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ABSTRACT: SHIP2 (SH2-domain containing inositol 5-phosphatase type 2) is a canonical 5-phosphatase which, through its catalytic action on PtdInsP₃, regulates the PI3K/Akt pathway and metabolic action of insulin. It is a drug target but there is limited evidence of inhibition of SHIP2 by small molecules in the literature. With the goal to investigate inhibition, we report a homologous family of synthetic, chromophoric benzene phosphate substrates of SHIP2 that display the headgroup regiochemical hallmarks of the physiological inositide substrates that have proved difficult to crystallize with 5-phosphatases. Using time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT), we explore the intrinsic fluorescence of these novel substrates and show how fluorescence can be used to assay enzyme activity. The TD-DFT approach promises to inform rational design of enhanced active site probes for the broadest family of inositide-binding / metabolizing proteins, whilst maintaining the regiochemical properties of *bona fide* inositide substrates.

In eukaryotic cells, many signaling pathways are regulated by levels of inositol phosphates (inositides), phosphatidylinositol phosphates (phosphoinositides) and the proteins that are their cognate binding partners. The balance of these is controlled by families of kinases and phosphatases that phosphorylate and dephosphorylate these molecules at specific positions, designated locants, of the inositol ring¹. SH2-domain containing inositol 5-phosphatase type 2 (SHIP2) belongs to a family of phosphatases that hydrolyse the 5-phosphate of inositides and phosphoinositides. The substrates are known to include inositol pentakisphosphates (InsP₅), tetrakisphosphates (InsP₄), trisphosphates (InsP₃), phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate (PtdInsP₃) and phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PtdInsP₂)².

An understanding of how these enzymes function is important to pathologies such as diabetes and cancer². SHIP2 reduces levels of PtdInsP₃, while increasing levels of PtdIns(3,4)P₂. Consequently, this enzyme regulates the PI3K/Akt pathway which is linked to cell proliferation and the metabolic action of insulin^{3,4}. SHIP2 is expressed in many cell types and has additionally been linked to regulation of diverse cellular processes such as calcium signaling, cytoskeletal remodeling, protein trafficking and phagocytosis^{2,5}. While a mechanistic explanation of inhibition of PI3-Kinases has underpinned therapeutic interventions in cancer^{6,7}, therapeutic inhibition of 5-phosphatases lacks similar foundation.

Previous research for inhibitors of SHIP2 has typically assayed activity using phosphate release with D-*myo*-inositol-1,3,4,5-tetrakisphosphate (Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄) or D-*myo*-phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate (PtdIns(3,4,5)P₃)⁸. Thus, Suwa *et al* identified AS1949490 as a novel, small molecule inhibitor of SHIP2. In the absence of structural data or evidence of catalytic modification of the inhibitor, the exact mode of inhibition is not clear, though from an enzymological perspective the nature of inhibition is competitive with respect to inositide substrate. It is possible that within the chemical landscape of inhibition, competitive substrate analog inhibitors will be found. However, further mechanistic analysis would require identification of the products of such reactions, something limited for *bona fide* substrates by lack of a suitable chromophore in these molecules. Alternatively, radiolabeled substrates could be used but this would demand complex synthetic work and HPLC resolution of substrates and products.

With a view to finding alternative substrates of 5-phosphatases that have analytically useful chromophoric properties, we investigate the benzene polyphosphate compounds shown in Figure 1. Originally, the benzene phosphate compounds **1** to **6** were designed as substrate analogs to substitute as ligands to inositol phosphate binding proteins/enzymes, enabling crystallographic resolution of protein-ligand complexes and insight into enzyme inhibition^{9,10}. While simple benzene phosphates appear not to be substrates of 5-phosphatases⁹⁻¹¹ compound **7**, 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, was synthesized and has been shown by assay of

release of phosphate to be a substrate for type I *myo*-inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate-5-phosphatase (INPP5A)¹¹. Benzene phosphate analogues were also used to uncover mechanistic information in co-crystallisation studies with INPP5B¹².

