Supplementary Information

A Non-Canonical Nucleophile Unlocks a New Mechanistic Pathway in a Designed Enzyme

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Supplementary Figure 3: UPLC analysis of the MBH reaction catalysed by either BH_{MeHis}1.0 or BH_{MeHis}1.8. A) Ultra-high performance liquid chromatography (UPLC) trace for the MBH reaction between 2-cyclohexen-1-one (1) and 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (2) forming MBH product (3) and an aldol side product (S1). B) An expanded view of the UPLC trace presented in A between 1.1 and 1.8 min. After evolution, BH_{MeHis}1.8 (red, 10 μ M) forms MBH product 3 as the exclusive product as opposed to the starting variant BH_{MeHis}1.0 (grey, 10 μ M or black, 60 μ M). Reactions performed using 1 (15 mM), 2 (1.5 mM), PBS pH 6.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent and analysed following 23 h incubation at 30 °C.



Supplementary Figure 4: pH profiles of BH_{MeHis}1.8 and BH32.14. Reaction conversions of either BH_{MeHis}1.8 (red, 3 μ M) or BH32.14² (grey, 30 μ M) achieved across a range of pHs between 5.8 to 8.0. Reactions were performed using **1** (15 mM), **2** (1.5 mM) in PBS at the stated pH using 3% (v/v) MeCN as cosolvent and analysed by UPLC following 2 h incubation at 30 °C. Error bars represent standard deviation of measurement made in triplicate. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 5: Kinetic characterization of BH_{MeHis}**1.0, BH**_{MeHis}**1.8 and BH**_{MeHis}**1.8 MeHis23His.** Michaelis-Menten plots for the MBH reaction between **1** and **2** catalysed by either: **A)** BH_{MeHis}**1.8, B)** BH_{MeHis}**1.0** and **C)** BH_{MeHis}**1.8** MeHis23His. Assays were performed at either a fixed concentration of **1** (25 mM) and varying concentrations of **2**, or a fixed concentration of **2** (2 mM) and varying concentrations of **1**. The plots show the averaged initial rates of triplicate data, along with error bars, which were fitted to the Michaelis-Menten equation using Origin software. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 6: Total turnover numbers achieved by BH_{MeHis}1.8. Time-course to determine the total turnover number of BH_{MeHis}1.8. Reactions were performed using 1 (50 mM) and 2 (10 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent, using either 0.1 mol% (black), 0.05 mol% (grey) or 0.01 mol% (red) of BH_{MeHis}1.8. Error bars represent standard deviation of measurement made in triplicate. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 7: Temperature profile of BH_{MeHis}1.8. Reaction conversions of BH_{MeHis}1.8 across a range of temperatures from 25 to 80 °C after 2 h incubation. Reactions were performed using 1 (15 mM), 2 (1.5 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 using 3% (v/v) MeCN as cosolvent and 3 μ M BH_{MeHis}1.8. Error bars represent standard deviation of measurement made in triplicate. Aldol by-product (S1) only observed at temperatures above 60 °C (data not shown). Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 8: NMR traces of crude reaction and purified 3 produced from a preparative-scale biotransformation. ¹H NMR traces (400 MHz; CDCl₃) showing; Top: crude product extracted from the preparative-scale biotransformation of BH_{MeHis}1.8 (10 μ M) using **1** (50 mM) and **2** (10 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent for 13 h at 30 °C. Bottom: Isolated MBH product **3** following purification by flash chromatography. Spectral data is consistent with literature values.³



Supplementary Figure 9: Crystal structures of BH_{MeHis}1.0 and BH_{MeHis}1.8. A cartoon presentation (left) of the superimposed coordinates of BH_{MeHis}1.0 (grey) and BH_{MeHis}1.8 (red). Mutations installed during evolution cause minimal changes to the overall protein fold, with a secondary structure root mean square deviation of 0.47 Å. The MeHis23 nucleophile is shown as atom coloured ball and sticks in both structures, and Trp42 is shown in BH_{MeHis}1.8. A zoom of the active site (right) shows a ~120° rotation in the imidazole ring has occurred during evolution.



Supplementary Figure 10: Structural parameters for MD simulation of BH_{MeHis}**1.8 apo complex. A**) protein heavy-atom rmsd (main and side chain atoms) relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure. **B**) MeHis23 rmsd relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure. **C**) Trp42 rmsd relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure.



Supplementary Figure 11: Models for calculation of Trp42 stabilisation. For simplicity only models with methyl indole for calculating ΔE_2 (equation 2) are shown. A and C) Int1 models. B and D) MeHis models. * indicates atom kept fixed during energy minimisation in the constrained models A and B. E) Table of $\Delta\Delta E$ energies calculated using either DFT or MP2 for models B and D along with the energies calculated for a Trp42Phe mutation with Phe modelled as toluene.



Supplementary Figure 12: Docking of MBH product 3 into the crystal structure of BH_{MeHis}1.8. The product (*R*)-**3** (shown as atom-coloured sticks, carbons black) was docked into the crystal structure of BH_{MeHis}1.8 using MolsoftICM64-Pro (version 3.9-2d). To ensure a productive pose for catalysis, a distance restraint of 4 Å between the MeHis and the position of nucleophilic attack was imposed on the calculation (shown as a blue dashed line). Glu26 is within hydrogen-bonding distance of O1 of **3** (black dashed line).



Supplementary Figure 13: Changes in reaction rate upon mutation of Glu26 in BH_{MeHis}1.8 to either Gln or Ala. Reactions were performed using 1 (25 mM), 2 (2 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 with 3% (v/v) MeCN as cosolvent. A) BH_{MeHis}1.8, B) BH_{MeHis}1.8 Glu26Gln and C) BH_{MeHis}1.8 Glu26Ala. Error bars represent standard deviation of measurement made in triplicate. D) Table of rates determined from linear plots with standard deviation of triplicate measurements stated. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 14. Time course of the inhibition of BH_{MeHis}1.8 and its variants. Stopped flow analysis of mechanistic inhibitor binding,² through absorbance measurements at 325 nm to BH_{MeHis}1.8 (red), BH_{MeHis}1.8 Glu26Ala (blue) and BH_{MeHis}1.8 MeHis23His (grey). Reactions were performed using (*p*-methoxyphenyl)(6-oxocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methyl acetate inhibitor (25 μ M) in PBS pH 7.0 with 3% (v/v) acetonitrile as cosolvent and 10 μ M enzyme at room temperature. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 15: Representative MD snapshot of BH_{MeHis}1.8:Int2H complex where the proton has been transferred from Glu(H)26 to Int2 (model B) from a 500 ns simulation. Int2 (black) and key amino acid residues (blue) are shown in ball and stick representation with hydrogen bonds shown as black dashed lines.

