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Phosphocholine Binding Immunoglobulin Fab McPC603 An X-ray Diffraction Study at 2.7 Å

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The crystal structure of the Fab of McPC603, a phosphocholine-binding mouse myeloma protein, has been refined at 2.7 Å resolution by a combination of restrained least-squares refinement and molecular modeling. The overall structure remains as previously reported, with an elbow bend angle between the variable and constant modules of 133° . Some adjustments have been made in the structure of the loops as a result of the refinement. The hypervariable loops are all visible in the electron density map with the exception of three residues in the first hypervariable loop of the light chain. A sulfate ion occupies the site of binding of the phosphate moiety of phosphocholine.

1. Introduction

Direct information about the three-dimensional structure of the antibody combining site is based on the crystal structures of three Fab species: Kol, a human myeloma protein with unknown specificity (Marquart et al., 1980); New, a human myeloma protein that binds to a vitamin K1 derivative (Amzel et al., 1974; Saul et al., 1978); and McPC603, a mouse plasmacytoma protein specific for phosphocholine (Segal et al., 1974). Although the structures of several monoclonal antibodies with known antigen binding specificities are being investigated (Mariuzza et al., 1983; Silverton et al., 1984; Colman et al., 1981; Gibson et al., 1985; Amit et al., 1985), refined, high-resolution structures from them are not available.

The three-dimensional structure for the Fab of McPC603 (IgA, κ) protein that was previously reported (Segal *et al.*, 1974) was an unrefined structure based on 3.1 Å diffractometer data and with only partial sequence information. This work has now been extended through the collection of a complete set of 2.7 Å diffraction data using oscillation photography, augmented by the knowledge of the complete amino acid sequence and with the help of interactive molecular graphics procedures (Lipscomb *et al.*, 1981; Diamond, 1981). The crystal structure has been refined using restrained least-squares procedures (Hendrickson &

Konnert, 1981). In this paper, we report the results of this investigation.

2. Materials and Methods

(a) Crystal structure analysis and preliminary refinement at 3.1 Å resolution

Crystals were prepared from concentrated solutions of ammonium sulfate as described (Rudikoff et al., 1972). After preparation, the crystals were transferred into stabilizing solutions consisting of 50% saturated ammonium sulfate (pH 7.0), 0.2 m-imidazole or 0.1 msodium cacodylate. Isomorphous heavy-atom derivatives were prepared using TmCl_3 (American Potash & Chemical Corp.) \mathbf{K}_{2} Pt(CNS)₆ (K&K Laboratories, Inc.), and KI (Fisher Scientific Co.). The thulium and platinum derivatives were prepared by soaking crystals in solutions containing cacodylate and 30 mm-TmCl3 or 0.4 mm- $K_2Pt(CNS)_6$, respectively, for 3 to 4 weeks. An iodine derivative was prepared by soaking crystals in 50 mm-KI, 2.5 mm-Chloramine T (Eastman Kodak Co.) for 2 weeks, after which the iodinated crystals were washed with stabilizing solution to remove excess iodine. Double and triple derivatives were prepared using these heavy-atom compounds. The native and iodinated crystals were prepared using imidazole buffer; all other derivatives were prepared in cacodylate buffer.

Most of the 3·1 Å data were collected using a Picker FACS-I diffractometer (Segal *et al.*, 1974); the TmCl₃ derivative data set was collected from precession photographs. Co-ordinates for the heavy-atom sites in the thulium and platinum derivatives were obtained from difference Patterson syntheses at $4\cdot5$ Å resolution (Padlan *et al.*, 1973). Those for the iodine derivative were obtained from a difference Fourier synthesis with phases computed using the first 2 derivatives. Alternating cycles of heavy-