We now show that the chromophoric properties of benzene phosphates vary depending on the regiochemistry of substituents around the benzene ring and that several members of this family have an unanticipated, useful, intrinsic fluorescence. Alongside conventional spectroscopic measurements, we use time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) to examine how the regiochemistry modifies the spectroscopic properties. Compound **6**, Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄, proved to be intensely fluorescent, a property potentially explainable by TD-DFT. It is a tantalizing observation that the four phosphate groups of this compound are stereochemically homotopic, remaining indistinguishable even in the chiral environment of the enzyme active site. Since 5-phosphatases yield only a single product from Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄, should benzene phosphates be substrates we expect a single, identifiable product **8** 5-OH Bz(1,2,4)P₃ of dephosphorylation of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄. Compound **8** 5-OH Bz(1,2,4)P₃ was, however, not synthesized, so in the absence of reference material we sought to use TD-DFT to predict its fluorescence with the expectation of being able to use this prediction to identify whether compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ could be a substrate of SHIP2. We therefore investigated the possibility that benzene phosphates themselves are substrates for dephosphorylation by SHIP2 and the chromophoric properties of this class of molecule might allow construction of assays complementary to those that employ the measurement of released inorganic phosphate.

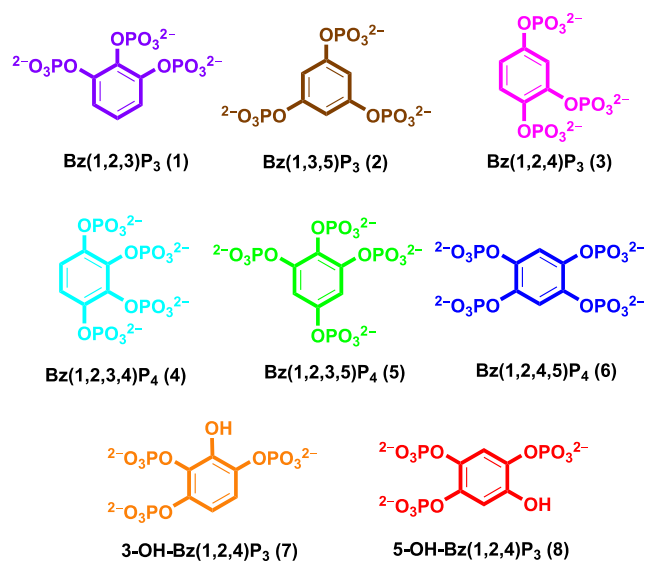


Figure 1. Structures of benzene phosphates used in this study

Previously, benzene phosphates have been shown to be inhibitors of INPP5A⁷, INPP5B¹² and SHIP2⁸, with compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ yielding IC₅₀ values in single figures and tens of μ M range against Ins(1,4,5)P₃ and Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ substrates, tested at 1 μ M and 100 μ M concentrations respectively. We also recently described the use of a fluorescent conjugate of Ins(1,3,4,5,6)P₅ (2-FAM-InsP₅, Figure 2) as an active site probe of inositol pentakisphosphate 2-kinase¹³ and as an intracellular probe¹⁴. Here, combining the use of two classes of ligand, we show that displacement of 2-FAM-InsP₅ affords assay of benzene phosphate binding to SHIP2 (Figure 2 and Table 1).

All six benzene phosphate derivatives chosen displaced 2nM 2-FAM-InsP₅ from SHIP2 with IC₅₀ values in the low μ M range, the benzene tetrakisphosphates being more effective than benzene trisphosphates, with IC₅₀ values approximately one order of magnitude smaller than the trisphosphates.

