Manipulating the Stereoselectivity of the Robust Baeyer-Villiger Monooxygenase TmCHMO by Directed Evolution

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Materials and chemicals

KOD Hot Start DNA Polymerase was obtained from Novagen. Restriction enzyme *Dpn* I was bought from NEB. The oligonucleotides were synthesized by Life Technologies. Plasmid preparation kit was ordered from Zymo Research, and PCR purification kit was bought from QIAGEN. DNA sequencing was conducted by GATC Biotech. All commercial chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Tokyo Chemical Industry (TCI) or Alfa Aesar.

Methods

Docking 4-methycyclohexanone into WT TmCHMO

The X-ray structure of TmCHMO (5M10) was used as the basis for docking calculations. 4methylcyclohexanone was prepared for docking using ChemDraw. Docking was performed using Autodock Vina. For this, the pdb file 5M10 was downloaded, hydrogens were added, and water, buffer and the ligand were removed. To prepare a suitable receptor for ligand docking, a simulation cell was defined by amino acids of the active site cavity (L145, L146, F248, G278, F279, R329, F434, T435, N436, L437, W492, and F507). The docking pose with the carbonyl atom closest to the flavin C(4a) was taken as the final docking pose.

PCR based methods for library construction of TmCHMO

Libraries were constructed using Over-lap PCR and megaprimer approach with KOD Hot Start polymerase. 50 µL reaction mixtures typically contained 30 µL water, 5 µL KOD hot start polymerase buffer (10×), 3 µL 25 mM MgSO₄, 5 µL 2 mM dNTPs, 2.5 µL DMSO, 0.5 µL (50~100 ng) template DNA, 100 µM primers Mix (0.5 µL each) and 0.5 µL KOD hot start polymerase. The PCR conditions for short fragment: 95 °C 3 min, (95 °C 30 sec, 56 °C 30 sec, 68 °C 40 sec) × 30 cycles, 68 °C 120 sec. For mega-PCR: 95 °C 3 min, (95 °C 30 sec, 60 °C 30 sec, 68 °C 6 min) × 28 cycles, 68 °C 10 min. The PCR products were analyzed on agarose gel by electrophoresis and purified using a Qiagen PCR purification kit. 2 µL NEB CutSmartTM Buffer and 2 µL *Dpn* I were added in 50 µL PCR reaction mixture and the digestion was carried out at 37 °C for 7 h. After *Dpn* I digestion, the PCR products 1.5 µL were directly transformed into electro-competent *E. coli*Top10 to create the final library for Quick Quality Control (QQC)³ and screening.

Primer design and library creation of TmCHMO

Primer design and library construction depend upon the particular amino acid chosen, and the eleven single sites saturation mutagenesis libraries (L145, L146, F248, F279, R329, F434, T435, N436, L437, W492 and F507) of TmCHMO were constructed following the procedure: 1) Amplification of the short fragments of TmCHMO using mixed primers L145NNK-F/L145-R, L146NNK-F/L146-R, F248NNK-F/F248-R, F279NNK-F/F279-R, R329NNK-F/R329-R, F434NNK-F/F434-R, T435NNK-F/T435-R, N436NNK-F/N436-R, L437NNK-F/L437-R, W492NNK-F/W492-R and F507NNK-F/F507-R for libraries L145NNK, L146NNK, F248NNK, F279NNK, R329NNK, F434NNK, T435NNK, N436NNK, L437NNK, W492NNK and F507NNK, respectively; 2) Amplification of the whole plasmid TmCHMO using the PCR products of step1 as

megaprimers, leading to the final various plasmids for library generation.

For rational designed 5-residue randomization mutagenesis library: 1) Amplification of the short fragments of TmCHMO using mixed primers 146E/L-**F**/434I/F+435F/Y/W/T+437T/A/G/L-**R** and 434I/F+435F/Y/W/T+437T/A/G/L-**F**/507W/F-**R**, respectively; 2) Over-lap PCR using the PCR products of step 2 as template and mixed primers 146E/L-**F**/507W/F-**R**; 3) Amplification of the whole plasmid TmCHMO using the PCR products of step2 as megaprimers, leading to the final variety plasmids for library generation.

