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# A Functional Synthetic Model for the Lanthanide-Dependent Quinoid Alcohol Dehydrogenase Active Site

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ABSTRACT: The oxidation of methanol by dehydrogenase enzymes is an essential part of the bacterial methane metabolism cycle. The recent discovery of a lanthanide (Ln) cation in the active site of the XoxF dehydrogenase represents the only example of a rare-earth element in a physiological role. Herein, we report the first synthetic, functional model of Ln-dependent dehydrogenase and its stoichiometric and catalytic dehydrogenation of a benzyl alcohol. DFT calculations implicate a hydride transfer mechanism for these reactions.

Methanol dehydrogenase (MDH) enzymes play an important role in the global carbon cycle, namely through the bacterial methane metabolism pathway, by catalyzing the oxidation of methanol.<sup>1</sup> The active site of MDH enzymes contains a pyrroloquinoline quinone (PQQ) cofactor bound to a Ca<sup>2+</sup> ion, which accepts formally two electrons and two protons from an alcohol substrate to afford the corresponding aldehyde and catechol (H<sub>2</sub>PQQ, Scheme 1a).<sup>2</sup> It was recently demonstrated that early lanthanide ions: La-Nd accelerated alcohol metabolism, and in one case were essential for cell growth of certain methanotrophic bacteria.<sup>3</sup> An Xray structure of the XoxF-type MDH enzyme from Methylacidiphilum fumariolicum SoIV revealed a Ln<sup>3+</sup> cation bound by the PQQ cofactor (Scheme 1b),<sup>3d</sup> the first example of a lanthanide (or rare-earth) element in a physiological role. Lanthanides evidently confer a competitive advantage over Ca<sup>2+</sup>, with XoxF-MDH displaying a 10-fold higher methanol affinity constant than Ca-MDHs.<sup>3d, 4</sup> Furthermore, Ca-MDHs exhibit highest activities at pH ~9 whereas XoxF-MDH functions optimally at neutral pH and does not require ammonium ions for activation.<sup>3d, 4</sup> Also, in contrast to Ca-MDHs, XoxF-MDH catalyzes the oxidation of formaldehyde to formate.3d, 4

The study of well-defined synthetic model compounds is essential for understanding the workings of enzyme active sites, which in turn may inspire novel catalysts.<sup>5</sup> At present, however, reports of synthetic metal complexes of PQQ or analogues are scarce<sup>6</sup> and only a handful of such compounds have been structurally characterized.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, their reactivity has typically not been reported, with a few exceptions.<sup>6a-e</sup> To date, there are no reports of a synthetic lanthanide complex of PQQ or its surrogates.



**Scheme 1.** a) Reaction between cofactor PQQ and alcohol substrates to give the catechol  $H_2PQQ$  and b) the active site of Ln-dependent MDH from XRD data with bound EtOH ligand.

There are a number of challenges associated with synthesizing analogues of MDH active sites. First, PQQ derivatives may coordinate to a metal ion in non-natural binding modes, such as through the two guinone oxygen atoms<sup>7c, 7d</sup> or the distal pyrrole and carboxylic acid groups.<sup>7a</sup> Multiple quinoline quinones (QQs) may also bind a single metal center or otherwise exhibit complicated speciation.<sup>8</sup> To overcome these potential problems we designed the ligand  $L_{QQ}$  (Scheme 2), which incorporated a directing and sterically bulky chelator. An important goal of this design was the structural characterization of metal complexes of  $L_{QQ}$  and the product(s) of their reaction with substrates. We report herein the synthesis of L<sub>00</sub>, its corresponding lanthanum complex  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  and its stoichiometric and catalytic dehydrogenation of a benzyl alcohol substrate.