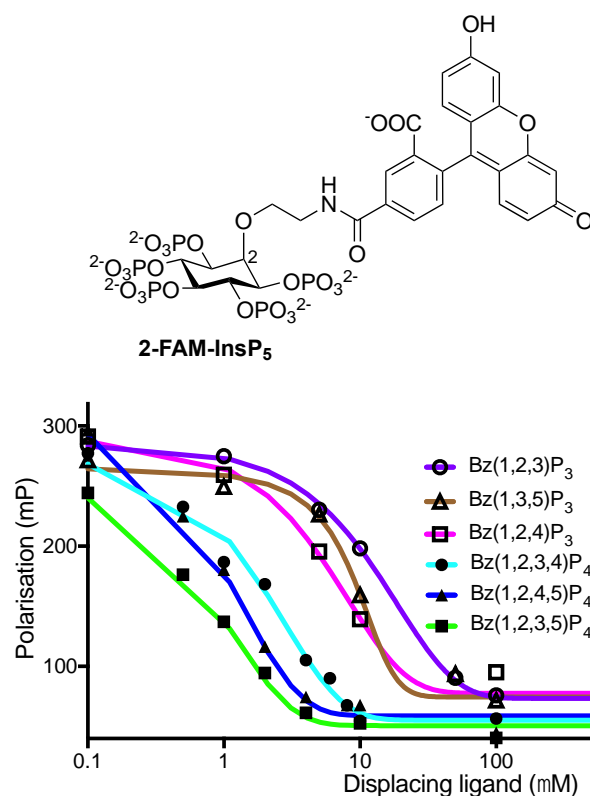


Figure 2 Displacement of 2-FAM-InsP₅ from SHIP2 by benzene phosphates. The experiments used 2nM 2-FAM-InsP₅ and 1 μ M SHIP2. Results shown as mean of triplicate experiments (results with standard deviations given in Table 1).

Table 1. Comparison of published IC₅₀ values for inhibition of 5-phosphatases by benzene phosphates to experimentally determined IC₅₀ values found for displacement of 2-FAM-InsP₅ from SHIP2.

Compound	IC ₅₀ (μM) 2-FAM- InsP ₅ SHIP2 <i>this study</i>	IC ₅₀ (μM) Ins(1,3,4,5)P ₄ SHIP2 ^{10, 12}	IC ₅₀ (μM) Ins(1,4,5)P ₃ INPP5A ⁹	IC ₅₀ (μM) Ins(1,4,5)P ₃ INPP5B ¹²
Bz(1,2,3)P ₃	14.23 ± 0.1	>1000	86 ± 28	33.5 ± 6.8
Bz(1,3,5)P ₃	11.25 ± 2.9		16 ± 9	
Bz(1,2,4)P ₃	7.02 ± 0.05		14 ± 9	
Bz(1,2,3,4)P ₄	2.78 ± 0.59		98 ± 16	
Bz(1,2,3,5)P ₄	1.01 ± 0.43		78 ± 50	
Bz(1,2,4,5)P ₄	1.02 ± 0.1	69.3±15.4 ¹⁰ 108.3± 20.3 ¹²	4 ± 2	6.3 ± 0.8

Most commonly, 5-phosphatase activity is assayed as the release of inorganic phosphate from Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ or PtdIns(3,4,5)P₃. We assayed the ability of SHIP2 to release phosphate from inositol phosphates and also benzene phosphates, and test whether benzene phosphates are substrates. We tested whether by virtue of the lower pK_a of the hydroxyl of a theoretical dephosphorylated benzene phosphate (leaving group)^{15,16}, they might be better substrates than simple inositol phosphate substrate (Figure 3).

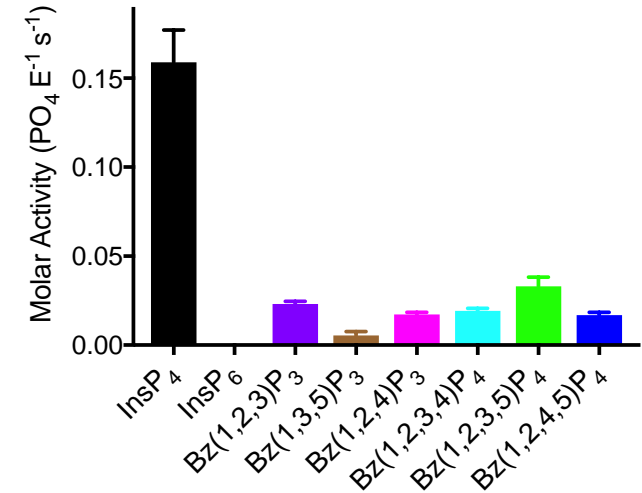


Figure 3. Benzene phosphates as substrates of SHIP2. Compounds tested at 100μM. For Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ and InsP₆, the concentration of SHIP2 was 1μM and for the benzene phosphates, 4μM, with triplicate reactions run for 10min at 30°C.

Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ and InsP₆ were included as positive and negative controls. Phosphate release was determined with molybdenum blue, using ferrous sulphate as a reducing agent¹⁷. While slower than the reaction with Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄, phosphatase activity was noted with all compounds except InsP₆, a substrate for phytases¹⁸ but not for inositol polyphosphate 5-phosphatases. As the benzene phosphates are poorer substrates than Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄, the rate of de-phosphorylation must be influenced by factors other than just the pK_a of the leaving group. In an earlier study¹¹, we postulated that OH groups in the substrate are likely to have a mechanistic role, showing that during de-phosphorylation of compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ by INPP5A, stabilization of the phenolic OH proton accompanied de-protonation of the phosphate groups. In order to test this theory, we compared phosphate release from compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ and compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄ (Figure S1). The rate determined for compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ was almost twice that observed for compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄. However, this rate is comparable to that observed for compound **5** Bz(1,2,3,5)P₄, suggesting that the regiochemistry of the ring substitution may also have an influence.

Having gained evidence for binding of benzene phosphates to SHIP2 and their catalytic processing by SHIP2, we speculated that the spectroscopic properties of benzene phosphates might be exploited to follow catalysis. Excitation and emission scans of acetonitrile solutions of compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄, compound **5** Bz(1,2,3,5)P₄, compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ and tryptophan were measured and the spectral details compared to those predicted by TD-DFT (Figure 4 and Tables S1 and S2). Spectral predictions for compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ are included in the table, but the pure compound was not available to test. The theoretical methods employ approaches used in TD-DFT studies of tryptophan^{19,20}. A detailed discussion of the TD-DFT methods and results is included in Supporting Information.

Significantly, on excitation at 280nm, the measured fluorescence of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄, was 30 times more intense than that of the next most fluorescent benzene tetrakisphosphate, compound **5** Bz(1,2,3,5)P₄, and approximately 10% of

that of tryptophan (Figure 4). These observations match the trends predicted by TD-DFT (Tables S1 and S2). The calculations for compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ predict that the excitation maximum of 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ is 6nm greater than that of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄, a prediction confirmed by empirical measurement (Figure 5 and Table S1). Similarly, TD-DFT predicts the emission maximum for compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ is 25nm greater than that of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ (Figure 5 and Table S2).

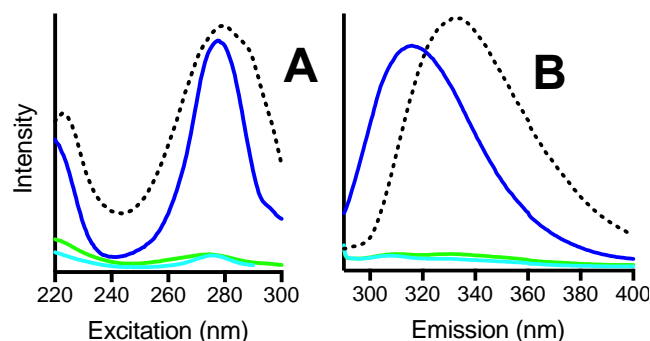


Figure 4. Fluorescence spectra of 500μM Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄ (cyan line), 500μM Bz(1,2,3,5)P₄ (green line), 100μM Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ (blue line), 10μM tryptophan (black dotted line) in acetonitrile. (A) excitation scans determined at emission maxima, (B) emission scans excited at 280nm.

As TD-DFT predicts that compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ and its hydrolysis product compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ show significant fluorescence intensity, we devised an HPLC separation that could be used with fluorescence detection for benzene phosphates. First, we established separations following UV absorbance (Figure S2). HPLC resolved all the discrete benzene triphosphates and tetrakisphosphates used in this study. Compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ that eluted at approximately 37 minutes could also be detected by fluorescence with excitation at 280nm and emission at 330nm. In the first instance we wanted to use the HPLC method to investigate whether SHIP2 could convert compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ into compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃. Therefore, we selected conditions that would limit the extent of reaction to a predominant single dephosphorylation. Extended incubation of 100μM of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ with 100nM SHIP2 allowed us to monitor the progression of the reaction without interference from other fluorescent products as judged by HPLC (Figure 5A). Over a period of 12h, the fluorescence intensity of the parent peak at 37min diminished correlating with the appearance of an earlier-eluting peak at 30min (Figure 5A). As we did not have the assumed product, compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, to confirm the identity of the peak at 30 minutes (Figure 5A), we sought confirmation by recording fluorescence excitation and emission spectra of the accumulated products (Figures 5B and 5C).

