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**Figure S1.** CD spectra of polymer **7a** in the presence of (a) Val, (b) Lys, (c) Asp, (d) Ala-OMe, (e) L-Pro, (f) L-Phe, (g) L-Isoval, (h) L-Valniol, (i) L-Alaniol, (j) (S)-1 and, (R)-2, (k) Val-OMe, and (l) L-Ser ([**7a**] = 2 mg/mL), and (m) without protonated amino acid..

**Circular dichroism titration experiment**. The CD titration experiments were carried out using D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub> to investigate the binding ability between polymer **7a** and protonated D-alanine. Stock solutions of **7a** (4 mg/mL, 8.2 mM, 20 mL) in CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH and D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub> (19.4 mg/mL, 0.1 M, 5 mL) in CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH were

prepared. To a flask was added the stock solution of **7a** (1 mL) and corresponding ratios of stock solutions of D-Ala and the resulting solutions were diluted with CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH to make the total volume of the solution 2 mL. Titration CD spectra are shown in Figure S2. Plots of the CD intensities of the second Cotton ( $\Delta\epsilon_{2nd}$ ) of **7a** as a function of concentrations of D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub> gave a saturation binding isotherm (Figure 2). The Hill plot analysis of the data resulted in the binding constants of  $6.6 \times 10^2$  M<sup>-1</sup> and  $6.4 \times 10^2$  M<sup>-1</sup> for D-Ala and D-Val, respectively, according to the Hill equation, Log(i/(1-i))=nlog[L]+nlogK,where i =  $\Delta\epsilon_{2nd}(1:x)/\Delta\epsilon_{2nd}(1:1)$ , and 1:x is the molar ratio of **7a**:D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub>, [L] is the concentration of D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub>, and n is the Hill coefficient (Figure S2).





**Figure S2.** (a)CD curves of **7a** with different molar ratios of D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub> in CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH at 20 °C, (b) Hill plot analysis of D-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub> and **7a** complexes. (c) CD curves of **7a** with different molar ratios of D-Val·HClO<sub>4</sub> in CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH at 20 °C (d) Hill plot analysis of D-Val·HClO<sub>4</sub> and **7a** complexes. ([**7a**] = 2 mg/mL).

Effect on enantiomeric excessof L-Val·HClO<sub>4</sub> on the CD curves of 7a. Stock

solutions of **7a** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg/mL, 4.1 mM, 100 mL), L-Val (9.6 mg/mL, 82 mM, 100 mL) in aqueous HClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) D-Val (9.6 mg/mL (82 mM), 100 mL) in aqueous HClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) were prepared. Aliquots of the solutions of L- and D-Val were added into six 10 mL volumetric flasks so that the % ee of Val (L- or D- rich) was adjusted to be 80, 60, 40, 20, 10, 5. To a flask were mixed the above valine mixture (5 mL) and and **7a** stock solution (5 mL) and the resulting mixture was thoroughly stirred for 18 h then stand for 8 h and the organic phase was separated for CD measurements. The experiments with a mixture of D- and L-Ala·HClO<sub>4</sub> were carried out in a similar manner.



Figure S3. CD spectra of 7a in the presence of different %ee of (a) L-Val at 20 °C, (b) L-Val at -10 °C, (c) D-Ala at 20 °C, and (d) D-Ala at -10 °C. [7a] = 2 mg/mL in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

Effect on molar ratios of D-Ala-HClO<sub>4</sub> and glycine-HClO<sub>4</sub> on the CD curves of **7a**. Stock solutions of **7a** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mg/mL, 4.1 mM, 80 mL), D-Ala (7.3 mg/mL,

82 mM, 100 mL) in aqueous HClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) and Gly (6.2 mg/mL, 82 mM, 100 mL) in aqueous HClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) were prepared. Aliquots of the solutions of D-Ala and Gly were added into ten 10 mL volumetric flasks so that the molar percentages of D-Ala were adjusted to be 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, and 5. To a flask were mixed the above D-Ala and Gly mixture (5 mL) and **7a** stock solution (5 mL) and the resulting mixture was thoroughly stirred for 18 h then stand for 8 h and the organic phase was separated for CD measurements.



**Figure S4.** CD spectra of **7a** in the presence of different molar ratios of protonated D-alanine and glycine. [**7a**] = 2 mg/mL in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 3a



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 3a



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 6a



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 6a



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 7a



Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 7a



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 3b



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 3b



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 7b



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 7b



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 8



Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 8



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 9



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 9



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 10



Figure S20. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 10



**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a1) **7a**, (b1) **7b**, the extraction of protonated D-alanine with (a2) **7a** and (b2) **7b** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The relative ratio of signals around d 1.5 and 7.3 was 3.77 in (a2) to 2 indicating approximate one to one complex would be formed. On the other hand, the relative ratio of signals around d 1.5 to 7.3 was 1.66 to 2 (b2) suggesting that less than 25% D-alanine was extracted to the organic phase.



**Figure S22.** CD spectrum of  $CD_2Cl_2$  solution of **7b** after extraction experiment with protonated D-alanine.