For ISM, the libraries A and B were constructed as following procedure: 1) Amplification of the short fragments of TmCHMO using mixed primers F434NDT/T435NDT-F/F434/T435-R and L146NDT-F/F507NDT-R for Libraries A and B, respectively; 2) Amplification of the whole plasmid TmCHMO using the PCR products of step1 as megaprimers, leading to the final various plasmids for library generation. All the primers used are listed in Table S5. The PCR products were digested by *Dpn* I and transformed into electro-competent *E. coli*Top10 to create the library for screening.

Screening procedures

Colonies were picked up and transferred into deep-well plates containing 300 μ L LB medium with 50 ug/mL carbenicillin and cultured overnight at 37 °C with shaking. An aliquot of 120 μ L was transferred to glycerol stock plate and stored at -80°C. Subsquently, 800 μ L TB medium containing 0.02% (0.2g/L) L-arabinose and 50 μ g/mL carbenicillin was added directly to the culture plate, then continued to culture it for 16 h at 25 °C with shaking for protein expression. The cell pellets were harvested, then washed with 400 μ L of 50 mM, pH 7.4 potassium phosphate buffer. The cell pellets were resuspended in 400 μ L of the same buffer and 4-methycyclohexanone (final concentration 10 mM in reaction system) in 20 μ l methanol was added. The plates were incubated at 30 °C, 800 rpm, 18h. The product and remaining substrate were extracted using equal volumes of ethyl acetate (EtOAc) for GC analysis by chiral column (Supplementary Table S 6)

Protein expression and purification

All enzymes were expressed using *E. coli* Top10 cells in the presence of L-arabinose and purified using Ni-sepharose resin, as previously described.¹ The purified HisTag-SUMO-TmCHMO fusion protein was incubated overnight with SUMO protease. Subsequently, a Ni²⁺-Sepharose column was used to capture the SUMO-His-Tag protein yielding isolated TmCHMO in the flow through.

Determination of kinetic parameters

Enzyme activity for kinetic parameters was measured by monitoring the consumption of NADPH at 340 nm. The activity assay was performed in a mixture containing 0.15 mM NADPH and varying concentration of 4-methylcyclohexanone (0-50mM) with 5% (final) methanol as cosolvent. It should be noted that 0.05μ M WT (reacting too fast in higher concentration) and 2 μ M mutants were used in each reaction.

To determine NADPH affinity, varying amounts of NADPH were added to mixture with constant 2.5 mM substrate. The limitations of the assay are the quick consumption of the NADPH at low concentrations and too high absorbance in high concentrations.

Determination of thermostability by ThermoFAD method

The $T_{\rm m}$ was determined using the ThermoFAD method. Specifically, 25 µl samples containing 1 mg/ml purified enzyme were prepared in a 96-well thin wall PCR plate, and then the plate was heated from 20°C to 90°C, increasing temperature by 0.5°C/10 seconds, using an RT-PCR machine (CFX96-Touch, Bio-Rad Laboratories), which could measure fluorescence using a 450–490 excitation filter and a 515–530 nm emission filter. The melting point was defined as the temperature when the first derivative of the observed fluorescent signal showed maximum value.

Biotransformation reactions for tested substrates

1mL PBS buffer (pH 7.4, 50mM) containing recombinant expressed cells (OD_{600} =35) and 10mM substrate [final concentration, methanol as co-solvent (5% of total volume)] were added into 25mL flask (providing enough oxygen), and the reaction was performed at 30°C with shaking (220 rpm) for 24h. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate containing 0.1 mM Methylbenzoate as the internal standard for GC analysis.