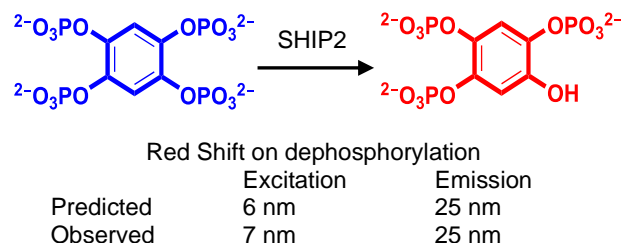
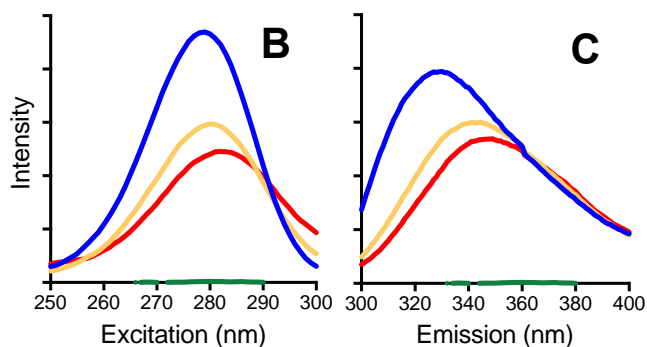
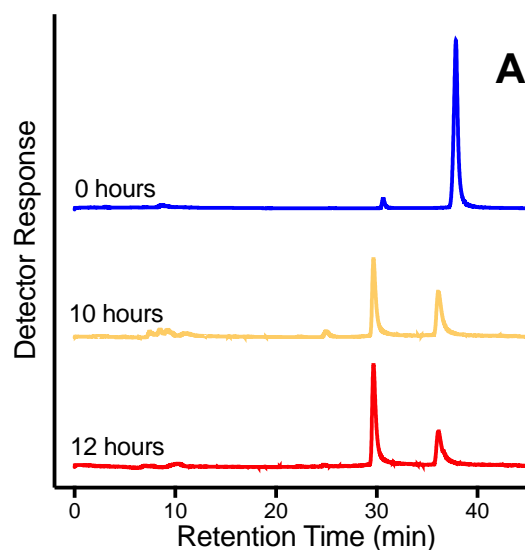


Figure 5. (A) HPLC analysis of reaction of Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ (100μM) incubated with SHIP2 (100nM) at 16°C for 0h (blue line), 10h (amber line) and 12h (red line). Substrate and products were detected by fluorescence (excitation at 280 nm, emission at 330 nm). (B) & (C) Fluorescence of the same samples diluted 100-fold in acetonitrile. 100nM SHIP2 alone shown as dark green line on baseline. (B) excitation scans with emission at 330nm, (C) emission scans excited at 280nm.

Samples analyzed in Figure 5A were diluted 100-fold into acetonitrile and fluorescence spectra were recorded (Figures 5B and 5C). As the proportion of the product increased, the red shifts in the fluorescence spectra increased correspondingly. After 12h incubation, the excitation maximum of the assumed product, compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, was 7nm greater than that of the starting material (Figure 5B). This compares favorably to the shift of +6 nm predicted by TD-DFT for compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ converting to compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ (Table S1). The emission maximum of the product was 25 nm greater than that of the starting material (Figure 5C). This also compares favorably to the predicted shift of +25 nm for compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ converting to compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ (Table S2). As discussed in Supporting Information, the predicted transition energies for excitation and emission differ systematically from the experimentally determined values so that variations between compounds can be defined in terms of wavelength shifts. A similar observation has previously been noted for this type of TD-DFT analysis^{19,20}. From the close match between the predicted and observed wavelength shifts we can conclude that compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ is formed when compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ is incubated with SHIP2 under these conditions.