Supplementary Figure 16. Structural parameters for MD simulation of BH_{MeHis}1.8:Int2 complex with a protonated glutamic acid (Glu(H)26) (model A). (a) protein heavy-atom RMSD (main and side chain atoms) relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure, (b) active site RMSD relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure. The active site is defined as residues with at least one atom within 5 Å of the MeHis23_Int2 adduct in the starting structure (residues number 10, 11, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 42, 45, 49, 68, 91, 92, 94, 122, 124, 128, 132). (c) O-H distance between the putative proton donor Glu(H)26 and the C3-alkoxide of Int2. (d) O-H distance between the C2 proton and the GluH26 carbonyl oxygen.

Supplementary Figure 17. Structural parameters for MD simulation of BH_{MeHis}1.8:Int2H complex where the proton has been transferred from Glu(H)26 to Int2 (model B). (a) protein heavy-atom RMSD (main and side chain atoms) relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure, (b) active site RMSD relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure, (b) active site RMSD relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure, (b) active site RMSD relative to the first (grey) and average (blue) structure. The active site is defined by the same residues as for model A (Supplementary Figure 14). (c) O-H distances between the C2-proton and each of the two oxygen atoms of Glu26 (one atom in blue and one in grey).

Supplementary Figure 18. Computed reaction profile for BH_{MeHis}**1.8 starting from Int2H.** The potential energies (black) and zero-point energy corrected energies (blue). The potential energies relative to Int2H are shown for each intermediate, with the barrier height for the transition state of that step (italics). The dotted line connecting P and P' indicates a reorganisation of the product state which occur on the sub-ns scale in MD simulations.

BHMeHis1.8 QM/MM models

Supplementary Figure 19. QM/MM models along the BH_{MeHis}**1.8 reaction coordinate.** Transition states and intermediates along the reaction coordinate are shown. The protein backbone is shown as a grey ribbon. Trp42, Trp124, and Phe132 are shown as atom-coloured sticks, with light blue carbon atoms. Key residues, MeHis23 and Glu(H)26, and substrates, 2-cyclohexen-1-one and *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde are shown in atom coloured ball and stick representation with light blue and grey carbon atoms, respectively. Selected hydrogen atoms and water molecules are shown to aid mechanistic understanding.

Supplementary Figure 20. MD simulation showing the rapid rearrangement of product bound structure P from QM/MM. Left: The optimized product bound structure from QM/MM, P and a MD frame of the BH_{MeHis}1.8 product complex after 0.06 ns and the MD structure representing the most populated pose over three 50 ns runs. Right: Structural parameters for the MD simulation of BH_{MeHis}1.8 product complex. **A)** protein heavy-atom RMSD (main and side chain atoms) relative to the first structure of Run 1 (grey), Run 2 (orange) and Run 3 (blue). **B)** Product RMSD relative to the first structure of Run 1 (grey), Run 2 (orange).

Supplementary Figure 21: Changes in activity along the evolutionary trajectory upon mutation of MeHis23 nucleophile to histidine. Relative conversions of variants along the evolutionary trajectory of BH_{MeHis}1.8 with either MeHis (red) or His (grey) as the catalytic nucleophile at position 23. Biotransformations were performed using 1 (15 mM), 2 (1.5 mM) and enzyme (1.5 μ M) in PBS pH 6.0 with 3% (v/v) MeCN as cosolvent and analysed following 3 h incubation at 30 °C. Error bars represent the standard deviation of measurements made in triplicate. To eliminate errors arising from determination of low conversions, variants BH_{MeHis}1.0, BH_{MeHis}1.0 MeHis23His and BH_{MeHis}1.2 MeHis23His were monitored over a longer timeframe and conversions were extrapolated using linear regression. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

1. Supplementary Tables 1-9

Supplementary Table 1: Directed evolution of BH_{MeHis}**1.8.** Strategy employed for each round of evolution using either random mutagenesis or site-saturation mutagenesis, stating mutations introduced in each round. Starting template (BH_{MeHis}**1.0**) originated from our previous MBH evolution² where His23 has been mutated to MeHis.

Round	Description	Clones screened	Beneficial mutations	Best variant ^[1]
1	Saturation mutagenesis of positions mutated during BH32.14 evolution – L10, A19, Y20, V22, L24, I26, M27, L42, Y45, E46, Y56, L64, E70, D125, P128, A129, F132, F154, Y177, D180	1760	126E, 126T, M27S, L42S, Y45R, L64A, P128F	BH _{MeHis} 1.1 = BH _{MeHis} 1.0 ⁽²⁾ + I26E_L64A
2	Combinatorial active site saturation testing (CASTing) of two 'hotspots' L42 and Y45 simultaneously randomised	1408	L42E/Y45R, L42V/Y45V, L42W/Y45F, L42Y/Y45F	BH _{MeHis} 1.2 = BH _{MeHis} 1.1 + L42W_Y45F
3	Saturation mutagenesis of active site positions and flexible loop regions – S9, I14, A19, Y20, V22, L24, M27, A49, F53, L87, W88, S91, L92, A95, N123, D125, P128, A131, F132, K174	1760	L24V, W88K, W88Q, S91G	BH _{MeHis} 1.3 = BH _{MeHis} 1.2+ L24V_W88Q_S91G
4	Random mutagenesis of the entire gene	1936	R124W/E173G/G32A, T146S/E51D, V71I/Y177F, V71A/I215N/D66G, K74N/F161L, Q96R/K139R/D185G, E46D/K202N/K184E, E46D/L47Q, F161I/K202I/S217T	
5	Saturation mutagenesis of positions identified from random mutagenesis – G32, E46, L48, E51, D66, V71, K74, E85, Q96, R124, K139, T146, F161, E173, Y177, V178, K184, D185, K202, I215, S217, I223	1936	Q96R, R124W, F161L, Y177V	BH _{MeHis} 1.4 = BH _{MeHis} 1.3+ Q96R_R124W_F161L
6	Saturation mutagenesis of 'hotspots' – V22, M27, E46, F53, Y56, D66, E85, L92, A95, D125 P128, F132, F154, E173, K174, Y177, I215 and active site positions – Y34, K39, L41, K110, Y116, L122, K155, A175, V178, E207, A212	1936	E46D, Y56G, D66R, E85G, L92V, P128N, P128W, F154A	BH _{MeHis} 1.5 = BH _{MeHis} 1.4 + E46D_E85G_L92V_ P128N_F154A
7	Saturation mutagenesis of active site positions and flexible loops – S9, L10, V22, Y34, K39, L41, W42, A49, F53, Y56, D66, E85, G91, A95, L122, D125, E127, N128, F154, K155, Y177, I215	1936	V22I, V22L, A49F, I215R	BH _{MeHis} 1.6 = BH _{MeHis} 1.5 + V22I_A49F_ I215R
8	Random mutagenesis of entire gene	1936	R26H/L165M, E100G, Y34H/S189T, L122M, S15T/K39N/E100G, D43N/E100G/S189P, R62H/D227A/N191I/ G193D, E100G/R220H, D66Y, S15T/E173V, K115E, V176A	
9	Saturation mutagenesis of positions identified from random mutagenesis – S15, E26, M27, Y34, K39, D43, R62, D66, E100, L112, K115, L122, N123, D125, L165, E173, V176, S189, N191, G193, R220, D227	1936	Y34H, Y34S, K39R, D66F, D66Y, E100G	BH _{MeHis} 1.7 = BH _{MeHis} 1.6 + K39R_D66F_E100G
10	Saturation mutagenesis of active site positions and flexible loop regions – A20, R50, E51, Y56, L68, L87, M94, A95, R97, Y98, G99, L101, Y102, T126, A129, F132, T146, K155, A175, Y177, E207, A212	1936	R50K, G99P, T146V, K155M, K155Y	BH _{MeHis} 1.8 = BH _{MeHis} 1.7+ R50K_K155Y