Chemical reference reactions

Chemical reactions were conducted for the substrates 2-benzylcyclohexanone, 4-phenylcyclohexanone, 4tertbutylcyclohexanone and bicycle[4.2.0)Octan-7-one, which we could not find their enantiomers through enzymatic reference reactions. Specifically, substrate (4.0 μ mol, 8 μ l of a 0.5 M stock solution in dioxane) and 3-chloroperbenzoic acid [8.9 μ mol, 20 μ l of a 10%w/v stock solution of reagent grade 3-chloroperbenzoic acid (77% w/w) in dichloromethane, 2.2 equiv] were combined in a micro-inlay for GC vials. This results in a final concentration of 0.160 M ketone and 0.360 M peracid. The clear colorless solution was shaken at room temperature for 18 h. The solution was diluted with dichloromethane (100 μ l) and transferred into a 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube. A solution of triethylamine (ca. 45 μ mol, 1000 μ l of 0.6% v/v solution in dichloromethane, ca. 9 equiv.) and water (500 μ l). The biphasic mixture was shaken for 30 min and centrifuged for 30 s at 10 kRCF at room temperature. The aqueous layer was removed and the organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. Methylbenzoat as standard was added and the solution was analyzed *via* GC.

Chemical synthesis of 5-methyloxepan-2-one

Synthesis of 5-methyloxepan-2-one: To a solution of 4-Methylcyclohexanone (200 mg, 1.78 mmol) in 10 mL CH₂Cl₂ was added at 0°C *m*-CPBA (800 mg, 4.64 mmol) and TFA (136 μ L, 1.78 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and left to react 24h. In continuation, 10% Na₂S₂O₃ (5 mL) was added and the mixture was further stirred for another 2h. The organic layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL), washed twice with saturated sol. NaHCO₃, and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the crude reaction mixture was purified using column chromatography (EA : PE=1:4) to afford *5-methyloxepan-2-one* a colorless oil (175 mg, 77%). NMR data are in concordance with the ones reported in the literature.²

Schemes, Tables and Figures

List	Mutations	ee (%)	Favored enantiomer	Conversion rate
LGY1-146-H11	L146E	95%	S	70%
LGY1-434-C4	F434I	94%	S	74%
LGY1-435-B12	T435F	95%	S	95%
LGY1-435-C12	T435Y	95%	S	97%
LGY1-435-D9	T435W	96%	S	97%
LGY1-437-C6	L437G	85%	S	44%
LGY1-437-E7	L437T	77%	S	33%
LGY1-437-E12	L437A	74%	S	65%
LGY1-507-D3	F507W	95%	S	64%

Table S1. Screening results of single site saturation mutagenesis at positions (L145, L146, F248, F279, R329, F434, T435, N436, L437, W492 and F507) towards 4-methylcyclohexanone.

Table S2. The code used for the construction of 5-residue randomization mutagenesis library.

Positions	Code
146	E/L
434	I/F
435	F/Y/W/T
437	T/A/G/L
507	W/F

Table S3. Screening results of 5-residue randomization mutagenesis library towards 4methycyclohexanone.

List	Mutations	ee (%)	Favored	Conversion rate
			enantiomer	
LGY-R1-C10	T435F/L437A/F507W	60%	R	70%
LGY-R2-A7	T435F/L437A	50%	R	96%
LGY-R2-F7	T435W/L437A/F507W	66%	R	50%

Table S4. Screenin	g results of libraries A and B towards 4-methy	lcyclohexanone.
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Library	Code	Mutations	ee (%)	Favored	Conversion
template	LGY437-E12	L437A	74%	S	65%
LOV427	LGY2-1-A10	F434L/T435F/L437A	54%	R	68%
LGY43/-	LGY2-2-B3	F434I/T435F/L437A	53%	R	62%
$E12 \rightarrow A$	LGY2-2-G4	F434I/T435L/L437A	64%	R	77%
template	LGY2-2-G4	F434I/T435L/L437A	64%	R	77%
_	LGY3-1-D12	F434I/T435L/L437A/F50	86%	R	93%
A D	LGY3-1-E2	7L L146V/F434I/T435L/L43 7A/F507L	87%	R	60%
А→В	LGY3-4-D11	L146F/F434I/T435L/L43 7A/F507C	94%	R	86%
	LGY3-4-E5	F434I/T435L/L437A/F50 7V	91%	R	96%

