1	Determination of association constants between 5'-guanosine
2	monophosphate gel and aromatic compounds by capillary
3	electrophoresis
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20Hydro gel formed by 5'-guanosine monophosphate (GMP) in the presence of a potassium ion is expected to exhibit interesting selectivity in capillary electrophoretic separations. 21Here, we 22estimated the conditional association constants between the hydro gel (G-gel) and aromatic 23compounds by capillary electrophoresis in order to investigate the separation selectivity that is induced by the G-gel. Several aromatic compounds molecules including amino acid enantiomers, 24benzene and naphthalene derivatives, and nucleobases were separated in a solution containing GMP 25and potassium ion at different concentrations. The association constants were calculated by 26correlating the electrophoretic mobilities of the analytes obtained experimentally using a 27concentration of G-gel. The G-gel showed different selectivities to planer aromatic molecules 28such as benzene, naphthalene, and heterocyclic compounds. During semi-quantitative estimation, 2930 naphthalene derivatives had larger association constants ( $K_{ass} = 10.3 \sim 16.8$ ) compared with those of benzene derivatives ( $K_{ass} = 3.91 - 5.31$ ), which means would imply that the binding sites of G-gel 31match better to a naphthalene ring than to a benzene ring. A hydrophobic interaction was also 32found when the association constants for alkyl resorcinol were compared with those of different 33 hydrocarbon chains, although short alkyl chains like ethyl and n-hexyl groups showed no difference 34The association constants of nucleobases and tryptophan ranged from 6.05~12.6, 35in affinity. which approximated the intermediate values between benzene and naphthalene derivatives. 36 According to those results, the interaction was attributed mainly to an intercalation into the G-gel 37rather than to hydrogen bonding. Small differences between pyrimidine (cytosine and thymine) 38

and purine bases (adenine and guanine) were attributed to steric hindrance and/or hydrogen bonding that differs from that in a DNA duplex since no significant difference was observed in the selectivity between cytosine and thymine. Consequently, the selective interaction between G-gel and aromatic compounds was classified as one of three types: (1) an intercalation into stacked planar GMP tetramers; (2) a hydrophobic interaction with a long alkyl chain; or, (3) a small contribution of steric hindrance and/or hydrogen bonding with functional groups such as amino and hydroxyl groups.

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#### 47 **1. Introduction**

Since the first report of capillary electrophoresis (CE) [1,2], several separation modes of CE 4849have been developed for the separation of a large variety of ions and molecules. The separation modes include zone electrophoresis for inorganic and organic ions, gel and sieving electrophoresis 50for biomolecules including DNA and proteins, micellar electrokinetic chromatography (MEKC) for 51molecules and ions, and isoelectric focusing for proteins. An advantage of CE beyond the other 52chromatographic techniques is the use of a replaceable separation medium, e. g., zone 53electrophoresis is carried out in a free buffer solution [1,2], micellar electrokinetic chromatography 54permits the separation of electrically neutral molecules by adding a charged surfactant at a 55concentration above the critical micellar concentration [3], sieving electrophoresis employs a 56replaceable polymer solution [4,5] that is a substitute for cross-linked gel formed in a capillary [6,7], 57

and isoelectric focusing is achieved in an aqueous carrier ampholyte solution [8].

This advantage leads to the use of several additives to control the separation selectivity of CE. 59In particular, the separation of enantiomers is an important field in CE since high resolution of 60 enantiomers was achieved only by adding a chiral selector into a migration buffer at the appropriate 61 concentration. Several chiral selectors have been attempted in CE separations such as metal 62 chelate [9], cyclodextrin [10], chiral surfactant [11], crown ether [12], and protein [13], which 63 permits the separation of drug and amino acid enantiomers. Recently, hydrogel of 5'-guanosine 64 monophosphate (GMP), called G-gel, was also used as an additive to separate the enantiomers of 65some aromatic compounds [14,15]. 66

The hydrogel is compatible with CE separations since it is easily prepared by adding potassium ion to a GMP solution—GMP tetramers are formed by the surrounding potassium ions and are stacked upon each other [16]. In addition, G-gel is easily injected into a small-bore capillary because of its low viscosity. In fact, MacGown's group has demonstrated the utility of G-gel as an additive for the CE separation of enantiomers [14,15] and DNA with different sequences [17,18]. While their research is focused on enantiomeric and DNA separations, G-gel is expected to lead to interesting selectivity to other molecules, resulting in an improvement in the separation.

