# Engineering a Homochiral Metal-Organic Framework Based on Amino Acid for Enantioselective Separation

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#### 1. Materials and general procedures.

All of the chemicals are commercially available and used without any further purification. NMR date were collected on an Agilent VNMRS-600 spectrometer. The IR (KBr pellet) spectrum was recorded (400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region) on a Nicolet Magna 750 FTIR spectrometer. Electrospray ionization mass spectra (ES-MS) were recorded on a Finnigan LCQ mass spectrometer using MeOH as mobile phase. Single-crystal XRD data for (S)-1 were collected several times at 100 K at NFPS (Shanghai) synchrotron radiation on BL17B beamline using  $\lambda = 0.65247$  Å for several times, and the best dataset was chosen to be indexed, integrated and scaled using the APEX3 program. The structure of (S)-1 was solved by the direct methods with SHELXS-2018 and refined with SHELXL-2018 using OLEX 2-1.2. All the hydrogen atoms attached to the ligand were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model. Contributions to scattering due to these highly disordered guest molecules in 1 were removed using the SQUEEZE subroutine of the PLATON software package. The structure was then refined again using the resulting new HKL file. 1 can be best formulated as  $[(Zn_4O)_2(L)_6(bpy)_3]$ , on the basis of single-crystal diffraction, IR spectra and thermogravimetric analyses (TGA). Crystal data and details of the data collection are given in Table S1, while the selected bond distances and angles are presented in Tables S2. CCDC number of 1 is 1968168, which contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif. Thermogravimetric analyses of 1 was carried out in a nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 °C/min on a TGA-50 thermogravimetric analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected on a DMAX2500 diffractometer using Cu Ka radiation. The simulated powder pattern was calculated using Mercury based on single crystal diffraction data of 1. The circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on a J-800 spectropolarimeter. The date of dye absorption experiment was recorded on an Agilent Technologies carry UV/Vis Spectrometer. Analytical high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on an Agilent Technologies 1260 Infinity II with UV detection. Analytical ChiralCel OD-H/OJ-H/AS-H column (4.6 mm×25 cm) from Daicel were used.

#### 2. Synthesis

#### 2.1 Synthesis of $H_2L$



2.1 Synthesis of  $Me_2L$ .

A mixture of Et<sub>3</sub>N (16.8 mL, 120 mmol) and *L*-phenylalanine methyl ester (17.9 g, 100 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL) was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes, then a solution of terephthaloyl chloride 42.4 g (210 mmol) in 50 ml dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added slowly. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 8 hours. After the reaction, the mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and washed by 2M HCl and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, respectively. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was further purified by flash chromatography over silica gel, which afforded 46.3 g Me<sub>2</sub>L with ca. 95% yield based on *L*-phenylalanine methyl ester.

#### 2.2 Synthesis of $H_2L$ .

Me<sub>2</sub>L (20.0 g, 41.0 mmol) and LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (4.3 g, 102.5 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture solvent of THF (40 mL), MeOH (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 8 h. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and then acidified with 2M HCl. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried in air to afford 16.3 g of white solid of H<sub>2</sub>L in a ca. 98%.

### 2.3 Synthesis of (S)-1 and (R)-1.

A mixture of  $Zn(CH_3COO)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  (18.3 mg, 0.10 mmol), (S)-H<sub>2</sub>L (23 mg, 0.05 mmol) and bipyridine (7.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) was placed in a glass vial containing DMA (5 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and EtOH (5 mL). The vial was sealed tightly and heated at 80°C for one day. Colorless triangular prism-like crystals of (S)-1 were formed, washed with acetone, and dried in air. Yield: 23.6 mg, ~75% based on H<sub>2</sub>L. The synthesis process of (R)-1 is the same as that of (S)-1, except the ligand (R)-H<sub>2</sub>L is instead by (S)-H<sub>2</sub>L.