 $^{[1]}$ The gene sequences used as the template each round of evolution shown in italics $^{[2]}$ BH_{MeHis}1.0 = BH32.8 with His23MeHis mutation

Supplementary Table 2: Enantiomeric excess of BH_{MeHis}1.0, BH_{MeHis}1.8 and selected variants. Reactions were performed using 1 (15 mM), 2 (1.5 mM), PBS pH 6.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent and analysed by UPLC following 23 h incubation at 30 °C. All reactions ran with 10 μ M enzyme apart from BH_{MeHis}1.0 (60 μ M).

^a Preparative-scale biotransformation. Performed using enzyme (10 μ M), **1** (50 mM), **2** (10 mM), PBS pH 7.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent.

Variant	e.e.(%)
BH _{MeHis} 1.0	55
BH _{MeHis} 1.8	90
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23His	89
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Glu26Gln	97
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 ^a	91

Supplementary Table 3: Kinetic characterization of BH_{MeHis}1.0, BH_{MeHis}1.8 and BH_{MeHis}1.8 MeHis23His. Kinetic constants derived from global fitting of the combined V₀ vs [1] and V₀ vs [2] steady state kinetic data (Supplementary Figure 5) using a random order binding model. Saturating conditions for either 1 or 2 were not achieved for BH_{MeHis}1.0. K_M values quoted are the apparent Michaelis constants. N.D. = not determined. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

Variant	<i>k_{cat}</i> (min⁻¹)	<i>K_M</i> (1) (μM)	<i>К_М</i> (2) (µМ)
BH _{MeHis} 1.0	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
BH _{MeHis} 1.8	4.50 ± 0.19	12020 ± 1034	323 ± 24
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23His	1.13 ± 0.05	12190 ± 1079	293 ± 22

Supplementary Table 4: Conversions of MBH reactions catalysed by BH_{MeHis}1.0, BH_{MeHis}1.8 and selected variants. MBH reaction conversions of BH_{MeHis}1.0, BH_{MeHis}1.8 and selected variants after 2 h using 1 (15 mM), 2 (2 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 with 3% MeCN as cosolvent.

^a Conversion for preparative-scale biotransformation performed using **1** (50 mM), **2** (10 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent.

Variant	Catalyst loading (mol%)	Time (h)	Conversion (%)
BH _{MeHis} 1.0	0.1	2	<0.5
BH _{MeHis} 1.8	0.1	2	26
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23Ala	0.1	2	<0.5
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23His	0.1	2	6.6
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Glu26Gln	0.1	2	1.3
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Glu26Ala	0.1	2	<0.5
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Trp42Phe	0.1	2	11
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 ^a	0.1	13	96
N-methylimidazole	100	24	2.2
Imidazole	100	24	2.5

Supplementary Table 5: Effect of cosolvent on BH_{MeHis}**1.8 activity.** Reaction conversions of BH_{MeHis}**1.8** with varying cosolvent loadings from 3% to 50% (v/v) of either MeCN or DMSO. Reactions performed using **1** (15 mM), **2** (1.5 mM) in PBS pH 7.0 with 3 μ M BH_{MeHis}**1.8** and 2 h incubation at 30 °C. Standard deviation of measurements made in triplicate. N.D. = not detectable. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

Cosolvent	Conversion (%)	S.D.
3% MeCN	40.19	0.36
5% MeCN	38.15	0.75
10% MeCN	29.94	0.78
15% MeCN	15.81	0.23
20% MeCN	5.74	0.34
30% MeCN	0.27	0.04
40% MeCN	N.D.	N.D.
50% MeCN	N.D.	N.D.
3% DMSO	45.41	0.06
5% DMSO	46.52	0.16
10% DMSO	50.04	0.13
15% DMSO	50.24	0.96
20% DMSO	50.04	0.62
30% DMSO	41.08	1.37
40% DMSO	12.90	0.44
50% DMSO	N.D.	N.D.

Supplementary Table 6: Reaction conditions for the substate scope to synthesise 3 and 4a-k. All reactions were performed in triplicate with 1mol% BH_{MeHis} 1.8 (unless otherwise stated) at 30°C in PBS pH 7.0 with 20% (v/v) DMSO as cosolvent. Conversion to product stated. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

Product	Alkene Conc. (mM)	Aldehyde Conc. (mM)	Time (h)	Mean % Conv. (±s.d.)
3 ^a	50	10	2	97 ± 0.2
4a	50	10	24	99.7 ± 0.01
4b	50	10	24	92 ± 0.1
4c	100	10	4	66 ± 0.3
4d	100	10	4	72 ± 0.1
4e	100	10	7	91 ± 0.6
4f ^b	100	10	24	62 ± 1.1
4g	100	10	8	5 ± 0.09
4h	100	10	2	98 ± 0.9
4i	100	10	7	95 ± 0.1
4j	100	10	4	88 ± 1.5
4k + 4l	50	10	24	98 ± 0.2

 a Reaction ran with 0.5mol% $BH_{\mbox{\scriptsize MeHis}}1.8$

^b Extinction coefficients of 3276 and 724 mM⁻¹cm⁻¹ calculated for aldehyde and product, respectively, at 254nm.