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atom refinement and phase calculation (Dickerson et al., 1961) were then computed using local versions of the programs of Busing et al. (1962) and Matthews (1966). Table 1 shows the refined heavy-atom parameters. A "best" Fourier synthesis (Blow & Crick, 1959) was computed and a Kendrew skeletal model was fitted to the electron density using an optical comparator (Richards, 1968). The model was improved using the computer graphics system GRIP at the Department of Computer Science, University of North Carolina (Tsernoglou et al., 1977) and was then subjected to restrained least-squares refinement (Konnert, 1976; Hendrickson & Konnert, 1981) on the TI-ASC computer at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. The initial value of the conventional crystallographic R-factor was 0.41. This was reduced to 0.30 after 5 cycles with a single overall temperature factor and tight structural restraints. Further refinement using individual temperature factors for the atoms reduced the residual to 0.27. The r.m.s.[†] total shift from the original position was 0.76 Å. At this point, the fit of the model to a $2F_o - F_c$ map was examined using BILDER (Diamond, 1981), as implemented on a PDP 11/70 under the RSX-11M operating system (G. H. Cohen, unpublished results). In the second stage of refinement, the protein geometry was initially less restrained and subsequently tightened, yielding a final residual of 0.24. The r.m.s. total shift from the atomic positions at the start of the second stage of refinement was 0.42 Å. A sulfate ion, that had been located in the hapten binding cavity (Padlan et al., 1973; Segal et al., 1974), was included throughout the refinement.

The regions corresponding to residues 101 to 108 in the heavy chain and residues 31 to 35 in the light chain were not clearly defined in the original electron density function based on the heavy-atom phases. These regions remained poorly defined after the preliminary refinement.

(b) Crystal structure analysis and refinement at 2.7 Å resolution

A new set of crystals was prepared for the higher resolution, 2.7 Å, phase of this study. The imidazole buffer employed during crystallization was replaced by cacodylate when the crystals were transferred to stabilizing solutions. Intensity data to 2.7 Å were collected by rotation photography (Arndt & Wonacott, 1977) with Kodak No-Screen Medical X-ray films (3 in a pack) using Ni-filtered CuKa radiation from an Elliott GX-6 rotating anode X-ray generator operated at 40 kV and 40 mA. A Franks double bent mirror system (Harrison, 1968) purchased from Brandeis University was used to focus the X-ray beam. Data were recorded on an Enraf-Nonius Arndt-Wonacott rotation camera with a nominal 87 mm crystal-to-film distance. The data consisting of 88 film packs were collected from 26 crystals by oscillation about the 2 crystal axes, b and c, with an

Table 1

Heavy-atom parameters

II	С	o-ordinat		Thermal	
compound	x	y	z	Occupancy†	factor (Å ²)
K2Pt(CNS)6	0.3807	0.3936	0.5422	0.0218	19.6
TmCl ₃	0.3427	0.6617	0.2523	0.0245	34.8
Iodine-1	0.2336	0.7083	0.5569	0.0119	28.3
Iodine-2	0.2409	0.6794	0.5695	0.0184	7.5
Iodine-3	0.2328	0.6328	0.6404	0.0125	6.7
Iodine-4	0.1241	0.7017	0.4838	0.0044	6.8

[†] The site occupancy is on an arbitrary scale in which the average structure amplitude of the native protein is 14.3.

oscillation range of 1.25° and an overlap of 0.25° . The time for each exposure was 14 to 21 h.

The films were scanned at 100 µm steps on an Optronics P-1000 film scanner. The initial film processing, which included preliminary refinement of the crystal orientations and successive evaluation of the integrated intensities, was made on a PDP 11/70 computer using the rotation program package written by G. Cornick & M. A. Navia (unpublished results). Intensities from each pack were further processed through intra-film-pack scaling, post refinement, scaling and averaging using programs specially written for these purposes (Y. Satow, unpublished results). Intensities in a single pack were scaled by refining non-linear response correction factors (Matthews et al., 1972) and absorption factors for the film base and emulsion, then were corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors. The measured intensities from the films were merged, reduced to a unique set and processed by a scaling and averaging program, which refines relative scale and exponential fall-off factors for individual films. This program follows closely the formalism of the established algorithms of Hamilton et al. (1965) and Rossmann et al. (1979). Post refinement of the crystal orientations, lattice constants and rocking curve parameters were done as proposed by Winkler et al. (1979) and Rossmann et al. (1979). The total number of 147,706 intensities, including partially recorded reflections, were finally scaled and symmetry averaged, yielding 24,235 unique reflections for the resolution range of 10 Å to 2.7 Å. The agreement factor:

