Supporting Information

A closer look at molecular mechanisms underlying inhibition of

*S***-adenosyl-L-homocysteine hydrolase by transition metal cations**

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S1 Material and Methods

S1.1 Protein production and purification

The production and purification of the active form of PaSAHase containing NAD⁺ cofactor were performed as described previously¹ in the presence of a potent Zn²⁺ ions chelator, tetrakis-(2pyridylmethyl)ethylenediamine (TPEN). PaSAHase-NADH variant of the protein was obtained similarly to the active form of the enzyme. The only difference was the incubation step of the apo form of PaSAHase with NADH instead of NAD⁺.

S1.2 Assays for PaSAHase inhibition by transition metal cations

The inhibition studies were performed spectrophotometrically and the rate of L-homocysteine production was measured by monitoring its reaction at 293 K with 5,5-dithio-bis-(2 nitrobenzoic acid (DNTB)², as described previously.¹ At initial stages of the study, PaSAHase (0.35 μM) and adenosine deaminase (6U) in a buffer containing 100 mM KCl and 25 mM Tris·HCl pH 8.0 were incubated one hour with Zn²⁺, Cu²⁺, Cd²⁺, Co²⁺, Ni²⁺, Mn²⁺, Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ (as chlorides) at three difference concentrations, namely 1, 10 and 100 μ M. Next, the reaction was started by adding SAH (100 μM) and (DNTB) (100 μM). As a negative control, the reaction was used without adding any transition metal cations. After 5 minutes of incubation, an absorbance was monitored at 412 nm using a U-3900H spectrophotometer (Hitachi). Based on these experiments, we revealed that Mn^{2+} and Fe³⁺ did not affect PaSAHase's activity. Two cations, namely Ni²⁺ and Fe²⁺, similarly inhibited PaSAHase. However, at this point we skipped further biochemical experiments with Fe^{2+} ions, as rapid protein precipitation was observed. Two other cations, Hg^{2+} and Cu⁺ were not tested in the above experiments. Their influence on the enzyme activity was analyzed in the final measurements.

In the final measurements, the PaSAHase (0.35 μM) and adenosine deaminase (6U) in a buffer containing 100 mM KCl and 25 mM HEPES \cdot KOH pH 7.5 were incubated for one hour with Hg²⁺, $Cd²⁺$, Cu²⁺or Ni²⁺ (as chlorides) or Cu⁺ (as tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) tetrafluoroborate to avoid fast disproportionation of Cu⁺ ions in a solution to Cu²⁺ and Cu) at different concentrations, ranging from 1 nM to 10 mM. Next, the reaction was started by adding SAH (100 μM) and (DNTB) (100 μM) and monitored for 1 minute at 412 nm using Hidex Sense Plate. A 100% activity was assigned to the sample without adding any transition metal cation.

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All measurements were performed in two replicates. The data were analyzed using the *GraFit* 7.0 (Erithacus Software) to obtain the IC₅₀ values. The *IC₅₀-to-K_i converter*³ was applied to calculate the inhibition constant (K_i) for these ions using the noncompetitive inhibition model.

S1.3 Isothermal titration calorimetry

Microcalorimetric titrations of both open and closed forms of PaSAHase with different divalent cations were conducted using MicorCal iTC 200 and MicroCal PEAQ-ITC calorimeters (Malvern). Prior to the titrations, protein aliquot stored at 193 K was dialyzed against a buffer containing 50 mM Tris pH 7.5 and 100 mM KCl (for adenosine-free, open form of the enzyme) or in the same buffer with the addition of 600 µM of adenosine (for the adenosine-bound, closed form of the enzyme). Chlorides (Cd²⁺, Hg²⁺, Zn²⁺, Co²⁺, Cu²⁺, Ni²⁺) were dissolved in the dialysis buffers to the final concentration of 1-2 mM. The metal cation ligand was injected in 19 aliquots of 2 μ L into the cell with the protein at 80-100 μ M concentration (determined at 280 nm). Measurements were conducted at 293 K. Reference power was set to 5. A stirring speed of 750 rpm and spacing of 150 s was used. Data were performed in duplicate. Raw ITC data were analyzed with the *Origin* 7.0 software (Origin-Lab) to obtain thermodynamic parameters like stoichiometry (*N*), dissociation constant (K_d) and the changes in the enthalpy (Δ*H*) and entropy. *One set of binding sites* or *Two sets of binding sites* models (in the case of Hg^{2+} titrations to the open form of the protein) were fitted to the data.