Supplementary Table 7: Data collection and refinement statistics. ^aValues in parentheses are for highest resolution shell. ^bR-free was calculated using ~5% of the data separate from the rest.

	BH _{MeHis} 1.0	BH _{MeHis} 1.8
PDB ascension number	8BP1	8BP0
Wavelength (Å)	0.9762	0.9763
	61.5 - 1.72	38.15 - 2.621
Resolution range	(1.782 - 1.72) [°]	(2.714 - 2.621) [°]
Space group	P 31 2 1	P 21 21 21
Unit cell dimensions		
a, b, c, (Å)	71.01, 71.01, 120.3	35.46, 42.43, 152.5
α, β, γ (°)	90, 90, 120	90, 90, 90
Total reflections	765674 (70921)	193638 (18122)
Unique reflections	37997 (3733)	7422 (715)
Multiplicity	20.2 (19.0)	26.1 (25.3)
Completeness (%)	99.94 (99.71)	99.81 (99.58)
Mean I/sigma(I)	20.45 (1.00)	9.87 (2.25)
Wilson B-factor	30.52	33.11
R-merge	0.08128 (1.691)	0.2535 (0.8861)
R-meas	0.08336 (1.736)	0.2585 (0.9041)
R-pim	0.01838 (0.3912)	0.04998 (0.1782)
CC _{1/2}	1 (0.709)	0.996 (0.964)
CC*	1 (0.911)	0.999 (0.991)
Reflections used in refinement	37987 (3733)	7411 (713)
Reflections used for R-free	1865 (170)	400 (38)
R-work	0.1811 (0.2491)	0.1902 (0.2495)
R-free ^b	0.2021 (0.2687)	0.2419 (0.3119)
CC (work)	0.960 (0.826)	0.958 (0.942)
CC (free)	0.959 (0.805)	0.912 (0.706)
Number of non-hydrogen atoms	2170	1962
macromolecules	1948	1867
ligands	22	18
solvent	200	77
Protein residues	231	230
RMS(bonds)	0.004	0.002
RMS (angles)	0.74	0.45
Ramachandran favoured (%)	98.67	95.11
Ramachandran allowed (%)	1.33	4.89
Ramachandran outliers (%)	0	0
Rotamer outliers (%)	0	3.08
Clashscore	3.24	2.1
Average B-factor	38.59	36.87

Supplementary Table 8: Kinetic isotope effect (KIE) and solvent kinetic isotope (SKIE) effects for BH_{MeHis}1.8 and selected variants. Reactions were performed with the relevant enzyme (1 μ M BH_{MeHis}1.8, 3 μ M BH_{MeHis}1.8 MeHis23His and 10 μ M BH_{MeHis}1.8 Glu26Gln) using 1 or S2 (25 mM), 2 (2 mM) in both deuterated and non-deuterated PBS buffer at pH 7.0 with 3% (v/v) MeCN as cosolvent. KIE and SKIE values calculated from reactions performed in triplicate. Source Data are provided as a Source Data file.

Variant	KIE (H ₂ O)	KIE (D ₂ O)	SKIE (1)	SKIE (S2)
BH _{MeHis} 1.8	1.7	1.7	0.9	0.9
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Glu26Gln	4.0	4.2	0.6	0.6
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23His	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.5

Variant	Expected Mass	Observed Mass
BH _{MeHis} 1.0 (BH32.8 His23MeHis)	27593.73	27593.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.1	27567.60	27567.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.2	27624.66	27624.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.3	27522.52	27522.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.4	27546.59	27546.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.5	27387.36	27387.0
BH _{MeHis} 1.6	27520.51	27520.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.7	27508.55	27508.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.8	27515.54	27515.5
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23His	27501.51	27501.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23Ala	27435.44	27435.3
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Glu26Ala	27457.50	27457.3
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 Glu26Gln	27514.52	27514.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 (strep tag)	27732.84	27732.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.8 MeHis23His (strep tag)	27718.81	27718.3
BH32.8 (BH _{MeHis} 1.0 MeHis23His)	27579.70	27579.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.1 MeHis23His	27553.57	27553.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.2 MeHis23His	27610.63	27610.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.3 MeHis23His	27508.49	27508.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.4 MeHis23His	27532.56	27532.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.5 MeHis23His	27373.33	27373.2
BH _{MeHis} 1.6 MeHis23His	27506.48	27506.4
BH _{MeHis} 1.7 MeHis23His	27494.52	27494.4
BH32 His23MeHis	27648.58	27648.6
BH32.6 His23MeHis	27525.55	27545.4
BH32.9 His23MeHis	27716.77	27716.6
BH32.12 His23MeHis	27529.59	27529.4

Supplementary Table 9: Experimental and calculated mass values of enzymes in this study.

Supplementary Table 10: Table of primers used in this study

Namo	Primer Sequence
BH32-BH32.6_HIS23MeHIS_F	GCGCIGCIAAAICCTAGCIGAAAAIIAIGGAGGAAGIG
BH32-BH32.6_His23_R	GGATTTAGCAGCGCC
BH32.8_His23MeHis_F	GGCGCTTATAAAGTG TAG CTGAAAATTATGGAGGAAGTG
BH32.8_His23_R	CACTTTATAAGCGCCTTC
BH32.9-BH32.14_His23MeHis_F	GGCGCTTATAAAGTG TAG TTTAAAATTATGGAGG
BH32.9-BH32.14_His23_R	CACTTTATAAGTGCCTTCAA
BH _{MeHis} 1.8_MeHis23Ala_F	GGCGCTTATAAAATT <mark>GCG</mark> GTGAAAGAGATGGAGGAAG
BH _{MeHis} 1.8_MeHis23His_F	GGCGCTTATAAAATT <mark>CAC</mark> GTGAAAGAGATGGAGGAAG
BH _{MeHis} 1.8_MeHis23_R	AATTTTATAAGCGCCTTCAACG
BH _{MeHus} 1.8_Glu26Ala_F	AAAATTTAGGTGAAA <mark>GCG</mark> ATGGAGGAAGTGCTGG
BHMeHus1.8_Glu26Gln_F	AAAATTTAGGTGAAA <mark>CAG</mark> ATGGAGGAAGTGCTGG
BH _{MeHus} 1.8_Glu26_R	TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCCTTC
BH _{MeHus} 1.8_Trp42Phe_F	AACCCGCGAACCCTGTTTGACGAATTTGATAAACTGTTTAAGG
BH _{MeHus} 1.8_Trp42_R	CAGGGTTCGCGG
BH _{MeHis} 1.1-1.2_MeHis23His_F	GGCGCTTATAAAGTG <mark>CAC</mark> CTGAAAGAGATGGAGGAAG
BH _{MeHis} 1.1-1.2_MeHis23_R	CACTTTATAAGCGCCTTCA
BH _{MeHis} 1.3-1.5_MeHis23His_F	GGCGCTTATAAAGTG <mark>CAC</mark> GTGAAAGAGATGGAGGAAG
BH _{MeHis} 1.3-1.5_MeHis_R	CACTTTATAAGCGCCTTCA
BH _{MeHis} 1.6-1.7_MeHis23His_F	GGCGCTTATAAAATTCACGTGAAAGAGATGGAGGAAG
BH _{MeHis} 1.6-1.7_MeHis23_R	AATTTTATAAGCGCCTTCAACG