In order to investigate further the effects of SHIP2 on compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄, 100μM of the substrate was incubated for 2h with increasing amounts of SHIP2. This demonstrated that the conversion of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ into its first hydrolysis product, compound **8** 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, is dependent on the SHIP2 concentration and compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ alone is stable under these conditions (Figure S3). Longer incubation and use of tandem UV-fluorescence detection resulted in a more complicated product profile with peaks of increased absorbance: fluorescence ratio at 30, 25, 23 and 13min (Figure S4). This is consistent with successive de-phosphorylation generating a sequence of different hydroxybenzene phosphate compounds with different elution profiles as observed for inositol phosphates²¹.

The change in fluorescence that accompanies the conversion of substrate to product can be used to develop a real-time fluorescence-based assay to follow de-phosphorylation of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ by the exemplar 5-phosphatase SHIP2 (Figure 6). In the absence of competing additives, the fluorescence intensity at 325nm reduces and the maximum shifts to a longer wavelength as the reaction between SHIP2 and compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ progresses (Figure 6A). Figure 6B traces how the emission intensity at 325 nm (the maximum for compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄) decreases with time. It also shows how this decrease is affected by additives that are reported to be substrates or inhibitors of SHIP2 activity. The rate of the intensity decrease slows down considerably in the presence of the natural substrate Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ which, as shown in Figure 3, is 10 times more active in terms of phosphate release than any of the benzene phosphates. In the presence of the SHIP2 inhibitor AS1949490, there is an initial decrease in fluorescence intensity that matches that of the reaction with no additives indicating that, in the initial stages under these conditions, we are not seeing inhibition of SHIP2 activity with compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄. This experiment is not an exhaustive analysis of the substrates competing for SHIP2 activity but serves to demonstrate the utility of benzene phosphate fluorescence in this context.

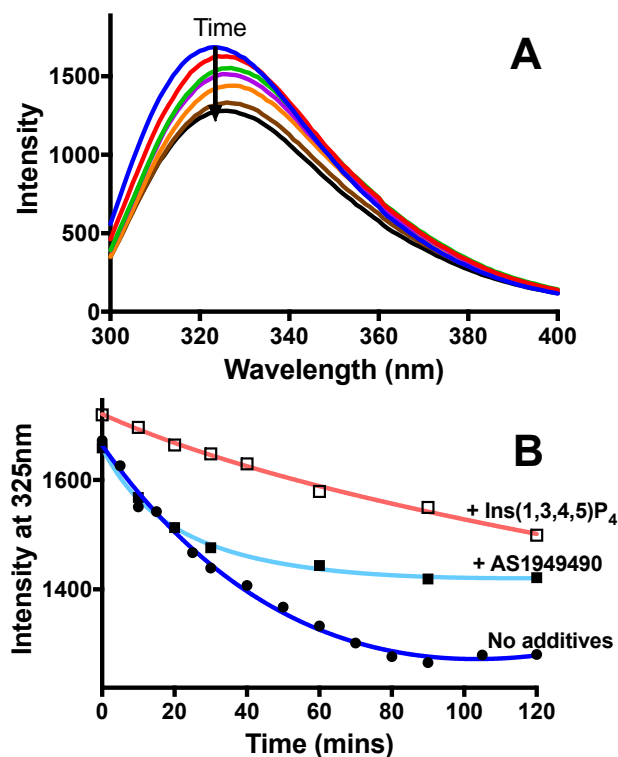


Figure 6. (A) Change in fluorescence of compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ (100μM) incubated with SHIP2 (1μM) at 23°C recording emission scans excited at 280nm over a period of 2 hours. (B) Change in emission intensity at 325nm with time for compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ incubated with SHIP2; with no other additives (dark blue line), with Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ (50μM) (peach line), with SHIP2 inhibitor AS1949490 (100μM) (light blue line).

While there is much to take account of when designing such an experiment, we have proved the utility of TD-DFT to select from a regioisomeric family of benzene tris- and tetrakisphosphates for the compound with the best fluorescent properties to monitor 5-phosphatase, specifically SHIP2, activity. Interestingly, benzene phosphates appear to undergo successive dephosphorylations with SHIP2, in contrast to the single 5-dephosphorylation of inositol phosphate substrates. By judicious choice of a symmetrical tetrakisphosphate and careful titration of an enzyme, we were able to limit the extent of reaction to a predominant single dephosphorylation. Interestingly, towards the end of the experiment shown in Figure 6A there is a slight shift to shorter wavelength again, most likely reflecting further de-phosphorylation of the 5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ product.

