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Probing the Origins of Catalytic Discrimination Between Phosphate and Sulfate Monoester Hydrolysis: Comparative Analysis of Alkaline Phosphatase and Protein Tyrosine Phosphatases

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The rate constant for WT AP was measured for NPS hydrolysis at 25 °C (5.8×10^10 M^-1 s^-1), the temperature at which the AP assays were conducted, and 30 °C (5×10^11 M^-1 s^-1), the temperature at which the PTP assays were conducted, using the reported temperature dependence. The k_w value for pNPS hydrolysis was determined at 39 °C and corrected to 25 °C (5×10^11 M^-1 s^-1). The k_w value for pNPS hydrolysis at 25 °C (9×10^12 M^-1 s^-1) and 30 °C (1.7×10^11 M^-1 s^-1) was corrected from the value at 35 °C by using the reported temperature dependence. Discrimination = (rate enhancement (pNPP))/rate enhancement (pNPS). Kinetic assays for WT AP and mutants were conducted in 100 mM NaMOPS, pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM MgCl_2, and 100 μM ZnCl_2 at 25 °C. The rate constant for WT AP pNPS hydrolysis was measured here using a discontinuous assay (see Methods) and is good agreement with the previously published value using a continuous assay. Values for E322Y and R166S/E322Y AP are from [10]. The value for R166S AP is from [10]. The rate constant measured for R166S/E322Y AP pNPS hydrolysis activity is an upper limit and the value in parenthesis is the expected value if the effects on activity of the
R166S and E322Y mutations are additive. This value was not included in Figure 6. PafA is a two-metal phosphate monoesterase of the AP superfamily. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM Tris•HCl, pH 8.0, 0.5 M NaCl, and 100 μM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. PAc = Phosphonoacetate hydrolase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM Tricine, pH 8.0, and 1 mM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. NPP = Nucleotide Pyrophosphatase/Phosphodiesterase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM MES, pH 6.5, 0.5 M NaCl, and 100 μM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. PAc = Phosphonoacetate hydrolase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM Tricine, pH 8.0, and 1 mM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. NPP = Nucleotide Pyrophosphatase/Phosphodiesterase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM MES, pH 6.5, 0.5 M NaCl, and 100 μM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. PAc = Phosphonoacetate hydrolase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM Tricine, pH 8.0, and 1 mM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. NPP = Nucleotide Pyrophosphatase/Phosphodiesterase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM MES, pH 6.5, 0.5 M NaCl, and 100 μM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. PAc = Phosphonoacetate hydrolase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM Tricine, pH 8.0, and 1 mM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. NPP = Nucleotide Pyrophosphatase/Phosphodiesterase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM MES, pH 6.5, 0.5 M NaCl, and 100 μM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C. PAc = Phosphonoacetate hydrolase. Kinetic measurements were conducted in 100 mM Tricine, pH 8.0, and 1 mM ZnCl₂ at 25 °C.
Figure S1. Kinetics for PTP Stp1 hydrolysis of pNPS with 230 μM (A-C) and 90 μM (D-F) Stp1. See Methods for assay conditions. (A) The increase in p-nitrophenolate ([product]) over time for samples containing Stp1 with various concentrations of substrate pNPS (various closed symbols; pNPS concentrations are listed within the figure panel). (B) Uncatalyzed appearance of p-nitrophenolate over time for samples without Stp1. (C) Plot of the observed rates with (open squares; from (A)) and without (open triangles; from (B)) Stp1 and the background-subtracted rate that represented the Stp1-catalyzed reaction (closed circles). The background rates gave a linear fit as expected for the nonenzymatic hydrolysis of pNPS by water and a second-order rate constant for uncatalyzed pNPS hydrolysis of $1.7 \times 10^{-11}$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$ that agrees with a previous measurement under similar conditions. 11 The Stp1-catalyzed reaction followed saturation kinetics (solid line) and gave values of $k_{cat} = 4.4 (\pm 0.5) \times 10^{-7}$ s$^{-1}$; $K_M = 8 \pm 2$ mM; and $k_{cat}/K_M = 5.5 \times 10^{-5}$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$. (D-F) Repeat measurement of pNPS hydrolysis as described in parts (A-C) but with 90 μM Stp1. The Stp1-catalyzed reaction followed saturation kinetics (solid line) and gave values of $k_{cat} = 3.0 (\pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$ s$^{-1}$; $K_M = 7 \pm 2$ mM; and $k_{cat}/K_M = 4.3 \times 10^{-5}$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$. 
The hydrolysis activity of pNPP by WT AP is limited by association rather than a chemical step, as suggested by studies that probed the viscosity dependence of activity. The absence of heavy-atom isotope effects for the AP-catalyzed pNPP hydrolysis reaction also suggests that a nonchemical step is rate-limiting for the hydrolysis of this substrate.