Library	Primers	Sequence (5' to 3')
L145NNK		
	L145NNK-F	CCGCGCTGGGTNNKCTGAGCCGTAGCAACA
	L 145 D	
L146NNK	L145-K	
	L146NNK-F	CCGCGCTGGGTCTGNNKAGCCGTAGCAACA
	L146-R	CGTTGCCGCTCGGAACGCAGT
F248NNK	F248NNK-F	ACCGTTGCGNNKGGCTTTGAGGAAAGCA
	F248 -R	TTCGCGTACAGATCGGTCGGGGTC
F279NNK	F279NNK-F	AAAGGCAACGGTNNKCGTTTTATGTTCGG
	F279-R	TTCGCGTACAGATCGGTCGGGGTC
R329NNK		
	R329NNK-F	CTGTACGCGAAANNKCCGCTGTGCAACG
	R329-R	GCAGGTTCATCGCACGGTAGTTA
F434NNK		
	F434NNK-F	AACGGTCCGNNKACCAACCTGCCGCCGA
	F434-R	ACCCGGAATGTTCGCGCCGAAGA
T435NNK	T435NNK-F	CGGTCCGTTTNNKAACCTGCCGCCGAGCA
	T435-R	ACCCGGAATGTTCGCGCCGAAGA
N436NNK	N436NNK-F	
I A27NINK	N436-R	ACCCGGAATGTTCGCGCCGAAGA
L45/ININK	L437NNK-F	GGTCCGTTTACCAACNNKCCGCCGAGCAT
	L437-R	ACCCGGAATGTTCGCGCCGAAGA
W492NNK	W492NNK-F	AGGCGGATAGCNNKATCTTCGGCGCGAA
	17 17 21 11 11 1	
	W492-R	CTTGCGCACGTTCACCACGCAGTTGGA

 Table S5. List of primers for TmCHMO libraries.

