

Table 3. Effect of various nucleotides and Av2 variants on P-cluster maturation

Line	Factors	Activity*				
		C ₂ H ₄ formation under C ₂ H ₂ /Ar	H ₂ formation under Ar	NH ₃ formation under N ₂	H ₂ formation under N ₂	Average, %
Nucleotides						
1	No nucleotide	520 ± 42 (51)	567 ± 16 (57)	317 ± 52 (50)	113 ± 7 (51)	52
2	ATP	864 ± 33 (85)	888 ± 39 (89)	582 ± 22 (92)	173 ± 7 (78)	86
3	ADP [†]	505 ± 13 (50)	533 ± 14 (53)	326 ± 59 (52)	104 ± 11 (47)	51
4	AMPPNP [†]	496 ± 5 (49)	533 ± 6 (53)	345 ± 21 (55)	106 ± 1 (48)	51
5	ATP _γ S [†]	491 ± 37 (48)	509 ± 11 (51)	313 ± 14 (49)	102 ± 4 (46)	49
Av2						
6	No Av2	520 ± 8 (51)	550 ± 21 (55)	325 ± 51 (51)	105 ± 1 (47)	51
7	Av2 ^{wt}	864 ± 33 (85)	888 ± 39 (89)	582 ± 22 (92)	173 ± 7 (78)	86
8	Av2 ^{M156C‡}	572 ± 31 (56)	556 ± 14 (56)	328 ± 23 (52)	103 ± 3 (47)	53
9	Av2 ^{E146D§}	875 ± 22 (86)	837 ± 14 (84)	509 ± 16 (80)	159 ± 15 (71)	80

Activities of C₂H₄ formation under C₂H₂/Ar, H₂ formation under Ar, NH₃ formation under N₂, and H₂ formation under N₂ are expressed as nmol per min per mg of protein. Percentages relative to Av1^{Δ*nifB*} (Table 1, line1) are given in parentheses. Average activities are expressed as percentages only.

*The lower detection limits were 0.01, 0.02, 0.001, and 0.02 nmol per min per mg of protein for C₂H₄ formation under C₂H₂/Ar, H₂ formation under Ar, NH₃ formation under N₂, and H₂ formation under N₂, respectively.

[†]Note that, upon addition of excess MgATP in the subsequent activity assays, these nucleotides do not interfere with substrate reduction. Abbreviations: ATP_γS, adenosine 5'-O-(3-thiotriphosphate); AMPPNP, 5'-adenylylimidodiphosphate.

[‡]Unlike Av2^{wt}, Av2^{M156C} does not undergo MgATP-induced conformational change.

[§]Av2^{E146D} is specifically defective in FeMoco assembly but fully active in MgATP hydrolysis.