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### **Formation constants of copper(I) complexes with cysteine, penicillamine and glutathione: implications for copper speciation in the human eye**

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Table S1 Titration information for the determination of the protonation constants of the thioamino acids CSH, PSH and GSH<sup>a</sup>.

| System | $N_t$ | $N_{dp}$ | p[H] range  |
|--------|-------|----------|-------------|
| CSH    | 19    | 939      | 1.6 to 11.8 |
| PSH    | 12    | 902      | 1.8 to 11.9 |
| GSH    | 18    | 1053     | 1.8 to 11.9 |

<sup>a</sup>  $N_t$ : Number of titrations;  $N_{dp}$ : Number of data points.

Table S2 Titration information for the determination of the formation constants of the binary complexes of Cu(I) with CSH, PSH and GSH<sup>a</sup>.

| Ligand | $N_t$ | $N_{dp}$ | p[H] range                              |
|--------|-------|----------|---|
| CSH    | 42    | 2011     | 5.2 to 11.4 <sup>b</sup>                |
| PSH    | 15    | 993      | 1.7 to 11.5                             |
| GSH    | 15    | 617      | 1.5 to 2.3 and 6.9 to 12.0 <sup>c</sup> |

<sup>a</sup>  $N_t$ : Number of titrations;  $N_{dp}$ : Number of data points. <sup>b</sup> Precipitation occurred at p[H] < 5.2.

<sup>c</sup> Precipitation occurred in the range 2.3 < p[H] < 6.9.

Table S3 Titration information for the ternary Cu(I)–CSH–PSH and Cu(I)–CSH–GSH systems<sup>28</sup>.

| Ligands | $N_t$ | $N_{dp}$ | p[H] range  |
|---------|-------|----------|-------------|
| CSH–PSH | 19    | 952      | 1.5 to 11.9 |
| CSH–GSH | 18    | 891      | 1.4 to 11.6 |

Table S4 Measured formation constants of the ternary Cu(I)–CSH–PSH and Cu(I)–CSH–GSH systems at 25 °C in  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl<sup>28</sup>.

| Cu(I) with | OBJT    | $\lg\beta_{1110}(\sigma)$ | $\lg\beta_{1111}(\sigma)$ | $\lg\beta_{1114}(\sigma)$ | $\lg\beta_{2111}(\sigma)$ | $\lg\beta_{2123}(\sigma)$ |
|------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| CSH–PSH    | 3.60E–8 | 15.71(1)                  | 25.89(1)                  |                           | 37.54(2)                  |                           |
| CSH–GSH    | 3.42E–8 |                           |                           | 44.502(8)                 | 38.29(2)                  | 58.92(2)                  |

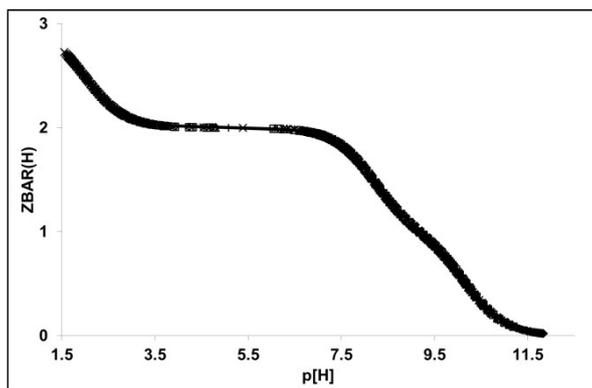


Fig. S1 Proton formation function for CSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl. Open symbols, experimental data; solid line, calculated curve.

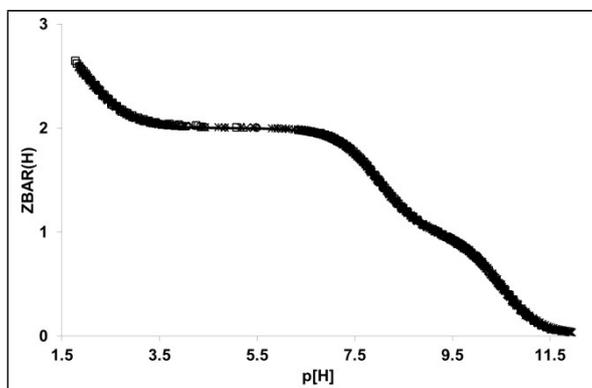


Fig. S2 Proton formation function for PSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl. Open symbols, experimental data; solid line, calculated curve.

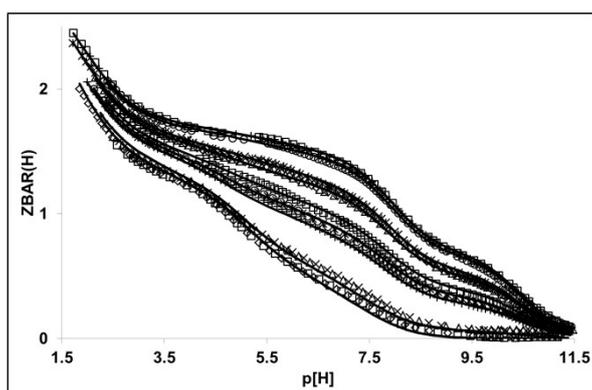


Fig. S3 Proton formation functions for Cu(I)-PSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl with  $[\text{Cu(I)}]_{\text{T}} = (4 \text{ to } 5)$  mM. Open symbols, experimental data at Cu(I):PSH = 1:1, 2:3, 1:2 and 1:3; solid lines, calculated curves.

