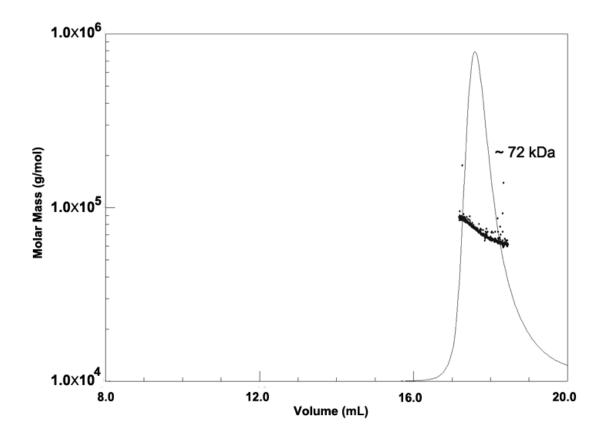
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

<u>Supplementary Fig. 1.</u> Multiangle light scattering analysis of purified OatWY. OatWY forms a trimer in solution.

<u>Supplementary Fig. 2.</u> Multiple sequence alignment of OatWY with other bacterial *O*-acetyltransferases. Conserved catalytic residues (His121 and Trp145') are highlighted in *grey*. The numbering of the *N. meningitidis* sequence is shown. Residues involved in the protruding loop region are italicized, underlined, and highlighted in *grey*. Sequence alignments were calculated using the program ClustalW (55). Sequences from the following bacterial species are shown (TrEMBL accession code: OatWY–*N. meningitidis* serogroup Y (Q93S40), NeuO–*E. coli* K1 (Q58WP5), VatD–*E. faecium* (P50870), MAT–*E. coli* K1 (P77791), PaXAT–*P. aeruginosa* (Q02HJ8), GAT–*E. coli* K1 (P07464)).

Supplementary Figure 1



Supplementary Figure 2

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MAT-E.coli	STEKEKMIAGELYRSADETLSRDRLRARQLIHRYNHSLAEE	41
GAT-E.coli	ERAPSE	43
VatD-E.faecium	MGPNPMKMYPIEGNKSVQFIKPILEKLENVEVGEYSYYD-SKNG	43
PaXAT-P.aerug	NPNIRVGRYSYYSGYYHG	37
NeuO-E.coli K1	MLRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRLKTQDSRL	60
OatWY-N.mening	RLKGNNITLFIADDVENMGLVCSLHSDC	78
MAT-E.coli	HTLRQQILADLFGQVTEAYIEPTFRCDYGYNI	73
GAT-E.coli	VEKRESLIKEMFATVGENAWVEPPVYFSYGSNI	76
VatD-E.faecium	ETFDKQILYHYPILNDKL	61
PaXAT-P.aerug	HSFDDCARYLMPDRDDVDKL	
NeuO-E.coli K1	KTQDSRLKTQDSFSVDDNGSGNVFVCGDLVNSKENKVQFNGNNNKLIIEDDVECRWLTVI	
OatWY-N.mening	SLQIQAKTTMGNGEITIAEKGKISIGKDCMLAHG	
MAT-E.coli	FLGNNFFANFDCVMLDVCPIRIGDNCMLAPG	
GAT-E.coli	HIGRNFYANFNCITIVDDYTVTIGDNVLIAPN	107
VatD-E.faecium	KIGKFCSIGPGVTIIMNG-ANHRMDGSTY	89
PaXAT-P.aerug	VIGSFCSIGSGAAFIMAGNQGHRAEWAST	
NeuO-E.coli K1	FRGDNNYVRIHKNSKIKGDIVATKGSKVIIGRRTTIGAGFEVVTDKCNVTIGHDCMIARD	
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OatWY-N.mening	YEIR <u>NTDMHPIYSLENGERINHGK</u> DVIIGNHVWLGRNVTILKGVCIPNNVVVGSHTVLYK	172
MAT-E.coli	VHIYTAT-HPIDPVARNSGAELGKPVTIGNNVWIGGRAVINPGVTIGDNVVVASGAVVTK	163
GAT-E.coli	VTLSVTG-HPVHHELRKNGEMYSFPITIGNNVWIGSHVVINPGVTIGDNSVIGAGSIVTK	166
VatD-E.faecium	PFNLFGN-GWEKHMPKLDQLPIKGDTIIGNDVWIGKDVVIMPGVKIGDGAIVAANSVVVK	148
PaXAT-P.aerug	FPFHFMH-EEPAFAGAVNGYQPAGDTLIGHEVWIGTEAMFMPGVRVGHGAIIGSRALVTG	145
NeuO-E.coli K1	VILRASDGHPIFDIHSKKRINWAKDIIISSYVWVGRNVSIMKGVSVGSGSVIGYGSIVTK	240
OatWY-N.mening	SFKEPNCVIAGSPAKIVKENIVWGRKMYHSTMYDDPTLNEFYK	215
MAT-E.coli	DVP-DNVVVGGNPARIIKKL	182
GAT-E.coli	DIP-PNVVAAGVPCRVIREINDRDKHYYFKDYKVESSV	203
VatD-E.faecium	DIA-PYMLAGGNPANEIKQRFDQDTINQLLDIKWWNWPIDIINENIDKILDNSIIREVIW	207
PaXAT-P.aerug	DVE-PYAIVGGNPARTIRKRFSDGDIONLLEMAWWDWPLADIEAAMPLLCTGDIPALYOH	
NeuO-E.coli K1	DVP-SMCAAAGNPAKIIKRNIIWARTDKAELISDDKRCSSYHAKLTQ	
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