#### 3. Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 1.

Identification code	(S)-1		
Empirical formula	$C_{93}H_{78}N_9O_{19}Zn_4$		
Formula weight	1887.12		
Temperature (K)	100		
Wavelength (Å)	0.65247		
Crystal system, space group	Trigonal, P321		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 25.6587(8) Å $alpha = 90$ deg.		
	b = 25.6587(8)  Å beta = 90 deg.		
	c = 10.1334(5)  Å gamma = 120 deg.		
Volume	5777.7(5) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.085 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.697 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	1942		
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	2.497 to 27.869		
Limiting indices	-36<=h<=36, -36<=k<=36, -14<=l<=14		
Reflections collected Independent reflections	103649 / 11693 [R(int) = 0.0872]		
Completeness to theta Refinement method	98.7 %		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	11693 / 58 / 412		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.066		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0663, wR2 = 0.1837		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0739, wR2 = 0.1905		
Absolute structure parameter	0.079(7)		

# 4. Table S2. Selected Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 1.

Zn(2)-O(7)	1.9481(1)
Zn(2)-O(6)#1	1.981(3)
Zn(2)-O(2)#2	2.209(3)
Zn(2)-O(5)#3	2.056(3)
Zn(2)-N(3)	2.077(4)
Zn(1)-O(7)	1.959(4)
Zn(1)-O(1)#4	1.974(3)
Zn(1)-O(1)#2	1.974(3)
Zn(1)-O(1)	1.974(3)

111.77(1)
88.70(1)
101.69(1)
151.30(1)
93.20(1)
102.24(2)
94.37(1)
62.49(9)
114.87(1)
156.43(2)
83.29(1)
106.89(1)
106.88(1)
111.93(9)
111.93(9)
111.93(9)
112.78(1)
112.78(1)
112.78(1)
105.92(1)
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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 x-y+1,-y+1,-z+1 #2 -y+1,x-y+1,z #3 -x,-x+y,-z+1 #4 -x+y,-x+1,z

#### 5. Experimental procedure for chiral adsorption and separation.

5.1 General procedure for adsorption and separation: We have initially optimized separation condition including solvents and concentration by selecting 1-phenylethanol as a model substrate (Table S3). Then, solvent-exchanged sample of (S)-1 (50 mg) was immersed in a solution of indicated racemic analyte in acetone for 8h at room temperature. After this, the solid sample was filtered, washed thoroughly with methanol to remove the analyte on the surface, and then soaked in acetone to extract the encapsulated guests. Optical purity of desorbed analytes was determined by HPLC with different Chiralcel column (4.6mm×25 cm). The results are summrized in Table S3.

Table S3. Optimization of the separation conditions at room temperature.

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Entry	Solvent	Solvent volu (mL)	me Substrate loadin (mg)	g ee (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	THF	5	15	36.0
2	EtOH	5	15	37.7
3	MeOH	5	15	39.5
4	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	5	15	53.2
5	$CH_2CI_2$	5	15	77.7
6	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	5	15	94.2
7	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	5	5	99.8
8	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	5	10	99.8
9	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	5	20	84.3
10	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	5	25	76.7
11	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	5	30	54.5

5.2 The procedure for the separation of  $(\pm)$ -ibuprofen: An empty glass column with an inner diameter of ca. 0.5 cm was packed with ca. 360 mg (S)-1. Then, racemic  $(\pm)$ -ibuprofen (6.3 mg, 30 µmol) was filled on the top of the packed material. After this, 80 mL acetone was served as eluent to run through the packed column. The resulting eluent at every 8 mL was collected separately and analyzed by HPLC. The experimental setup and HPLC results are shown in Fig S15.

