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1 INTRODUCTION

From the original Protein Data Bank entry (PDB id 113l):
Title: Structural basis of alpha-helix propensity at two sites in t4 lysozyme
Compound: Mol id: 1; molecule: t4 lysozyme; chain: a; ec: 3.2.1.17; engineered: yes
Organism, scientific name: Coliphage T4;
113l contains a single unique chain 113lA (162 residues long).

2 CHAIN 113LA

2.1 P00720 overview
From SwissProt, id P00720, 98% identical to 113lA:
Description: Lysozyme (EC 3.2.1.17) (Lysis protein) (Muramidase) (Endolysin).
Organism, scientific name: Bacteriophage T4.
Taxonomy: Viruses; dsDNA viruses, no RNA stage; Caudovirales; Myoviridae; T4-like viruses.
Function: Helps to release the mature phage particles from the cell wall by breaking down the peptidoglycan.
Catalytic activity: Hydrolysis of 1,4-beta-linkages between N-acetyl muramic acid and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine residues in a peptido-
glycan and between N-acetyl-D-glucosamine residues in chitodextrins.
Similarity: Belongs to the glycosyl hydrolase 24 family.
About: This Swiss-Prot entry is copyright. It is produced through a collaboration between the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics and the EMBL outstation - the European Bioinformatics Institute. There are no restrictions on its use as long as its content is in no way modified and this statement is not removed.

2.2 Multiple sequence alignment for 113lA
For the chain 113lA, the alignment 113lA.msf (attached) with 42 sequences was used. The alignment was downloaded from the HSSP database, and fragments shorter than 75% of the query as well as duplicate sequences were removed. It can be found in the attachment.
to this report, under the name of 113lA.msf. Its statistics, from the 
alistat program are the following:

Format: MSF
Number of sequences: 42
Total number of residues: 6122
Smallest: 122
Largest: 162
Average length: 145.8
Alignment length: 162
Average identity: 34%
Most related pair: 99%
Most unrelated pair: 15%
Most distant seq: 33%

Furthermore, 1% of residues show as conserved in this alignment.
The alignment consists of 7% prokaryotic, and 35% viral
sequences. (Descriptions of some sequences were not readily availa-
able.) The file containing the sequence descriptions can be found in
the attachment, under the name 113lA.descr.

2.3 Residue ranking in 113lA
The 113lA sequence is shown in Fig. 1, with each residue colored
according to its estimated importance. The full listing of residues
in 113lA can be found in the file called 113lA.ranks_sorted in the
attachment.

2.4 Top ranking residues in 113lA and their position on
the structure
In the following we consider residues ranking among top 25% of resi-
dues in the protein. Figure 2 shows residues in 113lA colored by their
importance: bright red and yellow indicate more conserved/important
residues (see Appendix for the coloring scheme). A Pymol script for
producing this figure can be found in the attachment.

2.4.1 Clustering of residues at 25% coverage.
Fig. 3 shows the
top 25% of all residues, this time colored according to clusters they
belong to. The clusters in Fig.3 are composed of the residues listed
in Table 1.

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<th>member residues</th>
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### Table 1. Clusters of top ranking residues in 113IA.

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<th>cluster color</th>
<th>size</th>
<th>member residues</th>
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<tr>
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<td>2</td>
<td>129, 130</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

2.4.2 Overlap with known functional surfaces at 25% coverage.

The name of the ligand is composed of the source PDB identifier and the heteroatom name used in that file.

**Chloride ion binding site.** Table 2 lists the top 25% of residues at the interface with 113IACL173 (chloride ion). The following table (Table 3) suggests possible disruptive replacements for these residues (see Section 3.6).

#### Table 2.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>res</th>
<th>type</th>
<th>subst’s (%)</th>
<th>cvg</th>
<th>noc/ bb</th>
<th>dist (Å)</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>145</td>
<td>R</td>
<td>K(2)</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>3/2</td>
<td>3.28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>142</td>
<td>T</td>
<td>V(16)</td>
<td>0.15</td>
<td>6/3</td>
<td>3.56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>143</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>N(2)</td>
<td>0.22</td>
<td>4/3</td>
<td>3.94</td>
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</table>

**Fig. 4.** Residues in 113IA, at the interface with chloride ion, colored by their relative importance. The ligand (chloride ion) is colored green. Atoms further than 30Å away from the geometric center of the ligand, as well as on the line of sight to the ligand were removed. (See Appendix for the coloring scheme for the protein chain 113IA.)

**Chloride ion binding site.** Table 4 lists the top 25% of residues at the interface with 113IACL178 (chloride ion). The following table (Table 5) suggests possible disruptive replacements for these residues (see Section 3.6).

#### Table 3.

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<tr>
<td>145</td>
<td>R</td>
<td>(T) (YD) (SVCAG) (FELWPI)</td>
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<tr>
<td>142</td>
<td>T</td>
<td>(R) (K) (H) (Q)</td>
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<tr>
<td>143</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>(Y) (R) (H) (T)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Table 3.** List of disruptive mutations for the top 25% of residues in 113IA, that are at the interface with chloride ion.