$$R = \sum_{h} \sum_{j}^{N_{h}} |I_{hj} - \overline{I}_{h}| / \sum_{h} N_{h} \overline{I}_{h},$$

where the intensity I_{hj} for reflection h was measured N_h times, was 0.077 or 0.054 for the structure factor amplitudes F_{hj} . Within a 3 Å sphere, 95% of the data were retained; within the complete 2.7 Å sphere, 93% were retained. The earlier diffractometer data were not included in this final set of 2.7 Å film data.

The initial model for the 2.7 Å work was taken from the 3.1 Å results. It was subjected to a number of cycles of least-squares refinement (Hendrickson & Konnert, 1981) with periodic examination and rebuilding of the model using BILDER on a VAX 11/780 (R. Ladner, unpublished results). The sulfate ion located in the 3.1 Å analysis was not included in the early stages of leastsquares refinement. With an overall temperature factor, the initial value of the *R*-factor was 0.41. After 5 cycles of positional parameter refinement with an overall temperature factor, the value was reduced to 0.33. Individual temperature factors for the atoms were used in the succeeding cycles. The program restrains the values of

[†] Abbreviations used: r.m.s., root-mean-square; F_o , observed structure factor amplitude; F_c , calculated structure factor amplitude; w, weight; CDR, complementarity determining region (Kabat *et al.*, 1983); VL, light chain variable domain; VH, heavy chain variable domain; CL, light chain constant domain; CH1, first constant domain of heavy chain; m.i.r., multiple isomorphous replacement; L1, L2 and L3, 1st, 2nd and 3rd CDR of the light chain; H1, H2 and H3, 1st, 2nd and 3rd CDR of the heavy chain.

the *B*-factors so that each is influenced by the *B*-factors of the atoms to which it is bound as well as the atoms 1 removed along a chain. In the final stages of least-squares refinement, particular care was taken to ensure that the stereochemistry was kept reasonable and that $w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ was approximately constant over the range of the data used (8.0 Å through 2.7 Å).

The main-chain stereochemistry was constantly monitored by the program GEOM (G. H. Cohen, unpublished results) and points of significant departure from expected stereochemistry were examined and corrected via interactive computer graphics. In addition to a sulfate ion, 138 water molecules of variable occupancy were identified from examination of ΔF and $2F_o - F_c$ maps and refined with the protein molecule.

As sequence data became available, the "working' sequence was updated appropriately. The VL and VH sequences are listed (sequences 12, p. 45 and 1, p. 128, respectively) by Kabat et al. (1983), quoted from Rudikoff et al. (1981) and Rudikoff & Potter (1974), with the addition of the tetrapeptide Leu-Glu-Ile-Lys, which occurs at the end of VL (Rudikoff, unpublished results). The CH1 sequence given by Auffray et al. (1981), obtained by translation of the nucleotide sequence of cDNA complementary to alpha-chain mRNA from J558 tumor cells, (sequence 60, p. 175, Kabat et al., 1983) was used. This sequence differs in 4 places from that obtained by Tucker et al. (1981) from BALB/c genomic DNA, while they both differ in 2 of these positions from the sequence reported by Robinson & Appella (1980) for MOPC511, as quoted by Kabat et al. (1983). Examination of the final electron density map at these positions did not permit a clear distinction to be made between these sequences. The sequence of MOPC21 (sequence 23, p. 167, Kabat et al., 1983 from Svasti & Milstein, 1972) was used for the CL domain of McPC603.

