

**Dataset S5.** Sequence comparison of Cph1 with PaBphP in the chromophore-binding GAF domains. The residue codes, ranging from 157–280, for PaBphP sequence are given in parentheses following the equivalent codes for Cph1 sequence (residue range of 170–293). Gray shading indicates residues conserved in both phytochromes. Entries in red boldface indicate the long-range intermolecular <sup>1</sup>H contacts of the chromophore detected in the Pr state, as shown in Fig. 1, B and C.

Residue	PDB ID codes		Residue	PDB ID codes		Residue	PDB ID codes		Residue	PDB ID codes		Residue	PDB ID codes	
	2VEA [6]	3C2W [14]		2VEA [6]	3C2W [14]		2VEA [6]	3C2W [14]		2VEA [6]	3C2W [14]		2VEA [6]	3C2W [14]
170 (157)	PHE	TYR	195 (182)	MET	LEU	220 (207)	PRO	PRO	245 (232)	ALA	SER	270 (257)	GLY	ARG
171 (158)	ASP	ASP	196 (183)	GLU	GLU	221 (208)	ILE	ILE	246 (233)	VAL	PHE	271 (258)	ALA	ALA
172 (159)	ARG	ARG	197 (184)	PRO	SER	222 (209)	<b>ARG</b>	ARG	247 (234)	ASP	ASP	272 (259)	<b>SER</b>	SER
173 (160)	VAL	VAL	198 (185)	<b>TYR</b>	TYR	223 (210)	VAL	LEU	248 (235)	LEU	LEU	273 (260)	LEU	MET
174 (161)	<b>MET</b>	MET	199 (186)	LEU	LEU	224 (211)	ILE	ILE	249 (236)	THR	SER	274 (261)	<b>THR</b>	SER
175 (162)	LEU	ALA	200 (187)	GLY	GLY	225 (212)	PRO	ALA	250 (237)	GLU	TYR	275 (262)	ILE	ILE
176 (163)	<b>TYR</b>	TYR	201 (188)	LEU	GLN	226 (213)	ASP	ASP	251 (238)	SER	SER	276 (263)	SER	SER
177 (164)	ARG	ARG	202 (189)	HIS	ARG	227 (214)	VAL	VAL	252 (239)	ILE	VAL	277 (264)	LEU	ILE
178 (165)	PHE	PHE	203 (190)	<b>TYR</b>	TYR	228 (215)	TYR	ALA	253 (240)	LEU	LEU	278 (265)	ILE	VAL
179 (166)	ASP	ARG	204 (191)	PRO	PRO	229 (216)	GLY	TYR	254 (241)	<b>ARG</b>	ARG	279 (266)	LYS	VAL
180 (167)	GLU	HIS	205 (192)	GLU	ALA	230 (217)	VAL	THR	255 (242)	SER	SER	280 (267)	ASP	GLY
181 (168)	ASN	ASP	206 (193)	<b>SER</b>	SER	231 (218)	ALA	PRO	256 (243)	<b>ALA</b>	VAL	281 (268)	GLY	GLY
182 (169)	ASN	ASP	207 (194)	<b>ASP</b>	ASP	232 (219)	VAL	MET	257 (244)	<b>TYR</b>	SER	282 (269)	HIS	LYS
183 (170)	HIS	SER	208 (195)	<b>ILE</b>	ILE	233 (220)	PRO	ARG	258 (245)	HIS	PRO	283 (270)	LEU	LEU
184 (171)	GLY	GLY	209 (196)	<b>PRO</b>	PRO	234 (221)	LEU	VAL	259 (246)	<b>CYS</b>	ILE	284 (271)	TRP	TRP
185 (172)	ASP	GLU	210 (197)	GLN	ALA	235 (222)	THR	PHE	260 (247)	<b>HIS</b>	HIS	285 (272)	GLY	GLY
186 (173)	<b>VAL</b>	VAL	211 (198)	PRO	GLN	236 (223)	PRO	PRO	261 (248)	LEU	CYS	286 (273)	LEU	LEU
187 (174)	ILE	VAL	212 (199)	<b>ALA</b>	ALA	237 (224)	ALA	ALA	262 (249)	THR	GLU	287 (274)	ILE	PHE
188 (175)	ALA	ALA	213 (200)	ARG	ARG	238 (225)	VAL	LEU	263 (250)	<b>TYR</b>	TYR	288 (275)	<b>ALA</b>	SER
189 (176)	GLU	GLU	214 (201)	ARG	ARG	239 (226)	ASN	ASN	264 (251)	LEU	LEU	289 (276)	CYS	CYS
190 (177)	ASP	SER	215 (202)	LEU	LEU	240 (227)	PRO	PRO	265 (252)	LYS	THR	290 (277)	<b>HIS</b>	HIS
191 (178)	LYS	ARG	216 (203)	<b>PHE</b>	TYR	241 (228)	SER	GLU	266 (253)	ASN	ASN	291 (278)	HIS	HIS
192 (179)	ARG	ARG	217 (204)	ILE	ILE	242 (229)	THR	THR	267 (254)	<b>MET</b>	MET	292 (279)	GLN	MET
193 (180)	ASP	GLU	218 (205)	HIS	GLN	243 (230)	ASN	ASN	268 (255)	GLY	GLY	293 (280)	THR	SER
194 (181)	ASP	ASP	219 (206)	ASN	ASN	244 (231)	ARG	GLU	269 (256)	VAL	VAL	-	-	-
170 (157)–194 (181)			195 (182)–219 (206)			220 (207)–244 (231)			245 (232)–269 (256)			270 (257)–293 (280)		