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Changes in the hydrophobic network

of the FliG $_{MC}$ domain induce rotational

switching of the flagellar motor

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Fig. S1. **Characterization of flagellar rotation with mutations in Gly-Gly flexible linker region, related to Flagellar rotation analysis of FliG mutants (STAR**★**METHODS).**

The *fliG* mutation (NMB198) harboring pNT1 was grown, and flagellar rotation was observed using high-intensity dark-field microscopy (A) Counterclockwise rotation (CCW) to clockwise rotation (CW) ratio of *fliG* mutants is shown in light gray and dark gray, respectively. (B) Switching

frequency of the cell per second was measured. All experiments were repeated at least six times, and the average values with standard deviation (SD) are shown in the columns.

Fig. S2. **Sequence specific assignment of Ile** δ**1 methyl 13CH**³ **resonances of [δ1-¹³CH₃]-Ile, SAIL-Phe labeled FliG_{MC}, related to Figure 2.** The 2D ¹H-¹³C HMQC spectra of labeled mutant FliG_{MC} proteins wherein one of the Ile was replaced by Leu. (A-P) Overlaid ¹H-¹³C HMQC spectrum of labeled WT (black) and mutant FliG(red). The assignment of Ile δ 1 resonances are mapped in each spectrum. (A) I140L, (B) I140L without N-terminal Tag, (C) I141L, (D) I148L, (E) I151L, (F) I164L, (G) I180L, (H) I197L, (I) I213L, (J) I222L, (K) I238L, (L) I249L, (M) I267L, (N) I310L, (O) I328L, and (P) I331L.

Fig. S3. **Sequence specific assignment of Ile d1 methyl and Phe** δ **aromatic signals of FliG_{MC} using the NOE analysis, related to Figure 2.** (A) 2D strip of 3D 13C-edited NOESY-HMQC spectrum corresponds to Ile 238 residues in FliG_{MC}. From the δ 1 methyl signal of Ile 238, the inter-residue NOE signals from Ile 222 and Ile 249 were observed, indicating their spatial proximity. (B-D) 2D strip of 3D ¹³C-edited NOESY-TROSY spectrum corresponding to each Phe residues in FliG_{MC}, Phe 254, and Phe 256 (B), Phe 295 (C), and Phe 350(D).

The intra-residue NOEs between amide (H_N), aromatic (H_δ), and aliphatic β (H_{B3}) signals were observed in each strips.

Figure S4. Hydrophobic interaction networks of FliG_{MC} identified by the **chemical shift change induced by single amino acid mutations for the Ile residues, related to Figure 2.** The 2D 1H-13C HMQC spectrum of I249L(A) and $I141L(B)$ mutant (red) was overlaid with that of WT FliG_{MC} (black). The δ 1 methyl signal which disappeared in the spectrum for each mutant (dashed circle) was assigned to the Ile residue, which was substituted with Leu residue (red character). The δ 1 methyl signal, indicating the secondary chemical shift changes, was attributed to the residues that underwent structural change in presence of the mutation, as indicated by red arrow.

(C) Model structure of FliG_{MC}. Ile and Phe residues are indicated as green and blue stick, respectively. The G215 is shown as red sphere. The helix_{MC} domain is shown in yellow, and hydrophobic amino acid residues (i.e. Leu, Val, and Ala) are indicated by yellow stick. As shown in (C) I222, I238, and I249 were located in the ARMC domain and in close proximity. In the case of I141L mutant, a secondary chemical shift change was observed in several Ile residues (i.e. I148, 1164, I180, I197, I222, and I238). Since I141 is located at the interface of ARM_M and helix_{MC}, I141L mutation induced secondary chemical shift change to lle resides in both domains. In addition, it caused secondary chemical shift change in I222 and I238 distal to I141. It is possible that the I141L mutation altered the hydrophobic interaction network between ARM_M and helix_{MC} and its effect were transmitted through hydrophobic residues in helix_{MC} to the ARM_C, thus affecting the chemical shifts of I122 and I238.

Figure S5. **Structural deviation from initial conformation during the MD** simulations, related to Figure 5. (A) The initial structure of FliG_{MC} fragment model colored by each domain. (B) The root-mean-square deviations (RMSDs) of backbone atoms in the full-length, $C_{\alpha1-6}$, ARMc, and helix $_{MC}$ +ARM_M domains from the initial structure during the simulations for FliG_{MC} (gray), FliG_{MC} under 75MPa (FliG_{MC} - HP) (orange) and FliG_{MC}-G215A (green), respectively (left panel) and violin-plots of the RMSD distributions for proteins in each condition (right panel).

Figure S6. The number of contacted solvents for each residue of FliG_{MC} and FliG_{MC}-G215A, related to Figure 5. (A) Distribution of the number of contacted solvents for each residue in the $1\mu s$ MD simulations. The box plots represent the

distribution of the number of solvents with which each residue contacts in the 2,500 snapshots of the MD trajectories for each protein. The red bars indicate the median values for each residue. The lower and upper whiskers of the plots indicate the 5 and 95 percentiles, respectively. (B) Scatter-plot graph between difference of solvent molecules in contact for FliG_{MC}-HP vs. FliG_{MC} and that of FliG_{MC}-G215A vs. FliG_{MC}. The degrees of change in the solvent accessibility showed a similar trend (Pearson's correlation coefficient: 0.56, P-value = 3.5x10- 20).

Figure S7. Difference of contacted solvents and chemical shift change for each Ile and Phe residue of FliG_{MC}, related to Figure 3,4 and 5. (A) Difference of contacted solvents (top) and chemical shift change (δ; bottom) for each Ile and Phe residue between FliG_{MC} and FliG_{MC}-G215A. (B) Difference of contacted solvents (top) and chemical shift change (δ; bottom) for each Ile and Phe residue between FliG_{MC} and FliG_{MC}-HP. In the bar plot for difference of contacted solvents, the residues in red and blue depict the increased and decreased number of interacting water molecules in FliG_{MC}-G215 or FliG_{MC}-HP compared with FliG_{MC}, respectively. In the bar plot for the chemical shift change, the δ for each Ile and Phe residue of FliG_{MC} upon G215A mutation (A, bottom) and applying pressure (B, bottom) were calculated by the following equation: δ = $[(\delta^1H)^2+0.3\delta^{13}C)^2]^{1/2}$ (Blue bar). The δ^1H and $\delta^{13}C$ indicated that chemical shift changes of the $~^1$ H and $~^{13}$ C axes of the 2D $~^1$ H- $~^{13}$ C NMR spectrum, respectively. The red bar indicates the residue whose 1 H- 13 C signal broadening out upon G215A mutation (A, bottom) or applying pressure (B, bottom).

Table S1. **The Difference in solvent accessibility and number of contact** solvents among FliG_{MC}, FliG_{MC}-HP, and FliG_{MC}-G215A, related to Figure 5. $*$

The increase and decrease of each value are shown in red and blue, respectively.

Table S2. **List of strains and plasmids, related to Flagellar rotation analysis of FliG mutants (STAR**★**METHODS).**

Rif^r, rifampin resistant; Pof⁺, normal polar flagellum; Laf⁻, defective in lateral flagellar formation; Pof , defective in polar flagellar formation; Mot-, defective in polar flagellar motility; TP^r, trimethoprim resistant; Sm^r, streptomycin resistance; Cmr , chloramphenicol resistance; Ptac, *tac* promotor; Plac, *lac* promotor; Amp^r , Ampicillin resistance.

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