## 6. Figure S1. NMR spectra and mass spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L.





7. Figure S2. IR spectra of  $H_2L$  and 1.



8. Figure S3. PXRD patterns of 1.



# 9. Figure S4. TGA curves of 1.



10. Figure S5. CD spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L and 1.



11. Figure S6. The result of methylene blue adsorption by 1.



 $n(MB)=V \times (c_{before}-c_{after}) = 2 mL \times 1.012 \times 10^{-3} mol \cdot L^{-1} = 2.024 \times 10^{-6} mol;$ 

 $n((S)-1) = m/M = 5.4 mg/M = 2.86 \times 10^{-6} mol;$ n(MB): n((S)-1) = 1.41

# **12.** Figure S7. HPLC results of enantioseparation of secondary alcohols with (S)-1 as adsorbent.

HPLC results of screening conditions for the separation of 1-phenylethanol with (S)-1 (Table S3).

Racemic 1-phenylethanol: ChiralCel OJ-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =93/7, flow rate=1.0 mL/min, 220 nm;  $t_R$ =8.118 min,  $t_R$ =9.188 min.



1-phenylethanol (Entry 1 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 2 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 3 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 4 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 5 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 6 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 7 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 8 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 9 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 10 in Table S3):



1-phenylethanol (Entry 11 in Table S3):



The HPLC results of enantioseparation of 1-phenylethanol and its derivatives with (S)-1.

Racemic 1-phenylethanol: ChiralCel OJ-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =93/7, flow rate=1.0 mL/min, 220 nm;  $t_R$ =8.118 min,  $t_R$ =9.188 min.

Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	HM	8.118	16401.06	49.19
2	MM	9.188	16938.35	50.81
The Total			3339.40	

1-phenylethanol (1a' in Figure 2):















Racemic 1-(2-methylphenyl)ethanol: ChiralCel AD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =99/1, flow rate=1.0 mL/min, 220 nm;  $t_R$ =17.584 min,  $t_R$ =20.499 min.



1-(2-methylphenyl)ethanol (1b' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-(3-methylphenyl)ethanol: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm; t<sub>R</sub>=9.456 min, t<sub>R</sub>=11.381 min.



1-(3-methylphenyl)ethanol (1c' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanol: ChiralCel AD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t<sub>R</sub>= 6.453min, t<sub>R</sub>=6.970 min.



1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanol (1d' in Figure 2):



Racemic 2-naphthalenemethano: ChiralCel OJ-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =97/3, flow rate = 1mL/min, 220 nm; tR=11.069 min, tR=12.007 min.



2-naphthalenemethano (1e' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t<sub>R</sub>=7.617 min, t<sub>R</sub>=8.280 min.



1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol (1f' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol: ChiralCel AS-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm; t<sub>R</sub>=7.519min, t<sub>R</sub>=7.908min.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (1g' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-(4-bromophenyl)ethanol: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; t<sub>R</sub>=8.953 min, t<sub>R</sub>=10.206 min.



1-(4-bromophenyl)ethanol (1h' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-phenylpropanol: ChiralCel AS-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =97/3, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t<sub>R</sub>=10.160 min, t<sub>R</sub>=11.536 min.



1-phenylpropanol (1i' in Figure 2):



Racemic 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ol: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; tR = 9.632 min, tR =10.602 min.



2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ol (1j' in Figure 2):



Racemic 1-phenylethane-1,2-diol: ChiralCel OJ-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; tR= 7.764 min, tR=8.670 min.



1-phenylethane-1,2-diol (1k' in Figure 2):





13. Figure S8. Adsorption kinetic profile of 1 toward 1-phenylethanol.



14. Figure S9. The 1H NMR result of bulky substrate (11 in table 1) adsorption by 1.





15. Figure S10-13. The result of the theory calculation on the adsorption of 1phenylethanol with 1.



Figure S10. Adsorption location of (R)-1-phenylethanol within the MOF 1 (The colored area indicates adsorption location of guests).



Figure S11. Adsorption location of (S)-1-phenylethanol within the MOF 1 (The colored area indicates adsorption location of guests).

The adsorption location of 1-phenylethanol molecules was calculated by Adsorption Locator Tools of Material Studio. The energy distribution of adsorption location was calculated through simulated annealing. (R)- or (S)-1-phenylethanol in a 3X3X2 supercell was selected as the adsorbate with a loading number of 16 and a fraction of 1.00. Monte Carlo options are set as the default values. The calculation was performed with 10 cycles and 15000 steps per cycles.



