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## Cobaltabisdicarbollide anion receptor for enantiomerselective membrane electrodes

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## Supporting Information

Experimental procedures, FTIR, NMR, MALDI-TOF values.

**Experimental Section** 

**Instrumentation:** IR spectra (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>; KBr pellets) were obtained on a Shimadzu FTIR-8300 spectrophotometer. The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B}-NMR (300.13 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (75.47 MHz), <sup>11</sup>B- and <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (96.29 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX 300 instrument equipped with the appropriate decoupling accessories. All NMR spectra were performed in d<sub>6</sub>-acetone at 22°C. The <sup>11</sup>B- and <sup>11</sup>B{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR shifts were referenced to external BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>, while the <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B}, and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR shifts were referenced to SiMe<sub>4</sub>. Chemical shifts are reported in units of parts per million downfield from reference, and all coupling constants in Hz. The mass spectra were recorded in the negative ion mode using a Bruker Biflex MALDI-TOF-MS [N<sub>2</sub> laser;  $\lambda_{exc}$  337 nm (0.5 ns pulses); voltage ion source 20.00 kV (Uis1) and 17.50 kV (Uis2)]. Cs[Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] was from KATCHEM and it was used as received.

Synthesis of the D- and L- Tryptophan salt of cobaltabisdicarbollide, [H-Try][1]. Firstly,  $H[Co(1,2-C_2B_9H_{11})_2]$  was obtained from  $Cs[Co(1,2-C_2B_9H_{11})_2]$  (0.3000 g) and HCl 1M (15 mL), extracting the resulted product in ether (20mL). The extraction procedure was made by 3 times. The obtained compound was dried in vacuum atmosphere up to constant weight. D-, L- Try (0.0102g, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of HCl 3M under stirring (solution 1). Secondly, the ion-pair compound [H-Try][1] was prepared by mixing 5 mL of 0.01M solution 1 with 0.0165g of H[Co(1,2- $C_2B_9H_{11}$ )<sub>2</sub>] under stirring resulting a yellow precipitate. The precipitate was filtered, washed with a solution of HCl and dried in vacuum atmosphere. FTIR, v: 3551 (OH), 3397 (NH), 3208 (NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>) 3041 (C<sub>c</sub>-H), 2926 (C<sub>arvl</sub>-H); 2565, (B-H), 1732 (C=O), 1599, 1490, 1459, 1439, 1427 (NH, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, C=O, OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO) δ: 10.3 (m, N-H), 7.56 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H)=7.7$ , 1H, C<sub>arvl</sub>-H), 7.40 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H)=7.9$ , 3 + 1H, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>arvl</sub>-H), 7.20  $(dd, {}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.9, {}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.3, 1H, C_{arvl}-H), 7.12 (dd, {}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.7, {}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.2, 1H,$  $C_{arvl}$ -H), 4.95 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 11.9$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.7$ , 1H,-CH), 3.95 (s, 4H,  $C_{c}$ -H), 3.57 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 16.1$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.1$ , 1H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 16.2$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.7$ , 1H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70-3.50 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70-0.50 (br m, B-H).  ${}^{1}H{}^{11}B{}$  NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 10.3 (m, N-H), 7.56 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.7$ , 1H, C<sub>arvl</sub>-H), 7.40 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.9$ , 3 + 1H, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>,  $C_{arvl}$ -H), 7.20 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H)$ = 7.9,  ${}^{3}J(H,H)$ = 7.3, 1H,  $C_{arvl}$ -H), 7.12 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H)$ = 7.7,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 7.2, 1H, C_{arvl}-H), 4.95 (dd, {}^{3}J(H,H) = 11.9, {}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.7, 1H, NH_{3}^{+}-CH), 3.95$ (s, 4H, C<sub>c</sub>-H), 3.57 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 16.1$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.1$ , 1H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (dd,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) =$ 16.2, <sup>3</sup>J(H,H)= 5.7, 1H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.08, 3.39, 2.99, 2.85, 2.72, 1.95, 1.62, 1.57 (br s, 18H, B-H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO) δ: 169.2 (COOH), 153.4, 136.9, 124.1, 122.7, 119.7, 118.4, 111.4, 104.0 (s, C<sub>arvl</sub>), 61.4, 53.9 (s, C<sub>c</sub>), 50.9 (s, CH), 22.4 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B-NMR  $((CD_3)_2CO) \delta$ : 7.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 140, 2B), 2.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 143, 2B), -4.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 145, 4B); -5.3 (d,  ${}^{1}J(B,H)=$  133, 4B), -16.6 (d,  ${}^{1}J(B,H)=$  154, 4B), -22.1 (d,  ${}^{1}J(B,H)=$ 

170, 2B). MALDI-TOF at the cathode, (m/z): 187.83 (M-17; 100%), 204.90 (M; 16%), 244.89 (M-40, 89%). MALDI-TOF at the anode, (m/z): 324.26 ([Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, 100%).

Synthesis of the D- and L- Histidine salt of cobaltabisdicarbollide,  $[H_2-His][1]_2$ . Firstly, H[Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] was obtained from Cs[Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (0.3000 g) and HCl 1M (15 mL), extracting the resulted product in ether (20mL). The extraction procedure was made by 3 times. The obtained compound was dried in vacuum atmosphere up to constant weight. D-, L- Histidine (0.0388g, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of HCl 3M under stirring (solution 1). Secondly, the ion-pair compound [H<sub>2</sub>-His][1]<sub>2</sub> was prepared by mixing 5 mL of 0.01M solution 1 with 0.0165 g of H[Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] under stirring resulting a yellow precipitate. The precipitate was filtered, washed with a diluted solution of HCl and dried in vacuum atmosphere.

