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Enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reactions in water catalyzed by human telomeric G-quadruplex metalloenzyme

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General remarks

Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on a dual beam DSM 1000 CD spectrophotometer (Olis, Bogart, GA) with a 10 mm quartz cell. Samples containing 10 μ M oligomer were prepared and treated as described above before collecting CD spectra. Each measurement was recorded from 230 to 320 nm at room temperature (about 20 °C). The average scan for each sample was subtracted by a background CD spectrum of corresponding buffer solution. ¹H-NMR spectrum was recorded on a Bruker DRX 400 MHz type (¹H, 400 MHz) with an internal reference tetramethylsilane. Data for ¹H NMR spectra were recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet), intergration, coupling constant (Hz). High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was performed on an Agilent 1100 Series instrument with the eluents of hexane and isopropanol (*i*-PrOH), using a Daicel Chiralpak AD Column (250 × 4.6 mm).

Materials

DNA oligodeoxynucleotides: $5'-G_3(TTAG_3)_3-3'$ (ODN-1), $5'-G_3(TTTG_3)_3-3'$ (ODN-2), $5'-G_3(ATAG_3)_3-3'$ (ODN-**3**), 5'-G₃(TATG₃)₃-3' (ODN-4), $5'-G_3(AAAG_3)_3-3'$ (ODN-5), $5'-G_3(AATG_3)_3-3'$ (ODN-6), $5' - T_3(TTAT_3)_3 - 3'$ (ODN-7), 5'-A₃(TTAA₃)₃-3' (ODN-**8**), 5'-(TTA)₇-3' (ODN-9) and 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (MOPS) were purchased from Sangon (Shanghai, China), and the strand concentrations were determined by measuring the absorbance at 260 nm using the extinction coefficient values published in the literature.¹ Cu(NO₃)₂·3H₂O (>99%), Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (>99%), Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (>99%), Ni(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (>99%), NaCl (>99%), KCl (>99%) and PEG200 were purchased from Alfa Aesar (Tianjin, China). 5-methoxyindole (98%), indole (99%), 5-chloroindole (98%), 1-methylindole (98%) and 1-methylindole (98%) were purchased from J&K (Beijing, China). Water was distilled and deionized using a Milli-Q A10 water purification system. Other reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. α,β -unsaturated 2-acyl imidazoles **1a-e** were prepared according to the literature.^{2,3}

Typical procedure

To a MOPS buffer (1 mL, 20 mM, pH 6.5) containing NaCl (50 mM), an aqueous solution of ODN-1 (5'-G₃(TTAG₃)₃-3', final conc. 100 μ M) was added. After stirred for a half hour at 4 °C, a solution of Cu(NO₃)₂ (2 μ L of a 25 mM solution, final conc. 50 μ M) was added. Then, 2-acyl imidazole **1a** in DMSO (10 μ L of a 0.1 M solution) was added. The reaction was initiated by addition of nucleophile **2a** in DMSO (10 μ L of a 0.5 M solution, 5 equiv.) and the mixture was stirred for 24 hours, followed by the extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After a short flash chromatography, the residue was directly analyzed by ¹H-NMR and HPLC.^{4,5}

Calculation the conversion of $1a^6$

Conversions of **1a** were calculated using the following formula:

Conversion of
$$1a$$
 (%) = $PA_{3a}/(PA_{3a} + PA_{1a}/f)$ Scheme S1

Where PA_{1a} and PA_{3a} are the peak areas of **1a** and **3a**, respectively. And *f* is the correction factor determined to be 1.27 from a fitting curve (Fig. S1).



Fig. S1 Determination of the correction factor. The HPLC ratios of peak areas (PA_{3a}/PA_{1a}) were determined with the standard molar ratios (n_{3a}/n_{1a}) of 1/20, 1/10, 1/5, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20. The correction factor (f = 1.27) was estimated from the fitting curve ($R^2 = 0.992$).

Table S1 Enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reactions catalyzed by ODN-1-Cu²⁺ by

tuning the concentration of K⁺ ions

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in a typical procedure. ^{*b*} Determined by

chiral-phase HPLC for the crude product (Scheme S1, ESI[†]). ^c Determined by chiral-phase HPLC.

Table S2 Enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reactions catalyzed by ODN-1- Cu^{2+} by

varying the amount of PEG200

 a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in a typical procedure. b Determined by

chiral-phase HPLC for the crude product (Scheme S1, ESI[†]). ^c Determined by chiral-phase HPLC.

Table S3 Enantioselective Friedel-Crafts reactions catalyzed by various 21mer

oligodeoxynucleotides combining with Cu²⁺ ions

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in a typical procedure. ^{*b*} Determined by

chiral-phase HPLC for the crude product (Scheme S1, ESI[†]). ^c Determined by chiral-phase HPLC.

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¹H-NMR spectra and HPLC traces

3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)butan-1-one (3a).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3a.

Retention times: 15.8 (+) and 21.9 (-) mins.



Product **3a** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (75% ee).

Retention times: 16.1 (+) and 22.2 (-) mins.



3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)butan-1-one (3b).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3b.

Retention times: 19.9 (+) and 28.7 (-) mins.



Product **3b** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (67% ee).



Retention times: 19.9 (+) and 28.7 (-) mins.

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3-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)butan-1-one (3c).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.83–3.71 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.31–8.22 (m, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3c.

Retention times: 25.3 (+) and 32.7 (-) mins.



Product 3c from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-1-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (66% ee).

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Retention times: 25.2 (+) and 33.1 (-) mins.

1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-1-one (3d).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ1.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/*i*-PrOH 95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3d.

Retention times: 16.1 (-) and 26.2 (+) mins.



Product **3d** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (-8% ee).



Retention times: 16.1 (-) and 26.3 (+) mins.

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1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-1-one (3e).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.69 (m, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3e.

Retention times: 22.3 (-) and 33.2 (+) mins.



Product **3e** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (-44% ee).



Retention times: 21.9 (-) and 32.8 (+) mins.

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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=254 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	21.877	BB	0.6299	742.38391	18.22075	72.1411
2	32.811	BB	0.8585	286.68857	4.88252	27.8589
Total	ls :			1029.07248	23.10326	

3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3-phenyl-1-propanon e (3f).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 6.2 Hz, 3H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.3 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3f.

Retention times: 29.5 and 38.6 mins.



Product **3f** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (21% ee).



Retention times: 29.6 and 38.6 mins.

3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)

propan-1-one (3g).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.11–8.01 (m, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3g.

Retention times: 34.6 and 41.4 mins.



Product **3g** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (7% ee).



Retention times: 33.4 and 40.5 mins.

Totals :

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opan-1-one (3h).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H)), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.96–7.89 (m, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralcel-OD, hexane/i-PrOH 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3h.

Retention times: 13.1 (+) and 15.3 (-) mins.



Product **3h** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (-7% ee).



Retention times: 13.1 (+) and 15.3 (-) mins.

3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)

propan-1-one (3i).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.73 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (s, 1H).



HPLC condition: Daicel chiralpak-AD, hexane/i-PrOH 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm.

Racemic 3i.

Retention times: 53.4 (-) and 59.6 (+) mins.



Product **3i** from the F-C reaction catalyzed by ODN-**1**-Cu²⁺ containing 50 mM NaCl (-9% ee).

Retention times: 53.1 (-) and 59.5 (+) mins.