Proligand  $L_{QQ}$  was synthesized in 11 steps from commercially available starting materials (Scheme 2). Metallation of  $L_{QQ}$  proceeded smoothly using  $[La(NO_3)_3(THF)_4]$ to obtain  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  in 90% yield as a moisturesensitive orange solid (Scheme 2).  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  is a rare example of a metal complex of a quinoline quinone<sup>7</sup> and is the first such lanthanide complex. The X-ray crystal structure of  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  revealed La(1) to bound to the pyridyl nitrogen atom N(1) and a single quinone oxygen O(1) of the



**Scheme 2.** The synthesis of  $L_{QQ}$ ,  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  and  $[La(L_{QQ}^{2^-})(NO_3)]_2$  with 50% thermal ellipsoid plots. H-atoms have been omitted, cyclohexyl groups have been truncated and  $NO_3^-$  ligands are displayed in wireframe for clarity.

QQ moiety (Scheme 2 and S1), analogous to the coordination environment of the XoxF enzyme active site (Scheme 1).<sup>3d, 4</sup> Cyclic voltammograms (CVs) performed on  $L_{00}$  revealed a largely reversible process at  $E_{\frac{1}{2}} = -$ 0.95 V vs.  $Fc/Fc^{\dagger}$  for the quinone-semiquinone (QQ/QQ<sup>-</sup>) couple (Figure 1, dotted line) followed by an irreversible process at  $E_c = -1.76$  V assigned as formation of the catecholate dianion  $(Q^{2-})$ .<sup>9</sup> For  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$ , the QQ/QQ<sup>-</sup> couple was observed at +0.61 V higher potential ( $E_{\frac{1}{2}}$  = -0.34 V;  $i_a/i_c \approx 0.8$  at 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, Figure 1, solid line.) Two poorly reversible, overlapping reduction events were revealed on further cathodic sweeps at -0.68 V and -0.77 V, which showed return waves at -0.66 V and -0.52 V. Overall, the CV of  $[La(L_{00})(NO_3)_3]$  was complicated by loss of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ligand(s) and dimerization equilibria (vide infra); the waves were not definitively assigned (Figures S31-36). Importantly, the anodic shift of the QQ/QQ<sup>-</sup> couple for  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  compared to  $L_{QQ}$  reflected stabilization of the QQ<sup>•-</sup> anion by the bound metal ion.<sup>9a, 10</sup>

We expected that the relative ease of reduction of the QQ moiety upon coordination to La would be reflected in the ability of  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  to oxidize an alcohol substrate. A  $CD_2Cl_2$  solution of free ligand  $L_{QQ}$  with a 4-fold excess of <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH<sup>11</sup> gave no detectable aldehyde product by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, upon mixing, even after 3 days. In contrast,  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  reacted with 2.5 equiv <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH in  $CD_2Cl_2$  to produce



Figure 1. Cyclic voltammograms of  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  (solid

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line) and  $L_{QQ}$  (dashed line) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  with 0.1 M  $[^{n}Pr_{4}N][BAr_{4}^{F}]$  at a scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

2 <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO in 30% yield in 24 h (67% yield in 3 days, Table S3). As observed by Itoh and Fukuzumi in a related system,<sup>6b, 6c</sup> addition of 2.2 equiv DBU accelerated the 5 dehydrogenation of  ${}^{4Me}BnOH$  by  $[La(L_{OO})(NO_3)_3]$  with 6 <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO produced in 63±3% yield (<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectros-7 copy) in <10 mins with completion of the reaction at 8 this point. No detectable quantity of <sup>4Me</sup>PhCO<sub>2</sub>H was 9 10 produced and only broad, indistinct peaks for Log con-11 taining product(s) were observed (Figure S29). Perform-12 ing the reaction on a preparative scale gave pure, black-13 green  $[La(L_{00}^{2-})(NO_3)]_2$  in 67% yield. This dimer was also 14 synthesized from  $[La(L_{00})(NO_3)_3]$  and 2 equiv  $[Cp_2Co]$ 15 (91%; Scheme 2). The considerably less basic, and thus 16 more physiologically relevant, 2,6-lutidine could be sub-17 stituted for DBU (pKa ~7 c.f. ~12 for DBU).<sup>12</sup> The reac-18 tion, while slower, was still much faster (complete in 19 <24 h) than that in the absence of a base, and gave 20 <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO in 37% yield (Table S3). A control reaction of 21 L<sub>QQ</sub> with 1.2 equiv <sup>Me</sup>BnOH and 2.2 equiv DBU produced 22 only trace amounts (<3% yield) of <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO in 30 min 23 (13% after 4 h).  $[La(L_{QQ}^{2-})(NO_3)]_2$  is the first structurally 24 25 characterized metal complex of a reduced quinoline 26 quinone. Notably, Itoh and Fukuzumi assigned the 27 product of the reaction of PQQTME, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, an alcohol 28 and DBU as a monomeric, singly deprotonated catechol 29 complex,<sup>6b</sup> in contrast to fully deprotonated  $[La(L_{00})^{2-}]$ 30  $(NO_3)]_2$ . 31