F507NNK	Economi		
	F50/NNK	X-F	CGCGGTTATGNNKTACCTGGGCGGTC
	F507-R		CTTGCGCACGTTCACCACGCAGTTGGA
			ACCGCGCTGGGTCTGCTGAGCCGTAGCAACATCCCGG
		ee-146L-F	A
	146E/L-		ACCGCGCTGGGTCTGGAGAGCCGTAGCAACATCCCGG
	F	ee-146E-F	A
		ee-434I/F-435F/Y-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCGWTTTWTAACRCGCCGCCGA
		437T/A-F	GCATTGAGGC
Rational		ee-434I/F-435W-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCGWTTTGGAACRCGCCGCCGA
designed 5-		4371/A-F	GCATTGAGGC
residue		ee-4341/F-435T-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCGWTTACCAACRCGCCGCCGA
randomizati		43/1/A-F	
on		ee-4341/F-435F/Y-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCGWTTTWTAACGGTCCGCCGA
mutagenesis		43/G-F	GCATIGAGGC
library		ee-4341/F-435F/Y-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCGWTTTWTAACCTGCCGCCGA
		457L-1	
		437G-F	GCATTGAGGC
		ee_434I/F_435W_	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCGWTTTGGAACCTGCCGCCGA
	434I/E+	437L-F	GCATTGAGGC
	4341/F+ 435F/V/	ee-434I/F-435T-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCG WTTACC AAC GGT CCGCCGA
	W/T+43	437G-F	GCATTGAGGC
	7T/A/G/	ee-434I/F-435T-	TGGGCCCGAACGGTCCG WTTACC AAC CTG CCGCCGA
	L-F	437L-F	GCATTGAGGC
		ee-434I/F-435F/Y-	GCCTCAATGCTCGGCGGCGYGTTAWAAAWCGGACCG
		437T/A-R	TTCGGGCCCA
		ee-434I/F-435W-	GCCTCAATGCTCGGCGGCGYGTTCCAAAWCGGACCG
		437T/A-R	TTCGGGCCCA
		ee-434I/F-435T-	GCCTCAATGCTCGGCGGCGYGTTGGTAAWCGGACCG
		437T/A-R	TTCGGGCCCA
		ee-434I/F-435F/Y-	GCCTCAATGCTCGGCGGGCGGACCGTTAWAAAWCGGACCG
		437G-R	TTCGGGCCCA
		ee-434I/F-435F/Y-	GCCTCAATGCTCGGCGGCAGGTTAWAAAWCGGACCG
		437L-R	TTCGGGCCCA
		ee-434I/F-435W-	GCCTCAATGCTCGGCGGGCCGTTCCAAAWCGGACCG
		43/G-K	
	10.17	ee-4341/F-435W-	
	4341/F+	45/L-K	
	435F/Y/	437C P	TTCGGGCCCA
	W/1+45 7T/A/G/	43/0-K	
	L-R	437L-R	TTCGGGCCCA
	<u> </u>		CCAGACCGCCCAGGTAGAACATAACCGCGTGACGT
		ee-507F-R	
	507W/F		CCAGACCGCCCAGGTACCACATAACCGCGTGACGT
	-R	ee-507W-R	
ISM	LOVIA	F434NDT/T435ND	GCCCGAACGGTCCGNDTNDTAACGCGCCGCCGAGCA
	LGY43	1-F	
	$F12 \rightarrow A$	F434/T435-R	ACCCGGAAIGTICGCGCCGAAGA
		1 TJT/ 1 TJJ-IX	
	A→B	L146NDT-F	
			GACCGCCCAGGTAAHNCATAACCGCG
		F507NDT-R	

 Table S6. Conditions for GC analyses.

Entry	Procedure	Retention time	Comment
1a	155°C, 5°C /min, 170°C (1 min),	1a : 0.67 min,	All chemicals were
	50°C/min, 200°C (1 min). H ₂ :	(S)-2a: 3.44 min	identified by
	1.5bar	(<i>R</i>)-2a: 3.52 min	comparison with
	Column: Hydrodex-β-TBDAc,		authentic samples.
	25 m x 0.25 mm ID, 0.15 μm.		This method was
			used for Screening
1a	80°C (2min), 5°C/min,	1a : 6.08 min	
	160°C(1min), 10°C/min,	(S)-2a: 14.33 min	
	220°C(8min). Helium: 2ml/min.	(<i>R</i>)-2a : 14.75 min	
	Column: BGB173, 30 m x 0.25		
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.		
1b	80°C (2min); 2°C/min, 220°C	1b : 34.8	
	(8min), Helium: 2ml/min.	(S)- 2b : 50.997	
	Column: BGB175, 30 m x 0.25	(<i>R</i>)-2b: 51.282	
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.		
1c	80°C (2min), 5°C/min,	1c : 13.143 min	
	160°C(1min), 10°C/min,	(<i>R</i>)-2c: 22.512 min	
	220°C(8min). Helium: 2ml/min.	(S)-2c: 22.583 min	
	Column: BGB175, $30 \text{ m x } 0.25$		
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.		
1d	$80^{\circ}C$ (2min), $5^{\circ}C/min$,	Id: 21.855 min	
	$160^{\circ}C(1min), 10^{\circ}C/min,$	(+)-2d: 27.8 min	
	$220^{\circ}C(8min)$. Helium: $2ml/min$.	(-)-2d: 28.073 min	
	Column: BGB175, $30 \text{ m x } 0.25$		
2	11111 ID, 0.23	3 : 5 3 12 min	
3	$160^{\circ}C(1min);$ $10^{\circ}C/min,$	5 . 5.342 mm (AP:6S) A: 18 53 min	
	100 C(11111), 10 C/1111, $220^{\circ}C(8min) Holium: 2ml/min$	(4R,03)-4. 18.55 mm (4S:6P) 4: 18.62 min	
	Column: $BGB173 = 30 \text{ m x } 0.25$	(45,0K)- 4 . 18.02 mm	
	mm ID 0.25 µm		
59	80°C (2min): 2°C/min 220°C	5 a [.] 26 187 min	
Ja	(8min) Helium $2ml/min$	(S)-6a: 46 767 min	
	Column: BGB173 30 m x 0.25	(R)-6a: 46 997min	
	mm ID, 0.25 µm.	()	
5b	80°C (2min); 2°C/min, 220°C	5b : 41.713 min	
	(8min), Helium: 2ml/min.	(S)-6b: 60.803 min	
	Column: BGB173, 30 m x 0.25	(<i>R</i>)-6b: 61.1 min	
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.		
7	80°C (2min), 5°C/min,	7: 4.647 min	
	160°C(1min), 10°C/min,	N(-)-8a: 14.233 min	
	220°C(8min). Helium: 2ml/min.	N(+)-8a: 14.31 min	
	Column: BGB173, 30 m x 0.25	ABN(-)-8b: 13.133 min	
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.	ABN(+)-8b: -	
9	80°C (2min), 5°C/min,	9 : 7.357 min	
	160°C(1min), 10°C/min,	N(-)-10a : 16.37 min	
	220°C(8min). Helium: 2ml/min.	N(+)-10a: 16.22 min	
	Column: BGB173, 30 m x 0.25	ABN(-)-10b : 15.28 min	
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.	ABN(+)-10b : 17.19 min	
11	80°C (2min), 5°C/min,	11: 7.305 or 7.492 min	
	160°C(1min), 10°C/min,	P(-)-12a : 19.508 min	

