**Supporting Information for** 

Chiral Helicity Induced by Hydrogen Bonding and Chirality of Podand Histidyl Moieties

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## **General Comments**

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and were further purified by the standard methods, if necessary. Melting points were determined on a Yanagimoto Micromelting Point Apparatus and were uncorrected. Infrared spectra were obtained with a Perkin Elmer Model 1605 FT-IR. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian MERCURY 300 (300 MHz) spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Mass spectra were run on a JEOL JMS-DX303HF mass spectrometer.

Preparation of N, N'-bis $\{(S)$ -(+)-1-methoxycarbonyl-2-(4-imidazoyl)ethyl $\}$ -2,6-pyridinedicarboxamide (L-BHisPA) and N, N'-bis $\{(R)$ -(-)-1-methoxycarbonyl-2-(4-imidazoyl)ethyl $\}$ -2,6-pyridinedicarboxamide (D-BHisPA).

2,6-Pyridinedicarboxylic acid (418 mg, 2.5 mmol) was treated with thionyl chloride (912  $\mu$ L, 12.5 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) at 80 °C for 24 h. Thionyl chloride and 1,4-dioxane were then removed under reduced pressure to give the acid chloride as a white solid.

To a solution of the corresponding histidyl methyl ester dihydrochloride (1.21 g, 5.0 mmol) and triethylamine (4.2 mL, 30 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was slowly added a solution of the acid chloride in dichloromethane (30 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (30 mL), washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution and brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. White solid was obtained by evaporation of the dichloromethane solution in vacuo. L-BHisPA and D-BHisPA were isolated in 83% and 79% yields, respectively, by recrystallization from methanol/ether.

L-BHisPA: mp 198-199 °C (uncorrected); IR (KBr): 3394, 3126, 1743, 1666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  8.23 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 8.12 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.57 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 4.93 (dd, 2H, J = 8.7, 5.1 Hz), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.36-3.19 (m, 4H); EI-MS m/z 469 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.74; H, 5.17; N, 20.11. Found: C, 51.57; H, 5.01; N, 20.16.

D-BHisPA: mp 198-199 °C (uncorrected); IR (KBr): 3394, 3126, 1743, 1666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  8.23 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 8.12 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.57 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 4.93 (dd, 2H, J = 8.7, 5.1 Hz), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.36-3.19 (m, 4H); EI-MS m/z 469 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.74; H, 5.17; N, 20.11. Found: C, 51.51; H, 4.78; N, 19.83.

Preparation of  $\{(S)-(+)-1\text{-methoxycarbonyl-}2-(4\text{-imidazoyl})\text{ethyl}\}-2$ pyridinecarboxamide (L-HisPA) and  $\{(R)-(-)-1\text{-methoxycarbonyl-}2-(4\text{-imidazoyl})\text{ethyl}\}-2$ -pyridinecarboxamide (D-HisPA).

Picolinic acid (616 mg, 5.0 mmol) was treated with thionyl chloride (912  $\mu$ L, 12.5 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) at 80 °C for 24 h. Thionyl chloride and 1,4-dioxane were then removed under reduced pressure to give the the acid chloride as a white solid. To a solution of

the corresponding histidyl methyl ester dihydrochloride (1.21 g, 5.0 mmol) and triethylamine (4.2 mL, 30 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was slowly added a solution of the acid chloride in dichloromethane (30 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (30 mL), washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution and brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. White solid was obtained by evaporation of the dichloromethane solution in vacuo. L-HisPA and D-HisPA were isolated in 70% and 79% yields, respectively, by recrystallization from methanol/ether.

L-HisPA: mp 174-175 °C (uncorrected); IR (KBr): 3348, 3116, 1728, 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  8.62 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.4, 1.8, 0.9 Hz), 8.05 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5, 0.9 Hz), 7.94 (td, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.5, 5.4, 1.5 Hz), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.91 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 5.4 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.21 (m, 2H); EI-MS m/z 274 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.93; H, 5.14; N, 20.43. Found: C, 56.56; H, 5.21; N, 20.26.

D-HisPA: mp 174-175 °C (uncorrected); IR (KBr): 3348, 3116, 1728, 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  8.62 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.4, 1.8, 0.9 Hz), 8.05 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5, 0.9 Hz), 7.94 (td, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.5, 5.4, 1.5 Hz), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.91 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 5.4 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.21 (m, 2H); EI-MS m/z 274 (M<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.93; H, 5.14; N, 20.43. Found: C, 56.89; H, 5.06; N, 20.38.