We hypothesized that, with a suitable terminal oxidant and base, the dehydrogenation of <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH by  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  could be performed catalytically. A mixture of 1 equiv <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH, 2 equiv [Fc][PF<sub>6</sub>], 2 equiv 2,6lutidine (as DBU was incompatible with [Fc]<sup>+</sup> salts) and [La(L<sub>QQ</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (5 mol%) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-CD<sub>3</sub>CN (2:1 v/v) was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (Figure S30). In <20 min, characteristic peaks corresponding to <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO were observed. After 21 h, 4MePhCHO had been produced in 84% yield (~17 turnovers) with 85% of the <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH having been consumed, indicating clean conversion. Extending the reaction another 24 h increased the yield of aldehyde to 96%. In the absence of  $[La(L_{00})(NO_3)_3]$ , no <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO was produced within 24 h under these conditions. Replacing  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  with 5 mol%  $[La(THF)_4(NO_3)_3]$  or  $L_{QQ}$  gave <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO in 5% or 14% yield, respectively, after 21 h. These results show the requirements of both La and the  $L_{QQ}$  ligand for catalytic turnover. The dehydrogenation of ~60 mg of <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH, catalyzed by  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$ , was carried out under the above conditions to afford  $^{\rm 4Me}{\rm PhCHO}$  and Fc in 75% and 83% isolated yields, respectively, in 24 h. Itoh and Fukuzumi reported dehydrogenation of ethanol (~15 turnovers in 65 h) by a mixture of  $[Ca(ClO_4)_2]$ , PQQTME, DBU and O<sub>2</sub>.<sup>6b</sup> Until our report, his was the only non-biological example of alcohol dehydrogenation catalyzed by a metal complex of a PQQ derivative. Notably, our system does not employ O<sub>2</sub>, which may oxidize the aldehyde to give carboxylic acid byproducts.

For further insights into the reactivity and properties of  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$  we turned to computations. The gasphase structures of  $L_{QQ}$ ,  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$ , putative  $[La(L_{QQ}^{-})(NO_3)_3]$  and  $[La(L_{QQ}^{2-})(NO_3)]_2$  were optimized by DFT methods and gave good agreement with XRD metrics (Table S5). All carbonyl IR stretches were well reproduced (Figures S38-40). In addition, a +0.51 V relative stabilization of  $[La(L_{QQ}^{\bullet-})(NO_3)_3]$  c.f.  $L_{QQ}^{\bullet-}$  was predicted, compared to +0.61 V observed experimentally (Figure S37). Encouraged by the agreement of DFT calculations with experimental data, we examined possible mechanisms for the dehydrogenation of <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH by  $[La(L_{00})(NO_3)_3]$ . The catalytic pathway of MDH has been considered to occur through one of two plausible mechanisms: hydride transfer (HT) or additionelimination (AE).<sup>13</sup> Although the HT mechanism is generally accepted for biological MDH enzymes,<sup>14</sup> recent computational work on Ln-XoxF indicated a possible mechanism.<sup>15</sup> preference AE for the



**Figure 2.** DFT-calculated reaction coordinates for the dehydrogenation of  ${}^{4Me}$ BnOH by  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$ : a) a 2,6-lutidine-assisted HT mechanism; b) comparison of the AE (red traces) and HT (blue traces) mechanisms in the absence of base (solid traces) and the influence of DBU (dotted trace) or 2,6-lutidine (dashed traces).