Thus, the observed $k_{cat}/K_M$ value for the pNPP hydrolysis of $6.6 \times 10^6$ to $4.6 \times 10^7$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$ likely reflects the substrate binding step, and the chemical step in which the monoester bond is broken is faster than the dissociation of the substrate from the enzyme.

To estimate the rate constant for the chemical step of pNPP hydrolysis by AP, a comparison was made to the activity of an ethyl phosphate monoester substrate for which there is strong evidence for a rate-limiting chemical step. The rate constant for hydrolysis of this substrate is $1.4 \times 10^5$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$. When Arg166, an active-site residue that makes interactions to the nonbridging oxygen atoms of the transferred phosphoryl group, is mutated to serine, the rate of ethyl phosphate hydrolysis decreases by 5800-fold to 24 M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$. The R166S AP hydrolysis rate constant for pNPP hydrolysis, which is also limited by the chemical step, is $1 \times 10^5$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$. As Arg166 likely makes the same interactions with the nonbridging oxygen atoms of the phosphoryl group for pNPP and ethyl phosphate, the chemical step of pNPP hydrolysis by WT AP is expected to be approximately 5800-fold faster compared to the hydrolysis rate constant of pNPP by R166S AP. This analysis predicts that if the reaction were not diffusion-limited the observed second-order rate constant for pNPP hydrolysis by WT AP would be $5.8 \times 10^8$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$ \[= 5800 \times (1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1})\], whereas the observed value of $k_{cat}/K_M$ is $3.3 \times 10^7$ M$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$. This calculated estimate of the second-order reaction of WT AP with pNPP and the uncatalyzed rate constant for
pNPP hydrolysis give the calculated rate enhancement for the chemical step of $10^{19}$-fold and resulting discrimination of $3 \times 10^{10}$ for WT AP reported in Table 1 and Table S1.

**Figure S2.** Catalysis of pNPP hydrolysis by Stp1 (A), PTP1B (B), and Yop$^{51*}\Delta162$ (C) inhibited by pNPS. As the activity for the pNPP and pNPS substrates differ by more than $10^7$-fold, the pNPS substrate does not react significantly on the time scale of the phosphatase reaction. Conditions for all assays: 20 mM NaMaleate, pH 6.0, 0.15 M NaCl, and 0.1 mM EDTA at 30 °C. The fraction of activity is plotted as a function of pNPS concentration. (A) For Stp1 a $K_i$ value of 6.6 ± 0.7 mM was obtained by fitting to a competitive inhibition model. The substrate pNPP concentration was 200 μM and the Stp1 concentration was 200 nM. (B) For PTP 1B a $K_i$ value of 10 ± 2 mM was obtained by fitting to a competitive inhibition model. The substrate pNPP concentration was 200 μM and the PTP1B concentration was 10 nM. (C) For Yop$^{51*}\Delta162$ a $K_i$ value of 3.1 ± 0.2 mM was obtained by fitting to a competitive inhibition model. The substrate concentration was 300 μM and the Yop$^{51*}\Delta162$ concentration was 30 nM. The competitive inhibition by pNPS of pNPP activity corresponds to the $K_M$ values determined for pNPS (Table S2), consistent with catalysis of both substrates occurring in the same active site.

**Table S2.** Comparison of Michaelis-Menten constants and inhibition constants for PTPs

| PTP         | $K_M$ (mM), pNPS$^{a,b}$ | $K_i$ (mM), pNPS$^{a,c}$ |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stp1        | 8 ± 2                    | 6.6 ± 0.7                 |
| PTP1B       | 20 ± 6                   | 10 ± 2                    |
| Yop$^{51*}\Delta162$ | 3.5 ± 0.4               | 3.1 ± 0.2                 |