## X-ray Structure Analysis.

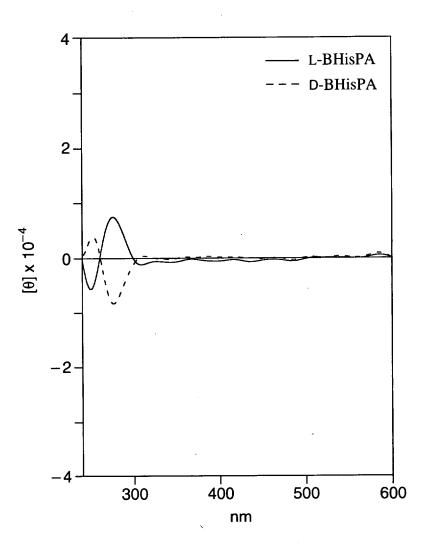
All measurements for L-BhisPA, D-BhisPA, and D-HisPA were made on a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo Kα radiation. All measurements for L-HisPA were made on a Rigaku AFC5R diffractometer with graphite

monochromated Mo Kα radiation and a rotating anode generator. The structures of L-BHisPA, D-BHisPA, L-HisPA, and D-HisPA were solved by direct methods and expanded using Fourier techniques. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The H atoms involved in hydrogen bonding were located in electron density maps. The remainder of the H atoms were placed in idealized positions and allowed to ride with the C atoms to which each was bonded. Crystallographic details are given in Table S1.

Table S1. Crystallographic Data for L-BHisPA, D-BHisPA, L-HisPA, and D-HisPA

|   | L-BHisPA  | D-BHisPA                       | L-HisPA  | D-HisPA  |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| formula                                     | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>6</sub> •H <sub>2</sub> O | $C_{21}H_{23}N_7O_6\cdot H_2O$ | $C_{13}H_{14}N_4O_3$                                   | $C_{13}H_{14}N_4O_3$                                   |
| fw  | 487.47  | 487.47                         | 274.28   | 274.28   |
| cryst syst                                  | orthorhombic  | orthorhombic                   | orthorhombic   | orthorhombic   |
| space group                                 | C222 <sub>1</sub> (No. 20)  | C222 <sub>1</sub> (No. 20)     | P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19) | P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19) |
| a, Å  | 12.317(1)   | 9.105(1)                       | 9.650(2)   | 9.6490(6)  |
| b, Å  | 9.1373(9)   | 12.297(1)                      | 16.262(2)  | 16.3212(9)   |
| c, Å  | 22.507(2)   | 22.403(3)                      | 8.872(2)   | 8.8998(6)  |
| V, Å <sup>3</sup>                           | 2533.1(4)   | 2508.4(5)                      | 1392.2(3)  | 1401.6(1)  |
| Z   | 4   | 4                              | 4  | 4  |
| $D_{ m calcd}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>         | 1.278   | 1.291                          | 1.308  | 1.300  |
| $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha)$ , cm <sup>-1</sup> | 86.0  | 66'0                           | 0.90   | 0.95   |
| T, °C                                       | 23  | 23                             | 23   | . 23   |
| $\lambda(Mo K\alpha)$ , Å                   | 0.71069   | 0.71069                        | 0.71069  | 0.71069  |
| $R^a$                                       | 0.089   | 0.074                          | 0.091  | 0.038  |
| B b   | 0.211   | 0.183                          | 0.136  | 0.128  |

 $^{-a}R = \Sigma ||F_0| - |F_c||/\Sigma |F_0|.$   $^{-b}R_w = [\Sigma w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2/\Sigma w(F_0^2)^2]^{1/2}.$ 



**Figure S1.** CD spectra of L-BHisPA and D-BHisPA in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5.0 x  $10^{-5}$  M).

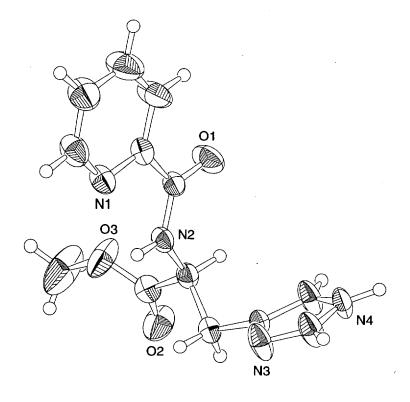


Figure S2. Molecular structure of L-HisPA.