In the current work, the HT mechanism was considered first (Figures 2a and S47-48). In the first calculated transition state (TS), a benzylic hydride was transferred to the C(2)-QQ carbon atom from <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH with concerted alcohol deprotonation by a NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ligand (**TS**<sup>HT</sup>,  $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 24.2 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ). This step afforded <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO, HNO<sub>3</sub> and the hemiacetalate complex (**Int2**). Reprotonation of **Int2** by HNO<sub>3</sub> to the hemiacetal (**Int**<sup>HT</sup>) was nearly barrier-less. Enolization of **Int**<sup>HT</sup> was assisted by a NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ligand to give the catechol complex with an activation barrier of 22.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (**TS**<sup>NO3</sup>). Explicit action of 2,6-lutidine reduced the barrier for enolization by ~15 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (**TS**<sup>Lut</sup>,  $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 7.6 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ). Deprotonation of the catechol afforded dimeric [La(L<sub>QQ</sub><sup>2-</sup>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>2</sub>, which was downhill by ~35 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

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The AE mechanism was also examined (Figures 2b and S45-46). As expected,<sup>6b, 6c, 14b, 15</sup> NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-assisted addition of <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH at the C(2)-QQ carbon atom to give the hemiketal complex (Int<sup>AE</sup>) had a low barrier of 8.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 2b). The barrier for the subsequent retroene step (TS<sup>ene</sup>) to yield the catechol complex (Cat) and <sup>4Me</sup>PhCHO was ~40 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and base did not facilitate this step. The activation energy for the retro-ene step was lowered (<sup>ate</sup>**TS**<sup>ene</sup>,  $\Delta G^{\dagger} = 24.5$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) from the deprotonated hemiketalate complex (ateIntAE) as similarly calculated by others.<sup>15-16</sup> However, formation of <sup>ate</sup>Int<sup>AE</sup> over Int<sup>AE</sup> was only favored in the presence of DBU, but not weakly basic 2,6-lutidine (Figure 2b, dashed and dotted lines). Thus, in the presence of DBU, [La(L<sub>QQ</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] may undergo an AE mechanism, as reported for Ca<sup>2+</sup> complexes.<sup>6b, 6c</sup>

Overall, our DFT study suggested that for the dehydrogenation of <sup>4Me</sup>BnOH by  $[La(L_{QQ})(NO_3)_3]$ : (i) in the absence of a base, the HT mechanism should be preferred with two free energy barriers of ~24 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, consistent with a slow reaction at r.t. (ii) under catalytic conditions HT should also be favored, as 2,6-lutidine should enhance the rate by facilitating the enolization process (iii) nitrate ligands are important in both mechanisms by acting analogously to the 'proton-shuttle' pendant carboxylate in the MDH.<sup>13-15</sup>

We have synthesized a functional model for the lanthanide-dependent XoxF-MDH enzyme. This complex dehydrogenated a benzyl alcohol stoichiometrically and catalytically under neutral and mildly basic conditions. DFT investigations suggested a HT mechanism for these reactions and, by extension, for MDH enzymes. Efforts to expand these studies are underway, for example, through variation of the nitrate co-ligands and the identity of the rare-earth cation on the catalytic activity of our model system.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

The Supporting Information is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org. Synthetic procedures and spectroscopic data, NMR spectra from reaction mixtures, additional electrochemistry and computational data.

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