S1.4 Thermal shift assays

Thermal shift assays were performed using the CFX96 Touch Real-Time PCR Detection System. Each 25 μ L solution containing 100 mM HEPES \cdot KOH pH 7.5, 7.5 μ M PaSAHase (without addition of adenosine for the open form of the enzyme or incubated overnight with 100 uM adenosine for the closed form of the enzyme), 70 µM tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) tetrafluoroborate or MeCl₂ (where M²⁺ corresponds to Cd²⁺, Hg²⁺, Zn²⁺, Co²⁺, Cu²⁺, Ni²⁺), 2.5 µL SYPRO™ Orange Protein Gel Stain (5000X in DMSO) diluted 1:100 in water was dispensed on 96-well PCR plate and incubated at 277 K for two hours. The negative controls contained no SYPRO® Orange dye or no protein, respectively. Next, melting curves were recorded for each 0.5 K temperature increment ranging from 277 to 368 K in 30 minutes. ⁴ Melting points were calculated by plotting the first derivative of the fluorescence emission as a function of temperature (−d(RFU)/dT).

S1.5 Analysis of PaSAHase-Cu2+ interactions

Fluorescence analysis of PaSAHase-Cu2+ interactions

The studies were performed at 293 K, and the reduced form of the cofactor (NADH) was monitored spectrofluorometrically by excitation at 340 nm and emission measurement at 460 nm. All experiments were conducted for 15 μ M PaSAHase (NAD⁺ or NADH variant) in a buffer containing 100 mM KCl and 25 mM HEPESKOH pH 7.5. In the first experiment, the NADH formation was initiated by adding 2′-deoxyadenosine (2'-dAdo) to the final concentration of 5 mM to the solution containing the PaSAHase-NAD⁺ variant. In the second experiment, fluorescence was monitored for the solution containing the PaSAHase-NADH variant for around two minutes. Afterward, CuSO₄ was added to the final concentration of 45 μ M. In the third experiment, fluorescence was monitored for the mixture containing the PaSAHase-NAD⁺ variant supplemented with 45 μ M CuSO₄ and 5 mM 2'-dAdo. For all reactions, the fluorescence was monitored for 3000 seconds.

Setting up the reactions for mass spectrometry analysis

The frozen protein sample was dialyzed against 100 mM potassium acetate pH 7.5 supplemented with 70 μ M TPEN for 2h, then the buffer was exchanged to 100 mM potassium acetate pH 7.5 without any addition for 1h. Assays for enzyme activity and inhibition in the hydrolytic directions were performed in 1.5 mL volume in a solution containing 100 mM potassium acetate pH 7.5, 10 μ M PaSAHase, 400 μ M SAH. For the inhibition study performed in the same solution, 100 μ M CuSO₄ was added to the enzyme and incubated for 30 minutes before adding the substrate. All reactions were performed for 15 minutes at 293 K and flashfrozen in liquid nitrogen.

Mass spectrometry analysis of SAHase products

Samples from the reactions described above were prepared by dilution until the final concentration of 200uM with LCMS grade acetonitrile centrifuged, and the supernatants were filtered through a 0.22 µm filter. The samples were analyzed using an LC/MS system comprising a Dionex RLSC 3000 UPLC system (Thermo Scientific, Bremen, Germany) combined with a Q-ToF mass spectrometer, model TIMS Tof Pro (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany). Analyses were performed using the Supelco Ascentis RP18 column (2.1 \times 100 mm, 3 µm).

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Chromatographic separation was performed at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min using mixtures of the following two solvents: A (99.9% H2O, 0.1% formic acid (v/v)) and B (99.9% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid (v/v)). The elution steps were as follows: 0–5 min linear gradient to 40% B, from 5 to 10 gradient to 90%, isocratic elution up to 15 min, followed by recovery of initial conditions for next 5 min.

