated coordination. The dearth of precise structural data of ferric exocyclic catecholate complexes is striking in light of their physiological importance: 1_{Fe} is the first structurally characterized ferric complex with a ligand topology similar to that of enterobactin.16 Both compounds crystallize in acentric, cubic space groups with crystallographically imposed 3-fold symmetry of the anions.¹⁷ In the structure solution of 2_{Fe} , the chirality of the methine carbon (S) allows unambiguous assignment of the Λ configuration at the metal, while in the structure solution of $\mathbf{1}_{Fe}$, refinements of both crystal enantiomers support the Δ form.¹⁸ Except for the slightly smaller twist angles of 41.5° (2Fe) and 37.4° (1Fe), these coordination geometries are consistent with known ferric catecholate structures.¹⁹ The lesser twist of $\mathbf{1}_{Fe}$, as well as other metrical parameters,²⁰ suggest that the tren cap is restrictive to triscatecholamide coordination. This could account in part for the 10⁶ difference (ca. 8 kcal/mol) in stability as compared to Entre.²¹

Both structures show inward positioning of the amide protons, which interact strongly with the o-hydroxy oxygens,²² a positioning highly conserved in all metal complexes of this ligand class.^{16,21}

The lability of d⁵ ferric complexes in aqueous environments normally precludes optical resolution.²³ Attempts to resolve 1_{Fe} in solution have been unsuccessful. Ligand chirality, however, can induce a preference between the Δ and Λ diastereomers as found for Entree. The CD activity in the LMCT absorption (~540 nm) of both 2_{Fe} and 3_{Fe} (3 has half of the chiral appendages of 2, arranged in an all-cis fashion; see Scheme I) indicates that a chiral preference is retained in solution, with that of 2_{Fe} nearly equivalent to that of Ent_{Fe} and more than twice that of 3_{Fe} Comparison of the CD spectrum of 2_{Fe} in solution and in the solid state25 with the CD spectrum of EntFe, in addition to the crystal structure of 2_{Fe} , allows definitive assignment of the Δ isomer for Ent_{Fe}. Quantification of the $\Lambda:\Delta$ ratios of 2_{Fe} and 3_{Fe} is, however, not reliable with CD spectroscopy.26 The gallium complexes $[Ga((S)-(PhMe)_2TAM)_3]^{3-}$ (2_{Ga}) and [Ga((S)-Tren(PhMe)-TAM]³⁻ (3_{Ga}) have therefore been synthesized to determine the ratio by ¹H NMR.^{27,28} In aqueous solution, 2_{Ga} exists as a *single* isomer, as is found for Ent_{Ga}²⁹ the $\Lambda:\Delta$ ratio of 3_{Ga} is found to be 85:15. These ratios correspond to a stabilization of the Λ isomer of 2_{Ga} of more than twice that of 3_{Ga} (2.8 kcal/mol vs 1.0 kcal/mol; 300 K), a result consistent with the CD data of 2_{Fe} and 3_{Fe} . This nonlinear increase in stereoselective stabilization from 3_{Fe} to 2_{Fe} is indicative of cooperativity between the top and lower chiral appendages in 2_{Fe} . The isomeric preference and cooperativity of these metal complexes can be rationalized through the interactions present in the solid-state structure of 2_{Fe} and easily visualized in Figure 1B. The preferred trans configuration of an amide proton to a methine proton in conjunction with the amide hydrogen bonding promotes the interactions among adjacent chiral groups by directing them inward. Favorable aryl/aryl and methyl/aryl interactions result upon stereospecific chelation; these are reduced

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upon isomerization. Moreover, the cooperativity operative in $2_{\rm Fe}$ results from the chiral interactions of one trigonal face predisposing the other toward assembling in an analogous fashion, thus enhancing the same metal chirality.

These results show that the amide proton is an important feature in the stability of metal complexes of enterobactin. The solidand solution-state CD spectra of $\mathbf{2}_{Fe}$ in combination with the crystal structure of 2_{Fe} confirm the Δ chirality for Ent_{Fe}. Most importantly, we have shown that, in an aqueous environment, complexes of labile metals of defined stereospecificity can be synthesized using simple bidentate ligands, relying solely on weakly polar interactions. Interactions peripheral to the immediate metal coordination environment measurably impact the selectivity and stability of metal complexes, suggesting new avenues in the design of stereospecific metal chelators.

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A New Class of Organized Self-Assembled Monolayers: Alkane Thiols on GaAs (100)

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Self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) have been of intense interest in the past few years, but actual examples of highly organized films² are limited almost exclusively to those formed on oxide and coinage metal substrates, as shown by the major systems of alkylsiloxanes on natively oxidized SiO₂,³ n-alkanoic acids on natively oxidized Al4 and Ag,5 dialkyl disulfides,6 dialkyl sulfides, and alkanethiols on Au,8 and alkanethiols on natively oxidized Ag.⁹ Since a key potential application of SAMs is in chemically

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Figure 1. Infrared spectra of the C-H stretching modes for a self-assembled monolayer of ODT formed on both sides of a GaAs wafer with a (100) surface orientation. The lower plot is a transmission spectrum (solid line) and a simulation (dashed line) for an average single-chain structure with a chain tilt of 57° and a twist of 45°. The upper plot is the reflection spectrum taken at a 55° angle of incidence with a p-polarized beam. The intensity scales are in absorbance units for transmitted and reflected power, respectively, ratioed against a film-free sample. The inset at the upper left shows a schematic representation of a self-assembled monolayer of ODT on GaAs (100). The thickness (d), chain spacing (a), and chain tilt angle (θ) dimensions are shown. The balls at the surface represent sulfur.

specific electrochemical and electronic devices, as demonstrated by the intense interest in applying the thiol/Au system to modified electrodes and sensors,^{8a,b,10} it is notable that no examples of organized SAMs bonded directly to a bare semiconductor substrate surface have been reported. We now report the discovery of a new class of organized monolayers derived from the selfassembly of alkanethiols directly onto the bare GaAs (100) surface. That viable S/GaAs chemistry might exist to allow self-assembly has been indicated by current studies which show that room temperature coverage of GaAs by deposits of inorganic sulfide salts,¹¹ P₂S₅,¹² and simple organothiol compounds (six carbons or less)¹³ exerts significant effects on electron-hole pair recombination velocities. We have produced SAMs from alkanethiols, $X(CH_2)_nSH$ for $X = CH_3$ with n = 11-21 and $X = CO_2H$ and CO_2CH_3 with n = 15. The bulk of our characterization has been on octadecanethiol (ODT, $X = CH_3$, and n = 17), and for brevity we focus on these results which show that the monolayer consists of a stable, highly organized assembly of tilted, conformationally ordered alkyl chains, chemically bonded directly to the bare GaAs surface.

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