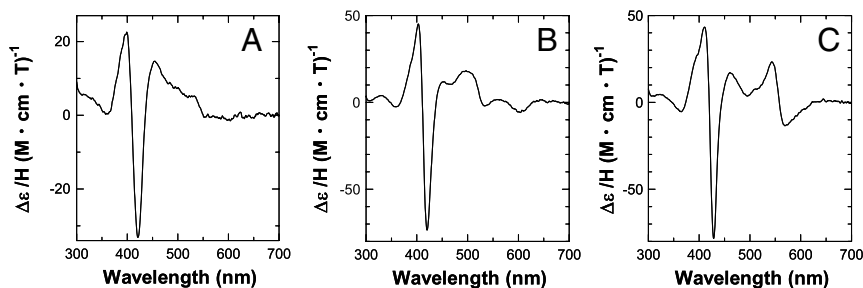


# Supporting Information

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**Fig. S1.** Magnetic circular dichroism (MCD) spectra of IsdI $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  (10  $\mu\text{M}$ , 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). (A) low-pH form (pH 5.8) (B) high-pH form (pH 8.0), and (C)  $\text{CN}^-$  bound form (pH 8.0). Spectra were recorded with a Jasco Model J-720 spectropolarimeter equipped with an electromagnet (Alpha Magnetics) that generated a magnetic field of 1 T. MCD spectra were calculated from the difference between spectra obtained with parallel and antiparallel field orientations. The MCD spectra of low-pH, high-pH, and  $\text{CN}^-$  bound forms of IsdI are displayed in Fig. S1, and MCD parameters of the Soret band are compared with those of rat HO-1 in Table S1. The slight red-shift and increase in intensity of the Soret band was observed for all three forms of IsdI relative to HO-1, however, overall spectra pattern is similar in each, indicating that the axial ligand of IsdI is identical to HO-1, which is water at low-pH and hydroxide at high-pH.









**Table S1. Electronic absorption and MCD parameters for IsdI and HOs**

Absorption spectra				
Protein	$\lambda$ max (nm)		$\rho K_{\text{a}}$	$\lambda$ max (nm)
	(Low pH)	(High pH)		
IsdI	404, 640	412, 485, 520, 578	7.1	421, 558
Rat HO-1	404, 500, 631 (1)	413, 540, 575 (1)	7.6 (1)	418, 536 (2)
Human HO-2	404, 500, 631 (3)	413, 540, 575 (3)	8.5 (3)	—
pa-HO	405, 503, 537, 638 (4)	415, 540, 574 (5)	8.1 (5)	419, ~540 (4)
nm-HO	405, 504, 638 (4)		9.3 (4)	419, ~540 (4)
MCD spectra				
Protein	$\Lambda^*$ ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) <sup>†</sup>			
	peak	cross-over	trough	
Low-pH form				
IsdI <sup>‡</sup>	399 (+23)	409 (0)	421 (-33)	
Rat HO-1 <sup>§</sup>	399 (+20)	407 (0)	416 (-11)	
High-pH form				
IsdI <sup>‡</sup>	403 (+45)	411 (0)	420 (-73)	
Rat HO-1 <sup>§</sup>	402 (+35)	412 (0)	419 (-41)	
CN <sup>-</sup> bound form				
IsdI	411 (+43)	420 (0)	429 (-78)	
Rat HO-1 <sup>§</sup>	406 (+52)	415 (0)	423 (-65)	

\*M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> T<sup>-1</sup>.

†M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> T<sup>-1</sup>.

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**Table S2. Heme protein methyl and meso-H chemical shifts**

Protein	Temp. (°C)	Methyl shifts (ppm)	Av. (ppm)	Meso-H shifts (ppm)	Av. (ppm)	Reference
Hydroxide bound form						
Isdl	30	13.8, 10.9, 8.1, 4.5	9.3			This work
pa-HO	25	24, 17, 14, (10) *	(12.3) *			1
nm-HO	25	19.5, 17.5, 8.0, (7.0) *	(16.3) *			2
Nitrophorin2	30	19.0, 13.0, 10.7, 6.5	12.3			3
SW Mb	25	38.1, 38.1, 33.6, 26.8	34.1			4
Cyanide bound form						
Isdl	30	12.0, 10.6, 8.0, 4.0	8.7	-1.7, -9.5, -10.7, -16.8	-9.7	This work
human HO-1 †	25	19.6, 10.5, 9.0, 5.0	11.0	7.6, 7.1, 3.8, -5.1	3.4	5
pa-HO	10	27.7, 22.7, 19.0, 4.4	18.5	9.0, 8.6, -2.2, -2.5	3.2	6
nm-HO	25	21.4, 10.3, 9.6, 7.9	12.3			2
cd-HO	35	19.2, 10.6, 8.5, 5.4	10.9	8.2, 7.8, 2.4, -2.6	4.0	6
HmuO	25	19.7, 10.4, 8.1, 4.9	10.8	7.2, -3.6		7
Nitrophorin2	35	18.1, 13.4, 9.1, 7.6	12.1	5.6, 2.3, 2.3, -1.6	2.2	8
SW Mb	25	27.0, 18.6, 12.9, 4.8	15.8	6.0, 4.4, 4.1, 2.1	4.2	9

\*Ref. 3.

†Protein reconstituted with protohemin.

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**Table S3. The  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts of the heme substituents of IsdlFe $^{3+}$ -CN $^-$  at 25 °C**

Position	Shifts (ppm)	Position	Shifts (ppm)
1 methyl	3.9	meso- $\alpha$	-11.2
3 methyl	12.0	meso- $\beta$	-10.0
5 methyl	7.9	meso- $\gamma$	-2.1
8 methyl	10.6	meso- $\delta$	-17.6
2 vinyl $\alpha$	9.7	6 propionate $\alpha$	7.8, 7.5
2 vinyl $\beta$	4.4, 4.2	6 propionate $\beta$	3.3, 2.9
4 vinyl $\alpha$	13.2	7 propionate $\alpha$	11.0, 9.1
4 vinyl $\beta$	6.3, 5.3	7 propionate $\beta$	5.8, 5.4

**Table S4. X-ray crystallography data collection and refinement statistics for IsdI<sup>Fe<sup>3+</sup></sup>CN**

Data collection*	
Resolution range (Å)	47.75–1.80
Space group	$P2_12_12_1$
Unit cell dimension (Å)	$a = 58.8, b = 65.9, c = 69.3$
Unique reflections	25604 (3686)
Completeness (%)	99.5 (99.7)
Average $I/\sigma$	16.8 (5.1)
Redundancy	6.7 (6.9)
$R_{\text{merge}}$	0.078 (0.370)
Refinement	
$R_{\text{work}} (R_{\text{free}})$	0.175 (0.196)
No. Atoms:	
Protein	1902
Solvent	254
Heme	86
Cyanide	4
Overall B-factor (Å <sup>2</sup> )	17.1
Protein	15.9
Solvent	27.4
Heme	12.9
Cyanide	11.8
R.m.s.deviation	
Bond length (Å)	0.013
Bond angles (°)	1.255

\*Values in parentheses are for the highest resolution shell.