

	EC numbers	Swiss-Prot IDs	Aligned positions corresponding to Functionally Discriminating Residues (FDRs)					
			113	124	218	238 240	302	
Homofunctional Multiple Sequence Alignment	1.1.1.28	LDHD_ECOLI	PEAVA E HAIGM	MMTLN R RIHRA	PLTPEN I YHLLN	GVMIVN T SRGA	VLFTG H QAFLT	
	1.1.1.28	LDHD_LACDE	PNAIA E HAAIQ	AARI L RQAKAM	PDVPA N VHMIN	DVVIVN V SRGP	VLVTP H TAFYF	
	1.1.1.28	LDHD_LACHE	PNAIA E HAAIQ	AARV L RQDKRM	PDVPA N VHMIN	GVVIVN C SRGR	VLVTP H TAFYF	
	1.1.1.28	LDHD_LACPE	PNAIA E LSVTQ	LMQL L RQTPMF	PALKD N YHMLN	GAYI L NFARGT	VLITP H TAFYF	
	1.1.1.28	LDHD_LEUMC	PNAIA E HSM L Q	LSR L L R RTKAL	PGVPE N HHLIN	GVVIM N AARGN	VMITP H TAFYF	
	1.1.1.28	LDHD_PEDAC	PRAIA E LSVTQ	LLALL R KIPEF	PALKD N YHMLD	GTFI L NFARGT	VMITP H AAFYF	
Heterofunctional Multiple Sequence Alignment	1.1.1.95	SERA_METTH	SITVA E HSIGL	MLAL A RKIAIA	PLTPET R RHLIS	TAFIV N CARGG	VVLTP H IGAST	
	3.3.1.1	SAHH_SYNY3	-RAM F NDGVL	FPAM N VNDH	--VT G NKHVIR	GAIV C NSGH--	---- G H----	
	1.1.1.28	LDHD_ECOLI	PEAVA E HAIGM	MMTLN R RIHRA	PLTPEN I YHLLN	GVMIVN T SRGA	VLFTG H QAFLT	
	1.20.1.1	PTXD_PSEST	TVPT A E L LAIGL	AVGL G RHLRAA	PLNAD T QHLVN	GALLV N PCRGS	TLFTP H IGSAV	
	1.2.1.2	FDH_EMENI	VVSVA E HVVMT	ILL L V R NFVPA	PLHE K T R GLFN	GSWL V N T ARGA	---- H PWGGG	
	1.2.1.2	FDH_PICAN	SNSVA E HVVMT	MLVL V R N FVPA	PLHAG S KGLVN	GAWL V N T ARGA	AM- T P H Y----	
	1.1.1.29	DHG I _METEX	FNTV P E H VVGL	MFAL R RAIVPY	PLTPD T KNMIG	SAIL I N T ARGG	--V T P H VAWAS	
	1.1.1.215	TKRA_BACSU	DDTV A D L AFSL	ILSS A RRVAEL	PLTDE T YHMIG	SAIF V N I SRGK	VTLL P H IGSAT	
	non-enz.	CTBP_XENLA	VEETA D STMCH	ILNL I R RTT W L	GLNE H N H HLIN	GAF L V N T A RGG	LICT P H AAWYS	
							

Figure S1. Example of Functionally Discriminating Residues (FDRs). Aligned positions (numbered boxes outlined in red) corresponding to FDRs in the Homofunctional Multiple Sequence Alignment (MSA) and Heterofunctional MSA for an enzyme family whose seed EC number is 1.1.1.28 (D-lactate dehydrogenase). The six FDRs are selected for their ability to discriminate between Homofunctional (i.e., D-lactate dehydrogenases) and Heterofunctional family members (i.e., evolutionary related proteins with any other function). We assign EC number 1.1.1.28 to any sequence recognized as member of the family by a Hidden Markov Model and showing conservation of the six FDRs: E113, R124, N218, N238, R240 (which corresponds to an active site residue in D-lactate dehydrogenases, e.g. active site residue R234 in LDHD_ECOLI) and H302.