An Autoinhibited Coiled-Coil Design Strategy for Split-Protein Protease Sensors

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| Reassembly Pair | Split Protein Fusion | Protease Cleavable Linker |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| B-NFluc CFluc-A | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| B-NFluc CFlucA-TEV-B' | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| B-NFluc CFlucA-TEV-B' _{2A} | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase (398-550) | TEV |
| B-NFluc CFluc-A-TEVB' _{4A} | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| A'-TEV-B-NFluc CFlucA-TEV-B' | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| A'-TEV-B-NFluc CFluc-A-TEV-B' _{2A} | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| A'-TEV-B-NFluc CFluc-A-TEVB' _{4A} | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| A'-CASP3-B-NFluc CFluc-A-CASP3-B' | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | CASPASE-3 |
| RR-NFluc CFluc-EE | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| RR-NFluc CFluc-EE-TEVRR' | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| RR-NFluc CFluc-EE-TEV-RR' _{3A} | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase (398-550) | TEV |
| RR-NFluc CFluc-EE-TEV-RR' _{6A} | Firefly Luciferase(2-416) Firefly Luciferase(398-550) | TEV |
| NβLac-A-TEV-B' B-CβLac | βLactamase (26-196) βLactamase (198-290) | TEV |
| NβLac-A-TEV-B' _{4A} B-CβLac | βLactamase (26-196) βLactamase (198-290) | TEV |

Figure S1. Protein fusions and reporter fragments with protease cleavable linkers used in these studies.

| Protein Construct | Sequence |
|------------------------|---|
| CFluc-Acid | CFluc-AOLEKELOALEKKLAOLEWENOALE KELAO |
| Base-NFluc | AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ-NFluc |
| CFluc-Acid-TEV-Base | CFluc-AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGG AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ |
| CFluc-Acid-TEV-Base2A | CFluc-AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGGAQ <mark>A</mark> KKK <mark>A</mark> QANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ |
| CFluc-Acid-TEV-Base4A | CFluc-AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGGAQAKKKAQANKKELAQLKWKLQAAKKKAAQ |
| Acid-TEV-Base-NFluc | AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGG AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ-NFluc |
| CFluc-Acid-CASP3-Base | CFluc-AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGDEVDGGKLGGGG AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ |
| Acid-CASP3-Base-NFluc | AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGDEVDGKLGGGG AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ-NFluc |
| CFluc-EE | CFluc- LEIEAAFLEQENTALETEVAELEQEVQRLENIVSQYETRYGPL |
| RR-NFluc | LEIRAAFLRRRNTALRTRVAELRQRVQRLRNIVSQYETRYGPL-NFluc |
| CFluc-EE-TEV-RR | CFluc- LEIEAAFLEQENTALETEVAELEQEVQRLENIVSQYETRYGPLGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGGLEIRAAFLRRRNTALRTRVAELRQR/QRLRNIVSQYETRYGPL |
| CFluc-EE-TEV-RR3A | CFluc- LEIEAAFLEQENTALETEVAELEQEVQRLENIVSQYETRYGPLGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGGLEIRAAFARRATAARTRVAELRQRVQRLRNIVSQYETRYGPL |
| CFluc-EE-TEV-RR6A | CFluc- LEIEAAFLEQENTALETEVAELEQEVQRLENIVSQYETRYGPLGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGGLEIRAAFARRRATAARTRVAELRQRAQRARNIASQYETRYGPL |
| NβLac-Acid-TEV-Base | NßLac-AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGG AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ |
| NβLac-Acid-TEV-Base 4A | NβLac-AQLEKELQALEKKLAQLEWENQALE KELAQGGGGENLYFQGGKLGGGGAQAKKKAQANKKELAQLKWKLQAAKKKAAQ |
| Base-CβLac | AQLKKKLQANKKELAQLKWKLQALKKKLAQ-CβLac |
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Figure S2. Amino acid sequences for various protein constructs used in the study, only coiled coil sequences are shown.



Figure S3. Singly inhibited A'B/A firefly luciferase system utilizing 1 pmol each of B-NFluc and CFluc-A mRNA with (grey) and without (blue) TEV protease.



Figure S4. SDS-PAGE analysis of the TEV protease dependent cleavage of the ³⁵S labeled A-TEV-B-NFluc construct as imaged by auto-radiography.



Figure S5. SDS-PAGE analysis of the TEV protease dependent cleavage of the ³⁵S labeled CFluc-A-TEV-B construct imaged by auto-radiography.



Figure S6. Helical wheel diagram representing a possible three helix bundle with the Acid and Base coiled coil system that could potentially be responsible for the background in the singly inhibited sensors.



Figure S7. A model of the proposed intramolecularly inhibited coiled-coil system (left) and the extended coiled-coil assembly (right) described in the manuscript for the doubly inhibited firefly luciferase turn-on sensor. The complex to the right would be significantly disfavored entropically based on molecularity but possibly favored enthalpically over the intramolecular auto-inhibited coiled-coils (left). Based on the results (almost no signal from reassembled luciferase) it is likely that the entropic cost of the undesired complex (right) far outweighs any enthalpic benefit under our experimental conditions.