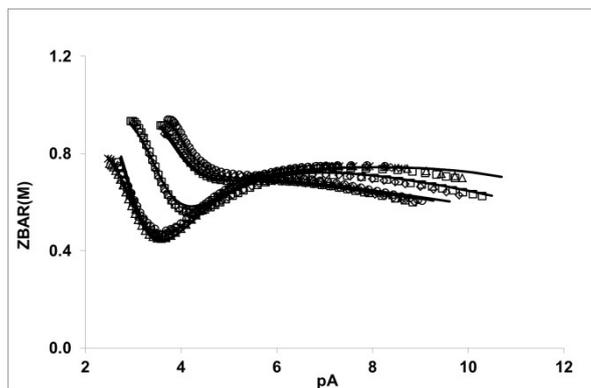


Fig. S4 Metal formation functions for Cu(I)–CSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl with  $[\text{Cu(I)}]_{\text{T}} = (4 \text{ to } 5)$  mM. Open symbols, experimental data at Cu(I):CSH = 1:1, 2:3, and 1:3; solid lines, calculated curves.

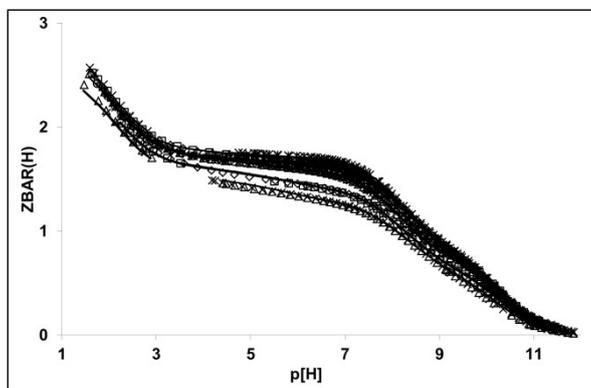


Fig. S5 Proton formation functions for Cu(I)–CSH–PSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl with  $[\text{Cu(I)}]_{\text{T}} = (4 \text{ to } 10)$  mM. Open symbols, experimental data at Cu(I):CSH:PSH = 1:1:1, 1:1:2, 1:1:3, 1:2:2, and 1:3:1; solid lines, calculated curves.

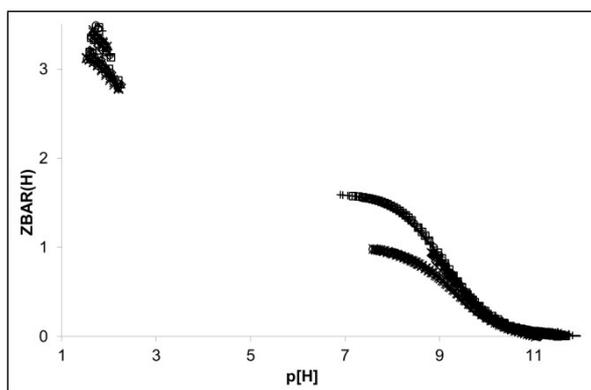


Fig. S6 Proton formation functions for Cu(I)–GSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl with  $[\text{Cu(I)}]_{\text{T}} = (4 \text{ to } 7)$  mM. Open symbols, experimental data at Cu(I):GSH = 1:1, 2:3, 1:2 and 1:3; solid lines, calculated curves.

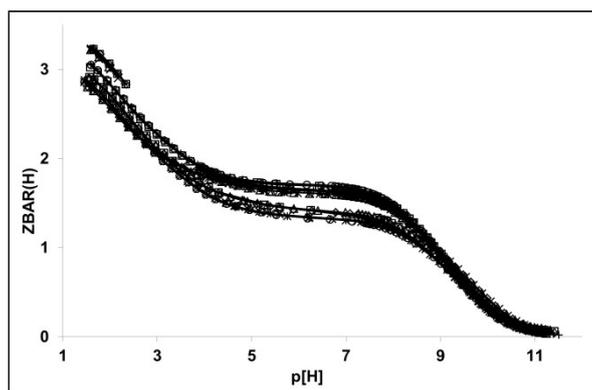


Fig. S7 Proton formation functions for Cu(I)–CSH–GSH at 25 °C and  $I = 1.00$  M (Na)Cl with  $[\text{Cu(I)}]_{\text{T}} = (4 \text{ to } 10)$  mM. Open symbols, experimental data at Cu(I):CSH:GSH = 1:1:1, 1:1:2, 1:1:3, 1:2:2, and 1:3:1; solid lines, calculated curves.