Supplementary Table 11: Table of primers used for library generation

Flanking Primers	
NDE_F	catgcatCATATGATTCGTGCGGTA
XHO_R	atgcatgcCTCGAGAGAGCCCTG
Round 1	
L10NNK_F	GTATTCTTTGATAGCNNKGGTACTCTGATTAGCGT
L10_R	GCTATCAAAGAATACCGC
A19NNK_F	ATTAGCGTTGAAGGCNNKTATAAAGTGTAGCTGAAAATTATGG
A19_R	GCCTTCAACGCTAATC
Y20NNK_F	AGCGTTGAAGGCGCTNNKAAAGTGTAGCTGAAAATTATGG
Y20_R	AGCGCCTTCAACG
V22NNK_F	GAAGGCGCTTATAAANNKTAGCTGAAAATTATGGAGGA
V22_R	TTTATAAGCGCCTTCAAC
L24NNK_F	GCTTATAAAGTGTAGNNKAAAATTATGGAGGAAGTGC
L24_R	CTACACTTTATAAGCGCC
I26NNK_F	AAAGTGTAGCTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG
126_R	TTTCAGCTACACTTTATAAGC
M27NNK_F	GTGTAGCTGAAAATTNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT
M27_R	AATTTTCAGCTACACTTTATAAG
L42NNK_F	AACCCGAAAACCCTGNNKGACGAATACGAGAAACTG
L42_R	CAGGGTTTTCGGGTT
Y45NNK_F	ACCCTGCTGGACGAANNKGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
Y45_R	TTCGTCCAGCAGG
E46NNK_F	CTGCTGGACGAATACNNKAAACTGGCTCGCG
E46_R	GTATTCGTCCAGCAGG
Y56NNK_F	GAAGCGTTCTCTAACNNKGCGGGCAAACCG
Y56_R	GTTAGAGAACGCTTCGC
L64NNK_F	AAACCGTATCGTCCGNNKCGTGATATCCTGGAAGA
L64_R	CGGACGATACGGTTT
E70NNK_F	CGTGATATCCTGGAANNKGTAATGCGTAAACTGGC
E70_R	TTCCAGGATATCACGC

D125NNK_F	GTGATCCTGAATAGGNNKACCGAGCCGGC
D125_R	CCTATTCAGGATCACGC
P128NNK_F	AATAGGGATACCGAGNNKGCCACGGCATTCC
P128_R	CTCGGTATCCCTATTCAG
A129NNK_F	AGGGATACCGAGCCGNNKACGGCATTCCTGGA
A129_R	CGGCTCGGTATCC
F132NNK_F	GAGCCGGCCACGGCANNKCTGGACGCACTGG
F132_R	TGCCGTGGCCG
F154NNK_F	GAAGAAGCTGGTTTCNNKAAACCGCACCCAC
F154_R	GAAACCAGCTTCTTCAG
Y177NNK_F	GGCGAGAAAGCAGTGNNKGTTGGTGACAACCCG
Y177_R	CACTGCTTTCTCGCC
D180NNK_F	GCAGTGTACGTTGGTNNKAACCCGGTCAAAGAC
D180_R	ACCAACGTACACTGC
Round 2	
L42x_Y45x_1	AACCCGAAAACCCTGNDTGACGAANDTGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_2	AACCCGAAAACCCTGVHGGACGAAVHGGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_3	AACCCGAAAACCCTGNDTGACGAAVHGGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_4	AACCCGAAAACCCTGVHGGACGAANDTGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_5	AACCCGAAAACCCTGNDTGACGAATGGGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_6	AACCCGAAAACCCTG TGG GACGAANDTGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_7	AACCCGAAAACCCTGVHGGACGAATGGGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_8	AACCCGAAAACCCTG TGG GACGAAVHGGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_9	AACCCGAAAACCCTGTGGGACGAATGGGAGAAACTGGCTCGC
L42x_Y45x_R	CAGGGTTTTCGGGTT
Round 3	
NDE_S9NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATNNKCTGGGTACTCTGATTAGC
I14NNK_F	AGCCTGGGTACTCTGNNKAGCGTTGAAGGCGCT
I14_R	CAGAGTACCCAGGCT
A19NNK_F	ATTAGCGTTGAAGGCNNKTATAAAGTGTAGCTGAAAGAG
A19_R	GCCTTCAACGCTAATC
Y20NNK_F	AGCGTTGAAGGCGCTNNKAAAGTGTAGCTGAAAGAGA

Y20_R	AGCGCCTTCAACG
V22NNK_F	GAAGGCGCTTATAAANNKTAGCTGAAAGAGATGGAG
V22_R	TTTATAAGCGCCTTCAAC
L24NNK_F	GCTTATAAAGTGTAGNNKAAAGAGATGGAGGAAGTG
L24_R	CTACACTTTATAAGCGCC
M27NNK_F	GTGTAGCTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGG
M27_R	CTCTTTCAGCTACACTTT
A49NNK_F	GAATACGAGAAACTGNNKCGCGAAGCGTTCT
A49_R	CAGTTTCTCGTATTCGTC
F53NNK_F	CTGGCTCGCGAAGCGNNKTCTAACTATGCGGGC
F53_R	CGCTTCGCGAGCC
L87NNK_F	AAATACCCTGAAAACNNKTGGGAAATCTCCCTG
L87_R	GTTTTCAGGGTATTTGAAAC
W88NNK_F	TACCCTGAAAACTTGNNKGAAATCTCCCTGCGT
W88_R	CAAGTTTTCAGGGTATTTGA
S91NNK_F	AACTTGTGGGAAATCNNKCTGCGTATGGCGC
S91_R	GATTTCCCACAAGTTTTCA
L92NNK_F	TTGTGGGAAATCTCCNNKCGTATGGCGCAACGC
L92_R	GGAGATTTCCCACAAGT
A95NNK_F	ATCTCCCTGCGTATGNNKCAACGCTACGGCGAG
A95_R	CATACGCAGGGAGAT
N123NNK_F	GTTGGCGTGATCCTGNNKAGGGATACCGAGCC
N123_R	CAGGATCACGCCAAC
D125NNK_F	GTGATCCTGAATAGGNNKACCGAGCCGGC
D125_R	CCTATTCAGGATCACGC
A131NNK_F	ACCGAGCCGGCCACGNNKTTCCTGGACGCAC
A131_R	CGTGGCCGGCTC
F132NNK_F	GAGCCGGCCACGGCANNKCTGGACGCACTGG
F132_R	TGCCGTGGCCG
K174NNK_F	GGCGTTAAAGGCGAGNNKGCAGTGTACGTTGGT
K174_R	CTCGCCTTTAACGCC
Round 5	

