Principles of ligand binding within a completely buried cavity in HIF2α PAS-B

Supporting Information

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SI Figure 1. Electron density of HIF2α **PAS-B subunit of the ARNT/HIF2**α **PAS-B heterodimer with bound ligand.(A)**. The $2F_o-F_c$ electron density map for THS-020 structure **(B)**. The $2F_o-F_c$ electron density for THS-017 structure. Ligands are shown in yellow atoms at the center of each panel. Density is contoured at 1.5 (cyan) and 3 (red) sigma where sigma represents the R.M.S deviation across the asymmetric unit.

SI Figure 2. Electron density of HIF2α **PAS-B subunit of the ARNT/HIF2**α **PAS-B heterodimer** with bound ligand.(A). Hydrogen bonds in the water-bound unliganded form of $HIF2\alpha$ PAS-B¹ (PDB code 3F1P). **(B)**. Hydrogen bonds in the HIF2α PAS-B bound to the compound THS-017 (PDB code 3H7W). Orientation of the molecule is show in the lower right as a ribbon diagram. The water molecule observed in the predominantly hydrophobic end of the cavity is noted with an asterisk (*).

SI Figure 3. HIF2α **PAS-B conformations**.**(A)**. Projection of all-versus-all comparison of C α RMSDs for all structures over simulation 1. The dimensionality of the matrix is then reduced to yield a project that approximates the actual RMSDs between structures. The points are connected by time and begin in the closed state (red). Over time, the protein converts to the open state (blue). When points cluster together in the projection they are necessarily similar. The projection displayed is for run 1, conversion to the open state and back was observed in the other two simulations. **(B)**. Many structures from the different conformational ensembles are displayed below the projection to illustrate both the dynamic nature of the structures, particularly the helices and loops, and the differences between the conformers. The average $C\alpha$ RMSD between the two conformational states is 3.6 Å. **(C)**. Representative structures from run 1 are displayed. The structure on the left is closed and at 0 ns of MD. The 16 ns open structure is shown to the right. In both cases $D\alpha$ (blue), $E\alpha$ (cyan), $F\alpha$ (magenta), and the AB hairpin and loop (red) are highlighted. **(D)**. Space filling versions of the structures in panel C (rotated slightly) are displayed; note the channel above $F\alpha$ due to the movement of the helices.

Met289 Closed

Met289 Open

SI Figure 4. Met 289 side chain conformational change allows water passage between AB-loop, Eα **and F**α **when HIF2**α **PAS-B is in closed conformation**. Met 289 exists in different rotameric states in the MD simulations. **(A)**. When in a closed conformation, the Met289 side chain blocks the passage along with the Met 252 and Tyr 278 side chains. **(B)**. An open conformation of Met 289 opens the passage. The corresponding surface representation of the protein is displayed with Met 289 highlighted in orange and the protein rotated to best show the Met 289 gating.

SI Figure 5. Deuterium exchange protection factors for the unliganded and ligand-bound forms of HIF2α **PAS-B mapped onto the unbound (a) and liganded (b) crystal structures 1 (PDB codes 3F1P, 3F1O respectively).** Regions mapped in grey indicate backbone amide probes which exchange within the time of the first measurement (approximately 20 minutes). Data was obtained at pH 6.8 (uncorrected in D_2O) and $25^{\circ}C$.¹

SI Figure 6. 15N relaxation measurements from HIF2α **PAS-B in the absence of presence of an artificial ligand, compound THS-044.** Shown are ¹⁵N R₁, R₂, R₁/R₂ relaxation rates (from single exponential fits) and ${}^{15}N({}^{1}H)$ NOE values.

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dMz_{aa}/dt = k_{ba} Mz_{ab} - Mz_{aa} (k_{ab} + R1_{a})
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dMz_{bb}/dt = k_{ab} Mz_{ba} - Mz_{bb} (k_{ba} + R1_{b})
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dMz_{ab}/dt = k_{ab} Mz_{aa} - Mz_{ab} (k_{ba} + R1_{b})
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dMz_{ba}/dt = k_{ba} Mz_{bb} - Mz_{ba} (k_{ab} + R1_{a})
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SI Figure 7. The McConnell equations2,3 used to fit time-dependent peak intensity for NMR ZZexchange for a system under two-state exchange from state a to state b. Mz denotes magnetization along the longitudinal(z) axis, k is the exchange rate constant, and R1 is the ¹⁵N longitudinal relaxation rate. The subscripts for Mz (aa, bb, ab, and ba) indicate autopeaks (aa, bb) and cross-peaks (ab, ba) for the unbound (a) and bound (b) states. In the case of rate constants, the subscripts indicate exchange from unbound to bound (ab), or from bound to unbound states (ba).

Supplementary Table 1. Water passage in the Hif2α **PAS-B MD simulations.** The time for water passage is given for each event in each of the three simulations. Note that water is placed in the cavity during the preparatory solvation steps for, but prior to, MD. Direction of transfer, conformation (open or closed), route (see Fig. 5), and the disposition of Met 289 are indicated.

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