	220°C(8min). Helium: 2ml/min.	P(+)-12a : 19.073 min
	Column: BGB175, 30 m x 0.25	D(-)-12b : 19.41 min
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.	D(+)-12b : 19.635 min
13	110°C (2min); 10°C/min,	13: 9.1min
	118°C;2°C/min 122°C;	(S)-14a: 11.1 min
	25°C/min, 200°C (1min);	(<i>R</i>)-14a: 11.5 min
	50°C/min, 220°C (4min),	
	Helium: 2ml/min.	
	Column: BGB175, 30 m x 0.25	
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.	
15	80°C (2min); 2°C/min, 220°C	15 : 39.83 min
	(8min). Helium: 2ml/min.	(S)-16a: 57.6 min
	Column: BGB175, 30 m x 0.25	(<i>R</i>) -16a : 57.88 min
	mm ID, 0.25 μm.	



Figure S1. Plots of the substrate concentration dependency of the observed rates of NADPH consumption. The curves (solid lines) correspond to fitting the data with the Michaelis-Menten formula with substrate inhibition for 4-methylcyclohexanone. The dotted line indicates the uncoupling rate (the observed NADPH oxidase rate in absence of the substrate). The WT enzyme (A) displays a very low K_M ($K_M < 1 \mu$ M, the inset shows rates in the μ M range) while at high concentrations significant substrate inhibition is observed. The LGY3-4-D11 mutant (B) shows a maximal rate of around 0.2 s⁻¹ and the rate is only slightly higher than the uncoupling rate. The LGY3-4-E5 mutant (C) displays the lowest uncoupling rate and a relatively high K_M , while the k_{cat} and K_I are similar to the WT enzyme.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.29 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 2.69 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.54 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.12 (s), 77.58 (s), 77.16 (s), 76.74 (s), 68.18 (s), 37.38 (s), 35.38 (s), 33.33 (s), 30.91 (s), 22.22 (s). ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of lactone



Figure S3. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of lactone



Figure S4. ESI (+) MS spectrum of lactone



Figure S5. HRMS spectrum of lactone

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