Throughout this paper, the amino acid numbering is serial, starting from number 1 with the 1st residue of each chain of the molecule. The correspondence between our numbering scheme and that of Kabat *et al.* (1983) is presented in Table 2.

As noted by Segal *et al.* (1974), the molecule possesses 2 approximate local dyad symmetry axes, which relate the pair of variable domains and the pair of constant domains to each other. We examined the relationship and the

Table 2

Correspondence between the numbering scheme used here and that of Kabat et al. (1983)

Ligh	t chain	Heavy chain		
This work	Kabat et al.	This work	Kabat et al.	
1-27	1-27	1 - 52	1-52	
28 - 33	27a-27f	53 - 55	52a-52c	
34 - 220	28 - 214	56-85	53-82	
		86-88	82a-82c	
		89-106	83-100	
		107 - 109	100a-100c	
		110-139	101-130	
		140 - 142	133 - 135	
		143 - 163	137 - 157	
		164 - 171	162 - 169	
		172 - 184	171 - 183	
		185 - 200	185 - 200	
		201-205	202 - 206	
		206 - 216	208 - 218	
		217-222	220-225	

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similarity of these pairs of domains using the program ALIGN (G. H. Cohen, unpublished results), which iteratively rotates one set of atoms to another set to optimize their fit while preserving the order of the linear sequences of the 2 sets. The program uses the algorithm of Needleman & Wunsch (1970) to identify the structural homology while accounting for insertions and deletions.

Interdomain and intermolecular contacts were calculated with the aid of the program CONTAX (E. A. Padlan, unpublished results). Two atoms are defined to be in contact if their co-ordinates lie within the sum of their van der Waals radii plus 1.0 Å. Intramolecular main-chain hydrogen bonds were calculated by the program EREF (M. Levitt, personal communication).

3. Results and Discussion

Table 3 shows an estimate of the quality of the stereochemical parameters for the final model. It is expressed in terms of the r.m.s. deviations of the various classes of parameters from accepted values (Sielecki *et al.*, 1979). The ϕ, ψ plot for the main chain is shown in Figure 1. There are a few residues that have "forbidden" ϕ, ψ values. The quality of the map in these regions together with the low

Table 3

Summary of stereochemical criteria (Hendrickson & Konnert, 1981; Sielecki et al., 1979; Cohen et al., 1981)

	Final model	Target σ
$R = \frac{\sum F_{\rm o} - F_{\rm c} }{\sum F_{\rm o} }$	0.225	
Average ΔF	136	+
Interatomic distances (Å)		
1-2	0.020	0.015
1-3	0.040	0.020
1-4	0.032	0.025
Planarity (Å)	0.027	0.020
Chiral volumes (Å ³)	0.257	0.150
Non-bonded contacts (Å)		
1-4	0.24	0.20
Other	0.34	0.50
Angles (deg.)		
ω, χ_5 (Arg)	27.0	15.0
χ_1, \ldots, χ_4	5.0	5.0
Temperature factors (A^2)		
Main chain 1-2	0.5	0.5
Main chain 1-3	1.0	0.7
Side chain 1–2	0.4	0.5
Side chain 1–3	0.7	0.7

The standard groups dictionary used is specified in Table 2 of Sielecki *et al.* (1979). In this Table, F_{σ} refers to the observed structure factor, F_{c} is the calculated structure factor and ΔF is the quantity $||F_{\sigma}| - |F_{c}||$. The target σ represents the inverse square-root of the weights used for the parameters listed. The values given are the r.m.s. deviations from the respective ideal values.

† The weight chosen for the structure factor refinement, the "target σ " of ΔF , was modeled by the function $w = (1/d)^2$ with:

$$d = 40 - 500 \left(\sin(\theta) / \lambda - 1/6 \right)$$

By this means, $w(\Delta F)$ was approximately constant over all of the data (*w* representing the weight for a given reflection). Other details of this Table are explained fully by Cohen *et al.* (1981)

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