

## Supplementary information

### Understanding the Effect of Ionic Liquid Mediated Solvent Engineering on the Kinetics and Thermodynamic Stability of Phenylalanine Ammonia-lyase

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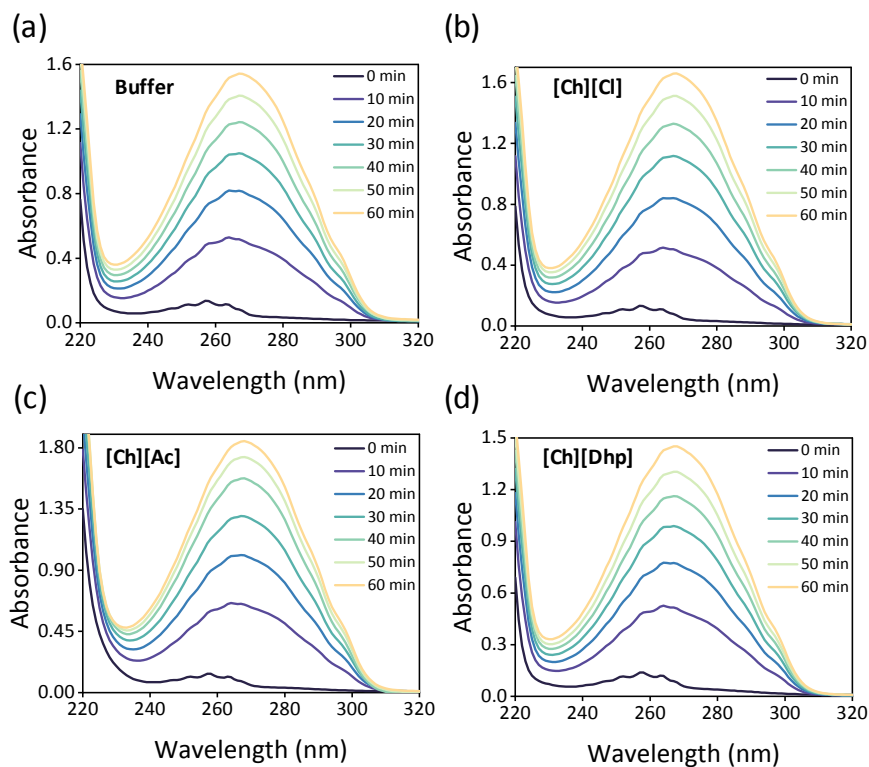
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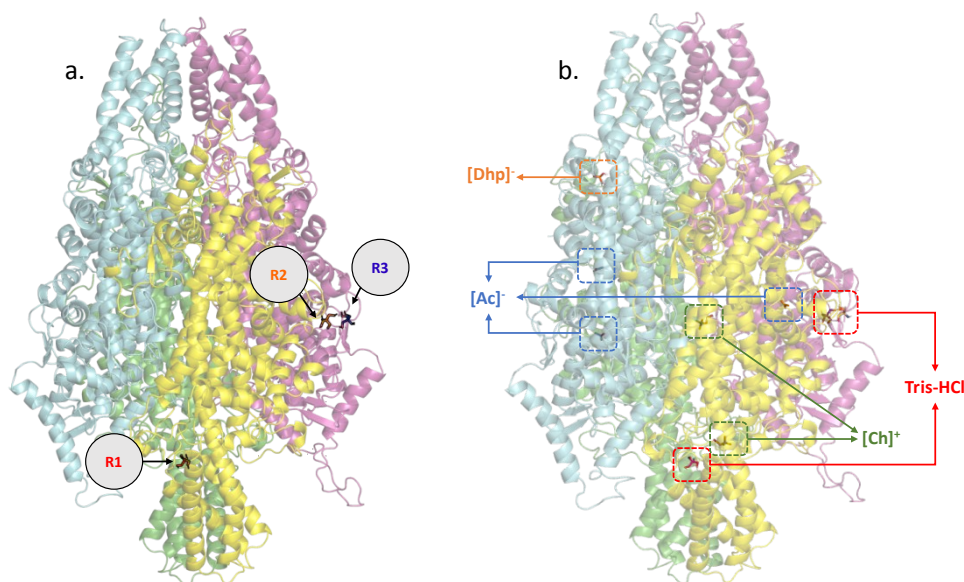
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**Figure S1.** UV-Vis spectra of course of the *RgPAL* activity assay using in (a) Tris-HCl buffer and (b-d) ionic liquid media.



