# **Supporting Informations for**

## Anthracene Derivatives Bearing Thiourea and Glucopyranosyl Groups for the Highly Selective Chiral Recognition of Amino Acids: Opposite Chiral Selectivities from Similar Binding Units

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## **Experimental Section**

**General methods.** Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. Flash chromatography was carried out on silica gel (230-400 mesh). Melting points were measured, and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using 300 MHz or 500 MHz NMR. Chemical shifts were expressed in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz.



## S-Scheme 1. Synthesis of host 1

#### Procedure

1,8-Diamino anthracene **3** was synthesized from 1,8-donitroanthraquinone following the reported procedures.<sup>1</sup> To a stirred solution of 1,8-diaminoanthracene **3** (0.1g, 0.48 mmol) in 5 ml of methlyene chloride was added dropwise a solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glycopyranosylisothiocynate(GITC) **4** (0.37 g, 0.95 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours under nitrogen gas. The reaction mixture was filtered through a filter paper and the resulting solution was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane: methanol= 1:1:0.1) to afford the product **1** (0.22 g, 0.22 mmol, 46 %) as a brown solid: mp. 162-164 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>16</sup> -29.5° (*c* = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, ppm) δ 1.94 (s, 12H), 1.96 (s, 6H), 1.99 (s, 6H), 4.00-4.12 (m, 4H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.95-5.05 (m, 4H), 5.41 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.61 (m, 7H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 9.73 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, ppm) δ 21.0, 20.1, 20.1, 30.1, 30.0, 62.1, 68.7, 71.1, 73.3, 73.5, 83.1, 115.4, 125.7, 128.0, 128.6, 132.9, 134.1, 169.5, 169.6, 170.4, 184.3, 206.2. IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3356.50, 2929.34, 1752.98, 1536.99, 1370.18, 1230.36, 1038.48, 599.75; HR-ESI-MS *m/z* = 987.2653 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>18</sub>S<sub>2</sub> = 987.2632.



## S-Scheme 2. Synthesis of host 2

## Procedure

1,8-Bis(aminomethyl)anthracene 5 was synthesized from 1,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)anthracene following the reported procedure.<sup>2</sup> To a stirred solution of 1,8-bis(aminomethyl)anthracene 5 (0.1g, 0.42 mmol) in 20 ml of methlyene chloride was added dropwise a solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glycopyranosyl-isothiocynate(GITC) 4 (0.33 g, 0.85 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 hour under nitrogen gas at room temperature. Solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate :hexane :methanol = 1:1:0.1) to afford the product 2 (0.30 g, 0.30 mmol, 70 %) as a yellow solid: mp. 160-162 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>16</sup> -13.2° (*c*=0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, ppm) δ 1.84 (s, 6H), 1.94 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 6H), 1.99 (s, 6H), 3.99-4.07 (m, 4H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 4.93-5.04 (m, 4H), 5.39 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (d, 4H), 6.00 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (t, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, ppm) δ 20.1, 20.2, 20.2, 46.6, 62.1, 68.6, 71.1, 73.5, 78.5, 82.3, 118.4, 125.4, 125.8, 128.2, 128.4, 129.8, 132.0, 134.4, 170.2, 170.4, 170.6, 171.0, 184.4; IR (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3360.35, 2925.34, 1547.59, 1377.89, 1234.22, 1037.52, 600.72; HR-ESI-MS *m*/z = 1015.2987 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>18</sub>S<sub>2</sub> = 1015.2946.



**S-Figure 1**. (a) Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (250 MHz) of host **2** upon addition of *t*-Boc-L-alanine (2eq.) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN; (b) Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (250 MHz) of host **2** upon addition of *t*-Boc-D-alanine (2eq.) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**S-Figure 2**. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY 2D NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of host **2** upon addition of t-Boc-Lalanine (1eq.) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (arrow: a cross peak of side chain CH<sub>3</sub> in *t*-Boc-L-alanine)



S-Figure 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of compound 1 in acetone-d<sub>6</sub>



S-Figure 4.  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of compound 1 in CD<sub>3</sub>CN



S-Figure 6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of compound 2 in CD<sub>3</sub>CN



 $K_a = 11841.78 M^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 7.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-D-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 2163.77 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 8.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-L-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 12628.88 M^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 9.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-D-leucine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 6273.74 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 10.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-L-leucine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .

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 $K_a = 4734.55 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 11.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-D-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 806.40 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 12.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-L-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 2759.22 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 13.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-D-Phenylglycine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm: [1 / (F<sub>0</sub>-F)] / [G].



 $K_a = 1246.93 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 14.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-L-Phenylglycine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 2303.43 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 15.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-D-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 23939.03 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 16.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-L-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 9933.45 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 17.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-D-leucine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 30894.72 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 18.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of *t*-Boc-D-leucine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 1392.84 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 19.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-D-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 9195.48 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 20.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-L-alanine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm : [1 / (F<sub>0</sub>-F)] / [G].



 $K_a = 3554.05 M^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 21.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-D-leucine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm : [1 / (F<sub>0</sub>-F)] / [G].



 $K_a = 11264.57 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 22.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of DNB-L-leucine in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 10873.95 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 23.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of Fluoride ion in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 7238.02 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 24.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of Chloride ion in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **1** at 360 nm:  $[1 / (F_0-F)] / [G]$ .



 $K_a = 16577.01 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

S-Figure 25. (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of 2 (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of 2 at 360 nm: [1 / (F<sub>0</sub>-F)] / [G].



 $K_a = 35571.95 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**S-Figure 26.** (a) Fluorescent titration spectra of **2** (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> ion in 100 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN (excitation: 360 nm). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plot of emission spectra of **2** at 360 nm : [1 / (F<sub>0</sub>-F)] / [G].

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## **Theoretical Calculations**

Density functional B3LYP/6-31G\* calculations were used for the geometry optimization for host **1** and D/L-t-Boc-alanine complexes. In the case of host **2** and D/L-t-Boc-alanine complexes, certain parts of the host 2 and D/L amino acids were considered with high levels of calculation (MP2/6-31G\*) in order to define the H- $\pi$  interactions appropriately; hence, we used ONIOM (MP2/6-31G\*+B3LYP/6-31G\*) based calculation for the geometry optimization. RIMP2/cc-pVDZ single point calculated energies on the ONIOM optimized geometries were used for the total energy comparison between the **2**-D-t-Boc-alanine complex and the **2**-L-t-Boc-alanine complex. The contribution of the H- $\pi$  interaction toward the total energy was calculated by considering the interaction between the anthracene moiety and two methyl moieties extracted from the ONIOM optimized geometries. Energies of the H- $\pi$  interacted moieties in acetonitrile were calculated with Isodensity surface polarized continuum model (IPCM) at the MP2/6-31G\* level.



**S-Figure 27**. Optimized geometries of a) **1**-L*-t*-Boc-alanine complex [at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level], and b) **2**-D*-t*-Boc-alanine complex [at the ONIOM (MP2/6-31G\*+B3LYP/6-31G\*) level]

In both the optimized geometries of 2-D-*t*-Boc-alanine and 2-L-*t*-Boc-alanine complexes, we observed that the distance from the methyl carbon atom of  $-CH_2$ -OAc in glucopyranosyl group to the anthracene plane is not significantly different from each other (3.75 Å vs. 3.63 Å). However, there is a significant difference in the distance from the methyl carbon atom of D-*t*-Boc-alanine/L-*t*-Boc-alanine to the anthracene plane (5.58 Å/4.15 Å). This is in agreement with the chemical shift changes observed for the H-atoms of the methyl group of D-*t*-Boc-alanine/L-*t*-Boc-alanine.

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