## Supporting Information

## Roles of Conserved Residues of the NuoC region in Proton-translocating NADH-Quinone Oxidoreductase (NDH-1) from *Escherichia coli*<sup>#</sup>.

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## Table S1

Forward oligonucleotides used for the cloning and mutagenesis of *E. coli nuoCD* gene. Italic bases represent the restriction site for *Bam*HI (primers A and D) and *Hind* III (primers B, C, E and F). From S104A onwards, the sequence represents the primers used for the introduction of a site-specific mutation. The underlined bases represent mutations. The bold bases mean mutant codons.

Α	5'-CCGGGATCCTACGCCTGTCCGCCAAGTTTTATCTGG-3'
В	5'-GCAGTAAGCTTCGCGAAATAGATTTAGGAATAAGC-3'
С	5'-CGAAGCTTAGGACTTCATGTTCCTCAACCTCGG-3'
D	5'-GTAGGATCCGATCCCTTTGGTCGCCTCAATCATCTGG-3'
Ε	5'-GGGTCAAAGCTTCAGTGGAACGAAAACTCAC-3'
F	5'- GGAAGATAAGCTTTTCAATAGTTACAAATTG-3'
S104A	5'-CCGTTTTCTACCATCTGATTGCTATCGATCGTAACCGCGAC - 3'
A134S	5'-CACCAAACTGTTCCCGAAC <u>T</u> CTAACTGGTATGAGCG - 3'
E138A	5'- CCCGAACGCTAACTGGTATGCGCGTGAAACCTGGGATCTG - 3
E138D	5'- CCCGAACGCTAACTGGTAT GATCGTGAAACCTGGGATCTG - 3'
E138Q	5'- CCCGAACGCTAACTGGTAT <u>C</u> AGCGTGAAACCTGGGATCTG - 3'
R139A	5'- CGCTAACTGGTATGAG <u>GC</u> TGAAACTGGGATCTGTTTGG - 3'
E140A	5'-CGCTAACTGGTATGAGCGTGCACCTGGGATCTGTTTGGCATTAC - 3'
E140D	5'-CGCTAACTGGTATGAGCGT <b>GA<u>T</u>ACCTGGGATCTGTTTGGCATTAC - 3'</b>
E140Q	5'-CGCTAACTGGTATGAGCGT <u>C</u> AAACCTGGGATCTGTTTGGCATTAC - 3'
D143A	5'- CTGGTATGAGCGTGAAACCTGG <b>G<u>C</u>T</b> CTGTTTGGCATTACTTTCGACGG - 3'
D143E	5'- CTGGTATGAGCGTGAAACCTGG <b>GA<u>A</u>CTGTTTGGCATTACTTTCGACGG - 3</b> '
D143N	5'- CTGGTATGAGCGTGAAACCTGGAATCTGTTTGGCATTACTTTCGACGG - 3'
G146A	5'-CGTGAAACCTGGGATCTGTTTGCCATTACTTTCGACGGTCACC - 3'
F149A	5'- GGATCTGTTTGGCATTACT <u>GC</u> GACGGTCACCCGAACCTGCG - 3'
R156A	5'- GTCACCCGAACCTG <u>GCG</u> CGCATCATGATGCCGC - 3'
G166A	5'-GCCGCAAACCTGGAAAGCTCACCCGCTGCGTAAAGATTATCC - 3'
H167A	5'- GCCGCAAACCTGGAAAGGT <u>GC</u> CCCGCTGCGTAAAGATTATCC - 3'
P168A	5'- GCCGCAAACCTGGAAAGGTCAC <u>G</u> CGCTGCGTAAAGATTATCC - 3'
K171A	5'- GAAAGGTCACCCGCTGCGTGCGTGCGCGCGCGCGCGCGCG
K171R	5'- GAAAGGTCACCCGCTGCGT <u>CGC</u> GATTATCCGGCGCGCGC - 3'
P182A	5'-GCGCGCGCTACCGAATTCTCG <u>G</u> CGTTTGAGCTGACCAAAGCC - 3'

