Supporting information

Avidin and streptavidin ligands based on the glycoluril bicyclic system

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a. Binding model and equations for a competitive titration with an enantiomerically pure ligand (single ligand).

Where

- I_t : Total concentration of indicator (HABA)
- S_t : Total concentration of protein subunits
- L_t : Total concentration of ligand
- [*I*] : Concentration of free indicator (HABA)
- [S] : Concentration of free protein subunits
- [L]: Concentration of free ligand
- [IS] : Concentration of complexed indicator
- [LS] : Concentration of complexed ligand
- K_{IS} : Binding constant of the indicator
- K_{LS} : Binding constant of the ligand

b. Binding model and equations for a competitive titration with a racemic ligand (or a mixture of two ligands).

$$S-I + L_{1} \implies S-L_{1} + I$$

$$S-L_{1} + L_{2} \implies S-L_{2} + I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}I \end{bmatrix} = \frac{I_{t}}{1 + K_{IS} \times [S]} \qquad \begin{bmatrix}IS \end{bmatrix} = K_{IS} \times [S] \times [I]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}L_{1} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L_{1t}}{1 + K_{LS} \times [S]} \qquad \begin{bmatrix}L_{1S} \end{bmatrix} = K_{LS} \times [S] \times [L_{1}]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}L_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L_{2t}}{1 + K_{LS} \times [S]} \qquad \begin{bmatrix}L_{2S} \end{bmatrix} = K_{LS} \times [S] \times [L_{2}]$$

$$[L_2] = \frac{2I}{1 + K_{L_2S} \times [S]} \qquad [L_2S] = K_{L_2S} \times [S] \times [L_2]$$

$$[S] = \frac{S_t}{1 + K_{IS} \times [I] + K_{L \mid S} \times [L \mid] + K_{L \mid S} \times [L \mid]]}$$

Where I_t , S_t , [S], [IS] and K_{IS} are as in part b of the supporting information, and

- $L_1 t$ = Total concentration of ligand 1 (or enantiomer 1)
- L_2t = Total concentration of ligand 2 (or enantiomer 2)
- $[L_I S]$ = Concentration of complexed ligand 1
- $[L_2S]$ = Concentration of complexed ligand 2
- K_{LIS} = Binding constant of ligand 1
- K_{L2S} = Binding constant of ligand 2

c. Binding isotherms form the competitive spectrophotometric titrations of the (S)Av-HABA complex with glycoluril-type ligands.



Figure 1. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Av 5.7 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 49.4 μ M with ligand **2a** in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model.



Figure 2. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Sav 10.6 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 35.7 μ M with ligand **2a** in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model.



Figure 3. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Sav 11.2 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 38.5 μ M with ligand **2b** in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model.



Figure 4. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Av 9.3 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 43.6 μ M with ligand (-)-2c in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model.



Figure 5. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Av 8.7 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 37.5 μ M with ligand (+)-2c in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model.



Figure 6. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Av 12.5 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 31.5 μ M with racemic **2c** in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model considering different binding constants for each enantiomer.



Figure 7. Absorption change at 500 nm in the titration of Av 9.3 μ M (tetramer) and HABA 38.3 μ M with racemic **2d** in phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH = 7.0. The solid line represents the fit of the data to the (1:1) binding model considering different binding constants for each enantiomer.