The TIMS Tof Pro mass spectrometer consisted of ESI operating in positive ion mode at - 4.5 kV, nebulization with nitrogen at 1.6 bar and a dry gas flow of 8.0 L/min at a temperature of 220°C. The system was calibrated externally using a calibration mixture containing sodium formate clusters. Additional internal calibrations were performed for every run by injecting the calibration mixture using a divert valve during LC separation. Calibrations were performed using the HPC quadratic algorithm. These calibrations yielded an accuracy of less than 5 ppm. MS/MS spectra were acquired in a data-dependent mode based on ions chosen from the MS survey scan. The collision energy was dependent on the molecular masses of the compounds and was set between 15 and 25 eV. The instrument operated using the program otofControl version 6.2 and data were analyzed using the *DataAnalysis* version 6.0 package, which Bruker Daltonics supplied.

S1.6 Crystallization and data collection

Protein solution in a buffer containing 100 mM KCl, 25 mM HEPES·KOH pH 7.5, and 1 mM TCEP·HCl was incubated overnight with 2 mM of adenosine at 277 K. Crystallization drops were mixed from 2 μL of the protein solution (10 mg·mL-1 measured spectrophotometrically at 280 nm) and 2 μL of one of the two selected Morpheus screen condition (MDL): D9 condition containing 0.02 M 1,6-hexanediol, 0.02 M 1-butanol, 0.02 M (RS)-1,2-propanediol, 0.02 M 2-propanol, 0.02 M 1,4-butanediol, 0.02 M 1,3-propanediol, 10% w/v PEG 20 000, 20% v/v PEG MME 550, 0.1 M bicine/Trizma base pH 8.5 or Morpheus C8 condition containing 0.03 M sodium fluoride, 0.03 M sodium bromide, 0.03 M sodium iodide, 12.5% w/v PEG 1000, 12.5% w/v PEG 3350, 12.5% v/v MPD, 0.1 M MOPS/HEPES-Na pH 7.5. Diffraction-quality crystals were grown within a few days at 292 K using the hanging-drop vapor-diffusion method. The crystals were soaked in the crystallization condition D9 supplemented with Zn^{2+} , Co²⁺, Cd²⁺, Hg²⁺, Ni²⁺ and Cu²⁺, with the final concentration for the metal cation ranging from 20 to 40mM (Zn^{2+} : 25 mM, 11 minutes; Co^{2+} 40 mM, 7 min; Hg²⁺ 20 mM, 2 minutes; Cd^{2+} 20 mM, 6 minutes; Ni²⁺: 40 mM, 15 minutes; Cu^{2+} : 15 mM, 10 minutes) and condition C8 supplemented with tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) tetrafluoroborate (20 mM, 10 minutes). Crystals were soaked for 2 to 15 minutes, depending on the visual assessment of the crystal quality, as they were disintegrating. Crystals were fished directly from the mother liquor and vitrified in liquid nitrogen before X-ray data collection. The X-ray diffraction data were measured at PETRAIII EMBL beamline $P13⁵$ and Rigaku PhotonJet-R home source. The diffraction images were indexed and integrated with the XDS package⁶ and CrysAlisPro software (Rigaku). The intensity data were scaled in XDS. The final data set statistics are characterized in Supplementary Table S3.

S1.7 Structure solution, refinement and validation

The crystal structure of PaSAHase in the 3′-dAdo/K+ complex was solved by molecular replacement, as implemented in the program PHASER⁷ from the *CCP4* suite⁸ using a PaSAHase model (PDB entry 6F3M).¹ For all datasets, the correct solution was found in space group *C*2 with four subunits in the asymmetric unit, corresponding to the active homotetramer of PaSAHase. Isotropic stereochemically-restrained structure-factor refinement was carried out in *REFMAC5*⁹ with maximum-likelihood targets and with the inclusion of three TLS¹⁰, as suggested by the *TLSMD* server^{11,12}. The ligands were identified without ambiguity in mF_o -DF_{*c*} omit electron density maps phased with the contribution of the protein atoms only. The occupancy of the ions was adjusted manually to satisfy electron density maps and ADP parameters. The *COOT* program¹³ was used for manual modelling in electron density maps. The stereochemical quality of the models was assessed using the *wwPDB* validation pipeline.¹⁴ Final refinement statistics for all four crystal structures are reported in Supplementary Table S3.