NuoCD_Eco	MVNNMTDLTAQEPAWQTRDHLDD	23
NuoCD Rep	MSI NOJ I D	8
NGOCD_KSP		12
NUCM VI:		т <i>с</i> Л1
NUGM_III		41
30kDa_NCr		45
30kDa_Hsa		49
SU-9_Aca	MDNQF1FK-	8
SU-9_NTa	MDNQFIFK-	8
NuoCD_Eco	PVIGELRNRFGPDAFTVQATRTGVPV	49
Nqo5_Tth	MRLERVLEEARAKGYPIEDNGLGNLW	26
NuoCD Rsp	EALQALRTRFGAAVRAEQATGEAFPV	34
Nqo5 Pde	LAEHIAVRRENDVIS-TQAVGELT	35
NUGM Yli	IRLDPKVHVDEVYEPIVNPADRYLQHVSDLHQYAKYIMAALP-KYIQGFSVWKDELT	97
30kDa Ncr	FPREPLPGALNAAVVNPADKYOSKADNLHKYGSWLMGCLP-KYIOOFSVWKDELT	99
30kDa Hsa	RNDVASCFNELE	85
SU-9 Aca	YSWETLPKKWVKKMER-SEHGNRS	31
SU-9_NTa	YSWETLPKKWVKKMERSEHGNRS	31
NUCC Eco	יואדעסבטו דבעטטענען בעגן מעמענעען בטן מטאטענער אא טרבטעבענן דכדם	106
Nuoco_Eco		100
NucCD Dem		00
Nuoco_ksp		92
Ndo2_bae	VNATLSGVIGLIEFLKNDPNCRFSTLIDITAVDNPARPARFDVVYHLLSMY	86
NUGM_YI1	LHVAPSAVIPVTTFLRDNTSTQYKSIIDITAVDYPSRENRFEVVYNFLSVR	148
30kDa_Ncr	IYISPAGVIPVFSFLKYNTAAEYTQVSDITAVDFPTKDQRFEVVYNLLSVR	150
30kDa_Hsa	VCIHPDGVIPVLTFLRDHTNAQFKSLVDLTAVDVPTRQNRFEIVYNLLSLR	136
SU-9_Aca	D-TNTDYLFQLLCFLKLHTYTRVQVSIDICGVDHPSRKRRFEVVYNLLSTR	81 01
30-9_NIA	D-INIDILIQLICI INIIIIKVQVSIDICGVDIISKKQKIEVVINILSIK -	01
		1.00
NuoCD_ECO	RNRDIMLKVALAENDLHVPTFTKLFPNANWYERETWDLFGITFDGHPNLRRIMMPQT	163
Nqo5_Tth	KDGDGSRFFVRVYVPEEDPRLPTVTDLWGSANFLEREVYDLFGIVFEGHPDLRKILTPED	140
NuoCD_Rsp	RNADLRLKLATDGRAPSIAGVYANADWYEREAHDMFGLDFGRETRRILMPPT	144
Nqo5_Pde	QNQRIRVKVQVREDE-LVPSLIGVFPGANWYEREVFDLFGILFSGHSDLRRILTDYG	142
NUGM_Yli	HNSRIRLKTYATEVT-PVPSITCLYEGANWFEREAYDMYGVFFEGHPDLRRIMTDYG	204
30kDa_Ncr	HNSRIRVKTYADEVS-PVPSITPLYDGANWYEREVYDLFGVFFTGHPDLRRIMTDYG	206
30kDa_Hsa	FNSRIRVKTYTDELT-PIESAVSVFKAANWYEREIWDMFGVFFANHPDLRRILTDYG	192
SU-9 Aca	YNSRIRVQTSADEVT-RISPVVSLFPSAGRWEREVWDMFGVSFINHPDLRRISTDYG	137
SU-9_NTa	YNSRIRVQTSADEVT-RISPVVSLFPSAGRWEREVWDMFGVSSINHPDLRRISTDYG	137
NuoCD Eco	WKGHPLRKDYPARATEFSPFELTKAKODLE 193 $\rightarrow$ 600	
Ngo5 Tth	LEGHPLRKDYPLGETPTLFREGRYIIPAEFRAALTGKD 178 $\rightarrow$ 207	
NuoCD Rsp	WEGHPLLKTHYARATEKPPFVLTDRLFEAF 174 $\rightarrow$ 210	
Nao5 Pde	FRGHPLRKDFPTTGYVEVRWSDIEKRVVYEPVNLVOEVROFD 184 $\rightarrow$ 207	
NUCM VII	FECHPLRKDEPLTCYTEVRWDEEKRRWVYEDIEITOAEPNEC 216 . 201	
30kDa Max	$\Delta P_{\text{CPD}} = P$	
201-Da UCE	EECUDEDKDEDI COVVEI DVDDEVKDALEDVEL ACEEDKED 224 200	
SUKDA_HSA	$regrindered velkiddevervativelauftered 234 \rightarrow 204$	
SU-9_ACa	$regreekenderdsgivQvkidderkkvvSeftemTQEFKIFD 1/9 \rightarrow 190$	
SU-9_NTa	FEGHLTKKDTSTSGIAEAKIDDEEKKAASELTEWIĞELKIRD 1\2 → 130	

**Figure S1:** Sequence alignment of the NuoC segment of *E. coli* NDH-1 with its homologues from other organisms. NuoCD\_Eco, *E. coli* NuoCD (*NP\_416789*); Nqo5\_Tth, *T. thermophilus* Nqo5 (*YP\_005887.1*); NuoCD\_Rsp, *R. sphaeroides* NuoC (*YP\_3531178.1*); Nqo5\_Pde, *Paracoccus denitrificans* Nqo5 (*YP\_916036.1*); NUGM Yli, *Yarrowia lipolytica* NUGM (*XP\_504891.1*);

30kDa\_Ncr, Neurospora crassa 30kDa (XM\_952596.2); 30kDa\_Hsa, Homo sapiens 30kDa (NP\_004542.1); SU-9\_Aca, Acanthamoeba castellanii SU-9 (NP\_042560.1); SU-9\_Nta, Nicotiana tabacum SU-9 (YP\_173479.1). Conserved residues are shown in red. Arrow shows the sequence of a conserved  $\alpha$ -helix in the interface of the NuoC and NuoD segments. The NuoD segment sequence of NuoCD is not shown in the alignment.



**Figure S2:** A cartoon representation of the 3-D model of the NuoCD subunit of *E. coli* NDH-1 obtained by homology modeling based on the crystallographic data of the *T. thermophilus* enzyme as detailed in Experimental Procedures. The NuoCD subunit of *E. coli* (blue) was superimposed with subunits Nqo4 (green) and Nqo5 (red) of *T. thermophilus* NDH-1.



**Figure S3:** Visualization of the NuoC-NuoD interface in the NuoCD subunit of *E. coli* NDH-1 (blue) showing possible ionic interactions between residues Glu-140 and Arg-560 (3.1 Å) or Glu-140 and Arg-600 (2.7 Å). The *E. coli* structure is superimposed with Nqo4 (green) and Nqo5 (red) of the *T. thermophilus* structure. The corresponding ionic pairs are between Glu-117 and Lys-369 (3.3 Å) or Glu-117 and Arg-409 (2.8 Å). Distance measurements were carried out using the measurement tool available from the Pymol software as described in Experimental Procedures.