Herein, we describe the process we used to determine the association constants between G-gel and some aromatic compounds, which include benzene and naphthalene derivatives, with some hydroxyl groups, amino acid enantiomers, and nucleobases. The association constants were semi-quantitatively estimated by a curve-fitting method based on change in the electrophoretic mobilities of analytes by varying the concentration of G-gel. The electrophoretic mobility of G-gel was predicted by minimizing the errors of regression curves for all the analytes used in the present study. According to the results of the determined association constants, the mechanism of the possible interactions with G-gel was were discussed.

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### 83 2. Experimental

### 84 2.1 Materials

85 Bare fused-silica capillaries with an i.d. of 50 µm and an o.d. of 375 µm were purchased from GL sciences (Tokyo, Japan). All reagents were of analytical grade and were used without further 86 87 purification. Guanosine-5'-monophosphate disodium salt, D,L-tryptophan, 1-naphthol, 2-naphthol, 4-ethylresorcinol, hydroquinone, potassium dihydrogenphosphate, dipotassium hydrogenphosphate, 88 sodium hydroxide, ethanol, adenine (Ade), guanine (Gua), cytosine (Cyt), and thymine (Thy) were 89 obtained from Wako Pure Chemicals (Osaka, Japan). D,L-Phenylalanine was purchased from 90 Kishida Chemical D,L-Tyrosine, 4-n-dodecylresorcinol 91 (Tokyo, Japan). and 922,6-dihydroxynaphthalene were from Aldrich (MO, USA). 4-n-Hexylresorcinol and 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene were obtained from Tokyo Chemical Industry (Tokyo, Japan). 93 Pyrocatechol and 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene were bought from Nacalai tesque (Kyoto, Japan). 94 Pyrogallol was purchased from Kanto Chemical (Tokyo, Japan). Water used in all experiments 95

96	was purified by means of an ultrapure Milli-Q system (Millipore, Molsheim, France). The
97	chemical structures of the analytes used in this study are shown in Fig. 1.
98	Solutions of G-gel were prepared by dissolving GMP and KCl in 25 mM potassium phosphate
99	buffer (pH 7.0) at various concentrations as the molar ratio of GMP and KCl was kept at 1:1. The
100	concentrations of 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40 mM were used for the measurement of the electrophoretic
101	mobilities for the analytes. Prior to use, G-gels were let stand overnight at room temperature,
102	according to procedures from previous studies found in the literature [15].
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104	2.2 CE separations
105	Capillary electrophoresis was carried out using an Agilent Technologies <sup>3D</sup> CE system equipped
106	with an absorbance detector. The total and effective lengths of a capillary were 64.5 cm and 56 cm,
107	respectively. The capillary was held in a cartridge in which the temperature was controlled at 25
108	°C throughout the experiments. Electropherograms were monitored at wavelengths of 210~254
109	nm depending on the absorption maxima of the analytes.
110	At the beginning of the experiments, the capillary was conditioned by rinsing at high pressure
111	with 0.1 M NaOH for 5 min, deionized water for 5 min, and the run buffer for 10 min. Between
112	runs, the capillary was flushed with 0.1 M NaOH for 5 min, deionized water for 5 min, and the run
113	buffer for 2 min in a high-pressure mode. Samples were injected for 5 s at 3.55 kPa. After the
114	experiments, the capillary was washed with 0.1 M NaOH for 10 min, deionized water for 10 min,