G32NNK_F	ATGGAGGAAGTGCTGNNKGACTATCCGCTGAACC
G32_R	CAGCACTTCCTCCAT
E46NNK_F	CTGTGGGACGAATTTNNKAAACTGGCTCGCGAA
E46_R	AAATTCGTCCCACAGG
L48NNK_F	GACGAATTTGAGAAANNKGCTCGCGAAGCG
L48_R	TTTCTCAAATTCGTCCCA
E51NNK_F	GAGAAACTGGCTCGCNNKGCGTTCTCTAACTATGCG
E51_R	GCGAGCCAGTTTCTC
D66NNK_F	TATCGTCCGGCGCGTNNKATCCTGGAAGAAGTAATGC
D66_R	ACGCGCCGGAC
V71NNK_F	GATATCCTGGAAGAANNKATGCGTAAACTGGCG
V71_R	TTCTTCCAGGATATCACG
K74NNK_F	GAAGAAGTAATGCGTNNKCTGGCGGAAAAGTACG
K74_R	ACGCATTACTTCTCCA
E85NNK_F	GGTTTCAAATACCCTNNKAACTTGCAGGAAATCGG
E85_R	AGGGTATTTGAAACCGT
Q96NNK_F	GGCCTGCGTATGGCGNNKCGCTACGGCGAGC
Q96_R	CGCCATACGCAGG
R124NNK_F	GGCGTGATCCTGAATNNKGATACCGAGCCGGC
R124_R	ATTCAGGATCACGCC
K139NNK_F	GACGCACTGGGCATCNNKGACCTGTTCGATTCCA
K139_R	GATGCCCAGTGCGT
T146NNK_F	CTGTTCGATTCCATCNNKACGTCTGAAGAAGCT
T146_R	GATGGAATCGAACAGGT
F161NNK_F	CCGCACCCACGCATCNNKGAACTGGCTCTGAAGA
F161_R	GATGCGTGGGTGC
E173NNK_F	GCCGGCGTTAAAGGCNNKAAAGCAGTGTACGTTGG
E173_R	GCCTTTAACGCCGG
Y177NNK_F	GGCGAGAAAGCAGTGNNKGTTGGTGACAACCCG
Y177_R	CACTGCTTTCTCGCC
V178NNK_F	GAGAAAGCAGTGTACNNKGGTGACAACCCGGTC
V178_R	GTACACTGCTTTCTCGC

K184NNK_F	GGTGACAACCCGGTCNNKGACGCGGGTGGTT
K185_R	GACCGGGTTGTCACC
D185NNK_F	GACAACCCGGTCAAANNKGCGGGTGGTTCTAAG
D185_R	TTTGACCGGGTTGTC
K202NNK_F	ATCCTGCTGGATCGTNNKGGTGAGAAACGTGAATTC
K202_R	ACGATCCAGCAGGAT
I215NNK_F	GATAAGGCGGACTTTNNKGTCTCCGACCTGC
I215_R	AAAGTCCGCCTTATCC
S217NNK_F	GCGGACTTTATCGTCNNKGACCTGCGCGAAGTT
S217_R	GACGATAAAGTCCGC
I223NNK_F	GACCTGCGCGAAGTTNNKAAGATTGTTGACGAACTGA
I223_R	AACTTCGCGCAGGTC
Round 6	
V22NNK_F	GAAGGCGCTTATAAANNKTAGGTGAAAGAGATGGAGG
V22_R	TTTATAAGCGCCTTCAAC
M27NNK_F	GTGTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGG
M27_R	СТСТТТСАССТАСАСТТТАТ
Y34NNK_F	GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCG
Y34_R	GTCACCCAGCACTTC
K39NNK_F	TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACG
K39_R	CGGGTTCAGCGGATA
L41NNK_F	CTGAACCCGAAAACCNNKTGGGACGAATTTGAGAA
L41_R	GGTTTTCGGGTTCAGC
E46NNK_F	CTGTGGGACGAATTTNNKAAACTGGCTCGCGAA
E46_R	AAATTCGTCCCACAGG
F53NNK_F	CTGGCTCGCGAAGCGNNKTCTAACTATGCGGGCA
F53_R	CGCTTCGCGAGC
Y56NNK_F	GAAGCGTTCTCTAACNNKGCGGGCAAACCGTAT
Y56_R	GTTAGAGAACGCTTCGC
D66NNK_F	TATCGTCCGGCGCGTNNKATCCTGGAAGAAGTAATGC
D66_R	ACGCGCCGGAC
E85NNK_F	GGTTTCAAATACCCTNNKAACTTGCAGGAAATCGG