**Figure S2.** Peptide chains A, B, C and D of *RgPAL* are shown in green, cyan, magenta and yellow, respectively with (a) top docked poses of Tris-HCl on the high affinity cavities of *RgPAL* from replicate 1 (red), replicate 2 (blue) and replicate 3 (orange) and (b) Top docked poses of Tris-HCl, dihydrogenphosphate ([Dhp]<sup>-</sup>), acetate ([Ac]<sup>-</sup>) and choline ([Ch]<sup>+</sup>) on the high affinity cavities of *RgPAL*.

**Table S1.** Docking score for Tris HCl with respect to the ten poses and the binding affinity scores for replicate 1 (R1-SCORE), replicate 2 (R2-SCORE) and replicate 3 (R3-SCORE). Energy scores are in kcal/mol units.

RANK	NAME	POSE	R1-SCORE	R2-SCORE	R3-SCORE
1	Tris HCl	1	-4.5	-4.3	-4.6
2	Tris HCl	2	-4.3	-4.3	-4.3
3	Tris HCl	3	-4	-4.3	-4.3
4	Tris HCl	4	-3.9	-4.2	-4.1
5	Tris HCl	5	-3.8	-4	-4.1
6	Tris HCl	6	-3.6	-4	-4
7	Tris HCl	7	-3.6	-4	-4
8	Tris HCl	8	-3.6	-4	-3.9
9	Tris HCl	9	-3.6	-4	-3.9
10	Tris HCl	10	-3.6	-3.9	-3.8

**Table S2.** Docking score for Acetate with respect to the ten poses and the binding affinity scores for replicate 1 (R1-SCORE), replicate 2 (R2-SCORE) and replicate 3 (R3-SCORE).

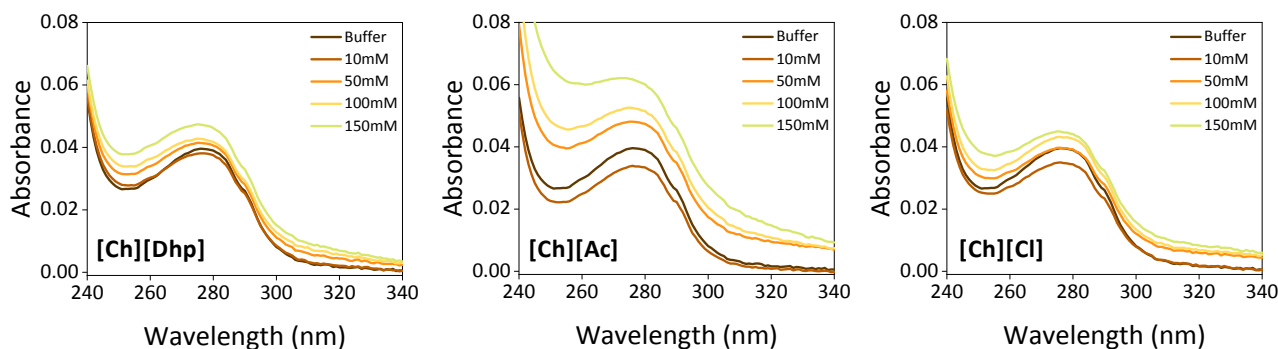
RANK	NAME	POSE	R1-SCORE	R2-SCORE	R3-SCORE
1	Acetate	1	-3.3	-3.2	-3.3
2	Acetate	2	-3.1	-3	-3.3
3	Acetate	3	-3.1	-3	-3
4	Acetate	4	-3.1	-3	-3
5	Acetate	5	-3	-3	-2.9
6	Acetate	6	-3	-3	-2.9
7	Acetate	7	-2.9	-2.9	-2.9
8	Acetate	8	-2.9	-2.8	-2.8
9	Acetate	9	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8
10	Acetate	10	-2.8	-2.8	-2.7

**Table S3.** Docking score for Choline with respective to the ten poses and the binding affinity scores for replicate 1 (R1-SCORE), replicate 2 (R2-SCORE) and replicate 3 (R3-SCORE).

