Supplementary Information

Fine-tuning non-covalent interactions between hybrid metal-oxo clusters and proteins

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NMR



Figure S1 (a) ¹H NMR spectra of AE-NH₂ in (a) 100 mM acetate buffer at pD 4.5, (b) D_2O at pD 7 and (c) 100 mM carbonate buffer at pD 10 showing the peak corresponding to the paramagnetically deshielded -OCH₂- groups bound to the POM.

Fluorescence Emission Spectra



Figure S2 (a) Fluorescence emission spectra of 8 μ M HEWL in PBS(1X) buffer at pH 7.4 with increasing amounts of AE-Biot (0 – 10 eq). (b) Stern-Volmer and (c) derived Stern-Volmer plots.



Figure S3 (a) Fluorescence emission spectra of 8 μ M HEWL in PBS(1X) buffer at pH 7.4 with increasing amounts of AE-NH₂ (0 – 10 eq). (b) Stern-Volmer and (c) derived Stern-Volmer plots.



Figure S4 (a) Fluorescence emission spectra of 8 μ M HEWL in PBS(1X) buffer at pH 7.4 with increasing amounts of AE-CH₃ (0 – 10 eq). (b) Stern-Volmer and (c) derived Stern-Volmer plots.



Figure S5 (a) Fluorescence emission spectra of 8 μ M HEWL in PBS(1X) buffer at pH 7.4 with increasing amounts of (a) AE(Al), (b) biotin, (c) Tris-NH₂, (d) Tris-CH₃ (0 – 10 eq).

Single crystal X-ray structures

Table S1 Data collection and refinement statistics for the co-crystals of HEWL/AE–Biot, HEWL/AE-NH₂ and HEWL/AE-CH₃ (A and B).

Parameter	Value			
Co-crystal	HEWL/AE- Biot	HEWL/AE-NH ₂	HEWL/AE-CH ₃ (A)	HEWL/AE-CH ₃ (B)
PDB deposition code				
Space group	<i>P</i> 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2			
Unit cell dimensions [Å]	<i>a</i> = 79.39	<i>a</i> = 76.61	<i>a</i> = 76.39	<i>a</i> = 75.94
	<i>b</i> = 79.39	<i>b</i> = 76.61	<i>b</i> = 76.39	<i>b</i> = 75.94
	c = 35.14	c = 37.10	c = 36.98	c = 36.76
Resolution range [Å]	79.39-2.34	38.30-1.57	38.19-1.24	37.97-1.47
	(2.42-2.34) ^[a]	(1.60-1.57) ^[a]	(1.26-1.24) ^[a]	$(1.50-1.47)^{[a]}$
R _{merge} [%]	8.6 (66.2) ^[a]	7.2 (79.9) ^[a]	5.7 (76.4) ^[a]	7.3 (77.0) ^[a]
<i _{0=""></i>	21.4 (2.4) ^[a]	$24.0 (4.4)^{[a]}$	$28.4 (4.7)^{[a]}$	24.7 (4.7)[a]
No. of unique reflections	5101 (467) ^[a]	15989 (768) ^[a]	31633 (1519) [a]	18885 (908) ^[a]
Multiplicity	19.4 (8.9) ^[a]	24.0 (23.3) ^[a]	24.3 (24.0) ^[a]	24.3 (24.1) ^[a]
Completeness [%]	100.0 (99.8) ^[a]	100.0 (100.0) ^[a]	100.0 (100.0) ^[a]	$100.0~(100.0)^{[a]}$
$R_{work}/R_{free}^{[b]} [\%]$	25.1/27.8	19.1/23.2	14.41/16.71	17.1/20.2
RMSD from ideal				
Average isotropic B factors [Å ²]	51.83	25.45	20.28	22.89
No. of water molecules	15	75	154	82
Ramachandran plot [%]				
Residues in favoured regions	90.55	96.85	99.21	98.43
Outliers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

[a] values in parentheses are for the highest resolution shell. [b] Rfree is calculated using a random 5 % of data excluded from the refinement.



Figure S6 Fit of the HPOMs in the $2F_0$ - F_C electron density map (shown as blue mesh) and contoured at 1.0 r.m.s.d.



Figure S7 Anomalous difference map of the HPOMs shown as a magenta mesh and contoured at 5.0 r.m.s.d for AE-Biot, AE-CH₃ A and AE-NH₂, and 3.0 r.m.s.d for AE-CH₃ B.



Figure S8 (a) Superposition of the co-crystal structures showing the HPOM binding sites for HEWL/AE-Biot, HEWL/AE-NH₂ and HEWL/AE-CH₃ A. (b) Close-up of AE-CH₃ binding site 3 and AE-NH₂ binding site 10, showing the shortest distances between the -CH₃ carbon of AE-CH₃ and residue Leu75 in black (3.9-4.6 Å), the Van der Waals radius of the C atoms in the Tris-CH₃ ligand as teal spheres, and the protein electrostatic surface charge: blue is positive, white is neutral, and red is negative.