

Description of Additional Supplementary Files

File Name: Supplementary Data 1

Description: Details of ACAD9, ECSIT and VLCAD primers and plasmids used in experiments (all variants).

File Name: Supplementary Data 2

Description: Phosphosites detected by mass spectrometry data from *in vitro* ECSIT_{CTER} phosphorylation assays.

File Name: Supplementary Data 3

Description: Phosphosites detected by mass spectrometry data from *ex cellulo* ECSIT_{CTER} phosphorylation assays.

File Name: Supplementary Movie 1

Description: **Close up of ACAD9WT--ECSIT_{CTER} binding site with the ACAD9_{S191A} FAD cofactor superimposed.** The ECSIT_{CTER} residues modelled in the cryo-EM map and their proximity to the ACAD9WT flexible β 1- β 2 loop are shown as sticks (bold purple and teal respectively). In addition, the FAD cofactor coordinates taken from the ACAD9_{--S191A--} structure are shown. This helps to visualise how the β 1- β 2 loop of ACAD9 plays a gatekeeper role, opening upon ECSIT binding and allowing the insertion of its 3₁₀-helix. Removal of this barrier is thought to destabilise the FAD cofactor environment, leading to deflavination of ACAD9. This can be compared directly with Supplementary Video 2.

File Name: Supplementary Movie 2

Description: **Close up of the ACAD9_{S191A} β 1- β 2 loop and FAD cofactor with ECSIT_{CTER} superimposed. The ACAD9 β 1- β 2 loop in its closed conformation providing a barrier between the FAD cofactor and the solvent, thus acting as a gatekeeper. The clash between the atoms of ECSIT--CTER and the ACAD9 β 1- β 2 loop is clearly shown, demonstrating that the ACAD9 β 1- β 2 loop cannot exist in the closed conformation while ECSIT is bound. The closed nature of this loop may contribute to the stability of the FAD cofactor environment, preventing deflavination in the absence of ECSIT. This can be directly compared with Supplementary Video 1.**