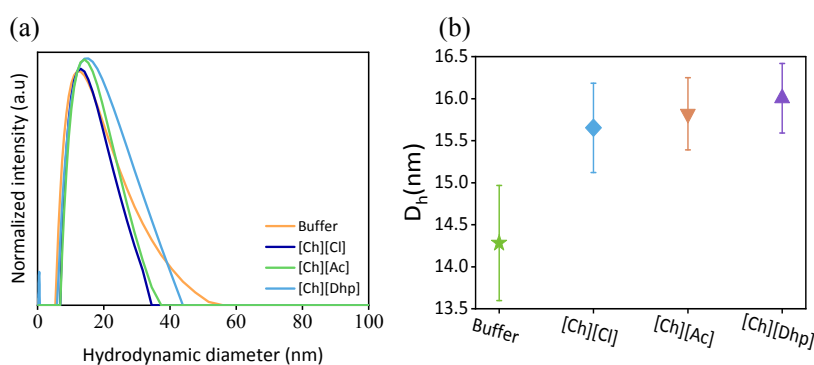
RANK	NAME	POSE	R1-SCORE	R2-SCORE	R3-SCORE
1	Choline	1	-3.5	-3.6	-3.5
2	Choline	2	-3.5	-3.5	-3.4
3	Choline	3	-3.5	-3.5	-3.4
4	Choline	4	-3.4	-3.5	-3.4
5	Choline	5	-3.4	-3.5	-3.3
6	Choline	6	-3.4	-3.3	-3.3
7	Choline	7	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3
8	Choline	8	-3.2	-3.2	-3.3
9	Choline	9	-3.2	-3.2	-3.3
10	Choline	10	-3.2	-3.2	-3.2

**Table S4.** Docking score for dihydrogenphosphate with respective to the ten poses and the binding affinity scores for replicate 1 (R1-SCORE), replicate 2 (R2-SCORE) and replicate 3 (R3-SCORE).

RANK	NAME	POSE	R1-SCORE	R2-SCORE	R3-SCORE
1	Dihydrogenphosphate	1	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1
2	Dihydrogenphosphate	2	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1
3	Dihydrogenphosphate	3	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9
4	Dihydrogenphosphate	4	-3.8	-3.8	-3.9
5	Dihydrogenphosphate	5	-3.8	-3.8	-3.9
6	Dihydrogenphosphate	6	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8
7	Dihydrogenphosphate	7	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8
8	Dihydrogenphosphate	8	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8
9	Dihydrogenphosphate	9	-3.7	-3.8	-3.8
10	Dihydrogenphosphate	10	-3.7	-3.6	-3.8



**Figure S3.** UV-vis spectra of *RgPAL* in its aromatic region showing the effect of hydration on interactions with (a) [Ch][Cl], (b) [Ch][Ac] and (c) [Ch][Dhp] ILs.



**Figure S4.** (a) Distribution curves of *RgPAL* and (b) corresponding average hydrodynamic diameter in buffer and ILs media.

**Table S5:** The values of change in enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ) and entropy ( $\Delta S$ ) of protein unfolding in buffer and IL+Tris-HCl systems.

	$\Delta H_{f_u}$ (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta S_{f_u}$ (kcal K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )
Buffer	24.53022 ± 0.12369	0.07351 ± 6.38E-4
[Ch][Cl]	19.07332 ± 0.24056	0.05615 ± 4.09E-4
[Ch][Ac]	20.28178 ± 0.23637	0.05972 ± 7.01E-5
[Ch][Dhp]	20.72396 ± 0.11458	0.06118 ± 5.72E-4