Unambiguous Determination of the Ionization State of a Glycoside Hydrolase Active Site Lysine by ¹H-¹⁵N Heteronuclear Correlation Spectroscopy

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Supporting Information



Figure S1: Measurement of the pH-dependence of the ¹⁵N^{ξ} chemical shift of ~10 mM DL-[¹⁵N^{ξ}, ¹³C^{ϵ}]-Lysine (Isotec #489042) in 10% D₂O / 90% H₂O by ¹⁵N-NMR. Spectra were recorded at 25 °C with a 10 mm broadband probe in a Varian Unity 500 MHz NMR spectrometer. After a 3 s recycle delay, 1.5 s of ¹H waltz-16 decoupling (0.84 kHz) was applied at 6.5 ppm for a NOE signal enhancement, followed by 0.256 s of ¹⁵N acquisition, also with ¹H decoupling. The ¹⁵N transmitter frequency was set at 19.2 ppm and the spectral width was 4000 Hz. The sample pH, measured at room temperature (~21 °C), was changed from 4.0 to 12.7 by addition of 0.5 M or 1.0 M NaOH. The ¹⁵N chemical shifts were referenced indirectly to liquid ¹⁵NH₃ at 0.0 ppm using a γ_{15N}/γ_{1H} ratio of 0.101329118 and an external ¹H reference sample of DSS (2,3-dimethyl-2-silapentane-5-sulfonate).¹ Fitting of the data to a single titration yielded a pKa of 11.1 and limiting chemical shifts of 32.5 ppm (-¹⁵NH₃⁺) and 25.5 ppm (-¹⁵NH₂) for the sidechain amine of lysine.

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Figure S2: The high-resolution ¹H-¹⁵N HSQC spectra of ~10 mM DL-[¹⁵N^{ξ}, ¹³C^{ϵ}]-Lysine in 10% D₂O / 90% H₂O with (A) and without (B) ¹H decoupling during t₁, recorded at 30 °C and pH 1.8 using a Varian Inova 600 MHz NMR spectrometer. ¹³C decoupling was applied in both cases. In (A), the -¹⁵NH₃⁺ yields the strong singlet, whereas the small triplet arises from -¹⁵NH₂D⁺, offset by deuterium isotope shifts of ¹ Δ = -0.36 ppm for the ¹⁵N^{ξ} and ² Δ ~ +0.025 ppm for the ¹H^{ξ} per deuteron added, and split by |¹J_{ND}| = 11.5 Hz and |²J_{HD}| = 1.5 Hz, with the J values having the opposite signs. In (B), the ¹⁵N signal from the -¹⁵NH₃⁺ moiety is split by |¹J_{NH}| = 74 Hz into a quartet of relative peak intensities ~2.7:1:1:2.7. This value for the highly mobile amine is close to that of 3:1:1:3 expected for four lines of a quartet in the absence of differential relaxation.² The ¹⁵N signal from the -¹⁵NH₂D⁺ appears as a "triplet" of intensity ratios 1:0:1, with further deuterium couplings and isotope shifts. The arrows indicate the ¹H shifts at which the ¹⁵N traces were extracted.

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Figure S3: Selected regions of the ¹H-¹⁵N HMQC spectra of CexCD in its (A) trapped glycosyl-enzyme intermediate form (2FCb-CexCD), and in its non-covalent complexes with the high-affinity competitive inhibitors (B) xylobiose-derived isofagomine and (C) xylobiose-derived imidazole.^{3,4} In all three complexes, the amines of K47 and K302 are positively-charged (-NH₃⁺) as evident by their ¹⁵N^{ξ} chemical shifts (Figure S1), and by the appearance of their ¹⁵N^{ξ} signals as quartets in ¹H-coupled ¹H-¹⁵N HSQC spectra (not shown). X-ray crystallographic studies⁴ revealed very similar hydrogen bonding interactions between the sidechain amine of K47 and distal sugar and proximal aza-sugar moieties of the xylobiose-derived inhibitors as those seen with the covalently-bonded 2-deoxy-2-fluoro-cellobioside (Figure 2). Therefore, the variation in the ¹H^{ξ} shifts of K47

must reflect subtle structural or electrostatic differences between the three complexes. In contrast, the ${}^{15}N^{\xi}-{}^{1}H^{\xi}$ signal from K302 is invariant in the spectra of apo-CexCD, 2FCb-CexCD, and CexCD with the two non-covalent inhibitors. Thus this lysine, which is distant from the active site of the enzyme, is not perturbed upon complex formation. The spectra were recorded at 30 °C using a Varian Inova 600 MHz spectrometer, and the ${}^{15}N^{-1}$ labeled proteins were in 20 mM potassium phosphate, pH 6.5, and 0.02% NaN₃.

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