115	filled with water, and stored by immersing both ends in water. The electrophoretic runs were		
116	repeated more than three times at each concentration of GMP to obtain the mean value of the		
117	electrophoretic mobility for each analyte.		
118	The electrophoretic mobilities were calculated using the migration times of analytes and the		
119	electroosmotic flow determined by ethanol as a marker. Throughout the study, the electrophoretic		
120	mobility was defined as the direction to the cathode is positive. Using a C program written by our		
121	group, the $K_{ass}$ values and error sums of the squares for the analytes were obtained on the basis of		
122	least-squares approximation.		
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124	3 Results and discussion		
125	3.1 A model for the determination of association constants		
126	The association constants, $K_{ass}$ , between G-gel and the aromatic compounds were determined by		
127	measuring their electrophoretic mobilities at different concentrations of GMP. Based on a		
128	well-known model [19,20], the observed mobility for an analyte can be expressed by the following		
129	relationship,		
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$$\mu_{ep} = \frac{1}{1 + K_{as}[G]} \mu_A + \frac{K_{as}[G]}{1 + K_{as}[G]} \mu_{AG}$$
 (1)

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133 where  $\mu_{ep}$  is the observed electrophoretic mobility of the analyte,  $\mu_A$  is the electrophoretic mobility

of the free analyte,  $\mu_{AG}$  is the electrophoretic mobility of the analyte bound with G-gel, [G] is the concentration of G-gel, and  $K_{ass}$  is the association constant of the analyte. In equation (1),  $K_{ass}$  is defined by

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$$K_{ass} = \frac{\left[AG\right]}{\left[G\right]\left[A\right]}$$
(2)

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where [AG] is the concentration of the analyte bound with G-gel. In this study, the  $K_{ass}$  was defined according to the model for the binding to micelle in which the binding capacity of the micelle is assumed to be "infinity", that is, the micelle can incorporate any number of solute molecules [21].

The similar model was successfully applied to MEKC studies in which equation (1) was also rewritten by a linear equation [22-25]. Rundlett and Armstrong have reported that a linear regression and nonlinear regression showed no difference in the results [24]. So, we employed the nonlinear regression in this study since it is more convenient to compare the errors of the experimental mobilities with the regression curve directly.

In the measurement of the electrophoretic mobilities for the analytes, we may need to take into account influences of G-gel on viscosity, the electroosmotic flow, and p*K*a values of the analytes. The dependences of the electric current and electroosmotic mobility on the concentration of GMP in the running buffer are shown in Fig. 2. The electric current was proportional to the concentration

of GMP (I = 1527.4[GMP] + 25.188, R<sup>2</sup> = 0.9993). In polymer solutions, viscosity is not 153proportional to the concentration of the polymer [26]. So, if viscosity, which influences the 154electric conductivity of a running buffer, changes significantly, the electric current is not 155proportional to the concentration of GMP. Thus, the linear dependence of the electric current 156indicates that the increase of viscosity is negligible at the concentration of GMP up to 40 mM. 157Conversely, the electroosmotic mobility gradually reduced with increasing the concentration of 158The decreased electroosmotic mobility would be explained by increase of the ion GMP. 159concentration in the running buffer [27]. The pKa values of the analytes used in this study were 160more than 9.2 (to be anionic species), so all analytes should be almost electrically neutral. So, we 161assumed that influence on the degree of dissociation was also negligible. 162163To calculate  $K_{ass}$ , we needed two constants,  $\mu_A$  and  $\mu_{AG}$ , which must be obtained either

163 To calculate  $\chi_{ass}$ , we needed two constants,  $\mu_A$  and  $\mu_{AG}$ , which must be obtained either 164 experimentally or computationally. The value of  $\mu_A$  was obtained experimentally by measuring 165 the migration time of the analyte in the absence of G-gel. However, it is was difficult to determine 166 measure  $\mu_{AG}$  experimentally, since  $\mu_{AG}$  must be measured under conditions where no free analyte 167 exists, since the signals of the analytes were not detectable at a high concentration of GMP due to 168 increase of the background signal. Therefore, we attempted to predict a reasonable  $\mu_{AG}$  value 169 from the results of the curve fittings using experimental data.