Figure 4 shows residues in 113IA colored by their importance, at the interface with 113IACL173.

#### Table 4.

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<th>cvg</th>
<th>noc/ bb</th>
<th>dist (Å)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>H(69)</td>
<td>0.19</td>
<td>2/0</td>
<td>4.19</td>
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</table>

**Table 4.** The top 25% of residues in 113IA at the interface with chloride ion. (Field names: res: residue number in the PDB entry; type: amino acid type; subst’s: substitutions seen in the alignment; with the percentage of each type in the bracket; noc/ bb: number of contacts with the ligand, with the number of contacts realized through backbone atoms given in the bracket; dist: distance of closest approach to the ligand.)

#### Table 5.

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<tbody>
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<td>31</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>(T) (E) (D) (CG)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 5.** List of disruptive mutations for the top 25% of residues in 113IA, that are at the interface with chloride ion.
2.4.3 Possible novel functional surfaces at 25% coverage. One group of residues is conserved on the 113lA surface, away from (or substantially larger than) other functional sites and interfaces recognizable in PDB entry 113l. It is shown in Fig. 6. The right panel shows (in blue) the rest of the larger cluster this surface belongs to.

The residues belonging to this surface "patch" are listed in Table 6, while Table 7 suggests possible disruptive replacements for these residues (see Section 3.6).
3.2 Known substitutions

One of the table columns is “substitutions” - other amino acid types seen at the same position in the alignment. These amino acid types may be interchangeable at that position in the protein, so if one wants to affect the protein by a point mutation, they should be avoided. For example if the substitutions are “RVK” and the original protein has an R at that position, it is advisable to try anything, but RVK. Conversely, when looking for substitutions which will not affect the protein, one may try replacing, R with K, or (perhaps more surprisingly), with V. The percentage of times the substitution appears in the alignment is given in the immediately following bracket. No percentage is given in the cases when it is smaller than 1%. This is meant to be a rough guide - due to rounding errors these percentages often do not add up to 100%.

3.3 Surface

To detect candidates for novel functional interfaces, first we look for residues that are solvent accessible (according to DSSP program) by at least 10 Å^2, which is roughly the area needed for one water molecule to come in the contact with the residue. Furthermore, we require that these residues form a “cluster” of residues which have neighbor within 5 Å from any of their heavy atoms.

Note, however, that, if our picture of protein evolution is correct, the neighboring residues which are not surface accessible might be equally important in maintaining the interaction specificity - they should not be automatically dropped from consideration when choosing the set for mutagenesis. (Especially if they form a cluster with the surface residues.)

3.4 Number of contacts

Another column worth noting is denoted “noc/bb”; it tells the number of contacts heavy atoms of the residue in question make across the interface, as well as how many of them are realized through the backbone atoms (if all or most contacts are through the backbone, mutation presumably won’t have strong impact). Two heavy atoms are considered to be “in contact” if their centers are closer than 5 Å.

3.5 Annotation

If the residue annotation is available (either from the pdb file or from other sources), another column, with the header “annotation” appears. Annotations carried over from PDB are the following: site (indicating existence of related site record in PDB ), S-S (disulfide bond forming residue), hb (hydrogen bond forming residue), jb (james bond forming residue), and sb (for salt bridge forming residue).

3.6 Mutation suggestions

Mutation suggestions are completely heuristic and based on complementarity with the substitutions found in the alignment. Note that they are meant to be disruptive to the interaction of the protein with its ligand. The attempt is made to complement the following properties: small \([AVGSTC]\), medium \([LPNQDEMILK]\), large \([WFYHR]\), hydrophobic \([LPVAMWF]\), polar \([GTCY]\); positively \([KHR]\), or negatively \([DE]\) charged, aromatic \([WFYH]\), long aliphatic chain \([EKQRM]\), OH-group possession \([SDETY]\), and NH2 group possession \([NQRK]\). The suggestions are listed according to how different they appear to be from the original amino acid, and they are grouped in round brackets if they appear equally disruptive. From left to right, each bracketed group of amino acid types resembles more strongly the original (i.e. is, presumably, less disruptive) These suggestions are tentative - they might prove disruptive to the fold rather than to the interaction. Many researcher will choose, however, the straightforward alanine mutations, especially in the beginning stages of their investigation.

4.1 File formats

Files with extension “ranks_sorted” are the actual trace results. The fields in the table in this file:

- alignment# number of the position in the alignment
- residue# residue number in the PDB file
The following color scheme is used in figures with residues colored by the estimated evolutionary pressure they experience can be seen in Fig. 7.