Figure 12. Most stable adsorption sites of (S)-1-phenylethanol with a total energy of - 102.65 kcal/mol.



Figure 13. Most stable adsorption sites of (R)-1-phenylethanol with a total energy of - 99.54 kcal/mol.

The exact location of guest molecules absorbed in the framework was calculated by the Sorption module of Material Studio. A Metropolis method was applied and an ultra-fine quality was selected for calculation. 12 (R)- or (S)-1-phenylethanol molecules with a fraction of 1.00 were loaded in a lattice cell. A universal forcefield was selected to calculate energy. Ewald & Group method was selected for electrostatic interaction, while Atom based method was chosen for van der Waals interaction.

# 15. Figure S14. HPLC results of enantioseparation of epoxides with (S)-1 as chiral adsorbent.

Racemic styrene oxide: ChiralCel AS-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =99.5/0.5, flow rate=0.6 mL/min, 230 nm; tR=11.699 min, tR =13.845 min.



Styrene oxide (2a' in Figure 3):



Racemic phenyl glycidyl ether: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =90/10, flow rate=1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; tR=7.326 min, tR=11.733 min.



Phenyl glycidyl ether (**2b**' in Figure 3):













Racemic 4-methoxyphenyl glycidyl ether: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH=90/10, flow rate=1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; tR=10.677 min, tR=15.533 min.



4-Methoxyphenyl glycidyl ether (2c' in Figure 3):



Racemic 4-methylphenyl glycidyl ether: ChiralCel AS-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =95/5, flow rate=1.0 mL/min, 254nm; tR=9.664 min, tR =10.703 min.



4-Methylphenyl glycidyl ether (**2d**' in Figure 3):



Racemic 3-chlorophenyl glycidyl ether: ChiralCel OD-H column; hexane/i-PrOH=98/2, flow rate=0.8 mL/min, 254nm; tR=12.464 min, tR=13.489 min.



3-Chlorophenyl glycidyl ether (2e' in Figure 3):



Racemic 2-naphthol glycidyl ether: ChiralCel OJ-H column; hexane/i-PrOH =70/30, flow rate=1.5 mL/min, 254 nm; tR=18.315 min, tR=29.950 min; ee=99.8%.



2-Naphthol glycidyl ether (**2f**' in Figure 3):



16. Figure S15. Enantioseparation of racemic ibuprofen by (S)-1 packing column (Experimental setup and HPLC results).



Racemic Ibuprofen: ChiralCel AS-H column; hexane/i-PrOH=99.5/0.5, flow rate=0.47 mL/min, 230nm;  $t_R$ =7.951min,  $t_R$ =8.950min.





Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	7.919	2090.23	34.44
2	MM	8.806	3979.24	65.56
The Total			6069.47	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	7.909	1268.32	29.74
2	MM	8.805	2996.35	70.26
The Total			4264.67	



1	MM	8.128	317.12	9.72
2	MM	8.969	2946.66	90.28
The Total			3263.67	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	8.088	50.48	3.98
2	MM	8.896	1219.22	96.02
The Total			1269.7	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	7.799	39.39	3.05
2	MM	8.705	1251.65	96.95
The Total			1291.04	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	7.913	839.44	99.97
2	ММ	9.002	0.22	0.03
The Total			839.66	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	8.010	2802.66	100.00
2	MM	9.022	0.02	0.00
The Total			2802.68	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	8.037	2404.60	100.00
2	MM	9.021	0.00	0.00
The Total			2404.60	



I	MM	8.037	19/8.36	100.00
2	MM	9.021	0.00	0.00
The Total			1978.36	



Serial Number	Туре	Retention Time [min]	Peak area	Area %
1	MM	7.862	537.22	100.00
2	MM	9.048	0.02	0.00
The Total			537.24	