170 To predict the  $\mu_{AG}$  value, we proposed the following hypotheses.

171 (1) The absolute value of  $\mu_{AG}$  is smaller than the absolute value of the electrophoretic mobility of

172the GMP monomer although the values are relatively close to one another. This would be reasonable since potassium ions are incorporated in G-gel-located at the center of the GMP tetramer 173in the gel, resulting in a reduction in the negative charge per each GMP molecule. 174(2) The concentration of G-gel is approximately equal to the concentration of GMP monomer added 175to a migration buffer, i. e., all GMP molecules are supposed to contribute to the formation of G-gel. 176since the critical concentration of a G gel formation has not been reported in contrast to the critical 177micellar concentration of surfactants. In the preliminary study, we attempted to find a critical 178concentration for the formation of G-gel by spectrophotometry and capillary electrophoresis where 179we measured the absorption spectra and electrophoretic mobility of GMP as an analyte at different 180concentrations (0.5-20 mM). However, we found no difference in the spectra and electrophoretic 181 182mobility. So, we assumed that all GMP molecules contributed to the formation of G-gel or the critical concentration was much smaller than the concentration used in this study. 183(3) The  $\mu_{AG}$  is constant for all analytes used in this study since the absolute values of  $\mu_A$  would be 184much smaller than the absolute value of the electrophoretic mobility of G-gel,  $\mu_{G}$ , i. e.,  $\mu_{AG}$  is 185assumed to be equal to  $\mu_{G}$ . This assumption would be reasonable since a similar approximation 186 was proposed in the original study of MEKC where the migration velocity of the analyte that was 187completely incorporated into micelles was equal to that of the micelle [3]. 188 The electrophoretic mobility of the free GMP was measured at -2.22 x  $10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> for pH 7 189

when a GMP solution was injected as a sample. We also determined the  $\mu_A$  ([G] = 0) and  $\mu_{ep}$  ([G]

= 5–40 mM) of the analytes. Assuming that the  $\mu_{AG}$  ranged from -2.50 x 10<sup>-4</sup> to -1.50 x 10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> 191  $s^{-1} V^{-1}$ , the  $K_{ass}$  and the error sum of the squares was obtained from the regression curves calculated 192using a  $\mu_A$  measured without G-gel and with different  $\mu_{AG}$  values. In Fig. 2, the obtained  $K_{ass}$ 193values of some representative analytes (pyrocatechol, L-tryptophan, and 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene) 194were plotted against the assumed  $\mu_{AG}$ . The results suggested that the relative magnitude of the  $K_{ass}$ 195values was independent of  $\mu_{AG}$  while the absolute values of  $K_{ass}$  increased as the absolute value of 196 $\mu_{AG}$  was reduced. In other words, any  $\mu_{AG}$  value that is close to the electrophoretic mobility of 197 free GMP can be used if one needs only the relative order of  $K_{ass}$  or semi-quantitative values. 198To find an appropriate  $\mu_{AG}$  value, we added the error sums of the squares for all analytes at a 199given  $\mu_{AG}$  and plotted the values against the corresponding  $\mu_{AG}$ , as shown in Fig. 3. The 200summation of the error sum of squares was minimized at -1.65 x  $10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> V<sup>-1</sup>, which led to a 201minimum error. Consequently, the value of -1.65 x  $10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> was employed for the  $\mu_{AG}$  in 202calculating the association constants for all analytes. 203

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## 205 *3.2 Association constants of analytes*

The association constants of the analytes were determined by curve fitting when the  $\mu_{AG}$  was set to -1.65 x 10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> V<sup>-1</sup>, and the results are listed in Table 1. As examples, the results of the curve fitting for pyrocatechol, L-tryptophane, and 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene are The relationship between the experimental mobility and calculated mobility is also shown in Fig. 4. As seen in Fig. 2104, the regression curves showed good correlation the calculated mobilities are in good agreement with the experimental data ( $\mu_{calc} = 1.0094 \ \mu_{exp} + 0.0051$ , R<sup>2</sup> = 0.9863 for all). In Fig. 4, only 211cytosine and thymidine (white and gray circles) showed small deviations from the calculated 212mobilities ( $\mu_{calc} = 0.9972 \ \mu_{exp}$  - 0.0002, R<sup>2</sup> = 0.996 except for cytosine and thymidine), although the 213reason is still unclear. As Table 1 shows, the  $K_{ass}$  of the analytes with a benzene ring were around 214 $3 \sim 5$  except for 4-n-dodecylresorcinol, while the molecules with a naphthalene ring had a  $K_{ass}$  of 215roughly 10~16. Tryptophan consisting of a heterocyclic ring showed approximately 7, which 216corresponded to the intermediate value between benzene and naphthalene derivatives. 217This indicates that the planar structure is preferable to binding with G-gel and extended  $\pi$ -conjugated 218molecules have a stronger interaction with G-gel, taking into account the order of naphthalene ring 219220> tryptophan > benzene ring. Therefore, the interaction could be attributed to the intercalation of the planer analytes into stacked guanine tetramers in G-gel. 221