S1.8 Crystallographic data availability

The atomic coordinates and structure factors have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank with the accession codes 7ZD0 (PaSAHase-NAD⁺-Ado-Cd²⁺ complex), 7ZD1 ((PaSAHase-NAD⁺-Ado-Hg²⁺ complex), 7ZD2 ((PaSAHase-NAD⁺-Ado-Co²⁺ complex), 7ZD3 (PaSAHase-NAD⁺-Ado- Zn^{2+} complex) and 7ZD4 (PaSAHase-NAD⁺-Ado complex incubated with Cu⁺ ions). Raw diffraction images for all the structures have been deposited in the Macromolecular Xtallography Raw Data Repository (https://mxrdr.icm.edu.pl) with DOI numbers

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10.18150/5AWAJZ for 7ZD0, 10.18150/UROCDW for 7ZD1, 10.18150/K6NJZX for 7ZD2, 10.18150/AFE7CL for 7ZD3 and 10.18150/CT5OD5 for 7ZD4.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Enzyme inhibition parameters characterising the influence of transition metal cations on PaSAHase. The obtained values are averages of two replicates and \pm correspond to the standard error of the mean values.

Table S2. Thermodynamic parameters of PaSAHase-M²⁺ binding in the absence (no Ado, corresponding to the ligand-free PaSAHase in the open form) or presence of 600 μ M Ado (corresponding to PaSAHase-Ado complex in the closed conformation). The parameters calculated from curve fitting are given with standard deviations as follows: stoichiometry (*N*), dissociation constant (K_d) and changes in enthalpy (ΔH) and entropy (ΔS) .

*Parameters obtained in fitting the Hg²⁺-PaSAHase (open) titration curve with the model of *Two sets of binding sites*.

Table S3. Crystallographic data and refinement statistics for PaSAHase-Ado-M²⁺ complexes.

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* Statistics for the highest-resolution shell are shown in parentheses.

Table S4. Details on specific transition cation coordination by PASAHase with the corresponding cation-ligand distances (Å) listed for all chains (A-D).

 $*$ The octahedral coordination sphere of the Cd²⁺ cation is completed by two water molecules in chains A-C, whereas only one water molecule coordinatesthe cation in the subunit D.

** A significant disorder of the macromolecular environment that could not be satisfactorily resolved, as well as low occupancies of both Hg^{2+} ions, cause the coordination geometry, especially cation-ligand distances, cannot be determined with confidence.

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1. Initial study on inhibition of PaSAHase with some biologically and toxicologically relevant transition metal cations. Tests were conducted for the enzyme in the presence of Zn²⁺, Cu²⁺, Cd²⁺, Co²⁺, Ni²⁺, Mn²⁺, Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ ions. Tests were conducted at three cation concentrations corresponding to 1 (blue), 10 (red) and 100 µM (green bar). All measurements were performed at 293 K. Negative control was the enzymatic reaction without the addition of any transition metal cation.

Figure S2. The influence of transition metal cations with PaSAHase. Enzyme inhibition studies were conducted for the enzyme in the presence of Cd²⁺, Zn²⁺, Hg²⁺, Cu²⁺, Cu⁺, Co²⁺ and Ni²⁺ ions. Activities were measured at variable cations concentrations to determine the IC_{50} constants; all measurements were performed at 293 K in duplicates. Bars represent standard errors of the mean values.

Figure S3. Representative raw data (upper panels) and integrated peaks with the best fit of one set of sites model (bottom panels) were obtained after titrations of PaSAHase with M^{2+} in the absence (A-E) or presence (F-I) of adenosine.

Figure S4. PaSAHase melting temperature shifts in the presence of transition metal cations. Red arrows correspond to an increase, whereas blue ones correspond to a weakened thermal stability estimated for the cations under investigation. Some ions affect individual domains separately, as double melting temperature shifts are observed for Cd^{2+} and Zn^{2+} . (A) Results presented for the open-form enzyme. (B) Results presented for the PaSAHase-Ado complex in the closed conformation.

Figures S5. Observed masses of the PaSAHase reaction products.

Reaction without addition of $Cu²⁺$ ions

Reaction after the addition of Cu^{2+} ions

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