- **type** amino acid type
- **rank** rank of the position according to older version of ET
- **variability** has two subfields:
  1. number of different amino acids appearing in this column of the alignment
  2. their type
- **rho** ET score - the smaller this value, the lesser variability of this position across the branches of the tree (and, presumably, the greater the importance for the protein)
- **cvg** coverage - percentage of the residues on the structure which have this rho or smaller
- **gaps** percentage of gaps in this column

### 4.2 Color schemes used

The following color scheme is used in figures with residues colored by cluster size: black is a single-residue cluster; clusters composed of more than one residue colored according to this hierarchy (ordered by descending size): red, blue, yellow, green, purple, azure, turquoise, brown, coral, magenta, LightSalmon, SkyBlue, violet, gold, bisque, LightSlateBlue, orchid, RosyBrown, MediumAquamarine, DarkOliveGreen, CornflowerBlue, grey55, burlywood, LimeGreen, tan, DarkOrange, DeepPink, maroon, BlanchedAlmond.

The colors used to distinguish the residues by the estimated evolutionary pressure they experience can be seen in Fig. 7.

### 4.3 Credits

4.3.1 Alistat  *alistat* reads a multiple sequence alignment from the file and shows a number of simple statistics about it. These statistics include the format, the number of sequences, the total number of residues, the average and range of the sequence lengths, and the alignment length (e.g. including gap characters). Also shown are some percent identities. A percent pairwise alignment identity is defined as \( \frac{\text{idents}}{\text{MIN(len1, len2)}} \) where idents is the number of exact identities and len1, len2 are the unaligned lengths of the two sequences. The “average percent identity”, “most related pair”, and “most unrelated pair” of the alignment are the average, maximum, and minimum of all \( \frac{N(N-1)}{2} \) pairs, respectively. The “most distant seq” is calculated by finding the maximum pairwise identity (best relative) for all N sequences, then finding the minimum of these N numbers (hence, the most outlying sequence). *alistat* is copyrighted by HHMI/Washington University School of Medicine, 1992-2001, and freely distributed under the GNU General Public License.

4.3.2 CE  To map ligand binding sites from different source structures, report_maker uses the CE program: [http://cl.sdsc.edu/](http://cl.sdsc.edu/). Shindyalov IN, Bourne PE (1998) “Protein structure alignment by incremental combinatorial extension (CE) of the optimal path”, Protein Engineering 11(9) 739-747.

4.3.3 DSSP  In this work a residue is considered solvent accessible if the DSSP program finds it exposed to water by at least 10 Å², which is roughly the area needed for one water molecule to come in the contact with the residue. DSSP is copyrighted by W. Kabsch, C. Sander and MPI-MF, 1983, 1985, 1988, 1994, 1995, CMBI version by Elmar.Krieger@cbmi.kun.nl November 18, 2002, [http://www.cbmi.kun.nl/gv/dssp/descrip.html](http://www.cbmi.kun.nl/gv/dssp/descrip.html).


4.3.5 LaTeX  The text for this report was processed using [LTtX](http://www.latextools.org/); Leslie Lamport, “LaTeX: A Document Preparation System Addison-Wesley,” Reading, Mass. (1986).


4.3.7 Pymol  The figures in this report were produced using Pymol. The scripts can be found in the attachment. Pymol is an open-source application copyrighted by DeLano Scientific LLC (2005). For more information about Pymol see [http://pymol.sourceforge.net/](http://pymol.sourceforge.net/). (Note for Windows users: the attached package needs to be unzipped for Pymol to read the scripts and launch the viewer.)

4.4 Note about ET Viewer

Dan Morgan from the Lichtarge lab has developed a visualization tool specifically for viewing trace results. If you are interested, please visit: [http://mammoth.bcm.tmc.edu/traceview/](http://mammoth.bcm.tmc.edu/traceview/)

The viewer is self-unpacking and self-installing. Input files to be used with ETV (extension .etvx) can be found in the attachment to the main report.

### 4.5 Citing this work

The method used to rank residues and make predictions in this report can be found in Mihalek, I., I. Reš, O. Lichtarge. (2004). “A Family of Evolution-Entropy Hybrid Methods for Ranking of Protein Residues by Importance” J. Mol. Bio. 336: 1265-82. For the original version


4.6 About report_maker

report_maker was written in 2006 by Ivana Mihalek. The 1D ranking visualization program was written by Ivica Reš. report_maker is copyrighted by Lichtarge Lab, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston.

4.7 Attachments

The following files should accompany this report:

- 113lA.complex.pdb - coordinates of 113lA with all of its interacting partners
- 113lA.etvx - ET viewer input file for 113lA
- 113lA.cluster_report.summary - Cluster report summary for 113lA
- 113lA.ranks - Ranks file in sequence order for 113lA
- 113lA.clusters - Cluster descriptions for 113lA
- 113lA.msf - the multiple sequence alignment used for the chain 113lA
- 113lA.descr - description of sequences used in 113lA msf
- 113lA.ranks_sorted - full listing of residues and their ranking for 113lA
- 113lA.113lCL173.if.pml - Pymol script for Figure 4
- 113lA.cbcvg - used by other 113lA – related pymol scripts
- 113lA.113lCL178.if.pml - Pymol script for Figure 5