$^a$ Values determined in 20 mM NaMaleate, pH 6.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.1 mM EDTA and 30 °C. $^b$ Values from Table S1. $^c$ Values from Figure S2.
Figure S3. Inhibition of phosphatase and sulfatase reactions of PTP1B (A) and Yop51Δ162 (B) by arsenate. Observed rate constants were normalized by the observed rate in the absence of inhibitor to give the fraction activity. The lines are nonlinear least-squares fits for competitive inhibition. (A) Inhibition of PTP1B-catalyzed reactions of pNPP (closed circles) and pNPS (open circles). The values of $K_i$ for arsenate for each reaction are $58 \pm 2$ μM and $82 \pm 11$ μM, respectively. For simplicity the combined fit to all of the data gives a value of $68 \pm 5$ μM (line). As the pNPS concentration used in the assay was near the observed $K_M$, which suppresses the inhibition from arsenate, we corrected for this effect using Eq. S1, which gave a value of $K_i = 66$ μM, in close agreement with the inhibition constant observed for the phosphatase activity. (B) Inhibition of Yop51Δ162-catalyzed reactions of pNPP (closed circles) and pNPS (open circles). The values of $K_i$ for arsenate for these reactions are $2.7 \pm 0.1$ mM and $5.8 \pm 0.3$ mM, respectively. The combined fit to all of the data is shown (line) and gives a value of $3.7 \pm 0.5$ mM. The pNPS concentration used in the assay was near the observed $K_M$, which suppresses the inhibition from arsenate, and correction for this effect using Eq. S1, gives an estimated value of $K_i = 3.9$ mM, in close agreement with the inhibition constant observed for the phosphatase activity.

\[ K_{i,\text{observed}} = K_i(1+[S]/K_M) \]  

(S1)
Figure S4. Comparison of the WT AP, R166S AP, and Stp1 active site and electrostatic surfaces. Active site schematic for WT AP (A), R166S AP (C), and Stp1 (E) with the expected interactions (dark blue dashes) in the transition state for phosphoryl or sulfuryl transfer from a monoester. The central phosphorus or sulfur atom is denoted by an ‘X’. Model for the electrostatic surface potential for WT AP (B), R166S AP (D), and Stp1 (F). The protein surface is colored according to electrostatic potential (positive, blue; negative, red; ±6 kT/e). For the electrostatic calculation, the active site nucleophile of AP and Stp1 was deprotonated and for Stp1 the Asp28 general acid was protonated. Created with AMBER/ABPS in MacPyMOL.18,19
Figure S5. Ionic strength dependence of R166S AP pNPP hydrolysis activity (A) and Stp1 pNPP hydrolysis activity (B) in NaBr (circles), NaCl (triangles), or KCl (squares). For R166S AP, assays were conducted in 5 mM NaMOPS, pH 8.0 with varying concentrations of salt at 30 °C. Solid lines show best fits to the equation \[ \log(\text{activity}) = 2A \times Z_0 \times Z_{\text{enz}} \times \sqrt{I} + C, \] where \( A \) is 0.516 at 30°C, \( C \) is the fraction activity as the ionic strength approaches zero, and \( Z_0 \) is fixed at -2 for the pNPP data. The best fits yield \( Z_{\text{enz}} \) values of 0.42 ± 0.04, 0.39 ± 0.03, and 0.33 ± 0.04 for assays conducted using NaBr, NaCl, or KCl, respectively. For Stp1, assays were conducted in 5 mM NaMaleate, pH 6.0 with varying concentrations of salt at 30 °C. Solid lines show best fits yielding \( Z_{\text{enz}} \) values of 0.73 ± 0.03, 0.75 ± 0.02, and 0.73 ± 0.03 for assays conducted using NaBr, NaCl, or KCl, respectively.

Figure S6. Uncatalyzed rates of pNPP (closed circles) and pNPS (open circles) hydrolysis versus the solution ionic strength under the assay conditions (see Methods) used for R166S (A) and Stp1 (B). Rates were normalized to the fastest rate for comparison. For (A) the fastest rate was at ionic strength 2.1 M and for (B) the fastest rate was at ionic strength 0.03 M.
Figure S7. $p$NPP hydrolysis activity measured for R166S AP (A) and Stp1 (B) with the $p$NPP concentration 10-fold above $K_M$ at various ionic strengths (varied with NaCl) under standard buffer conditions (see Methods). Activities were normalized to the activity observed at the lowest ionic strength for comparison.

Figure S8. Plot of the enzymatic rate enhancement of $p$NPP hydrolysis with the enzymatic rate enhancement of $p$NPS hydrolysis by AP superfamily members and PTPs as in main text Figure 6 but shown here including the data point for the AP superfamily member PAS (open circle).
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