As seen in the different  $K_{ass}$  values between analogues, G-gel recognized positional isomers, e. g., between benzene or naphthalene derivatives with hydroxyl groups. Since dihydroxynaphthalene isomers had a larger  $K_{ass}$  than naphthol isomers, hydrogen bonding, rather than steric hindrance, contributed to the binding with G-gel in the case of naphthalene derivatives. It is interesting that naphthalene derivatives with a hydroxyl group at the 2-position had a larger  $K_{ass}$  compared with the others, i. e., 2-naphthol > 1-naphthol and 2,6- > 2,3- > 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene. These results imply mean that the hydroxyl group at the 2-position of the naphthalene ring slightly enhanced the affinity with G-gel.

230	Of the three resorcinol derivatives, the $K_{ass}$ of 4-n-dodecylresorcinol was much larger than either			
231	ethyl or 4-n-hexylresorcinol, although ethylresorcinol and 4-n-hexylresorcinol had the same $K_{ass}$ ,			
232	which resulted in no separation. The results suggested that G-gel could interact with a relatively			
233	long hydrocarbon chain, although it cannot discriminate short chains like ethyl and n-hexyl groups.			
234	So, G-gel showed a weak hydrophobic interaction, although the selectivity was relatively poor.			
235	Nucleobases also had intermediate $K_{ass}$ values between benzene and naphthalene derivatives:			
236	12.9 for Ade, 9.13 for Gua, 6.05 for Cyt, and 6.14 for Thy. The electropherograms of four			
237	nucleobases in the absence and presence of G-gel are also shown in Fig. 5. As expected from their			
238	basic skeletons, Thy and Ade co-migrated with Cyt and Gua in a migration buffer without G-gel,			
239	respectively. However, the addition of G-gel to the buffer at a concentration of 30 mM permitted			
240	the separation of four nucleobases on the order of Cyt < Thy < Ade < Gua. The interaction			
241	energies of nucleobases are calculated to be -26.3 kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> for Gua-Cyt and -16.0 for Gua-Thy			
242	[28], i. e., the binding constant for Gua-Cyt is estimated to be $10^{4.47}$ ( $e^{26.3}/e^{16.0}$ )-fold of that for			
243	Gua-Thy. So, if If hydrogen bonding, is significant, as it is with DNA, Cyt must have a much			
244	larger $K_{ass}$ than the other bases. Therefore, the interaction of nucleobases with G-gel is different			
245	from hydrogen bonding in double-stranded DNA.			

The affinity between G-gel and nucleobases is expected to be due to stacking and hydrophobic interactions. The results obtained in the present study showed that the order of  $K_{ass}$  was Cyt < Thy

248	< Gua $<$ Ade. Conversely, we can speculate as to the order of hydrophobic interactions for
249	nucleobases from the results obtained by MEKC where the order of the distribution coefficients was
250	Cyt < Thy < Ade when using a migration buffer (pH 7) containing 0.1 M sodium dodecylsulfate
251	[2129]. Also, a migration order of Cyt $<$ Thy $<$ Ade $<$ Gua has been reported at pH 10 [2230],
252	although the pH was different in the present study. The stacking interactions between nucleobases
253	were also calculated based on their geometric overlapping and were increased on the order of
254	Cyt-Gua < Ura (uracil)-Gua < Ade-Gua < Gua-Gua [2328], which was similar to the order of
255	hydrophobic interactions. This means that the interaction between G-gel and nucleobases can be
256	attributed to the stacking affinity and/or hydrophobicity, although the order of Gua < Ade was
257	inconsistent with the results of the hydrophobic and stacking interactions of Ade < Gua.
258	Obviously, the difference between pyrimidine and purine bases can be attributed to the stacking and
259	hydrophobic interactions, as reported in the results of the MEKC and computational calculations.
260	Therefore, the largest association constant for Ade among nucleobases may be due to additional
261	interactions such as the hydrogen bonding between Ade and G-gel or the steric hindrance of Gua to
262	G-gel.