FTIR, v: 3585, 3555 (OH), 3374 (NH), 3331 (NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>) 3039 (C<sub>c</sub>-H), 2978, 2934, 2895, 2862 (C<sub>aryl</sub>-H, C<sub>alkyl</sub>-H); 2565, 2547 (B-H), 1734 (C=O), 1624, 1596, 1526 (N-C=O, N<sup>+</sup>-H, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 13.37 (br s, ), 9.23 (s, <sup>1</sup>H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 7.80 (s, 1H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 5.69 (br s, 3H, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>), 4.90 (m, 1H, CH), 3.94 (s, 8H, C<sub>c</sub>-H), 3.86-3.64 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.5-0.5 (br m, B-H). <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO):  $\delta$ : 13.37 (br s, ), 9.23 (s, <sup>1</sup>H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 7.80 (s, 1H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 7.80 (s, 1H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 5.69 (br s, 3H, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>), 4.90 (m, 1H, CH), 3.94 (s, 8H, C<sub>c</sub>-H), 3.86-3.64 (m, 2H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 7.80 (s, 1H, C<sub>aryl</sub>-H), 5.69 (br s, 3H, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>), 4.90 (m, 1H, CH), 3.94 (s, 8H, C<sub>c</sub>-H), 3.86-3.64 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.37 (br s, 4H, B-H), 2.97 (br s, 4H, B-H), 2.70 (br s, 8H, B-H), 2.01 (br s, 8H, B-H), 1.61 (br s, 4H, B-H), 1.56 (br s, 8H, B-H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 167.0 (s, C=O), 135.1, 127.4, 119.0 (s, C<sub>aryl</sub>), 59.2, 52.7(s, C<sub>c</sub>), 51.0 (s, CH), 26.0 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>).<sup>11</sup>B-NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 7.2 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 143, 2B), 2.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 141, 2B), -4.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 153, 4B), -5.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 133, 4B), -16.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 154, 4B), -22.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 168, 2B). MALDI-TOF at the cathode (m/z): 155.25 (M; 32%),

152.36 (M+3, 100%), 132.74 (M-23, 71%), 164.34 (M+9; 57%), 178.33 (M+23; 21%). MALDI-TOF at the anode (m/z): 324.23 ([Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, 100%).

Synthesis of the L-Arginine salt of cobaltabisdicarbollide, [H-Arg][1]. Firstly,  $H[Co(1,2-C_2B_9H_{11})_2]$  was obtained from  $Cs[Co(1,2-C_2B_9H_{11})_2]$  (0.3000 g) and HCl 1M (15 mL), extracting the resulted product in ether (20mL). The extraction procedure was made by 3 times. The obtained compound was dried in vacuum atmosphere up to constant weight. L- Arg (0.009g, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of HCl 3M under stirring (solution 1). Secondly, the ion-pair compound [H-Arg][1] was prepared by mixing 5 mL of 0.01M solution 1 with 0.0165g of  $H[Co(1,2-C_2B_9H_{11})_2]$  under stirring resulting a yellow precipitate. The precipitate was filtered, washed with a solution of HCl and dried in vacuum atmosphere. FTIR, v: 3594 (OH), 3453, 3365, 3216 (NH), 3036 (C<sub>c</sub>-H), 2926 (C<sub>arvi</sub>-H); 2566, 2544 (B-H), 1736 (C=O), 1659, 1645, 1615, (NH, NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, C=O, OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO) δ: 8.3, 7.4, 7.0, 4.5 (br s, 4H, N-H), 3.95 (s, 5H, 4 C<sub>c</sub>-H + 1 CH), 3.57 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70-0.50 (br m, B-H), 2.28-2.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>11</sup>B} NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 8.3, 7.4, 7.0, 4.5 (br s, 4H, N-H), 3.95 (s, 5H, 4 C<sub>c</sub>-H + 1 CH), 3.57 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.08, 3.39, 2.99, 2.85, 2.72, 1.95, 1.62, 1.57 (br s, 18H, B-H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 59.8(s, CH), 50.9 (s, C<sub>c</sub>), 40.9 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B-NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO)  $\delta$ : 7.3 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 140, 2B), 2.1 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(B,H)= 143, 2B), -4.7 (d,  ${}^{1}J(B,H) = 145, 4B$ ; -5.3 (d,  ${}^{1}J(B,H) = 133, 4B$ ), -16.6 (d,  ${}^{1}J(B,H) = 154, 4B$ ), -22.1 (d,  $^{1}J(B,H) = 170, 2B$ ). MALDI-TOF at the cathode, (m/z): 173.88 (Arg; 100%), 174.90 (H-Arg<sup>+</sup>; 10%). MALDI-TOF at the anode, (m/z): 323.27 ([Co(1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, 100%).

Plasticizer	DBP	DEHP
Slope (mV/decade)	45.8	37.7
Correlation coefficient	0.993	0.991
Concentration range	$5.00 \cdot 10^{-6}$ - $1.00 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.00 \cdot 10^{-5}$ - $1.00 \cdot 10^{-1}$
(M)		
Detection limit (M)	$3.00 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$5.00 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Time response/s	<5	< 5
Lifetime/day	> 45	> 45

Table S.1.- Electrode characteristics for L-Arg

**Table S.2.-** ISE Selectivity coefficients for L-Arginine electrode.

DBP	DEHD
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-5.04	-5.46
-6.54	-4.40
-6.11	-5.88
-5.05	-5.72
-	-
-4.50	-5.02
-6.76	-5.80
	-5.04 -6.54 -6.11 -5.05 - - -4.50 -6.76