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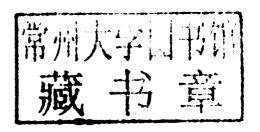
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#### **Preface**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Chinese International Peptide Symposium (CPS-2008), hosted by Tsinghua University and Northwestern Polytechnical University, was held at Xi'an, China, July 1–5, 2008 with more than 200 participants. The four-day conference was both intense and spiritually rewarding. Our goal for CPS-2008 was to provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge, cooperation and friendship between the international and Chinese scientific communities in peptide sciences.

The symposium consisted of 14 sessions with 68 oral and 90 poster presentations, including synthetic methods, molecular diversity and peptide libraries, structure and conformation of peptides and proteins, bioactive peptides, peptide immunology, denovo design and synthesis of proteins and peptides, ligand-receptor interactions, the chemistry-biology-interface and challenging problems in peptides.

The enthusiastic cooperation and excellent contributions were gratifying and the active response of the speakers contributed to the success of the symposium. The presentations were of excellent caliber and represented the most current and significant aspects of peptide science.

We greatly appreciate the generous financial assistance of the sponsors and donors, especially the National Natural Science Foundation of China, whose support was indispensable to make the meeting a great success.

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## Session 1 **Proteomics/Analytical/Structure**



#### Interaction of Local Anesthetic Drugs and Na<sup>+</sup> Channel Inactivation Gate Peptide in Linker between Domain III and IV by Electrospray Tandem Mass Spectrometry and Surface Plasma Resonance

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#### Introduction

Ion channels are membrane proteins that play a fundamental role in cell physiology and in signal transduction and transmission. To fulfill their functional role, such as Na<sup>+</sup> channels of nerve and muscle cells, they must be able to complete their state transitions in vivo among resting, open and fast inactivated states in a few milliseconds<sup>[1-3]</sup>. Fast inactivation is at least partly mediated by the cytoplasmic linker between domains III and IV (L<sub>III-IV</sub>). Mutations of a cluster of three hydrophobic residues within this linker, Ile<sup>1488</sup>, Phe<sup>1489</sup>, and Met<sup>1490</sup> (IFM), result in a channel that does not inactivate, and this triplet IFM has been proposed as a part of inactivation particle that may function as a hinged lid<sup>[4,5]</sup>. In addition, Voltage-gated Na<sup>+</sup> channels are the primary targets of many important therapeutic drugs, including local anesthetics and anticonvulsants<sup>[6,7]</sup>. The binding of therapeutic drugs not only blocks the voltage-gated sodium ion channels and hence stop the propagation of action potentials, but may also stabilize the fast inactivated state of the sodium ion channel directly<sup>[1]</sup>. The investigation of the interaction between the inactivation particle IFM motif and therapeutic drugs may provide understanding for the fast inactivated state which can be stabilized by the drug binding. In this study, BL-1, a model of IFM containing peptide with a sequence of acetyl-GGODIFMTEEK-OH, in the presence of an anticonvulsant diphenyl drug. phenytoin (DPH) are measured by electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) and surface plasma resonance (SPR) to obtain their interactions.

#### **Results and Discussion**

The measurements of a non-covalent peptide and an organic drug complex is challenging due to the fact that they tend to dissociate easily. However, ESI is a gentle ionization method that allows intact weakly bounded complexes to be detected<sup>[8]</sup>. Direct binding specie between BL-1 and DPH has been observed in the ESI-MS spectrometry<sup>[9]</sup>. The best binding condition is determined by drug titration experiment (Fig. 1). The major peak at m/z 668 in Fig. 1(a) corresponds to  $[M+3H<sub>2</sub>O+2H]^{2+}$ , where M (1279) is generated by the neutral loss of ammonia (-17u) from Lys (K) in the C-terminal of BL-1. A new peak at m/z 776.0 could be barely observed when BL-1 and DPH have a molar ratio of 1:5.6 after 18 hours of incubation at 40°C, and its abundance increased steadily while the DPH molar ratio increased up to 1:28 as shown in Fig. 1(c). This peak can be assigned as a [M+H<sub>2</sub>O+DPH+2H]<sup>2+</sup> complex. At a higher drug to BL-1 ratio in Fig. 1(d), the relative abundance at peak m/z 776 remained and no other complex signal was detectable. The results above suggest that BL-1 complex with DPH has a 1:1 stoichiometry.

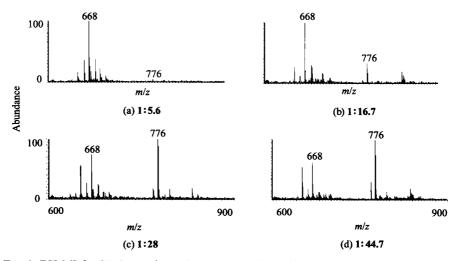


Fig. 1. ESI-MS for BL-1 complex with DPH were obtained in different molar ratios of BL-1 and DPH after 18 hours of incubation at 40  $^{\circ}$ C.

From NMR studies<sup>[10,11]</sup>, we found NH chemical shifts of BL-1 caused by DPH in phospholipid bicelles (DMPC/DHPC) are larger than in a phosphate buffer, which indicates the interaction between BL-1 and DPH is increased once an -helix is formed in the phospholipid bicelles. In

addition, the residues from Phe<sup>6</sup> to Clu<sup>10</sup> in the BL-1 C-terminal with remarkable chemical shift changes caused by DPH bound demonstrates that they are involved in inhibitor-receptor interaction. From SPR<sup>[12]</sup> studies, we have established the technology of the lipid system to capture L1 chip and can be observed by BIACore 3000. Soy lecithin nanoemulsion (SLN) is determined as a better lipid system for our study because its consis-

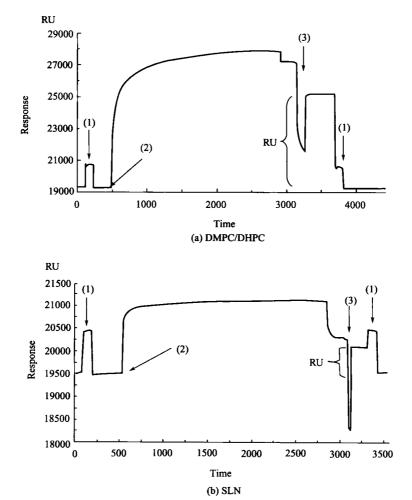


Fig. 2. Captured responses were compared in two different liposomes (resonance unite, RU). (a) DMPC/DHPC = 0.5/1 mM; (b) 1mM SLN. The capture program is (1) 20 mM CHAPS,  $20 \mu l/min$ ,  $40 \mu l$ ; (2) Liposome captured,  $2 \mu l/min$ ,  $80 \mu l$ ; and (3) 10 mM NaOH,  $100 \mu l/min$ ,  $50 \mu l$ . DMPC: 1,2-dimyristoyl-sn-glycero-3- phosphatidylcholine, DHPC: 1,2-dihexanoy-sn-glycero-3-phosphatidylcholine. SLN: Soy Lecithin Nanoemulsion.