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# **4.** Conclusions

265 The interaction between G-gel and aromatic compounds was semi-quantitatively estimated with 266 a curve-fitting method using least-squares approximation. Hydro gel formed by GMP showed 267interesting selectivity for benzene and naphthalene derivatives in CE separations. Naphthalene derivatives had larger  $K_{ass}$  values (larger than 10 M<sup>-1</sup>) than benzene derivatives (around 4 M<sup>-1</sup>) and 268different affinities were also observed depending on the functional groups. The interaction 269between G-gel and aromatic compounds can mainly be attributed to an intercalation into stacked 270GMP tetramers and to the intercalation site fit to naphthalene or heterocyclic rings such as 271tryptophan and nucleobases rather than to the benzene ring. For nucleobases, the interaction 272cannot be explained only by hydrophobic and stacking effects since the order of Ade and Gua is 273against their hydrophobicity and stacking affinity to Gua. These results imply that hydrogen 274bonding and/or steric hindrance somewhat contribute to the interaction with G-gel. 275This interaction, however, is not specific as with hydrogen bonding in double-stranded DNA since they 276showed a similar  $K_{ass}$  to Cyt, which should be specific to Gua. Nevertheless, G-gel is a useful 277medium for the sequence-dependent separation of DNA because of different affinities for the four 278Consequently, G-gel would be a good separation medium not only for enantiomers 279nucleobases. and DNA, but also for positional isomers and several analogues. 280

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### 324 Figure Legends

- 325 Figure 1. Structures of analytes used in this study.
- Figure 2. Dependence of association constants on the assumed electrophoretic mobility of the
   analytes bound with G-gel the electric current and electroosmotic mobility on the concentration of

328 **GMP**.

- 329 Circle; pyrocatechol, square; L tryptophan, triangle; 2,3 dihydroxynaphthalene. Conditions of
- electrophoresis: capillary; i.d., 50 μm, effective and total lengths, 56 and 64.5 cm; migration buffer,
- 25 mM phosphate (pH 7) containing different concentrations of GMP; applied voltage, 20 kV; and,
- temperature, 25 °C.
- 333 Figure 3. Relationship between the assumed electrophoretic mobilities of the analytes bound with
- 334 G-gel and summation of residual errors.
- Residual errors for all analytes obtained using an assumed  $\mu_{AG}$  were summed. The conditions for electrophoresis were similar to those in Fig. 2.
- 337 Figure 4. Fitting curves for representative analytes. Relationship between the experimental
- mobility and calculated mobility. The mobilities at the concentrations of 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40 mM
- 339 GMP were plotted. White circle, thymine; gray circle, cytosine; and, black circle, other molecules.
- 340 The conditions for electrophoresis were similar to those in Fig. 2.
- 341 Symbols and the experimental conditions were similar to those of Fig. 2.
- 342 Figure 5. Electropherograms of nucleobases.

- 343 Migration buffer, 25 mM phosphate (pH 7) containing (a) without GMP, (b) 30 mM GMP. 1,
- Cyto; 2, Thy; 3, Gua; and, 4, Ade. Other conditions were the same as Fig. 2.