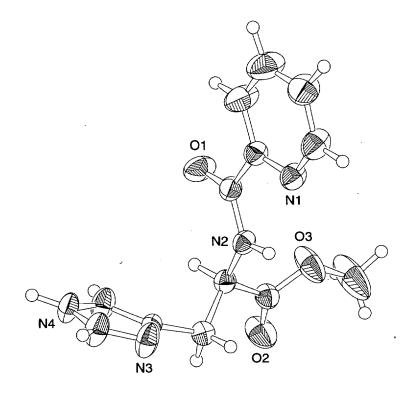
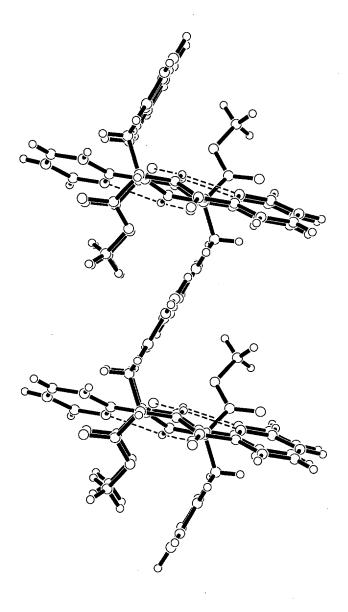
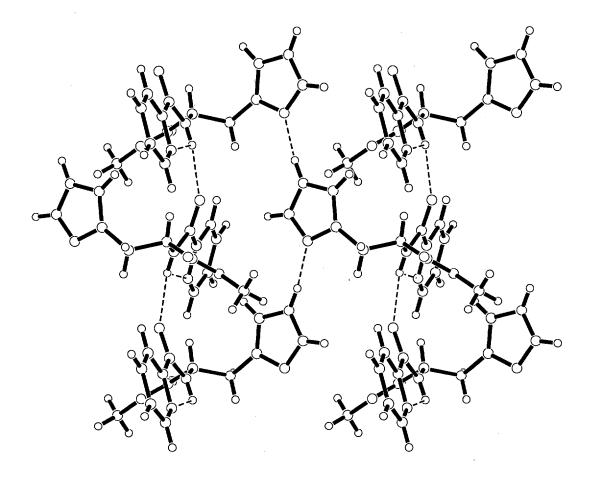


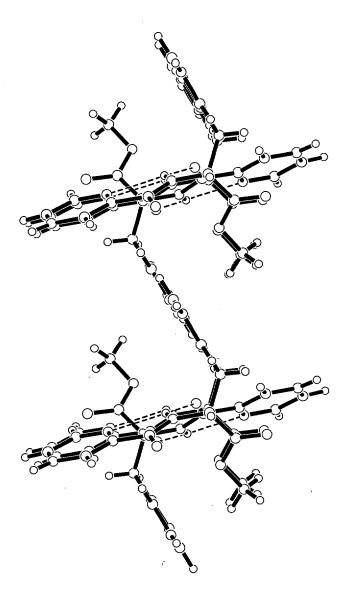
Figure S3. Molecular structure of D-HisPA.



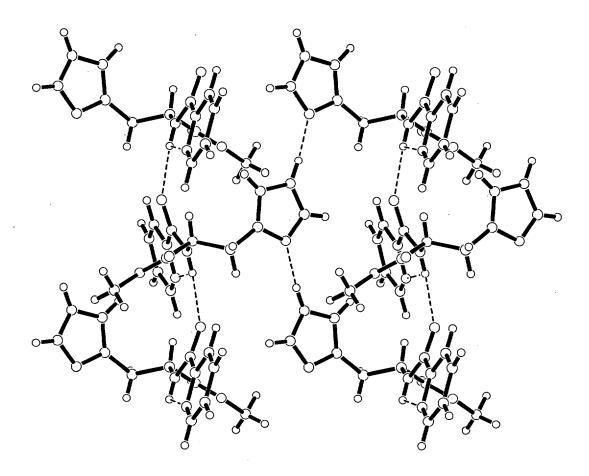
**Figure S4.** A hydrogen-bonded network in the crystal packing of L-HisPA. Projection down the *a* axis. Each molecule is connected to four neighboring molecules by intermolecular hydrogen bonds.



**Figure S5.** A hydrogen-bonded network in the crystal packing of L-HisPA. Projection down the b axis. Each molecule is connected to four neighboring molecules by intermolecular hydrogen bonds.



**Figure S6.** A hydrogen-bonded network in the crystal packing of D-HisPA. Projection down the a axis. Each molecule is connected to four neighboring molecules by intermolecular hydrogen bonds.



**Figure S7.** A hydrogen-bonded network in the crystal packing of D-HisPA. Projection down the b axis. Each molecule is connected to four neighboring molecules by intermolecular hydrogen bonds.