E85_R	AGGGTATTTGAAACCGT
L92NNK_F	TTGCAGGAAATCGGCNNKCGTATGGCGCGAC
L92_R	GCCGATTTCCTGCAA
A95NNK_F	ATCGGCCTGCGTATGNNKCGACGCTACGGC
A95_R	CATACGCAGGCCGAT
K110NNK_F	GTGGTGGAAGTACTGNNKTCTCTGAAAGGTAAATATCACG
K110_R	CAGTACTTCCACCACTT
Y116NNK_F	TCTCTGAAAGGTAAANNKCACGTTGGCGTGATC
Y116_R	TTTACCTTTCAGAGATTTCAGT
L122NNK_F	CACGTTGGCGTGATCNNKAATTGGGATACCGAGC
L122_R	GATCACGCCAACGTG
D125NNK_F	GTGATCCTGAATTGGNNKACCGAGCCGGC
D125_R	CCAATTCAGGATCACGC
P128NNK_F	AATTGGGATACCGAGNNKGCCACGGCATTCCTG
P128_R	CTCGGTATCCCAATTCA
F132NNK_F	GAGCCGGCCACGGCANNKCTGGACGCACTGGG
F132_R	TGCCGTGGCCG
F154NNK_F	GAAGAAGCTGGTTTCNNKAAACCGCACCCACG
F154_R	GAAACCAGCTTCTTCAG
K155NNK_F	GAAGCTGGTTTCTTTNNKCCGCACCCACGC
K155_R	AAAGAAACCAGCTTCTTCA
E173NNK_F	GCCGGCGTTAAAGGCNNKAAAGCAGTGTACGTTGG
E173_R	GCCTTTAACGCCGG
K174NNK_F	GGCGTTAAAGGCGAGNNKGCAGTGTACGTTGGT
K174_R	CTCGCCTTTAACGCC
A175NNK_F	GTTAAAGGCGAGAAANNKGTGTACGTTGGTGACA
A175_R	TTTCTCGCCTTTAACGC
Y177NNK_F	GGCGAGAAAGCAGTGNNKGTTGGTGACAACCCG
Y177_R	CACTGCTTTCTCGCC
V178NNK_F	GAGAAAGCAGTGTACNNKGGTGACAACCCGGTC
V178_R	GTACACTGCTTTCTCGC
E207NNK_F	AAAGGTGAGAAACGTNNKTTCTGGGATAAGGCGG

E207_R	ACGTTTCTCACCTTTACG
I215NNK_F	GATAAGGCGGACTTTNNKGTCTCCGACCTGCG
l215_R	AAAGTCCGCCTTATCC
A212NNK_F	GAATTCTGGGATAAGNNKGACTTTATCGTCTCCGAC
A212_R	CTTATCCCAGAATTCACGT
Round 7	
NDE_S9NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATNNKCTGGGTACTCTGATTAGC
NDE_L10NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCNNKGGTACTCTGATTAGCGT
V22NNK_F	GAAGGCGCTTATAAANNKTAGGTGAAAGAGATGGAG
V22_R	TTTATAAGCGCCTTCAAC
Y34NNK_F	GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCG
Y34_R	GTCACCCAGCACTTC
K39NNK_F	TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACG
K39_R	CGGGTTCAGCGGATA
L41NNK_F	CTGAACCCGAAAACCNNKTGGGACGAATTTGATAAACT
L41_R	GGTTTTCGGGTTCAGC
W42NNK_F	AACCCGAAAACCCTGNNKGACGAATTTGATAAACTGGC
W42_R	CAGGGTTTTCGGGTT
A49NNK_F	GAATTTGATAAACTGNNKCGCGAAGCGTTCTCT
A49_R	CAGTTTATCAAATTCGTCCC
F53NNK_F	CTGGCTCGCGAAGCGNNKTCTAACTATGCGGGC
F53_R	CGCTTCGCGAGCC
Y56NNK_F	GAAGCGTTCTCTAACNNKGCGGGCAAACCGTAT
Y56_R	GTTAGAGAACGCTTCGC
D66NNK_F	TATCGTCCGGCGCGTNNKATCCTGGAAGAAGTAATGC
D66_R	ACGCGCCGGAC
E85NNK_F	GGTTTCAAATACCCTNNKAACTTGCAGGAAATCGG
E85_R	AGGGTATTTGAAACCGT
G91NNK_F	AACTTGCAGGAAATCNNKGTGCGTATGGCGC
G91_R	GATTTCCTGCAAGTTTTCAG
A95NNK_F	ATCGGCGTGCGTATGNNKCGACGCTACGGCGAG
A95_R	CATACGCACGCCGAT

L122NNK_F	CACGTTGGCGTGATCNNKAATTGGGATACCGAGAAT
L122_R	GATCACGCCAACGTG
D125NNK_F	GTGATCCTGAATAGGNNKACCGAGAATGCCAC
D125_R	CCAATTCAGGATCACGC
E127NNK_F	CTGAATTGGGATACCNNKAATGCCACGGCATTC
E127_R	GGTATCCCAATTCAGGAT
N128NNK_F	AATTGGGATACCGAGNNKGCCACGGCATTCCTG
N128_R	CTCGGTATCCCAATTCA
F154NNK_F	GAAGAAGCTGGTTTCNNKAAACCGCACCCACG
F154_R	GAAACCAGCTTCTTCAG
K155NNK_F	GAAGCTGGTTTCTTTNNKCCGCACCCACGC
K155_R	AAAGAAACCAGCTTCTTCA
Y177NNK_F	GGCGAGAAAGCAGTGNNKGTTGGTGACAACCCG
Y177_R	CACTGCTTTCTCGCC
I215NNK_F	GATAAGGCGGACTTTNNKGTCTCCGACCTGCG
I215_R	AAAGTCCGCCTTATCC
Round 9	
Round 9	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCGAAA
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F Y34_R	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F Y34_R K39NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACGAA
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F Y34_R K39NNK_F K39_R	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACGAA CGGGTTCAGCGGATA
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F Y34_R K39NNK_F K39_R D43NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACGAA CGGGTTCAGCGGATA CCGAAAACCCTGTGGNNKGAATTTGATAAACTGTTTCGCG
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F Y34_R K39NNK_F K39_R D43NNK_F D43_R	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACGAA CGGGTTCAGCGGATA CCGAAAACCCTGTGGNNKGAATTTGATAAACTGTTTCGCG CCACAGGGTTTTCGG
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34_NNK_F Y34_R K39NNK_F K39_R D43NNK_F D43_R R62NNK_F	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTINNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC TATCCGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACGAA CGGGTTCAGCGGATA CCGAAAACCCTGTGGGNNKGAATTTGATAAACTGTTTCGCG GCACAGGGTTTTCGG GCGGGCAAACCGTATNNKCCGGCGCGTGATATC
Round 9 NDE_S15NNK_F E26NNK_F E26_R M27NNK_F M27_R Y34NNK_F Y34_R K39NNK_F K39_R D43NNK_F D43_R R62NNK_F R62_R	gagatatacatATGATTCGTGCGGTATTCTTTGATAGCCTGGGTACTCTGATTNNKGTTGAAGGCGC TTATAAAA AAAATTTAGGTGAAANNKATGGAGGAAGTGCTG TTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGCGCC ATTTAGGTGAAAAGAGNNKGAGGAAGTGCTGGGT CTCTTTCACCTAAATTTTATAAGC GAAGTGCTGGGTGACNNKCCGGCTGAACCCGAAA GTCACCCAGCACTTC TATCCGGCTGAACCCGNNKACCCTGTGGGACGAA CGGGTTCAGCGGATA CCGAAAACCCTGTGGNNKGAATTTGATAAACTGTTTCGCG CCACAGGGTTTTCGG GCGGGCAAACCGTATNNKCCCGGCGCGTGATATC ATACGGTTTGCCCGC