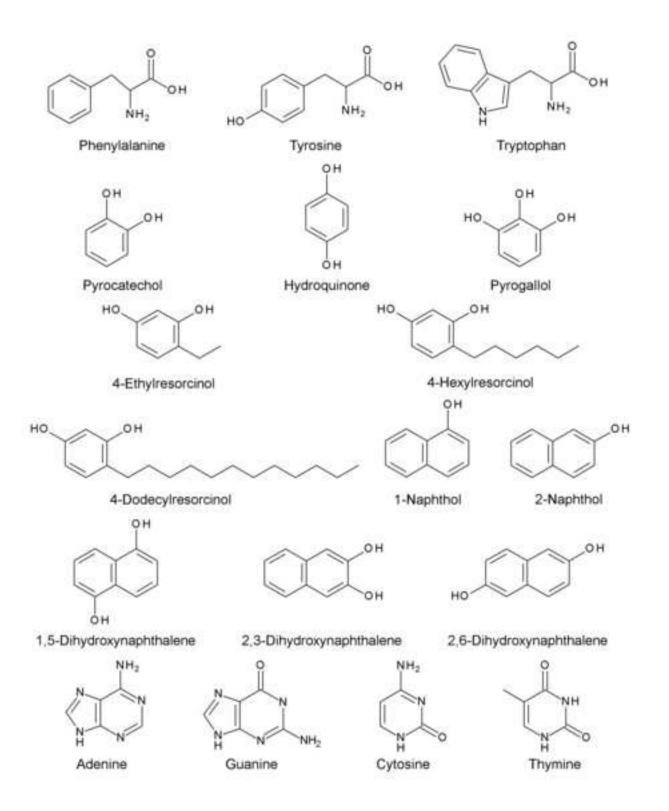


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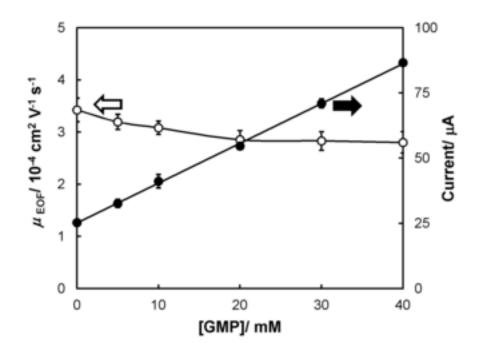


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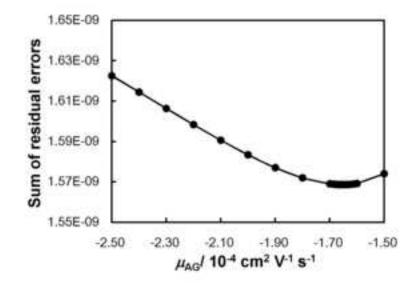


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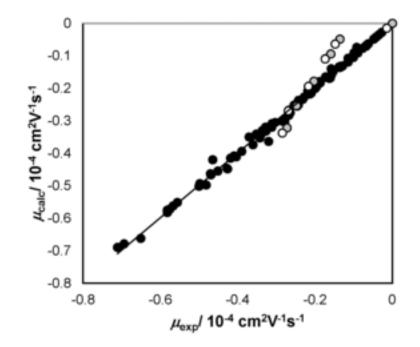


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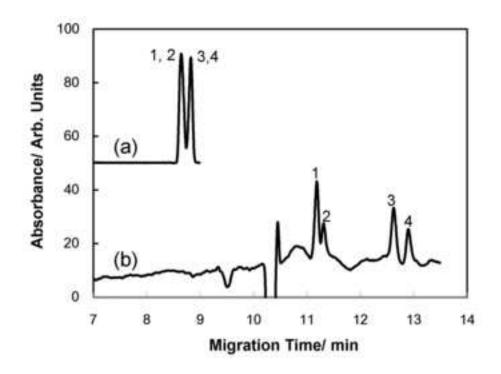


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Types	Analyte	Association constant/ $M^{-1}$
Benzene ring	Pyrocatechol	3.91
	Hydroquinone	4.11
	Pyrogallol	5.31
	Ethylresolcinol	4.09
	Hexylresolcinol	4.09
	Dodecylresolcinol	13.0
Amino acid	D,L-Phenylalanine	2.72
	D,L-Tyrosine	4.58
	D-Tryptophan	7.14
	L-Tryptophan	7.50
Naphthalene ring	1-Naphthol	10.3
	2-Naphthol	11.9
	2,3-Dihydroxynaphthalene	15.7
	2,6-Dihydroxynaphthalene	16.8
	1,5-Dihydroxynaphthalene	11.9
Nucleobase	Adenine	12.6
	Guanine	9.13
	Cytosine	6.05
	Thymine	6.14

Table 1. Association constants of analytes used in this study