To explore further the catalytic flexibility engendered in phosphate-substituted benzenes, we also sought to define the products of successive dephosphorylation of the more weakly fluorescent compound **4**, Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄ (Figure S5), for which a number of potential dephosphorylation products are available. Accordingly, we included compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, and the newly synthesized compounds **9** 1,2-Di-OH-Bz(3,4)P₂ and **10** 1,3-Di-OH-Bz(2,4)P₂ in our analysis (Full details and structures of these compounds are given in Supporting Information). We did not detect the accumulation of compound **7**,

3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ from compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄. This does not rule out its production or that of 1-OH-Bz(2,3,4)P₃ as there is the possibility that the first product of hydrolysis is rapidly dephosphorylated to Di-OH-BzP₂ products. Indeed, compound **9** 1,2-Di-OH-Bz(3,4)P₂ = 3,4-Di-OH-Bz(1,2)P₂ was generated by SHIP2 from compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄ (Figure S4) and, from Figure S1, we can see that compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ is a better phosphate-releasing substrate than compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄. Consistently, SHIP2 action on compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃ yielded multiple products including compound **9** 1,2-Di-OH-Bz(3,4)P₂ = 3,4-Di-OH-Bz(1,2)P₂, but not compound **10** 1,3-Di-OH-Bz(2,4)P₂ = 2,4-Di-OH-Bz(1,3)P₂ (Figure S4). [2,3-Di-OH-Bz(1,4)P₂ was not available to test]. The intricacies of this analysis demonstrate further the advantages of a planned approach to selecting substrates with the most suitable properties for probing selected mechanisms of protein activity.

To summarize, with interest in the utility of benzene phosphates as ligands of diverse inositide / phosphoinositide-binding proteins / enzymes, we have shown that, uniquely among characterized ligands of 5-phosphatases, benzene phosphates have the properties of *bona fide* substrate analogs. Indeed, benzene tris- and tetrakisphosphates are inhibitors of Type I and Type II inositol polyphosphate 5-phosphatases^{9,12}, while compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄ is a tight binding ligand of the PH domain of PKB/Akt²². Compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ is an inhibitor of SHIP2¹⁰ and a structure was solved for a binary complex with INPP5B¹². Here we show that benzene phosphates are surrogate substrates of the canonical 5-phosphatase SHIP2 by virtue of their regiochemistry which mimics well the stereoisomerism, but not enantiomers, of inositides and phosphoinositides. Clearly these compounds could find utility with a range of inositol (phosphate) phosphatases beyond 5-phosphatases, e.g., 3-phosphatases typified by PTEN or 4-phosphatases such as

SopB. The demonstration that they are substrates and can be used for real-time assays affords great opportunity for study of allosteric regulation of catalytic activity by ligand binding to distal domains of the full-length protein.

Because of its relatively strong absorption and fluorescence emission, compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄ is shown to be a promising spectroscopic probe for inositol 5-phosphatase(s). It may also be of use for proteins lacking catalytic activity since, as demonstrated, it is good ligand of inositol phosphate-binding sites. Beyond this, the combination of TD-DFT and enzymological approaches could direct the synthesis of new probes for study of specific aspects of protein structure and function. For real time assays, designed to screen potential inhibitors of protein activity, there is opportunity to design chromophores with enhanced, perhaps further red-shifted, fluorescence. Spectral separation from tryptophan, either in excitation and/or emission, might enable polarization-based approaches to inhibitor screening of inositol phosphate-metabolizing enzymes as we have described with 2-FAM-InsP₅ for IPK1¹³, but without the potential constraints of bulky fluorophore substituents. Probes might be synthesized to retain the ligand co-ordination of *bona fide* substrates and/or might afford a range of binding constants tailored for particular experimental scenarios, cf. ion-sensing fluorescent probes. Thus, we envisage our methods will enable prediction and testing of poly-substituted benzenes that retain the regiochemistry of a favored ligand whilst building in the spectroscopic opportunity of substitution with other functionalities. The diversification of simple aryl ligands to include other functionalities may further find use as structure-stabilizing ligands enabling crystallization of recalcitrant inositol-related protein targets¹². In summary, there is wide-ranging potential in this field for the application of TD-DFT to aid decisions over probe synthesis and experiment design.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information:

Experimental Procedures; including chemical syntheses, protein purification, analytical methods and TD-DFT calculations.