D66_R	ACGCGCCGGAC
E100NNK_F	GCGCGACGCTACGGCNNKCTGTACCCGGAAGTG
E100_R	GCCGTAGCGTCG
L112NNK_F	GAAGTACTGAAATCTNNKAAAGGTAAATATCACGTTGGC
L112_R	AGATTTCAGTACTTCCACC
K115NNK_F	AAATCTCTGAAAGGTNNKTATCACGTTGGCGTG
K115_R	ACCTTTCAGAGATTTCAGT
L122NNK_F	CACGTTGGCGTGATCNNKAATTGGGATACCGAGAAT
L122_R	GATCACGCCAACGTG
N123NNK_F	GTTGGCGTGATCCTGNNKTGGGATACCGAGAATG
N123_R	CAGGATCACGCCAAC
D125NNK_F	GTGATCCTGAATTGGNNKACCGAGAATGCCACG
D125_R	CCAATTCAGGATCACGC
L165NNK_F	ATCCTCGAACTGGCTNNKAAGAAAGCCGGCGTT
L165_R	AGCCAGTTCGAGGAT
E173NNK_F	GCCGGCGTTAAAGGCNNKAAAGCAGTGTACGTTGG
E173_R	GCCTTTAACGCCGG
V176NNK_F	AAAGGCGAGAAAGCANNKTACGTTGGTGACAACC
V176_R	TGCTTTCTCGCCTTT
S189NNK_F	AAAGACGCGGGTGGTNNKAAGAACCTGGGTATGAC
S189_R	ACCACCCGCGTCT
N191NNK_F	GCGGGTGGTTCTAAGNNKCTGGGTATGACTAGCAT
N191_R	CTTAGAACCACCCGC
G193NNK_F	GGTTCTAAGAACCTGNNKATGACTAGCATCCTGCT
G193_R	CAGGTTCTTAGAACCACC
R220NNK_F	CGTGTCTCCGACCTGNNKGAAGTTATTAAGATTGTTGACGAA
R220_R	CAGGTCGGAGACACG
XHO_D227NNM	
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A20NNK_F	AGCGTTGAAGGCGCTNNKAAAATTTAGGTGAAAGAGATGG
A20_R	AGCGCCTTCAACG

R50NNK_F	TTTGATAAACTGTTTNNKGAAGCGTTCTCTAACTATG
R50_R	AAACAGTTTATCAAATTCGTCC
E51NNK_F	GATAAACTGTTTCGCNNKGCGTTCTCTAACTATGCG
E51_R	GCGAAACAGTTTATCAAATTCG
Y56NNK_F	GAAGCGTTCTCTAACNNKGCGGGCAAACCG
Y56_R	GTTAGAGAACGCTTCGC
L68NNK_F	CCGGCGCGTTTTATCNNKGAAGAAGTAATGCGTAAACT
L68_R	GATAAAACGCGCCGG
L87NNK_F	AAATACCCTGGAAACNNKCAGGAAATCGGCGTG
L87_R	GTTTCCAGGGTATTTGAAAC
M94NNK_F	GAAATCGGCGTGCGTNNKGCGCGACGCTAC
M94_R	ACGCACGCCGATTTC
A95NNK_F	ATCGGCGTGCGTATGNNKCGACGCTACGGC
A95_R	CATACGCACGCCGAT
R97NNK_F	GTGCGTATGGCGCGANNKTACGGCGGGCTGTA
R97_R	TCGCGCCATACGC
Y98NNK_F	CGTATGGCGCGACGCNNKGGCGGGCTGTAC
Y98_R	GCGTCGCGCCATA
G99NNK_F	ATGGCGCGACGCTACNNKGGGCTGTACCCGG
G99_R	GTAGCGTCGCGC
L101NNK_F	CGACGCTACGGCGGGNNKTACCCGGAAGTGGTG
L101_R	CCCGCCGTAGCG
Y102NNK_F	CGCTACGGCGGGCTGNNKCCGGAAGTGGTGGAA
Y102_R	CAGCCCGCCGTAG
T126NNK_F	ATCCTGAATTGGGATNNKGAGAATGCCACGGCA
T126_R	ATCCCAATTCAGGATCAC
A129NNK_F	TGGGATACCGAGAATNNKACGGCATTCCTGGAC
A129_R	ATTCTCGGTATCCCAATT
F132NNK_F	GAGAATGCCACGGCANNKCTGGACGCACTGG
F132_R	TGCCGTGGCATTCTC
T146NNK_F	CTGTTCGATTCCATCNNKACGTCTGAAGAAGCTG
T146_R	GATGGAATCGAACAGGT

K155NNK_F	GAAGCTGGTTTCGCTNNKCCGCACCCACGC
K155_R	AGCGAAACCAGCTTC
A175NNK_F	GTTAAAGGCGAGAAANNKGTGTACGTTGGTGACAA
A175_R	TTTCTCGCCTTTAACGC
Y177NNK_F	GGCGAGAAAGCAGTGNNKGTTGGTGACAACCCG
Y177_R	CACTGCTTTCTCGCC
E207NNK_F	AAAGGTGAGAAACGTNNKTTCTGGGATAAGGCG
E207_R	ACGTTTCTCACCTTTACG
A212NNK_F	GAATTCTGGGATAAGNNKGACTTTCGTGTCTCCG
A212_R	CTTATCCCAGAATTCACGT

2. DNA and protein sequence for the most active variant BH_{MeHis}1.8.

BH_{MeHis}1.8:

MIRAVFFDSLGTLISVEGAYKI (MHS) VKEMEEVLGDYPLNPRTLWDEFDKLFKEAFSNYAGKPYRPA RFILEEVMRKLAEKYGFKYPGNLQEIGVRMARRYGGLYPEVVEVLKSLKGKYHVGVILNWDTENATAF LDALGIKDLFDSITTSEEAGFAYPHPRILELALKKAGVKGEKAVYVGDNPVKDAGGSKNLGMTSILLD RKGEKREFWDKADFRVSDLREVIKIVDELNGQGSLEHHHHHH

MHS = MeHis

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