Figure S1: Assay of benzene phosphates and hydroxybenzene phosphates as substrates of SHIP2

Figure S2: HPLC separation of benzene phosphates

Figure S3: HPLC of SHIP2 action on compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄

Figure S4: Tandem UV-fluorescence HPLC assay of SHIP2 action on compound **6** Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄

Figure S5: HPLC separation of compound **4** Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄, compound **7** 3-OH-Bz(1,2,3)P₃, compound **9** 1,2-Di-OH-Bz(3,4)P₂ and compound **10** 1,3-Di-OH-Bz(2,4)P₂

TD_DFT: Results, Tables and Figures

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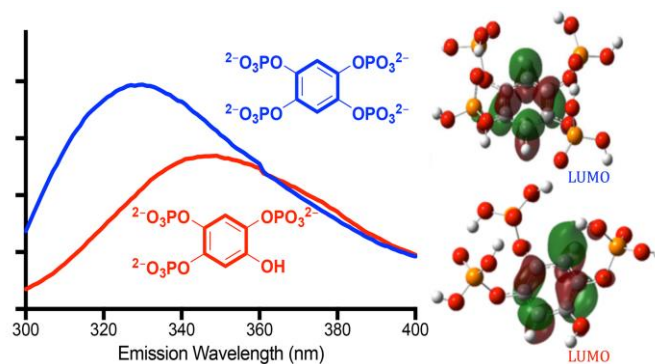
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8 **ABBREVIATIONS**

- 2-FAM-InsP₅, 2-*O*-(2-(5-fluoresceinylcarboxy)-aminoethyl)-*myo*-inositol 1,3,4,5,6-pentakisphosphate (triethylammonium salt)
3-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, 3-hydroxybenzene 1,2,4-trisphosphate
5-OH-Bz(1,2,4)P₃, 5-hydroxybenzene 1,2,4-trisphosphate
1,2-Di-OH-Bz(3,4)P₂, 1,2-Dihydroxybenzene-3,4-bisphosphate
1,3-Di-OH-Bz(2,4)P₂, 1,3-Dihydroxybenzene-2,4-bisphosphate
2,3-Di-OH-Bz(1,4)P₂, 2,3-Dihydroxybenzene-1,4-bisphosphate
BzP, benzene phosphate
Bz(1,2,3)P₃, benzene 1,2,3-trisphosphate
Bz(1,2,4)P₃, benzene 1,2,4-trisphosphate
Bz(1,3,5)P₃, benzene 1,3,5-trisphosphate
Bz(1,2,3,4)P₄, benzene 1,2,3,4-tetrakisphosphate
Bz(1,2,3,5)P₄, benzene 1,2,3,5-tetrakisphosphate
Bz(1,2,4,5)P₄, benzene 1,2,4,5-tetrakisphosphate
EDTA, ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid
HEPES, 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethane sulfonic acid
His, histidine
HOMO, highest occupied molecular orbital
HPLC, high-pressure liquid chromatography
IC₅₀, half-maximal inhibitory concentration
INPP5A, type I inositol 5-phosphatase
INPP5B, type II inositol 5-phosphatase
INPP5E, inositol polyphosphate 5-phosphatase E
Ins(1,4,5)P₃, inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate
Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄, inositol 1,3,4,5-tetrakisphosphate
LUMO, lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
OCRL-1, Lowe oculocerebrorenal syndrome protein (INPP5F)
PKB, Protein Kinase B
PtdIns(3,4)P₂, phosphatidylinositol 3,4-bisphosphate
PtdIns(4,5)P₂, phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate
PtdIns(3,4,5)P₃, phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate
SYNJ1, synaptojanin-1
SYNJ2, synaptojanin-2
SHIP1, SH2-domain containing inositol 5-phosphatase type 1
SHIP2, SH2-domain containing inositol 5-phosphatase type 2
TCEP, tris(2-carboxyethyl) phosphine
TD-DFT, time-domain density functional theory
TEV, Tobacco Etch Virus

A regioisomeric family of novel fluorescent substrates for SHIP2

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